



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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 ON PAGE 274]

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO
6 THE REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. AND TODAY IS
8 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2022. WE'LL TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM
9 ATTENDANCE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** GOOD MORNING. HERE.

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

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

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

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8 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

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

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

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

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. PLEASE JOIN ME IN PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE. READY,
19 BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
20 AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION,
21 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
22 SOMEDAY.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL
25 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE

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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 1800 WRITTEN
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
3 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
4 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
5 ACT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
6 THROUGHOUT THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL
7 RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL AGENDA.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
10 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON
11 PAGE 2, SET MATTERS. ON SET MATTER 1, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER
13 27TH, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. SET MATTER 2 IS
14 A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION ON THE
15 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19, UPDATES ON MONKEYPOX,
16 AND THE STATUS ON THE COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX VACCINE. SET
17 MATTER 2 WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT
18 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3-27. ON ITEM 4,
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7,
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 11
21 AND 12, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
22 ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD,
23 ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
24 AGENDA. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
25 ITEM BE HELD, ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON

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1 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 21, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
2 ITEMS 28-86. ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 35, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 40, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 70, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
6 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 71, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
7 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 27,
8 2022. ON PAGE 61, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
9 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
10 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 84B,
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 62,
12 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 64, SPECIAL DISTRICT
13 AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
14 SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AND THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION
15 DISTRICT. ON PAGE 65, THIS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 67, THIS IS THE AGENDA
17 FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 69,
18 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES
19 THROUGH C.S.-1 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS,
23 AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW TAKE
5 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
6 PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON
7 THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF
8 THE PUBLIC, WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THIS
9 MORNING.

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

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DAVID MATTHEWS. PLEASE
17 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
18 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **DAVID MATTHEWS:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DAVID MATTHEWS WITH THE
21 HARBOR GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM
22 NUMBER 15, THE R.V. PROTOCOL. SO AS THE HARBOR GATEWAY CHAMBER
23 OF COMMERCE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH EVERY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL
24 THAT HAS BEEN LIVING ON THE STREETS AND IN THEIR VEHICLES
25 THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY AREAS AND HARBOR

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1 GATEWAY. HOMELESS OUTREACH PROVIDERS TYPICALLY TARGET THESE
2 AREAS 2-3 TIMES A WEEK FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS. THERE IS A
3 LARGER CRIMINAL ELEMENT WORKING THIS UNDERSERVED AREA. ILLEGAL
4 R.V.S WITH NO REGISTRATION, NO V.I.N., NO WORKING -- ARE BEING
5 RENTED TO THE HOMELESS. WE EXPERIENCED 150 R.V. FIRES SINCE
6 JANUARY. IN THE LAST 16 DAYS, WE HAVE SEEN 7 R.V.S SET ON FIRE
7 BY AN ARSONIST. WE HAVE VIDEOS OF THE INCIDENT, AND THEY'RE
8 UNDER INVESTIGATION. INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS AREA HAS BEEN
9 DAMAGED SEVERELY. WE EXPERIENCED ANOTHER FIRE ON SUNDAY, WHICH
10 HAS NOW TAKEN THE INTERNET AND PHONE SERVICE FOR MULTIPLE
11 BUSINESSES. THE COST OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOW IN THE
12 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE COST TO THE ENVIRONMENT IS UNKNOWN.
13 RUNOFF FROM THE R.V. FIRES IS GOING INTO THE STORM DRAIN. RAW
14 SEWAGE FROM 341 R.V.S IS BEING DUMPED ON THE STREET.

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON. PLEASE
20 STATE WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
21 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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23 **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON FROM DISTRICT
24 3. I WORK WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, AND I'LL BE
25 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 12, 43, SET MATTER 2, AND GENERAL

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT. CURRENTLY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN L.A.
2 COUNTY IS HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO BOTH EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED
3 THREAT LIKE S.T.D.S AND MONKEYPOX. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS ROLLING
4 YEAR FROM JUNE 2021 TO MAY 2022, THE (INDISCERNIBLE) AND
5 GONORRHEA RATES ROSE BY 21% AND 7%, RESPECTIVELY. THE SPEED AT
6 WHICH MONKEYPOX SPREAD THROUGH L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING THE TWO
7 POSSIBLE MONKEYPOX DEATHS REPORTED THUS FAR, ALSO INDICATE A
8 LACK OF RESILIENCE. BUT THE PROBLEM IS NOT JUST FREAK
9 EPIDEMICS THAT TEAR THROUGH THE COMMUNITIES, IT'S
10 (INDISCERNIBLE) FROM A CHRONIC UNDERFUNDING OF S.T.D. SERVICES
11 AND AN UNDER-APPRECIATION OF THE COLLABORATION NEEDED TO KEEP
12 OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM THESE DISEASES. MULTIPLE AGENCIES,
13 INCLUDING THE C.D.C., RECOMMEND HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SUPPORT
14 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH
15 MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO DO
16 MORE WITH LESS. WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIP,
17 OUR CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE THESE COMMUNITIES IS
18 SEVERELY DIMINISHED. AGENDA ITEM 43 DENOTES THAT ON JUNE 30TH,
19 2022, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUED L.A.
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH \$47,000,000 TO SUPPORT
21 LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS AND AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL
22 INFRASTRUCTURE. SURELY, 10 MILLION OF THE 47 MILLION DOLLAR
23 AWARDED TO L.A. COUNTY COULD BE DIRECTED TO S.T.D. PREVENTION
24 AND TREATMENT BECAUSE, IF PUBLIC HEALTH SPACES REMAIN
25 CHRONICALLY UNDERFUNDED, DISEASES IN OUR COMMUNITIES WILL

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1 ONLY CONTINUE TO FESTER. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST TAKE
2 ACTION TODAY TO SECURE FUNDING FOR S.T.D. SERVICES AND MAKE AN
3 IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC HEALTH
4 SYSTEM FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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6 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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12 **ERIKA CERVANTES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS
13 16 AND 35. MY NAME IS ERIKA CERVANTES, CALLING ON BEHALF OF
14 ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY. WE'RE A L.A. BASED NONPROFIT
15 WORKING TO ADVANCE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RACIAL EQUITY AND
16 JUSTICE FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN THE L.A. REGION. WE WORK
17 DIRECTLY WITH IMPACTED FAMILIES AND HEAR TESTIMONY DIRECTLY
18 FROM PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE IMPACT THAT THE
19 DIGITAL DIVIDE HAS HAD ON THEIR LIVES. OFTENTIMES THE
20 CONVERSATION ABOUT NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE IS FOCUSED ON RURAL
21 AREAS, BUT WHAT DOESN'T GET ENOUGH ATTENTION IS LACK OF
22 INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR URBAN CITIES. IN L.A. COUNTY, ONE IN
23 FOUR SCHOOL CHILDREN LACK THE TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES TO
24 ACCESS DISTANCE LEARNING, WHICH REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY
25 250,000 FAMILIES. GAPS ARE EVEN MORE PROFOUND IN HISTORICALLY

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1 UNDERSERVED LATINO MAJORITY NEIGHBORHOODS SUCH AS SOUTHEAST
2 L.A. INADEQUATE OR NO ACCESS TO THE INTERNET HAS HUGE
3 IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. IT MEANS STUDENTS WITHOUT
4 ACCESS TO QUALITY INSTRUCTION, RESULTING IN ACADEMIC SETBACKS,
5 INABILITY TO ACCESS TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS, LIMITED ACCESS
6 FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES TO MEET FILING REQUIREMENTS, AND IT
7 LIMITS PARENTS' ABILITY TO ACCESS RESOURCES FOR THEIR
8 FAMILIES. A.B.C. SUPPORTS ITEM 35 TO ESTABLISH A BENCH OF PRE-
9 APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO DELIVER BROADBAND SERVICES TO
10 COMMUNITIES BECAUSE IT SETS THE COUNTY UP TO DELIVER ON ITS
11 PROMISE TO DEPLOY AFFORDABLE AND FAST INTERNET TO THE COUNTY'S
12 HIGHEST NEED HOUSEHOLDS. WE ALSO SUPPORT ITEM 16 ESTABLISHING
13 A DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY POSITION FOR THE COUNTY AND
14 ADDING MUCH NEEDED CAPACITY WITHIN I.F.C. TO CONTINUE TO LEAD
15 THE COUNTY'S DIGITAL EQUITY WORK AND CREATING GREATER REGIONAL
16 COORDINATION. MANY COMMUNITIES WE SERVE AREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND
17 TODAY'S MEETING DUE TO A LACK OF ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE
18 BROADBAND, AND WE ARE HERE TO UPLIFT THEIR VOICES. WE URGE YOU
19 TO VOTE YES ON ITEMS 16 AND 35. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR COMMUNITIES.

21
22 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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5 **BOMI KIMFANE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BOMI KIMFANE. I'D LIKE
6 TO PROVIDE A COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 40. I WORK WITH THE LITTLE
7 TOKYO SERVICE CENTER. WE ARE A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
8 ORGANIZATION BASED IN DOWNTOWN L.A. WORKING TO IMPROVE THE
9 LIVES OF UNDERSERVED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND PROMOTING
10 THE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES AND THEIR RICH
11 CULTURAL HERITAGE. I WANT TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
12 HER CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY AND ADVOCATING
13 FOR ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM. HATE-
14 RELATED VIOLENCE DOESN'T JUST IMPACT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
15 DISTRICT, NOR IS HATE VIOLENCE ONLY DIRECTED AT A.A.P.I. IT
16 IMPACTS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND IT IMPACTS EVERYONE REGARDLESS
17 OF COLOR, RACE, GENDER, AND ORIENTATION. L.A. VS. HATE IS A
18 NATIONAL MODEL FOR TRAUMA PREVENTION, AND OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS
19 RESOURCES TO VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES, WHICH HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY
20 PREVALENT IN THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
25 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND

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

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4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
5 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'LL SPEAK TO ITEM 2, 7, AND 70, AND
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 2 ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH, I AM SO UPSET,
7 I CAN HARDLY SPEAK. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HAD I.V. MEDICATION FOR
8 MONKEYPOX ON STOCK IN OUR HOSPITALS, BUT NONE OF THE HOSPITALS
9 KNEW THEY HAD IT. I MEAN, IT'S TIME THAT SOMEBODY DOES
10 SOMETHING ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH. IT IS SUCH A TOTAL DISARRAY IN
11 THAT (INDISCERNIBLE), IT'S SCARY. AND NOW, NOT ONLY WE HAVE
12 THE MONKEYPOX, BUT NOW THERE IS A LOT OF POLIO IN NEW YORK. WE
13 HAVE A LOT OF TUBERCULOSIS IN L.A.C., YOU KNOW, IN L.A. NOBODY
14 TALKS ABOUT IT. AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO
15 REALLY LOOK AT PUBLIC HEALTH AND DO SOMETHING TO MAKE THAT
16 UNIT BE FUNCTIONAL, PERIOD. ON ITEM 17, IT WOULD BE NICE WHEN
17 WE HAVE THE REPORT, LIKE I SAID, IT'S RECEIVE AND FILE. UNDER
18 PUBLIC COMMENT, I AM SO GLAD THAT WE ARE GOING TO REOPEN TO
19 THE PUBLIC ON THE 27TH OF THIS MONTH. IT'S ABOUT TIME. AND I'M
20 REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT BECAUSE I THINK THE CITIZENS OF
21 L.A. COUNTY HAVE NOT BEEN WELL SERVED BY THE CLOSING OF
22 EVERYTHING, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE TRULY REOPEN, AND WE
23 CAN INTERFACE WITH OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND, YOU KNOW,
24 REOPEN SOON. I'M GLAD YOU ARE DOING IT, SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD
25 TO SEEING YOU VERY, VERY SOON. HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK.

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

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

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8 **JASON CROCKETT:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JASON CROCKETT, AND
9 I'LL BE SPEAKING TO ITEM 16 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.
11 I WORK FOR SNAP, INC., PARENT COMPANY OF SNAPCHAT,
12 HEADQUARTERED IN SANTA MONICA. SNAP IS A HOMEGROWN LOS ANGELES
13 TECH COMPANY. WE BELIEVE IN THE CREATIVE SPIRIT THAT IS
14 SYNONYMOUS WITH LOS ANGELES. WE THINK L.A.'S FUTURE IS EVEN
15 BRIGHTER THAN ITS PAST BUT WE ALSO KNOW IF WE ARE TO UNLOCK
16 THIS REGION'S FULL POTENTIAL, WE MUST ADDRESS THE INEQUITIES
17 THAT HOLD BACK TOO MANY ANGELENOS. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS,
18 THE COUNTY HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES IN
19 HOUSING, IN EDUCATION, IN HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE ACCESS, AND IN
20 EMPLOYMENT. AS WE MOVE DEEPER INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND INTO
21 A DIGITAL ECONOMY, ALL OF THESE EFFORTS ARE UNDERMINED IF WE
22 DO NOT ALSO ADDRESS DIGITAL INEQUITIES. THAT IS WHY SNAP'S
23 C.E.O., EVAN SPIEGEL, JOINS MIGUEL SANTANA, JARED BARRIOS, AND
24 MANY OTHERS IN LAUNCHING THE INTERNET ACTION TEAM AS PART OF
25 THE COMMITTEE FOR A GREATER L.A. AND THAT IS ALSO WHY WE ARE

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1 IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM 16, ESTABLISHING A DIRECTOR OF
2 DIGITAL EQUITY POSITION FOR THE COUNTY AND ADDING MUCH NEEDED
3 CAPACITY WITHIN I.S.D. TO CONTINUE TO LEAD THE COUNTY'S
4 DIGITAL EQUITY WORK FROM COMMITTING BROADBAND NETWORKS TO
5 CREATING GREATER REGIONAL COORDINATION AND BUILDING ON THE
6 INCREDIBLE WORK BEING LED BY MR. SELWYN HOLLINS. THE INTERNET
7 ACTION TEAMS HAS HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH EACH OF YOUR
8 OFFICES, BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS. AND WE APPLAUD THE BOARD'S
9 LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCING EQUITY OF ALL KINDS, INCLUDING DIGITAL
10 EQUITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

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18 **LILY DORN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 16
19 AND 35 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LILY DORN, AND I'M
20 REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY. THESE TWO ITEMS WOULD MEANINGFULLY BUILD ON ACTIONS
22 TAKEN BY THE BOARD OVER THE PAST YEAR TO ADVANCE DIGITAL
23 EQUITY IN OUR MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. C.C.L.A.C. REPRESENTS
24 65 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS THROUGHOUT
25 L.A. COUNTY AND SERVE OVER 1.7 MILLION PATIENTS EACH YEAR.

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1 C.C.L.A.C. IS A VERY PROUD MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY DIGITAL
2 EQUITY COALITION, A CROSS SECTORAL COALITION OF OVER 40
3 C.B.O.S SERVING OUR REGIONS MOST UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES
4 AND COMMITTED TO ADVANCING EQUITY ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF
5 ISSUES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO FAST, RELIABLE,
6 AND AFFORDABLE INTERNET IS ESSENTIAL TO EQUITABLE HEALTH AND
7 ECONOMIC OUTCOMES. AS PART OF THE COALITION, WE LIFT UP THE
8 EXPERIENCES OF THE COMMUNITIES AND PATIENTS SERVED BY OUR
9 MEMBERS AND ADVOCATE FOR THE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS TO HELP
10 REMEDY DECADE OF UNDER AND DISINVESTMENT THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED
11 TO TODAY'S DIGITAL DIVIDE. SAFETY NET PROVIDERS HAVE SEEN
12 FIRSTHAND THE BARRIERS MANY OF THEIR PATIENTS FACE I
13 ACCESSING THE INTERNET WITH THE SPEED AND CONNECTIVITY
14 NECESSARY FOR STREAMING VIDEO FOR TELEHEALTH. THE COUNTY OF
15 LOS ANGELES'S INTERNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A PARTNER,
16 VERY VALUABLE PARTNER, IN ADVANCING SOLUTIONS TO ACCELERATE
17 DIGITAL EQUITY ACROSS THE COUNTY. AGENDA ITEM 35 WOULD
18 ESTABLISH A BENCH OF PRE-APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO DELIVER
19 BROADBAND AND SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES, HELPING THE COUNTY
20 QUICKLY DELIVER ON ITS PROMISE TO DEPLOY AFFORDABLE AND
21 RELIABLE INTERNET TO THE HIGHEST NEED HOUSEHOLDS. AND ITEM 16,
22 A MOTION PUT FORTH BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD ESTABLISH A
23 DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY POSITION IN THE COUNTY AND ADD
24 CAPACITY WITHIN I.S.D. TO CONTINUE TO LEAD THE COUNTY'S
25 INNOVATIVE DIGITAL EQUITY WORK, FROM THE COMMUNITY BROADBAND

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1 NETWORKS TO CREATING GREATER REGIONAL COORDINATION. THIS WOULD
2 ENSURE LONG TERM COMPETENCY AND TRANSPARENCY ON DIGITAL EQUITY
3 ISSUES IN THE COUNTY. CONTINUED INVESTMENTS IN ACCELERATING
4 DIGITAL EQUITY ARE IMPERATIVE TO ENSURING ALL FAMILIES AND
5 INDIVIDUALS CAN ACCESS TELEHEALTH, VIRTUAL LEARNING, REMOTE
6 WORK OPPORTUNITIES, AND SO MANY OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO
7 LIVING AND THRIVING IN MODERN SOCIETY. GIVEN THAT TELEHEALTH
8 HAS RAPIDLY BECOME PART OF THE LANDSCAPE OF HEALTHCARE
9 DELIVERY, A KEY ELEMENT OF ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY IS ENSURING
10 DIGITAL EQUITY. BROADBAND IS NOW AS CRITICAL A UTILITY AS
11 WATER AND ELECTRICITY. SO WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT BOTH ITEMS,
12 16 AND 35, TODAY, AND WE VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
13 TO PARTNER WITH YOU AND THIS IMPORTANT WORK. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

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

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21 **LATANYA SMITH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LATANYA SMITH. I'M THE
22 CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER AT ST. JOSEPH CENTER. I'LL BE SPEAKING
23 TO AGENDA ITEM 15 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF THE ST.
24 JOSEPH CENTER, I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 15 TO
25 EXPAND OUR SUCCESSFUL MODEL FOR ADDRESSING R.V. ENCAMPMENTS

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1 ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE HAVE OPERATED A TARGETED PILOT PROJECT
2 FOCUSING ON PEOPLE EXPERIENCING VEHICULAR HOMELESSNESS IN
3 R.V.S SINCE 2015. THE RECENT REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS HIGHLIGHTED ST. JOSEPH CENTER'S APPROACH AS A
5 VEHICULAR HOMELESS OUTREACH AS VITAL MODEL TO BE USED
6 STATEWIDE. WE'RE EAGER TO SHARE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED TO HELP
7 MORE COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS THIS NEED OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
8 HOMELESSNESS IN R.V.S. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS EXACERBATED
9 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS FACED BY R.V. DWELLERS AND LED TO
10 AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN R.V.S. BEARING
11 THIS INCREASE IN NEED IN MIND, PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 15 TO
12 HELP R.V. DWELLERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY TRANSITION TO SAFER,
13 MORE STABLE LIVING SITUATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
14 CONSIDERATION.

15

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

17

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

22

23 **SILVIA CASTILLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SILVIA CASTILLE,
24 CALLING ON BEHALF OF ESSENTIAL ACCESS HEALTH AND PROVIDING
25 COMMENT ON ITEM 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS MORE AND

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1 MORE STATES CONTINUE LIMIT ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE AND OTHER
2 SEXUAL OR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, CALIFORNIA CONTINUES
3 TO LEAD THE WAY IN EXPANDING ACCESS TO THESE ESSENTIAL
4 SERVICES. L.A. COUNTY IN PARTICULAR HAS BECOME THE HUB FOR
5 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACCESS FOR CALIFORNIANS AND FOR PEOPLE
6 FROM OTHER STATES IN THE WAKE OF THE OVERTURNING OF ROE V.
7 WADE. THAT'S WHY SENATE BILL 1245 SEEKS TO ESTABLISH THE L.A.
8 COUNTY ABORTION ACCESS SAFE HAVEN PILOT PROGRAM. THIS MEASURE
9 WILL STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY'S ABORTION CARE INFRASTRUCTURE BY
10 EXPANDING LOCAL ACCESS TO CARE, IMPROVING NAVIGATIONAL
11 COORDINATION BETWEEN HEALTH NETWORKS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
12 ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY. THE STATE BUDGET ALSO
13 INCLUDES \$20 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE PILOT PROGRAMS. ITEM 11
14 SETS IN MOTION COUNTY PREPARATIONS TO LAUNCH THE ABORTION
15 ACCESS SAFE HAVEN PILOT PROGRAM. AND THANK TO YOU SUPERVISORS
16 SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND WE
17 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

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

24

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1 **IVAN QUINONES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS IVAN QUINONES FROM
2 DISTRICT 1. I WORK WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND
3 WILL BE SPEAKING AGENDA ITEMS ON 12, 43, SET MATTER 2, AND
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SYSTEM USED TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING
5 THESE MEETINGS IS UNCLEAR, POORLY COMMUNICATED, AND DIFFICULT
6 FOR ANYONE NOT TECH SAVVY TO NAVIGATE. PUBLIC COMMENT IS ONLY
7 POSSIBLE IF YOU CALL IN AT 9:00, 30 PRIOR TO THE MEETING, AND
8 PRESS 1-0 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PROMPT. IF YOU CALL IN WHEN
9 THE MEETING STARTS AT 9:30 OR PRESS 1-0 MORE THAN ONCE, THE
10 CHANCES OF BEING ADDED TO THE QUEUE IS VERY LOW. ONLY
11 POPULATIONS WITH ACCESS TO A WORKING TELEPHONE AND KNOWLEDGE
12 OF HOW THE CALL-IN SYSTEM WORKS CAN MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS. THIS
13 VIOLATES THE RIGHTS OF MANY DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE, WHO DESERVE
14 TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD. HOW CAN YOU ENSURE THE CREATION OF
15 FAIR POLICIES WHEN YOU CAN'T HEAR FROM A SIZABLE PORTION OF
16 THE POPULATION? OUR ELDERS, MANY OF OUR BLACK AND BROWN
17 NEIGHBORS, AND OUR UNHOUSED POPULATIONS ARE BEING SILENCED.
18 TWO YEARS LATER, THE -- SORRY. TWO YEARS LATER, THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS ARE FINALLY REOPENING THE HEARING ROOM FOR IN-
20 PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 27TH OF THIS MONTH. WE HOPE IN
21 THE FUTURE YOU CONSTITUTE RIGHTS TO FAIR REPRESENTATIONS
22 DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THAT DIVERSE VOICES ARE NEVER
23 FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU.

24

25 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAY LOPEZ CHANG. PLEASE
3 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
4 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **RAY LOPEZ CHANG:** HI, THIS IS RAY SPEAKING ON ITEMS 16 AND 35
7 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY LEADERS.
8 MY NAME IS RAY LOPEZ CHANG, AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF
9 G.P.S.N. WE ARE A CONVENER AND AMPLIFIER OF OVER 60
10 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS LOS ANGELES, TRULY REPRESENTING TENS OF
11 THOUSANDS OF OUR HIGHEST NEED STUDENTS, FAMILIES, EDUCATORS,
12 AND SCHOOL STAFF. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO EXTEND AN ENORMOUS
13 EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY LEADERS AND STAFF
14 FOR YOUR PERSISTENT COMMITMENT TO CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE
15 AND PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY VOICE. TODAY IS A TRULY AND IMPORTANT
16 MOMENT OF IMPACT THAT REVEALS THE CALIBER OF YOUR LEADERSHIP.
17 AS YOU KNOW, FAMILIES ACROSS L.A. CONTINUE FACING DECISIONS
18 THAT FORFEIT THEIR ABILITY TO PAY FOR INTERNET SO THAT THEY
19 CAN MEET OTHER BASIC NEEDS. IT IS NOT A MYSTERY AS TO WHAT
20 COMMUNITIES ARE MOST NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, AND THERE IS NO
21 FAMILY THAT SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN INTERNET AND FOOD ON
22 TABLE. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT TODAY'S VOTES ON ITEMS 16 AND
23 35 ARE CATALYTIC OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS TO THE WORLD THAT
24 OUR SOCIETY CAN MEND RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY VOICES THAT
25 HAVE BEEN PUSHED ASIDE FOR DECADES. LOW INCOME FAMILIES,

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1 IMMIGRANTS, FOSTER YOUTH, REFUGEES, L.B.G.T.Q. STUDENTS,
2 ENGLISH LEARNERS, STUDENTS OF COLOR, AND SO MANY MORE, WE HAVE
3 WITNESSED THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO BE AN IMPORTANT
4 AND CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE ASSET TO L.A. COUNTY, AND WE KNOW
5 THAT THEY ARE BEST EQUIPPED TO ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY
6 WIRELESS NETWORK. THERE ARE MANY, MANY LEADERS ON THIS CALL,
7 AND YOU KNOW BEST THAT TO EXECUTE WORK WELL, WE NEED TO
8 PROVIDE STAFF THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY THEY NEED TO BE
9 SUCCESSFUL. ON BEHALF OF OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, EDUCATORS, WE
10 URGE A YES VOTE ON BOTH ITEM 16 AND 35. YOU HAVE BEEN STAUNCH
11 CHAMPION IN THIS DIGITAL EQUITY SPACE, AND WE HAVE FAITH THAT
12 YOU WILL REMAIN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY TODAY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

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

19

20 **CANDACE CHO:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 40 AND
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS CANDACE CHO WITH A.A.P.I.
22 EQUITY ALLIANCE. WE ARE A COALITION OF COMMUNITY- BASED
23 ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF THE
24 ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN L.A.
25 COUNTY. A.A.P.I. EQUITY IS ALSO ONE OF THE CO-FOUNDING

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1 PARTNERS OF STOP A.A.P.I. HATE. SINCE THE START OF THE
2 PANDEMIC, STOP A.A.P.I. HATE HAS RECEIVED ALMOST 11,500
3 REPORTS OF HATE AGAINST A.A.P.I.S NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING MORE
4 THAN 1100 REPORTS IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE. THIS HATE IS
5 TRAUMATIZING, AND IT IMPACTS OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.
6 TRAGICALLY, WE KNOW A.A.P.I.S ARE NOT ALONE, THAT HATE IMPACTS
7 MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. WE
8 ALSO KNOW IT CAN'T BE ADDRESSED THROUGH MORE POLICING OR MASS
9 INCARCERATION. L.A. V. HATE IS THE NATIONAL MODEL FOR TRAUMA
10 PREVENTION INITIATIVES AND FOR PROVIDING PLACE-BASED MODELS TO
11 DEVELOP PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS HATE VIOLENCE. IT
12 ALSO WORKS TO ENSURE VICTIMS OF HATE VIOLENCE ARE NOT RE-
13 VICTIMIZED, LESSENING THE BURDEN ON OUR TRAUMA SYSTEMS. I WANT
14 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE
15 L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAMS AND FOR ADVOCATING FOR ONGOING FUNDING
16 FOR THIS VITAL PROGRAM. PREVENTING HATE IS PREVENTING PHYSICAL
17 TRAUMA. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

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

20

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

24

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1 **KELLY COLOPI:** HI. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. I'M KELLY COLOPI, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND
3 HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, AND I'M CALLING
4 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 40 TO EXPAND MEASURE B RESOURCES. FOR THE
5 PAST TWO DECADES, MEASURE B TAX HAS FUNDED PUBLIC HEALTH
6 EFFORTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, YET, AS A SEPARATE LOCAL
7 HEALTH JURISDICTION, LONG BEACH HAS NOT BEEN ALLOCATED ONGOING
8 STRUCTURAL FUNDING THROUGH MEASURE B TOWARDS ONGOING
9 BIOTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE. A RECENT
10 HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR A
11 REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR L.A. COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES
12 OF DISTRIBUTING MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES IN THE CASE OF
13 BIOTERRORISM EVENTS. THE DISTRIBUTION SITE IS ALSO REQUIRED
14 CAPACITY UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING.
15 AT THIS TIME, A SITE HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED IN L.A. COUNTY.
16 L.A. COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
17 MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN WORKING TO IDENTIFY A SITE WITHIN THE
18 COUNTY FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AND HADN'T FOUND ONE THAT MET
19 ALL THE CRITERIA. THE LONG BEACH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
20 DEPARTMENT TOOK A LEADERSHIP ROLE AND IDENTIFIED A SITE IN
21 LONG BEACH THAT MEETS THESE CRITERIA AND IS PREPARED TO SERVE
22 --
23
24 **OPERATOR:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
25 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT BE IS DANIELLE LIEDNER-PARETZ.
3 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
4 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **DANIELLE LIEDNER-PARETZ:** GOOD MORNING. DANIELLE LIEDNER-
8 PARETZ, REPRESENTING THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS
9 ANGELES. I'M CALLING TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 7 AND
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE
11 MOTION AND INITIATE THE PROPOSED ROBUST PUBLIC OUTREACH AND
12 EDUCATION PLAN NOW. THE ASSOCIATION HAS LONG ADVOCATED FOR THE
13 END OF THESE LOCAL EMERGENCY MEASURES AND FOR THE COUNTY TO
14 INSTITUTE A FAIR AND LEGAL -- ENABLING RENTAL HOUSING
15 PROVIDERS TO RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS SIMILAR TO ALL
16 OTHER BUSINESSES AND BEGIN TO RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATING
17 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. IT IS LONG OVERDUE
18 FOR THE COUNTY MORATORIUM TO COME TO AN END AS NEARLY ALL
19 JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE NATION HAVE ALREADY DONE. THE COUNTY
20 SAVES PLAN WAS ADVANCED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. AS WE
21 ARE APPROACHING THE FINAL MONTHS OF 2022, THE PROPOSED COUNTY-
22 WIDE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORMALIZED
23 PROCESS OF INFORMING RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 WILL PROVIDE ALL (INDISCERNIBLE) WITH ESSENTIAL CLARITY OVER
25 THE REMAINING MONTHS OF THE YEAR AVAILABLE COUNTY RESOURCES

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1 AND THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY ASSESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL
2 CIRCUMSTANCES AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS MOVING FORWARD.
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANNABEL ANGELES. 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 **ANNABEL ANGELES:** -- HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. AND WE'LL BE
12 SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS 12, 43, SET MATTER 2, AND GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY, AGENDA ITEM 12 ADDRESSES THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ADDITIONAL
15 MONKEYPOX FUNDING AND DIRECT FUNDING FOR LARGE URBAN LOCAL
16 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND JURISDICTIONS WITH THE MOST
17 IMPACT FROM COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX. WE ASK THAT THE L.A.
18 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND A WAY TO UTILIZE LOCAL
19 FUNDING TO ADDRESS SEXUAL DISEASES, INSTEAD OF RELYING ON
20 FEDERAL FUNDING. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT L.A. COUNTY'S 38.5
21 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET IS REEVALUATED SO \$10 MILLION CAN BE
22 USED TO COMBAT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS NOW. L.A.
23 COUNTY LEADERSHIP HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROPERLY FUND THE
24 NECESSARY SERVICES THAT PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS
25 DISEASES, INCLUDING S.T.D.S AND MONKEYPOX WITHOUT RELYING ON

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1 GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS. WE, AT A.H.S., WON'T STOP COMING TO THESE
2 MEETINGS AND ADVOCATING FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSES
3 UNTIL L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLEMENTS A
4 COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PLAN TO REDUCE S.T.D.S AND OTHER
5 INFECTIOUS DISEASES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **TYLER BONANNO CURLY:** GOOD MORNING. I'M TYLER BONANNO CURLY,
14 MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, AND
15 I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 40 TO EXPAND MEASURE B FUNDING.
16 OUR CITY HAD SUBMITTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO REQUEST
17 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES OF \$5 MILLION ANNUALLY TO THE CITY OF
18 LONG BEACH. AND WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND HER TEAM
19 FOR THEIR EFFORTS PUSHING FOR THESE RESOURCES. STRUCTURAL
20 FUNDING IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION SITE
21 AND CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO BIOTERRORISM AND HEALTH EMERGENCIES
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY NOT JUST IN LONG BEACH. OUR HEALTH
23 DEPARTMENT HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD RESPONDING TO THE
24 PANDEMIC IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE REGION. WE NOT ONLY OPENED
25 COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATION SITES FOR LONG BEACH

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1 RESIDENTS AND WORKERS BUT ALSO PROVIDED 90,000 VACCINE DOSES
2 AND 25% OF ALL TESTING FOR INDIVIDUALS FROM NEIGHBORING
3 CITIES, SUCH AS AVALON, COMPTON, LYNWOOD, PARAMOUNT, SIGNAL
4 HILL, AND LAKEWOOD. AND WE HAVE RECEIVED REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR
5 OUR REQUEST FOR \$5 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM THE CITIES OF SIGNAL
6 HILL, LAKEWOOD, AND COMPTON, AS WELL AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
7 SENATOR LENA GONZALEZ AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE GIPSON,
8 EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR THESE REGIONAL RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC
9 EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

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

16

17 **GLORIA CRUZ:** HI. MY NAME IS GLORIA CRUZ, AND I'M SPEAKING IN
18 SUPPORT OF ITEM 29, 40, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ITEM 29, THE
19 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT'S SPENDING PLAN FOR PHASE 2. I'M
20 CALLING ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. CAMPAIGN AND THE
21 COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS, C.H.I.R.L.A. WE URGE
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 29 AND SUPPORT
23 IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THOUGHT THIS PLAN MAKES GREAT
24 STRIDES TO HELP THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, THIS IS JUST ONE
25 STEP FORWARD TO ADDRESS EQUITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE

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1 COVID-19 PANDEMIC DEVASTATED IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, EVEN AS
2 THEY WORKED ON FRONTLINES OF THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DISEASE.
3 YET MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF FEDERAL, STATE,
4 AND LOCAL COVID-19 RELIEF BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION STATUS,
5 LANGUAGE BARRIERS, AND INSUFFICIENT OUTREACH INITIATIVES.
6 WE'RE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THE ADDITIONAL 3.5 MILLION FOR
7 LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN IMMIGRATION COURT. MORE IMMIGRANT
8 FAMILIES IN OUR COUNTY WILL EAT BETTER AND STAY TOGETHER. THE
9 LACK OF ACTION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO PROVIDE A FASTER
10 CITIZENSHIP FOR MILLIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED AMERICANS CONTINUES
11 TO SEPARATE FAMILIES WHO HAVE STRONG ROOTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
12 I URGE THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO INVEST
13 A.R.P.A. FUNDS IN OUR HARD TO REACH, VULNERABLE, IMMIGRANT
14 COMMUNITIES. ON ITEM 40, WE SUPPORT THE USE OF MEASURE B FUNDS
15 TO SUPPORT L.A. VS. HATE, AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
16 SHARE OUR ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE IN SUPPORT
17 OF L.A. VS. HATE SO THAT PROGRAMS CAN PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE
18 LONG TERM RESPONSE TO THE HISTORIC RISE IN HATE VIOLENCE. L.A.
19 VS. HATE IS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR PROMOTION OF TRAUMA
20 PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY. L.A. VS. HATE PROVIDES VICTIMS
21 OF HATE TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES VIA TRUSTED COMMUNITY- BASED
22 AGENCIES. C.H.I.R.L.A. IS PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE COMMUNITY
23 AGENCIES L.A. VS. HATE WORKS CLOSELY WITH. THIS PARTNERSHIP
24 HAS ALLOWED FOR OUR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES TO
25 RECEIVE THE PROPER CARE AND RESPONSE DIRECTLY BY AN

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1 ORGANIZATION THAT THEY TRUST AND ENGAGE WITH REGULARLY.
2 THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE L.A. VS. HATE NETWORK AND IN THIS
3 MOMENT OF DISTANCING BETWEEN ONE AND OTHER, THE PARTNERSHIP
4 GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE OPPOSITE FROM DISTANCING.
5 TOGETHER, WE BROUGHT EDUCATION AND PREVENTION OF HATE VIOLENCE
6 TO YOUTH GROUPS IN THE SOUTH L.A. REGION AND JOINED FORCES TO
7 CREATE SOLIDARITY IN THAT COMMUNITY. BESIDE THE REMARKABLE
8 ACHIEVEMENTS OF L.A. VS. HATE, THEY HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT
9 COST FUNDING PROVIDED BY A VARIETY OF SOURCES OVER THE PAST
10 THREE YEARS OF OPERATION. WE SUPPORT THE USE OF MEASURE B
11 FUNDS TO BUILD LONG TERM, SUSTAINED FUNDING FOR L.A. VS. HATE,
12 AND WE KNOW IT'S A CRITICAL JUNCTURE, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE
13 YOUR SUPPORT IN DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING LONG
14 TERM PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT
15 ANY FUNDING LAPSES BY SUPPORTING THESE MEASURE B FUNDS TO BE
16 ALLOCATED TOWARDS THE PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE --

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

20

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

24

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1 **HECTOR SUVEDRA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HECTOR SUVEDRA FROM
2 DISTRICT 1. I WORK FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, AND
3 I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 12, 43, SET MATTERS 2, AND
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PREVENTION AND TREATMENT INTERVENTIONS
5 FOR S.T.D. AND MONKEYPOX ARE NOT REACHING THE COMMUNITIES THAT
6 NEED THEM MOST. FOR INSTANCE, AS OF MAY 2022, BLACK OR AFRICAN
7 AMERICAN PEOPLE REPRESENTED ONLY 8% OF THE POPULATION IN THE
8 L.A. COUNTY BUT MADE UP 19% OF SYPHILIS CASES AND 20% OF
9 GONORRHEA CASES. A SIMILAR TREND IS APPARENT WITH THE
10 DISTRIBUTION OF MONKEYPOX VACCINE IN L.A. COUNTY. LATINX
11 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED ONLY 32% OF THE MONKEYPOX VACCINATIONS,
12 DESPITE MAKING UP 42% OF MONKEYPOX CASES. BLACK RESIDENTS MAKE
13 UP 11% OF CASES AND RECEIVE 9% OF VACCINES, WHILE WHITE FOLKS
14 MADE UP ONLY 28% OF CASES AND RECEIVED 40% OF VACCINES. DR.
15 AMESH ADALJA, A SENIOR SCHOLAR FOR THE JOHN HOPKINS CENTER FOR
16 HEALTH SECURITY, NOTES THAT THE DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF
17 MONKEYPOX VACCINES IS AFFECTING BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES
18 NATIONWIDE. "I TELL YOU THERE NEEDS TO BE A MAJOR RE-
19 COLLABORATION IN YOUR INTERVENTIONS." TREATMENT AND PREVENTION
20 PLANS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, INCLUDING
21 MONKEYPOX, AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS ARE NOT
22 ADEQUATELY REACHING BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. AND AS A
23 RESULT, THEY ARE SUFFERING. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 MUST TAKE INITIATIVE TO COLLABORATE WITH SUFFERING, WITH
25 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DEVELOP

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1 INTERVENTIONS THAT CAN ENSURE EQUITY IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE FREERIDGE. PLEASE

7 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER

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

9

10 **MICHELLE FREERIDGE:** I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 40 AND GENERAL

11 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE. MY NAME IS MICHELLE FREERIDGE. I'M

12 THE EXECUTIVE -- I'M SORRY?

13

14 **OPERATOR:** PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **MICHELLE FREERIDGE:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE FREERIDGE. I'M WITH

17 THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER. WE DO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING,

18 SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR YOUTH, AND ALSO

19 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. WE SERVE THE 1ST

20 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, THE 5TH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND

21 ALSO PARTS OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND ARE VERY PRESENT IN THE

22 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND PARTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I WANTED

23 TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 40, WHICH IS THE FUNDING FOR L.A. VS.

24 HATE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER CONTINUED

25 SUPPORT FOR L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM, AND I URGE THE FULL BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING FOR L.A. VS. HATE.
2 THE WORK THAT L.A. VS. HATE IS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR TRAUMA
3 TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVES AND FOR PROVIDING PLACE-BASED
4 MODELS TO DEVELOP PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS ADDRESSING HATE
5 VIOLENCE, AND THEY ARE A CONVENER, AND THEY ARE A CATALYST IN
6 THE COMMUNITY HELPING MOBILIZE AND CONNECT NONPROFITS,
7 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, AND MAKING A HUGE
8 DIFFERENCE FOR THE YOUTH THAT WE SERVE. ASIAN YOUTH CENTER, OF
9 COURSE, WORKS IN THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, AND WE'VE BEEN
10 ADDRESSING STOP ASIAN HATE, BUT HATE CRIMES AND HATE
11 INCIDENCES AFFECT EVERYBODY, AND THEY ARE PARTICULARLY
12 DAMAGING TO THE YOUTH. SO I LIKE TO URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT FULL FUNDING FOR L.A. VS. HATE. THANK
14 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

15

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

17

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

21

22 **EVELYN AILMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EVELYN AILMAN. I'M
23 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 16, 35 -- AND 35 ON TODAY'S AGENDA
24 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I REPRESENT OUR VOICE, COMMUNITIES
25 FOR QUALITY EDUCATION, A GROUP OF PARENT LEADERS FROM L.A.

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1 UNIFIED, WHO NEED AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE BROADBAND. EACH
2 FRIDAY, I CONNECT WITH PARENTS ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK LIVE TO
3 PROVIDE CRITICAL INFORMATION SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN LEARN
4 ONLINE AND SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. HOWEVER, EVERY 15
5 MINUTES, I LOSE A PARENT TO UNRELIABLE INTERNET IN PARTS OF
6 NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO, EAST, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES,
7 AS WELL AS THE SOUTHEAST CITIES. THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE
8 MEETING, PARENTS ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO RECONNECT AND ARE
9 FRUSTRATED ABOUT THIS. THIS IS COMMON FOR THEM. PARENTS HAVE
10 ALSO EXPRESSED THE EXCEEDINGLY HIGH PRICES OF INTERNET
11 SERVICES IN THEIR AREA. ALTHOUGH THE INTERNET IS A BASIC
12 NECESSITY FOR THEIR FAMILIES, IT IS A GREAT FINANCIAL BURDEN,
13 ESPECIALLY AS MANY HAVE BEEN HIGHLY IMPACTED BY COVID. PARENTS
14 LIKE LUCIAS LOPES, AN IMMIGRANT MOTHER WHO LIVES IN SOUTH L.A.
15 AND HAS TWO SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN WITH ONE FAMILY INCOME,
16 PAYS UP TO \$80 A MONTH FOR INTERNET. HEIDI GALECIA, AN
17 IMMIGRANT MOTHER OF FOUR IN HUNTINGTON PARK, PAYS A WHOPPING
18 \$100 A MONTH. IT'S UNCONSCIONABLE. TOO MANY OF OUR LOW
19 RESOURCE FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING BETWEEN PAYING HOUSING,
20 UTILITIES, FOOD, AND INTERNET SERVICES. AS AN AMPLIFIER OF
21 PARENT VOICE AND LIFELONG U.S.D. PARENT MYSELF, TOGETHER WITH
22 OUR VOICE FAMILIES, WE SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT OF ITEM 35,
23 WHICH ESTABLISHES A BENCH OF PRE-APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO
24 DELIVER BROADBAND SERVICES, AND ITEM 16, WHICH WILL DIRECTLY
25 PROVIDE THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT THE CAPACITY IT NEEDS

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1 TO CONTINUE THE DIGITAL EQUITY WORK IT HAS BEEN DOING SO
2 WELL. WE URGE AND RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO VOTE YES ON BOTH
3 MOTIONS, WHICH ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE HIGH NEED
4 COMMUNITIES WE SERVE COLLECTIVELY. THANK YOU, BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND VISION TOWARD SYSTEMIC
6 CHANGES THAT WILL ENSURE OUR FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO
7 EQUITABLE, RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE BROADBAND.

8

9 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NYERI BOGDOSARIAN. PLEASE STATE
12 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
13 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **NYERI BOGDOSARIAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NYERI BOGDOSARIAN,
16 AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL
17 ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON TWO ITEMS, ITEMS 7
18 AND 35, AND MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. REGARDING ITEM 7,
19 THE PARTNERSHIP URGES THE GOVERNING BODY TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
20 BARGERS' MOTION IN THE ITEM. IT'S LONG PAST FOR EMERGENCY
21 HOUSING MEASURES RELATED TO COVID TO END. INFECTION RATES ARE
22 DOWN. VACCINATIONS ARE PROGRESSING. FULL EMPLOYMENT HAS
23 RETURNED. THE REGION HOSTED THE SUPER BOWL. IT'S TIME TO ALLOW
24 FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS TO ENGAGE IN NORMAL OPERATIONS TO ENSURE
25 COMMUNITIES THRIVE AND WE INVEST IN THE HOUSING WE DESPERATELY

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1 NEED. CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY SINCE 2020. END
2 THE EMERGENCY EVICTION MORATORIUM AND RENT FREEZE. REGARDING
3 ITEM 35, WE ALWAYS ADVOCATE THAT THE COUNTY, ITS DEPARTMENTS,
4 INCLUDING INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO FOLLOW OPEN,
5 TRANSPARENT, FAIR PROCUREMENT PROCESSES WHEN AWARDING MASTER
6 AGREEMENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, ITEM 35 BEFORE YOU IS NONE OF THOSE
7 THINGS. SPECIFICALLY, LAST MONTH, THE COUNTY'S INTERNAL
8 SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNILATERALLY CHANGED THE SCOPE OF THEIR
9 REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
10 AND WITH NO APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION, QUIETLY POSTING A
11 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEBSITE DOESN'T COME CLOSE. THE SCOPE
12 PROVIDES THE QUALIFICATIONS FROM WIRELESS SERVICES TO
13 BROADBAND SERVICES, GOING SO FAR AS TO A WORD DOCUMENT FIND
14 AND REPLACE TO THE SOLICITATION. THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF
15 OVERHAULING THE ORIGINAL PROCUREMENT REQUEST ISSUED IN MARCH
16 AND IS WHOLLY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THE BOARD APPROVED LAST
17 NOVEMBER. BESIDES GOING AROUND WHAT THE BOARD APPROVED LAST
18 NOVEMBER, IT ALSO ESSENTIALLY PREVENTS ANY QUALIFIED BROADBAND
19 COMPANY FROM PARTICIPATING IN COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION
20 PROCESS. THE COUNTY LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE TRIED TO GET AROUND IT
21 BY CONTINUING TO ACCEPT ROLLING NEW SUBMISSIONS, BUT WE HONOR
22 THAT COMPANIES CHOSEN FIRST GET THE ADVANTAGE. THE COUNTY IS
23 UNFAIRLY PUTTING ITS THUMB ON THE COMPETITIVE SCALE, AND WE WE
24 NEED TO GET THIS RIGHT. YOU NEED TO CONSIDER THIS UNFAIR
25 SWITCH IN SCOPE. YOU NEED TO ALLOW FOR FAIR, TRANSPARENT, OPEN

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1 PROCUREMENT PRACTICES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL THE BEST
2 COMPANIES IN BROADBAND TO PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **EMMA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS EMMA
11 HERNANDEZ. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. I'LL BE SPEAKING TODAY ON ITEMS 16
13 AND 35. WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN SOUTHEAST LOS
14 ANGELES THAT HAS SPENT OVER 13 YEARS WORKING TO CLOSE THE
15 DIGITAL DIVIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE PROVIDE OPEN ACCESS
16 TO THE INTERNET IN OUR FREE OPEN LABS. WE PROVIDE DIGITAL
17 LITERACY CLASSES AND ASSIST FAMILIES APPLYING TO AFFORDABLE
18 CONNECTIVITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS AND TO LOW COST INTERNET
19 SUBSCRIPTIONS. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 25% OF CHILDREN LACK THE
20 TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES TO ACCESS DISTANCE LEARNING TO GAIN
21 21ST CENTURY SKILLS FOR FUTURE JOBS AND COMPUTING DEVICES.
22 THIS HAS IMPACTED AT LEAST 250,000 FAMILIES. THESE CHALLENGES
23 ARE MORE SIGNIFICANT IN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED LATINO
24 MAJORITY NEIGHBORHOODS SUCH AS SOUTHEAST L.A. INADEQUATE OR NO
25 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET MEANS OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO HAVE

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1 POOR ACCESS TO ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, TO TELEHEALTH SERVICES,
2 OUR BUSINESSES ALSO CANNOT ACCESS THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY TO
3 COMPLETELY PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND BE
4 SUCCESSFUL, AND PARENTS CANNOT ADEQUATELY COMMUNICATE WITH
5 THEIR SCHOOLS. S.C.D.C. SUPPORTS ITEM 35 TO ESTABLISH A BENCH
6 OF PRE-APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO DELIVER BROADBAND SERVICES TO
7 COMMUNITIES BECAUSE IT SETS THE COUNTY UP TO DELIVER ON ITS
8 PROMISE TO DEPLOY AFFORDABLE AND FAST INTERNET TO THE COUNTY'S
9 HIGHEST NEED NEIGHBORHOODS. WE ALSO SUPPORT ITEM 16
10 ESTABLISHING THE DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY POSITION FOR THE
11 COUNTY. THIS IS DEFINITELY MUCH NEEDED IN OUR REGION AND WILL
12 HELP US MOVE FORWARD THE WORK WE'RE DOING TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL
13 DIVIDE. MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WE WORK WITH ARE NOT
14 ABLE TO ATTEND TODAY'S MEETING DUE TO THE LACK OF ACCESS TO
15 INTERNET, AFFORDABLE INTERNET, AND LACK OF SKILLS IN DIGITAL
16 LITERACY. WE ARE HERE TO UPLIFT THEIR VOICES. WE URGE YOU TO
17 VOTE YES ON ITEM 16 AND 35 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
18 PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR COMMUNITIES TO FINALLY
19 CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BENJAMIN WOOD. PLEASE STATE
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
25 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **BENJAMIN WOOD:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 7.

3 GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M A

4 STAFF ORGANIZER WITH THE POMONA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER.

5 WE RUN THE DAY LABOR CENTER ON WEST MISSION BOULEVARD IN THE

6 CITY OF POMONA, AND WITH OUR PARTNERS FROM POMONA FOR STABLE

7 HOUSING, WE ENVISION A COUNTY WHERE EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF

8 INCOME, CIRCUMSTANCES, OR STATUS IS FREE TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR

9 OF MISTREATMENT OR DISPLACEMENT IN HEALTH AND STABLE HOUSING

10 IN BUILDS COMMUNITIES INSTEAD OF PROFITS. TO THAT END, WE

11 ORGANIZE TENANTS, VOTERS, AND THE COMMUNITY TO FIGHT HOUSING

12 INJUSTICES, TO CREATE POLICIES THAT EMPOWER NEIGHBORHOODS TO

13 PROTECT AGAINST DISPLACEMENT AND BUILD INSTITUTIONS THAT

14 FURTHER OUR VISION. THE COUNTY'S CURRENT EVICTION MORATORIUM

15 IS PRECISELY ONE SUCH POLICY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE

16 RESILIENCE OF THE TENANT COMMUNITY. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT

17 POLICIES THAT PREVENT DISPLACEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS, THIS IS

18 THE TYPE OF POLICY WE'RE REFERRING TO. ON AUGUST 1ST, THE CITY

19 OF POMONA ADOPTED AN EMERGENCY RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE

20 TO PROTECT TENANTS FROM THE EFFECT OF RAMPANT INFLATION THAT

21 OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE ALLOWED LANDLORDS TO RAISE THE RENT AS

22 MUCH AS 10%. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE EFFECTS OF THE POLICY.

23 IT HAS KEPT FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES. THESE ARE FAMILIES THAT

24 HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 20 TO 30 YEARS IN SOME CASES, CONTRIBUTING

25 TO THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC LIFE.

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1

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

4

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

8

9 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** ITEMS 4, 15, AND GENERAL PUBLIC. THANK YOU FOR
10 HOLDING THE HIDEOUS, POMPOUS, PANDERING ITEM 4 ON GUNS. ON
11 ITEM 15, PLEASE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, GET THAT THING GOING. THAT
12 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE YEARS AGO. THIS THING IS HIDEOUS THE WAY
13 IT'S BEEN GOING, BUT GET THAT -- THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN
14 HELD. ON PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE CLONE SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
15 THE MIDTERMS. THE GANG OF FOUR MUST BE NO MORE. GOD SAVE THE
16 COUNTY. PLEASE REMOVE THAT HIDEOUS DYSFUNCTIONAL SCREEN CLOCK
17 FROM THIS PROCESSOR. DO NOT EVER OPEN TO HYBRID CARBON
18 FOOTPRINT. SHOW THE COMMENTER'S FACE ON THE VIRTUAL ASPECT.
19 AUTOMATE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PORTS TO WORLD STANDARD AND
20 JUST FOR THIS CANADA OFFERS FREE PUBLIC INTERNET NATIONWIDE.
21 AND JUST FOR THE FACTS, GUESS WHAT, LIFE IS NOT EQUITABLE, AND
22 THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS. THANK YOU, FOLKS.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICOLE GRACE. PLEASE THAT
2 AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **NICOLE GRACE:** HI. 4 AND 7. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME EVER CALLING,
6 SO EXCUSE ME. BUT I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO LIFT THE EVICTION
7 MORATORIUM AND RENT FREEZE. I HEARD WHAT THE GUY JUST SAID.
8 COME ON, LANDLORDS ARE NOT RAISING THE RENT BY 10%. I RAISED
9 MY RENT BY 3. I'M A DISABLED PERSON ON SOCIAL SECURITY, AND I
10 HAVE NOT MADE ANY RENT FROM MY PROPERTIES BECAUSE THE COST OF
11 CONSTRUCTION HAS GONE UP. MY PLUMBING CHARGES ARE GOING TO BE
12 \$22,000. MY ROOF IS GOING TO BE \$18,000 FOR MY OTHER HOUSE. I
13 DON'T MAKE ANY MONEY DOING THIS. I PUT EVERY PENNY OF MY
14 RETIREMENT INTO MY HOUSES. YOU PROBABLY HAVE A PENSION. YOU
15 PROBABLY HAVE AN I.R.A. I DON'T. THIS IS WHERE I PUT ALL MY
16 MONEY. IT'S THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY. SECTION 8 IS A
17 FAILURE, AND YOU NEED TO PUT YOUR MONEY IN THAT. GOVERNMENT
18 SHOULD BE PAYING FOR THESE POOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS.
19 PHARMACIES DON'T GIVE DRUGS AWAY FOR FREE WITHOUT
20 REIMBURSEMENT. INDIVIDUAL DOCTORS DON'T SEE PATIENTS FOR FREE.
21 GROCERY STORES DON'T GIVEAWAY FREE FOOD WITHOUT FOOD STAMPS OF
22 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. AND SO, YES, THE HOMELESS IS A PROBLEM.
23 RENT IS REALLY HIGH, BUT SO ARE MORTGAGES, AND I'M NOT MAKING
24 ANY MONEY ON MY PROPERTIES EXCEPT FOR APPRECIATION FOR WHEN
25 I'M 65, AND I CAN SELL THE HOUSE. SO I'M GOING TO LOOK AT MY

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1 NOTES. JUST TO PAINT MY HOUSE, IF SOMEBODY MOVED OUT, IT WAS
2 \$10,000 JUST TO DO THAT TO HAVE A NICE CLEAN HOUSE FOR THE NEW
3 -- I HAVE A SECTION 8 PERSON IN MY HOUSE, AND I'M VERY HAPPY
4 TO DO THAT. SO, JUST TRY TO SEE IT FROM -- I HAVE ROOMMATES IN
5 MY HOUSE. THAT'S HOW I GET BY. SO, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE
6 HELPING THESE PEOPLE OUT, NOT AN INDIVIDUAL SOLE PROPRIETOR.
7 YOU DON'T ASK THAT OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO GIVE THEIR
8 SERVICES FOR FREE. SO, THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

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

15

16 **MADISON PALMER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MADISON PALMER, AND
17 I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 16 AND 35 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
18 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF UNITE L.A., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
19 DEDICATED TO IMPROVING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE OUTCOMES FOR
20 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS IN THE REGION. AS A CO-CONVENER OF THE
21 L.A. DIGITAL EQUITY ACTION LEAGUE, REFERRED TO AS L.A. DEAL,
22 WHICH IS A C.P.U.C.- DESIGNATED REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIUM
23 FOR OUR REGION. UNITE L.A. HAS SEEN FIRSTHAND THE INNOVATIVE
24 AND GENERATIVE WORK THAT THE COUNTY INTERNAL SERVICES
25 DEPARTMENT HAS DONE THUS FAR TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THE

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1 DIGITAL DIVIDE IN THE COUNTY'S MOST UNDER-CONNECTED
2 COMMUNITIES. WHEN STATE LEADERSHIP FROM THE CALIFORNIA
3 BROADBAND COUNCIL VISITED IN AUGUST, THEY WERE VERY IMPRESSED
4 BY THE LEVEL OF COLLABORATION FROM FORMAL PARTNERS THAT OUR
5 COUNTY AND CITY AGENCIES HAVE COMMITTED TO OVER THE PAST YEAR
6 IN ORDER TO LEVERAGE ASSETS, MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND TARGET
7 THE COMMUNITIES THAT MOST NEED CONNECTION. STATE LEADERS
8 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY WEREN'T AWARE OF THIS HAPPENING IN ANY
9 OTHER REGION AND WANTED A PLAYBOOK. THAT IS WHY UNITE L.A.
10 ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO SUPPORT BOTH ITEMS 16 AND 35. ITEMS 16
11 AND 35 WOULD ENSURE THE MOMENTUM BUILT OVER THE PAST YEAR
12 DOESN'T STALL FOR THE COMMUNITIES IN L.A. THAT DESERVE TO BE
13 CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY BROADBAND NETWORK. ITEM 16
14 INCREASES CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY FOR I.S.D. TO CONTINUE WHAT
15 THEY'VE BEEN DOING, BUT AT A GREATER LEVEL, WHICH IS TO
16 COORDINATE ACROSS FROM COUNTIES AND DEVELOP INNOVATIVE AND
17 COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS THE BROADBAND GAPS.
18 ITEM 35 WILL GET US CLOSER TO REALIZING THE COMMUNITY
19 BROADBAND NETWORK PILOT, SOMETHING THAT WE WILL LEARN AS A
20 REGION AND BEGIN TO DRIVE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO
21 SUPPORT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATTHEW FREEDMAN. 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 **MATTHEW FREEDMAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MATTHEW
6 FREEDMAN. I'M CALLING FROM THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LOS ANGELES
7 REGIONAL OFFICE, AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 40
8 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. A.D.L. IS ONE OF THE LEADING
9 ANTI-HATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORLD. WE FIGHT ALL FORMS
10 ANTISEMITISM BIAS USING INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS TO DRIVE
11 THE IMPACT. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN A CONCERNING
12 RISE IN REPORTED HATE CRIMES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND WITHIN
13 L.A. COUNTY SPECIFICALLY. ACCORDING TO THE CALIFORNIA D.O.J.,
14 HATE CRIME IN CALIFORNIA ROSE 32.6% FROM 2020 TO 2021. IN L.A.
15 COUNTY, BASED ON THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION
16 ON HUMAN RELATIONS, WE SAW A 20% INCREASE IN HATE CRIMES FROM
17 2019 TO 2020. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT OF
18 L.A. VS. HATE, AND WE APPLAUD AND SUPPORT THE BOARD'S
19 RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIGHTING HATE THROUGH THE
20 LONG TERM WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS AND WITH
21 THE LAUNCH L.A. VS. HATE ONLY TWO YEARS BACK. A.D.L. L.A. IS
22 PROUD TO HAVE PARTNERED WITH L.A. COUNTY ON THIS WORK FOR MANY
23 YEARS, AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO STRIVE TO MAKE
24 OUR COMMUNITIES WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE. A.D.L. SUPPORTS THE
25 PROPOSED USE OF MEASURE B FUNDS TO ADDRESS HATE RELATED

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1 TRAUMA. IN ORDER FOR THE RECENT L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM TO
2 CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE KNOW THAT IT WILL NEED
3 ADDITIONAL LONG TERM FUNDING. WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD
4 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT MEASURE B FUNDS, THROUGH THE HUMAN
5 RELATIONS COMMISSION, TO SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK OF
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE A.D.L. IN FIGHTING HATE. WE
7 ALSO ASK THAT THE FUNDING BE DIRECTED TOWARDS MARKETING,
8 OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION, AND THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO
9 MAINTAIN THIS EFFORT OVER THE LONG TERM. A.D.L. AND ALL OF OUR
10 SUPPORTERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL THE
11 CRUCIAL WORK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ALREADY DONE IN
12 THIS AREA, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR COMMITMENT TO
13 THIS WORK AND JOIN US IN ENSURING THAT L.A. COUNTY REMAINS NO
14 PLACE FOR HATE. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA. 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 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, POLICY
23 AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M
24 HERE TODAY TO OPPOSE ITEMS NUMBER 55 AND 71 AND GIVE
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A YOUNG PERSON WHO EXPERIENCED L.A.

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1 COUNTY JUVENILE HALLS UNDER THE PERMANENT JUVENILE JUSTICE, I
2 KNOW FIRSTHAND WHAT GOES ON INSIDE. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS
3 MY SINCERE CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
4 INCARCERATED. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CALLING OUT THE FINDINGS
5 WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I THINK ABOUT ALL THE TRAUMA
6 THE VICTIMS HAVE FACED IN A SYSTEM THAT IS SUPPOSED TO
7 REHABILITATE, HELP HEAL, AND BETTER A PERSON. BUT WE SEE THE
8 OPPOSITE WITH HOW OUR YOUTH ARE TREATED INSIDE. THEY ARE
9 FURTHER TRAUMATIZED AS WE SEE MULTIPLE VICTIMS WITH MULTIPLE
10 PROBATION STAFF BEING THE AGGRESSOR IN ALL THESE CASES OF
11 SEXUAL ABUSE. WHILE WE TALK ABOUT THE FINDINGS OF THE
12 PROBATION SYSTEM, WE ARE HERE ON THE SAME DAY CONSIDERING THE
13 HIRING OF MORE PROBATION OFFICERS. WHAT IS THE BOARD DOING TO
14 ADDRESS THE ROOT OF THESE ISSUES? HIRING MORE PROBATION STAFF
15 DOES NOT SOLVE ISSUES. WITH ALL THESE FINDINGS AND ISSUES IN
16 OUR JUVENILE HALLS, WE SHOULD REALLY BE LOOKING AT AN
17 ALTERNATIVE OR A BIGGER SOLUTION. WHEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE --
18 WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THE LAST STRAW WITH PROBATION?
19 BEFORE WE LOOK AT NEW HIRES FOR PROBATION, WE SHOULD BE
20 LOOKING AT THE AMOUNT OF STAFF CALLING OUT AND NOT SHOWING UP
21 TO WORK. 33% OF PROBATION STAFF IS NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK.
22 THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY HIRING IF THESE STAFF ARE NOT FIRST
23 HELD ACCOUNTABLE. PROBATION RECEIVES OVER \$400 MILLION IN
24 TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO RUN THE CAMPS AND HALLS WHERE ONLY ABOUT
25 400 YOUTH ARE LOCKED UP ON AVERAGE. WE ARE SPENDING OVER 1

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1 MILLION PER YOUTH PER YEAR AND STILL SEE A LOOK OF SERVICES
2 PROVIDED AND A DISSERVICE TO THE YOUTH INSIDE. THE COUNTY
3 CANNOT CONTINUE TO RELY ON PROBATION STAFF BUT FOCUS ON
4 BRINGING TO LIGHT COMPONENTS OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, SUCH
5 AS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT TEAMS, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS,
6 MENTORS, ETC., ROLES THAT ARE GOING TO HELP A YOUNG PERSON'S
7 GROWTH, LEADERSHIP, FULL POTENTIAL, AND HELP THEM HAVE A
8 SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY.

9

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

11

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

15

16 **ANNA ALICIA CARR:** GOOD MORNING. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM
17 NUMBER 29 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANNA ALICIA CARR, COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
19 DIRECTOR WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, A MEMBER OF THE
20 L.A. PRODUCES COALITION. WE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR A SECOND
21 \$6 MILLION INVESTMENT IN MARKET MATCH AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
22 THE REDUCTION IN FUNDING IN THE SECOND A.R.P.A. SPENDING
23 PLAN. THE \$1 MILLION ALLOCATED IN THE CURRENT SPENDING PLAN
24 SIMPLY ISN'T ENOUGH TO EXPAND OR EVEN MAINTAIN PROGRAMMING
25 THAT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. THE DEMAND FOR THESE PROGRAMS HAS

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1 RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO INFLATION AND THE ECONOMIC
2 PRESSURES OF THE PANDEMIC, WHICH ARE STILL IMPACTING
3 COMMUNITIES. RECENT DATA FROM U.S.C.'S UNDERSTANDING AMERICA
4 SURVEY SHOW AN ALARMING INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY AMONG L.A.
5 COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS IN 2022 WHEN COMPARED TO 2021. IN JULY,
6 2021, 16% OF RESPONDENTS EXPERIENCED FOOD INSECURITY IN THE
7 PREVIOUS YEAR. THAT NUMBER HAS JUMPED TO 24%. WHEN ASKED HOW
8 FOOD AND GROCERY PRICES HAVE IMPACTED THEIR USUAL FOOD
9 PURCHASING HABITS, MANY PEOPLE REPORTED BUYING LESS FOOD,
10 BUYING DIFFERENT FOOD JUST TO SAVE MONEY, SHOPPING AT LESS
11 EXPENSIVE STORES, AND EVEN BUYING LOWER QUALITY FOOD TO SAVE
12 MONEY. PEOPLE NEED PROGRAMS LIKE MARKET MATCH NOW MORE THAN
13 EVER, AND REDUCED INVESTMENT IN THESE PROGRAMS IMPACTS
14 FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND BUSINESS OWNERS, AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY.
15 AS CHAMPIONS OF HEALTH EQUITY AND NUTRITION SECURITY, WE URGE
16 YOU TO INCREASE THE FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR MARKET MATCH AND TO
17 POSTPONE TODAY'S VOTE TO A LATER DATE TO ENSURE ADDITIONAL
18 COMMUNITY INPUT PUT IS PROVIDED ON THE CURRENT SPENDING PLAN.
19 THANK YOU.

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

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

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1

2 **ELYSE MIAGOLA:** SURE. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ELYSE MIAGOLA, A
3 HOUSING PROVIDER IN L.A. COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK
4 REGARDING ITEM 7 AND OFFER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE ARE
5 WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7 AND THANK SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO BRING THIS MOTION AND HER
7 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE
8 EMERGENCY EVICTION MORATORIUM HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE AND MUST
9 END. THE CONDITIONS PRESENT IN MARCH OF 2020 AND THE EMERGENCY
10 THAT NECESSITATED THE MORATORIUM, SHUT DOWN ORDERS, CLOSED
11 SCHOOLS, NO VACCINES OR TREATMENTS, SOARING UNEMPLOYMENT, ARE
12 SIMPLY NO LONGER HERE. INDEED, ALL OF THAT HAS CHANGED.
13 EVERYTHING IS OPEN. THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF VACCINES AND
14 TREATMENT AVAILABLE, AND UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT ALL TIME LOWS.
15 UNDER THE CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE PANDEMIC, THERE IS NO
16 NEED TO MAINTAIN THE EMERGENCY MORATORIUM OR JUSTIFICATION FOR
17 HOUSING PROVIDERS TO BE THE ONLY ONES SUBSIDIZING HOUSING IN
18 L.A. COUNTY. THERE IS NO RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. AND
19 WHAT'S WORSE, WE'VE SEEN AN ABUNDANCES OF ABUSES OF THE
20 MORATORIUM. THOSE PROFITING OF OF THE MORATORIUM BY ILLEGALLY
21 SUB- LETTING, NOT PAYING THEIR RENT, AND OVERCHARGING SUB-
22 TENANTS OR OTHERS NOT PAYING RENT AND MAKING LAVISH PURCHASES
23 LIKE ROLLS ROYCE VEHICLES, BRAND NEW TESLAS, LAVISH VACATIONS,
24 WHAT HAVE YOU. IT'S DEMORALIZING THAT WE, AS HOUSING
25 PROVIDERS, ARE FORCED TO WORK FOR FREE WHILE THESE ABUSES ARE

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1 HAPPENING, ESPECIALLY WHILE OUR COSTS ARE SKYROCKETING. THE
2 MORATORIUM NEEDS TO BE DECLARED ENDED TODAY SO PEOPLE HAVE A
3 CHANCE TO PREPARE AND MOVE ON. ITEM NUMBER 7 MAPS OUT THESE
4 STEPS. FAILING TO VOTE YES IS A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP AND A
5 LOST OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO MOVE ON
6 FROM THE PANDEMIC. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

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

13

14 **ALMA FLORES:** HI. I'M ALMA FLORES, AND I'LL BE ADDRESSING
15 GENERAL COMMENTS. I THINK TO PIGGYBACK OFF THE LAST COMMENT,
16 THIS IS FIRST TIME I'VE EVER CALLED IN. I PURCHASED A HOME, A
17 DUPLEX, IN 2020. I'M A SINGLE MOM. IN FEBRUARY 2020, I
18 PURCHASED A HOME, AND I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS COVID
19 MORATORIUM FOR TWO YEARS, AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AN END IN
20 SIGHT. AS THE PERSON SAID BEFORE, WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF
21 COVID. SHOTS ARE THERE. WORK IS THERE. I'VE HAD TO TAKE ON
22 ANOTHER JOB JUST TO MAKE SURE I CAN PAY MY MORTGAGE BECAUSE I
23 CAN'T RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE BECAUSE I WORK. AND I
24 ONLY HAVE ONE PROPERTY. THIS IS SITTING ON THE SHOULDERS OF
25 MOM AND POP SHOPS THAT CAN'T TAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND THESE

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1 MEETINGS, THAT ARE WORKING BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO MEET THEIR
2 OBLIGATIONS. I WORK AND LIVE IN A PREDOMINANTLY LATINO
3 NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THESE STORIES ARE EVERYWHERE. OUR SAVINGS
4 ARE GONE, AND I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO BEAR
5 THIS BRUNT.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **JULIE MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. I'M FROM DISTRICT 5. I'M HERE TO
14 SPEAK ON ITEMS 40, 70, AND 71. FIRST OFF, FOR ITEM NUMBER 40,
15 I WANT TO SUPPORT -- ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE FUNDING
16 FOR L.A. VS. HATE. THERE THERE WAS A HATE CRIME IN DISTRICT 5,
17 AND I ORGANIZED A FORUM, AND I HAD A LOT OF DIFFICULTY WITH
18 THE LOCAL POLICE ACTUALLY EVEN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF ANTI-
19 ASIAN HATE. AND L.A. VS. HATE WERE EXTREMELY HELPFUL. IN
20 ADDITION TO THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO -- I'M IN FAVOR OF ITEM
21 NUMBER 70, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON L.A.S.D.
22 OVERSIGHT REFORM EFFORTS REVEALS MORE HORRIFYING THREE MONTHS
23 IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. EVERY SINGLE QUARTER, THE
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS SHOWS THAT L.A.S.D. CONTINUES TO BE
25 VIOLENT AND INCAPABLE OF REFORM AND INCAPABLE TRANSPARENCY.

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1 THE SAME ISSUES ARISE MONTH AFTER MONTH WITH L.A.S.D. ALWAYS
2 REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH REFORM EFFORTS WHILE CONTINUING TO
3 INFLICT MASS VIOLENCE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE SHOULD NOT,
4 AS COUNTY, CONTINUE TO FUND THE MISCONDUCT OF L.A.S.D. IN
5 ADDITION TO THAT, I'M AGAINST ITEM NUMBER 71, AND I URGE THE
6 BOARD TO VOTE AGAINST THIS MOTION AND MAINTAIN THE HIRING
7 FREEZE ON PROBATION'S JUVENILE INSTITUTION SERVICES. THE
8 PROBATION DEPARTMENT CLAIMS THAT THE FREEZE SHOULD BE LIFTED
9 TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF DETAINED YOUTH, BUT PROBATION
10 IS THE OPPOSITE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY. THEY ACTUALLY DO PUT
11 OUR YOUTH AT RISK AND ACTIVELY CONTINUE TO INFLICT HARM UPON
12 OUR INCARCERATED CHILDREN. AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I
13 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT MARCH 2022 MARKS THE ONE YEAR
14 ANNIVERSARY OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT --

15

16 **OPERATOR:** EXCUSE ME, BUT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE
17 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

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

23

24 **SHEENA ENGLAND:** HELLO, I'M ADDRESSING ITEMS 16, 35, AND PUBLIC
25 COMMENT. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY

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1 FOUNDATION DIGITAL EQUITY INITIATIVE AND SUPPORT THE DIGITAL
2 EQUITY L.A., A COALITION OF MORE THAN 40 CROSS-SECTORAL
3 ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES AND WORKING TOWARD EQUITY
4 ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE FULLY SUPPORT ITEM 35 TO ACCELERATE THE
5 COUNTY'S BROADBAND NETWORK BY ESTABLISHING A BENCH OF PRE-
6 APPROVED CONTRACTORS. THIS SETS THE COUNTY UP TO SOON DELIVER
7 ON ITS PROMISE TO DEPLOY AFFORDABLE AND FAST INTERNET TO THE
8 COUNTY'S HIGHEST NEED HOUSEHOLDS. THE NEED IS URGENT, AND THIS
9 SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO THE FURTHEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. MORE THAN
10 DOZEN COMPANIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL MAJOR INCUMBENT PROVIDERS,
11 RESPONDED TO THE COUNTY'S R.F.S.Q. AND PARTICIPATED IN THE
12 NUMEROUS I.S.D. OPPORTUNITIES FOR Q. & A. AND OTHER
13 ENGAGEMENT. AND 9, AGAIN, INCLUDING MAJOR INCUMBENT PROVIDERS,
14 ARE ON THE FINAL LIST OF QUALIFIED VENDORS. IT WAS A
15 THOROUGH, FAIR, AND OPEN PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED. WE
16 ALSO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT ITEM 16 ESTABLISHING A DIRECTOR
17 OF DIGITAL EQUITY POSITION FOR THE COUNTY. I.S.D. HAS BEEN AN
18 EXTRAORDINARY PARTNER TO COMMUNITY AND OUR COALITION AND HAS
19 BEEN A STALWART CHAMPION OF EQUITY. AND THE PROVISION OF ITEM
20 16 WOULD ADD MUCH NEEDED CAPACITY TO THAT WORK. THE DIGITAL
21 EQUITY L.A. COALITION AND OUR PARTNERS ARE READY AND EAGER TO
22 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MR. HOLLINS AND (INDISCERNIBLE) AND HIS
23 TEAM AS WELL AS THE NEW LEADERSHIP THAT WILL BE CREATED WITH
24 PASSAGE OF ITEM 16 AND THE PRIVATE PARTNERS (INDISCERNIBLE) AS
25 A RESULT OF ITEM 35. WE URGE YOUR YES ON ITEMS 16 AND 35 AND

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1 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP,
2 AND ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR COMMUNITIES TO FINALLY CLOSE THE
3 DIGITAL DIVIDE. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SARAH THOMAS. 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 **SARAH THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING, THIS IS SARAH THOMAS SPEAKING ON
12 ITEMS 7, 15, AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
13 POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AT UNION STATION HOMELESS
14 SERVICES. AND WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 15, WHICH WOULD
15 ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE R.V. ENCAMPMENT PILOT PROGRAM. WE
16 APPLAUD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PASSING THE MOTION IN
17 JANUARY OF THIS YEAR THAT CREATED A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
18 THAT THIS PILOT IS BUILT FROM, AND WE APPLAUD SUPERVISORS
19 BARGER AND MITCHELL FOR FOLLOWING THE REPORT UP WITH ACTION.
20 THE NINE DIRECTIVES THAT THIS MOTION INCLUDES WOULD CONTRIBUTE
21 TO OUR WORK TOWARDS SOLVING THE HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING
22 CRISES THROUGH ADDRESSING THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF OUR VULNERABLE
23 NEIGHBORS, WHOSE ONLY PLACE TO CALL HOME IS AN R.V. THESE
24 R.V.S. ARE NOT ALWAYS SAFE FOR OCCUPATION AND CAN PLACE
25 OCCUPANTS AT A HIGHER VULNERABILITY TOWARD GANG MEMBER

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1 ACTIVITY AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. OUR GOAL AS THE LEAD
2 HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IS TO CONNECT
3 ALL PEOPLE IN THE REGION WHO ARE UNHOUSED OR PRECARIOUSLY
4 HOUSED WITH SERVICES AND PERMANENT SECURE HOUSING. THEREFORE,
5 UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO VOTE
6 YES ON THIS MOTION. WE MUST HOWEVER OPPOSE AND ASK FOR A NO
7 VOTE ON SUPERVISOR BARGER'S ITEM 7, WHICH COMMITS TO ENDING
8 THE L.A. COUNTY EVICTION MORATORIUM. AS A RECENT HOMELESS
9 COUNT SHOWS, THE MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO
10 PROTECT RENTERS SINCE THE START OF COVID HAVE BEEN VITAL TO
11 DECREASING THE IN FLOW OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE
12 CANNOT RETURN TO A LACK OF PROTECTIONS THAT RENTERS HAD PRIOR
13 TO THE PANDEMIC. INSTEAD, WE NEED A RECOVERY PERIOD THAT
14 ALLOWS L.A. COUNTY AND CITIES CURRENTLY COVERED BY THE COUNTY
15 PROTECTIONS TO ADOPT A STRONG PERMANENT PROTECTIONS FOR
16 TENANTS. THEREFORE, WE URGE A NO VOTE AND IMPLORE THE
17 SUPERVISORS TO -- FOR PROTECTIONS LIKE THOSE OUTLINED IN THE
18 TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **SCOTLAND CARTER:** HI. MY NAME IS SCOTLAND CARTER. I'M A
2 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
3 70 AND 71 AND PROVIDE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY FIRST
4 CONCERN IS COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES. THIS QUARTER SAW 66 NEW
5 COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST L.A.S.D. 36 WERE ABOUT CONDITIONS OF
6 CONFINEMENT AND PERSONAL MISCONDUCT IN L.A.S.D. FACILITIES,
7 AND 30 COMPLAINTS WERE FILED BY CIVILIANS ALLEGING MISCONDUCT
8 RANGING FROM IMPROPER SEARCH AND DETENTION TO DISCRIMINATION
9 AND HARASSMENT. SECONDLY, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT CLAIMS THAT
10 THE FREEZE SHOULD BE LIFTED TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF
11 DETAINEES, BUT PROBATION IS THE OPPOSITE OF SAFETY AND
12 SECURITY. THEY PUT YOUTH AT RISK AND ACTIVELY INFLICT HARM ON
13 INCARCERATED CHILDREN. THIRDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS
14 INTRODUCING DEMANDS IN CONNECTION TO THE REPORT. MY DEMAND IS
15 THAT WE COMMIT TO CLOSING M.C.J., MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WITHOUT
16 A REPLACEMENT BY MARCH 2023 AND HAVE THE BOARD SET BENCHMARKS
17 FOR CLOSURE. SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BEDS FUNDED AND
18 PROGRESS TRACKED BY ALLOCATING \$237 MILLION TO CREATE 3,600
19 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS BY MARCH 2023 AND ESTABLISH AND FULLY FUND
20 AN INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY IN THREE TO SIX
21 MONTHS. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO PRIORITIZE SUPPORTING MORE
22 RELEASES FOR TWO OF THE LARGEST GROUPS IN JAIL, PEOPLE
23 INCARCERATED PRETRIAL AND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH
24 CONDITIONS. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT
25 INCARCERATION IS DEADLY. PEOPLE HAVE DIED AND ARE CURRENTLY

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1 DYING WITHIN THIS FACILITY. AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IT IS
2 SHUT DOWN. INCARCERATION DESTROYS MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH ONLY
3 EXACERBATES ISSUES OF CRIME AND INEQUALITY IN SOCIETY ONCE
4 PEOPLE ARE RELEASED. LASTLY, I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE
5 SHOULD INVEST MORE IN COMMUNITY- BASED RESOURCES RATHER THAN
6 INVESTING MORE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT CONTINUE TO INCARCERATE
7 YOUTH. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INEQUALITY AND
8 INJUSTICES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM. AND IT IS YOUR JOB
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED AND SAFE AND CAN GROW
10 IN AN ENVIRONMENT AND SUCCEED IN THIS ECONOMY RATHER THAN
11 INCARCERATE THEM AND CONTINUE TO PUT THEM DOWN. THOSE ARE MY
12 PRIMARY CONCERNS FOR THIS MEETING, AND THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING
13 THAT IN THE AGENDA.

14

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

16

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

20

21 **GUSTAVO HERRERA:** ITEM 29, I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT. GOOD
22 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GUSTAVO HERRERA,
23 C.E.O. OF ARTS FOR L.A. AND I AM WRITING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF
24 ITEM 29 AND THE MOTIONED ALLOCATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE
25 PLAN DOLLARS TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER AND TO ENCOURAGE

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1 CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN L.A. COUNTY'S ARTS RECOVERY. WE ARE
2 THRILLED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECENTLY TOOK ACTION TO
3 ADOPT THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN. I
4 PARTICULARLY WANT TO UPLIFT THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGY 1 AS
5 OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION, INCREASING FUNDING FOR THE O.G.P., OR
6 ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM. I CANNOT EMPHASIZE ENOUGH HOW
7 ESSENTIAL THIS IS IN SUPPORTING OUR REGION'S CULTURAL
8 ECOSYSTEMS. IT IS A LIFELINE FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ARTS
9 WORKERS THAT TIRELESSLY SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES AND ADDRESS
10 DISPARITIES TO ACCESS TO ARTS AND CULTURE. THE RESILIENT AND
11 DEDICATED ARTISTS AND ARTS WORKERS AND ART AND CULTURAL
12 INSTITUTIONS OF L.A. COUNTY HELPED OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR
13 DARKEST MOMENTS OF THE PANDEMIC.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEPHANIE ORTEGA. PLEASE
19 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
20 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **STEPHANIE ORTEGA:** MY NAME IS STEPHANIE ORTEGA. I WILL BE
23 ADDRESSING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 29, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. NO
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ACTUALLY CALLING IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS
25 ARE LOS ANGELES. DURING THE PANDEMIC, THERE'S BEEN A

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1 DEVASTATION IN IMMIGRATION COMMUNITIES, AND THEY HAVE WORKED
2 TIRELESSLY. THEY HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN L.A.
3 COUNTY FUNDING. ALTHOUGH WE DID SEE THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS
4 SENT, WE DO WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR INCLUDING
5 IMMIGRANTS IN THAT PROPOSAL, BUT WITH THE POLICIES THAT WE
6 HAVE DEMANDED IN OUR COALITION, WE ARE ASKING AND URGING THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO INVEST THE A.R.P. FUNDS IN
8 OUR HARD TO REACH, VULNERABLE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WITH
9 PROGRAMS TARGETING UNIVERSAL LEGAL REPRESENTATION, CAPACITY
10 BUILDING FOR IMMIGRANT -- AND EQUITY NAVIGATION SERVICES. IT
11 IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY INCREASES INVESTMENTS IN
12 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW DURING THESE TOUGH
13 TIMES. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

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

20

21 **NICOLE BROWN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN. I AM THE POLICY
22 MANAGER WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
23 ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS 55, 71, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM
24 CALLING IN TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO STOP THROWING
25 MONEY AT A SYSTEM, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION SYSTEM,

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1 WHICH HAS PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN THAT IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY
2 FLAWED AND PUTS YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK EVERY SINGLE DAY AND HAS
3 CAUSED GREAT HARM, INCLUDING A PATTERN OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OF
4 OVER 70 YOUNG GIRLS IN OUR CAMPS AND HALLS OVER THE COURSE OF
5 30 YEARS. SO TO HEAR THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING LIFTING A
6 HIRING FREEZE OF THIS DEPARTMENT, WHEN YOU ALSO CLAIM TO
7 SUPPORT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, IS TRULY INCOMPREHENSIBLE.
8 PROBATION IS ALREADY APPROVED TO HIRE 150 PEOPLE FOR THE
9 JUVENILE HALLS. SO THIS WOULD BE ON TOP OF THAT. AND IN THIS
10 SAME TIME, THE WHOLE REASON WHY THERE IS A HIRING FREEZE IS
11 BECAUSE THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF YOUTH IN OUR CAMPS AND
12 HALLS HAS DECREASED BY 86%, BUT STAFFING HAS REMAINED LARGELY
13 THE SAME. VACANT POSITIONS HAVE SAT, HUNDRED OF VACANT
14 POSITIONS, FOR YEARS, WELL BEFORE THE TRANSITION OF D.J.J. AND
15 NOW, YOU HAVE A MANAGEMENT ISSUE AND AN ISSUE WHERE, QUITE
16 HONESTLY, IT FEELS LIKE THE DEPARTMENT HAS GONE ROGUE? AND
17 YET, THE RESPONSE IS TO CONTINUE TO THROW HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS
18 OF DOLLARS TOWARDS THIS DEPARTMENT. IN THE BOARD LETTER, IT
19 STATES THAT 32% OF STAFF IN JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS ARE ON
20 LEAVE, 32%. THE BUDGET FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR JUVENILE
21 INSTITUTIONS IS \$317 MILLION. THAT MEANS ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT
22 OF OVER \$100 MILLION A YEAR IS GOING TO PAY FOR STAFF TO BEING
23 ON LEAVE. AND YOU MIGHT THINK OH, THAT'S NOT GOING TO LAST FOR
24 A WHOLE YEAR. WELL, IN 2019-2020, THE AUDITOR FOUND THAT 20%
25 OF THIS STAFF HAD BEEN ON CONTINUE USE LEAVE FOR OVER SIX

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1 MONTHS. NOW YOU HAVE 30 TO 50% OF STAFF CALLING OUT ON A GIVEN
2 DAY? AND THE SOLUTION IS TO THROW MORE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
3 DOLLARS AT THIS SYSTEM? IT REALLY TRULY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
4 AND THE C.E.O. WAS SUPPOSED TO COME OUT WITH A STAFFING REPORT
5 MONTHS AGO, MONTHS AGO. AND IT STILL HASN'T COME OUT BECAUSE
6 YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN WHY THIS
7 DEPARTMENT HAS SO MANY STAFF. AND YET THE REPORT HAS NOT COME
8 OUT. EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT, AND YOU ARE
9 CONSIDERING LIFTING A HIRING FREEZE ON TOP OF HIRING 150 MORE
10 PROBATION OFFICERS IN A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS BEEN RULED
11 UNSUITABLE IN THE CAMPS AND HALLS, YET SPENDS ABOUT \$1 MILLION
12 PER YEAR PER YOUTH. 86% DECREASE IN INCARCERATED YOUTH
13 POPULATION, THE NUMBER OF YOUTH ON SUPERVISION HAS DECREASED
14 BY 55%.

15

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

18

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

22

23 **KEELY WYNN:** MY NAME IS KEELY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
24 AGENDA ITEMS 70, 71, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON APRIL
25 THROUGH JUNE 2022, L.A.S.D. DEPUTIES SHOT AT 6 PEOPLE,

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1 STRIKING 3 OF THEM, AND KILLING 1. ALL OF THE SHOOTING
2 VICTIMS WERE PEOPLE OF COLOR. IN THESE THREE MONTHS, 22 PEOPLE
3 DIED WHILE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND DEPUTIES USED FORCE 428 TIMES
4 IN CUSTODY SETTINGS. AND THIS IS JUST ABSURD BECAUSE OF THE
5 VIOLENCE AND THE SEPARATIONS OF DEHUMANIZING PEOPLE. AND
6 L.A.S.D. CANNOT EXIST TO PROTECT PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES WHEN
7 THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE THREAT. THE PEOPLE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS
8 ENTRUSTED WITH KEEPING US SAFE SHOT AT -- AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT
9 THESE ROUTINES WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND THIS QUARTER SAW 66
10 NEW COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST L.A.S.D. 36 WERE ABOUT THE
11 CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT AND PERSONAL MISCONDUCT IN
12 L.A.S.D.'S FACILITIES, AND 30 COMPLAINTS WERE FILED BY
13 CIVILIANS ALLEGING MISCONDUCT RANGING FROM IMPROPER SEARCH AND
14 DETENTION TO DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT. THE REPORT ALSO
15 HIGHLIGHTS THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS AT THE INMATE RECEPTION
16 CENTER, WHICH EVALUATES BECOMING INCARCERATED MEN AT L.A.
17 JAILS. THE CONDITIONS AT I.R.C. ARE HORRIFYING AS OVERCROWDED
18 MEN ARE FORCED TO WAIT FOR DAYS TO BE EVALUATED. DEPUTIES USE
19 FORCE WITH ABANDONING MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE, WHO ARE CHAINED TO
20 BENCHES, SOME FOR OVER 60 HOURS STRAIGHT. BATHROOM BREAKS ARE
21 LIMITED AND HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK VIOLATIONS ARE ABUNDANT.
22 ONE CUSTODY DEATH OCCURRED AT I.R.C. AS A MAN WAITED FOR MORE
23 THAN TWO DAYS FOR AN EVALUATION. AND I ALSO VOTE FOR THE BOARD
24 TO VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION TO RESCIND THE JUVENILE INSTITUTION
25 SERVING HIRING FREEZE. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT CLAIMS THAT

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1 THE FREEZE SHOULD BE LIFTED TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF
2 DETAINEES, BUT PROBATION IS THE OPPOSITE OF SAFETY AND
3 SECURITY. THEY PUT AT RISK AND ACTIVELY INFLICT HARM ON
4 INCARCERATED CHILDREN. AND MARCH 30, 2022 MARKS THE ONE YEAR
5 ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT. IT IS
6 ALSO A MOMENT TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PEOPLE IN POWER THAT GOT US TO WHEN
8 THESE HISTORICAL JUSTICE FOR ALL. AND THAT'S IT. THANK YOU SO
9 MUCH.

10

11 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

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

16

17 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, AND I WANT TO
18 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF 70, AGAINST 71, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
19 FOR 70 AND 71, I WANT ECHO A LOT OF WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE
20 SAID. FOR 70, THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE INHUMANE CONDITION AT
21 THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, WHICH EVALUATES INCOMING
22 INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN L.A. JAILS. THE CONDITIONS AT I.R.C.
23 ARE HORRIFYING. IT IS OVERCROWDED. PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO WAIT
24 FOR DAYS TO BE EVALUATED. DEPUTIES USE FORCE WITH ABANDONMENT.
25 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE ARE CHAINED TO BENCHES, SOME FOR OVER 60

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1 HOURS STRAIGHT. BATHROOM BREAKS ARE LIMITED, AND HEALTH AND
2 SAFETY VIOLATIONS ARE ABUNDANT. ONE IN-CUSTODY DEATH OCCURRED
3 AT I.R.C. AS A MAN WAITED FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS FOR
4 EVALUATION. AND WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS
5 AT I.R.C. FOR YEARS. IN 2019, THE O.I.G. MADE 13
6 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE WAIT TIMES AND OVERCROWDING, BUT
7 RATHER THAN FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT EXACERBATED THE PROBLEMS PLAGUING I.R.C. THEY HAVE
9 MADE ZERO ATTEMPTS TO RECTIFY THE RAMPANT HUMAN RIGHT ABUSES
10 AND HAVE, INSTEAD, INFLICTED EVEN MORE, DESPITE BEING MORE
11 THAN EQUIPPED TO FIX THE PROBLEM. FOR 71, THE BOARD CANNOT --
12 THE BOARD SHOULDN'T JUST REJECT THIS MOTION. I'M ALSO
13 DEMANDING THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN NIDORF JUVENILE
14 HALL, WHICH THE B.F.C.C. HAS FOUND TO BE UNSUITABLE FOR YOUTH,
15 YOUTH HABITATION, BECAUSE OF ITS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE
16 MOST BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE. THE CLOSURE OF BARRY J. NIDORF
17 IS LONG OVERDUE. NIDORF HAS THE CULTURE OF ROBBING YOUNG
18 PEOPLE OF THEIR HUMANITY THAT IS SO DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THE
19 ROOTS OF THIS INSTITUTION THAT NO AMOUNT OF MONEY OR POLICY
20 CHANGE OR STAFF CAN FIX IT. AND FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
21 JUST TO REITERATE, WE HAVE TO STOP INCARCERATING YOUTH. LIKE
22 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, THE BOARD HAS MADE MANY OF THE RIGHT
23 PROMISES BUT NOW NEEDS TO FOLLOW UP WITH MEANINGFUL ACTION.
24 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH ARE INSIDE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
25 INCARCERATING YOUTH IN BOTH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND L.A.

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1 COUNTY PROBATION CAMPS IS INHUMANE AND REPRESENTS THE COUNTY'S
2 LACK OF CARE AND INVESTMENT IN YOUNG PEOPLE. THE COUNTY MUST
3 INVEST IN YOUTH THROUGH FUNDING YOUTH SERVICES AND THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOPHIA VENTURA CRUZ. 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 **SOPHIA VENTURA CRUZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SOPHIA VENTURA CRUZ. I
13 AM WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
14 AGENDA ITEM 71 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IT IS CRITICAL THAT
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE A DEEPER LOOK INTO WHY THE
16 PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS EXPERIENCING SUCH A STAFFING CRISIS,
17 WHERE YOU HAVE OTHER 50% OF STAFF CALLING OUT AND YOU HAVE
18 AROUND 32% OF STAFF ON LEAVE. PROBATION IS CLAIMING THAT THEIR
19 DESIRE TO LIFT THE FREEZE IS TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF YOUTH.
20 YET WE HAVE SEEN RECENTLY THAT THEY ARE A CENTRAL CONTRIBUTOR
21 TO THE LACK OF SAFETY AND ABUSE THAT YOUTH ARE SUBJECTED TO IN
22 FACILITIES. LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE IS NOT ONLY AN ACT OF
23 NEGLIGENCE ON YOUR PART TO YOUR VOTE FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
24 REIMAGINED, BUT IT IS ALSO AN ACTION THAT FAILS TO ADDRESS THE
25 CORE OF DYSFUNCTION IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT IS TRUE

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1 THAT THERE ARE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS AND CHANGES THAT MUST OCCUR
2 IN FACILITIES LIKE BARRY J. TO BE SAFE FOR OUR YOUTH, BUT
3 LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE ON PROBATION IS YOU BEING UNABLE TO
4 IMAGINE AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IT IS
5 RETURNING TO THE SAME ENTITY THAT HAS PROVOKED HARM, LIKE THE
6 ABUSE TO THE 70 WOMEN AND GIRLS, A TRAGEDY THAT YOU ALL SPOKE
7 SO MORALLY OPPOSED TO LAST WEEK. I URGE YOU TO REMEMBER THAT
8 FEELING OF MORAL OPPOSITION AND LEVERAGE THAT OUTRAGE THAT YOU
9 PUBLICLY EXPRESSED TO A REAL COMMITMENT TO YOUTH AND TO THE
10 COMMUNITIES YOUR REPRESENT. AS A REMINDER, THAT COMMITMENT IS
11 REPRESENTED IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. IN THIS YEAR, WE HAVE
12 THE OPPORTUNITY, AND WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO SOMETHING
13 DIFFERENT, TO INVEST DIFFERENTLY. WE HAVE EXISTING RESOURCES.
14 PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TELLING ADVOCATES DON'T JUST COMPLAIN BUT
15 PROPOSE SOLUTIONS. WELL, AS WE'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, THE
16 SOLUTIONS EXIST IN COMMUNITIES. THE SOLUTIONS LOOK LIKE YOU
17 NOT LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE AND RATHER THAN ALLOCATED THOSE
18 RESOURCES TO UPLIFTING AND IMPLEMENTING CREDIBLE MESSENGER
19 PROGRAMS, WHICH IS PROVEN TO BE IMPACTFUL AND TRANSFORMATIVE
20 FOR YOUTH ALL OVER THE NATION. AGAIN, PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT YOU
21 VOTED FOR IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND PLEASE DO NOT VOTE
22 FOR TO LIFT THE HIRING ON PROBATION.

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT ARIELLA SIDEMAN-PARRA. PLEASE
3 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
4 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ARIELLA SIDEMAN-PARRA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ARIELLA
7 SIDEMAN-PARRA, AND I AM A STUDENT AND RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5.
8 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TODAY ON AGENDA ITEMS 70, 71, AND
9 PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M IN FAVOR OF ITEM 70. THIS
10 REPORT HIGHLIGHTS INHUMANE CONDITIONS AT THE INMATE RECEPTION
11 CENTER, WHICH EVALUATES INCOMING INCARCERATED MEN IN L.A.
12 JAILS. THE CONDITIONS AT I.R.C. ARE HORRIFYING. IT IS
13 OVERCROWDED. MEN ARE FORCED TO WAIT FOR DAYS TO BE EVALUATED.
14 DEPUTIES USE FORCE WITH ABANDON. MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE ARE
15 CHAINED TO BENCHES, SOME FOR OVER 60 HOURS STRAIGHT. BATHROOM
16 BREAKS ARE LIMITED, AND HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS ARE
17 ABUNDANT. ONE IN-CUSTODY DEATH OCCURRED AT I.R.C. AS A MAN
18 WAITED FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS FOR EVALUATION. SECONDLY, I AM
19 SPEAKING AGAINST ITEM 71. RATHER THAN HIRING MORE PROBATION
20 OFFICERS, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO GENUINELY INVEST IN YOUTH SAFETY
21 AND WELL BEING. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN THROUGH HIRING MORE LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT TO TRAVAIL AND ABUSE YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUTH ARE NOT
23 BEING REHABILITATED IN JUVENILE HALLS. THEY ARE BEING
24 IRREPARABLY HARMED AND HAVING THEIR LIVES DERAILED EVEN
25 FURTHER. MISTAKES BY CHILDREN, MOST OF WHOM HAVE THEIR OWN

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1 HISTORIES WITH FOSTER CARE, ABUSE, AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES,
2 CANNOT BE PUNISHED WITH INCARCERATION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.
3 UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, L.A.S.D. NOT ONLY HAS A RECORD
4 OF FAILING TO SUPPORT FAMILIES, THEY HAVE A RECORD OF
5 TERRORIZING THEM. WE KNOW WHAT THEY DO IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT
6 WE ALSO KNOW WHAT THEY DO BEHIND THE WALLS OF PLACES LIKE
7 M.C.J. IT IS A DISGRACE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 COULD EVER DRAG THEIR FEET, KNOWING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS
9 HAPPENING IN THEIR BACKYARD. M.C.J. HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF HARM
10 FOR GENERATIONS AND CONTINUES TO GET WORSE. IT SHOULD BE NO
11 LESS OF A PRIORITY THAN MANY OF THE COUNTY'S OTHER PROJECTS
12 THAT CATER TO GENTRIFICATION OF WEALTHY FAMILIES. THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
18 THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS,
22 AND I WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL. SO FIRST
23 OF ALL, HOW MUCH TIME DOES THAT AFFORD ME, TWO MINUTES AND ONE
24 MINUTE? IS THAT ACCURATE?

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT AFFORDS YOU THREE MINUTES.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT, MADAM CHAIR.

4 FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE ITEM THAT IS

5 CALLING TO NAME A LOBBY AFTER MARIA CHONG CASTILLO, WHO IS A

6 LONGTIME VETERAN OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. SHE IS IN CHARGE OF

7 PUBLIC WORKS, AND RECS AND PARK, AND ALL THE VARY YOURS LITTLE

8 SUBSETS OF THE COUNTY, NOT ALL, BUT MANY, FOR THE SUPERVISOR

9 KUEHL, AND SHE GOES BACK EVEN FURTHER TO WHEN ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

10 WAS RUNNING THE SHOW FOR THE 3RD DISTRICT, WHICH IS, IF YOU

11 CAN BELIEVE IT, 39 YEARS BECAUSE SHE ALSO WORKED FOR HIM AT

12 CITY COUNCIL, WHERE JANICE HAHN WAS BEFORE SHE BECAME A

13 CONGRESS -- ALSO AT CITY COUNCIL. SO THIS IS JUST A TREMENDOUS

14 UNBELIEVABLE LINEAGE OF SERVICE. AND WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

15 THERE WERE A COUPLE OF LITTLE SPEED BUMPS ALONG THE WAY. SHE

16 DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO THE HERB A LIFE THING, BUT EVENTUALLY

17 TOOK CARE OF IT. WE CLEANED THEM OFF THE BEACHES BECAUSE THEY

18 WERE PUTTING NASTY SCHEMES INTO EFFECT THAT HURT COUNTY

19 RESIDENTS, AND THE COUNTY WAS GIVING AWAY HUNDREDS OF

20 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO THIS ENTITY THAT WAS HAVING THE

21 TRIATHLON, BUT LOOK, WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER. THE THING THAT

22 IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT IS NAMING MORE THAN JUST THE CENTER IN

23 VAN NUYS, THE LOBBY OVER THERE. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO LOOK

24 AT IS, IN ORDER TO GIVE FULL RECOGNITION TO THE PEOPLE THAT

25 HAVE BEEN THERE FOR SO LONG, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE I.R.C. THE

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1 I.R.C. IS THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER DOWN AT MEN'S CENTRAL
2 JAIL. AND THERE'S THIS GAME OF APPALLING MEDIEVAL ABDICATION
3 OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS GOING ON BETWEEN
4 APPARENTLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO RUNS THAT MEDIEVAL
5 CHAMBER, AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO HAVE BEEN
6 PRESIDING OVER THE BUDGET FOR ALL OF THESE THINGS FOR MANY
7 MANY DECADES, INCLUDING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MARIA CHONG
8 CASTILLO. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS MAYBE FIND A WAY TO
9 NAME SOME OF THE GREAT PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE 3RD DISTRICT IN
10 THE UPSCALE PARTS OF THE COUNTY, NAME THIS PLACE AFTER THEM SO
11 THAT THEN THE STANDARDS WILL QUICKLY RISE LIKE THE SUN IN THE
12 MORNING, AND THE LIGHT WILL SHINE, AND NOBODY WILL BE CHAINED
13 TO ANYTHING FOR 60 HOURS WHILE THE COUNTY SHUFFLES AROUND SOME
14 LEGAL PAPERWORK. NOT ACCEPTABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. AND
15 MAX HUNTSMAN, WRITING ABOUT THIS, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, WHILE
16 PRESIDING OVER A STAFF OF 25 PEOPLE WHO ARE ALL DOWN AT THE
17 MARKET HAVING LUNCH, WHILE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY ARE BEING
18 EXPOSED SO THIS KIND OF EGREGIOUS CONDUCT. AND LET'S GO
19 FARTHER. LET'S GO FARTHER. WHAT ABOUT PROBATION? THERE'S NO
20 SHERIFF TO BLAME THERE.

21

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

24

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

4

5 **ANNIE DEVOE:** MY NAME IS ANNIE DEVOE. AND I AM A STUDENT
6 RESIDING IN DISTRICT 5. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THAT I AM IN
7 FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 70, AGAINST AGENDA ITEM 71, AND I ALSO
8 HAVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM 70,
9 IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD TAKE MORE IMPACTFUL ACTION AT
10 HOLDING THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
11 EGREGIOUS MISCONDUCT. THE DEATHS OF CIVILIANS CAUSED BY THE
12 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE NOT ONLY ON THE HANDS OF THE
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO ON THE HANDS OF THOSE FUNDING
14 THIS VIOLENT SYSTEM. WITH REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM 71, THE BOARD
15 MUST VOTE AGAINST RESCINDING THE HIRING FREEZE ON JUVENILE
16 INSTITUTION SERVICES. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT CLAIMS LIFTING
17 THE FREEZE IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF DETAINED YOUTH, BUT IF
18 THE RECENT EXTENSIVE SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING
19 PROBATION OFFICERS INDICATES ANYTHING, IT IS THAT PROBATION
20 OFFICERS ARE NOT THE BEST OPTION WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING
21 JUVENILE SAFETY. INSTEAD OF EXPANDING A SYSTEM THAT ENABLES
22 POWER STRUCTURES THAT PROVOKE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS FOR THE
23 CHILDREN OF L.A., THE BOARD SHOULD CHANNEL FUNDING TOWARD CARE
24 FOCUSED PROGRAMS LIKE HOUSING AND FOOD SECURITY THAT MIGHT
25 ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE AT BUILDING A SAFER L.A. FOR YOUTH.

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1 ADDITIONALLY, THE BOARD MUST IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN NIDORF
2 JUVENILE HALL, WHICH HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR YOUTH
3 HABITATION DUE TO ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE BASIC STANDARDS OF
4 CARE. THE BOARD CANNOT CONTINUE TO SIMPLY STAND BY WHILE THIS
5 INSTITUTION ROBS CHILDREN OF THEIR HUMANITY. IF THE BOARD
6 WISHES TO SHOW IT TAKES YOUTH SAFETY SERIOUSLY, IMMEDIATE
7 ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BY MAINTAINING THE HIRING FREEZE,
8 REDUCING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, SHUTTING DOWN
9 NIDORF, AND ENSURING NO L.A. YOUTH ARE SUBJECTED TO INHUMANE
10 PRACTICES LIKE ELECTRONIC MONITORING. AS FOR MY GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT, IT HAS BEEN WELL OVER A YEAR SINCE THE MEN'S
12 CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT. INCARCERATION IS DEADLY, SO THE
13 TIME TO ACT IS NOW. THE BOARD MUST COMMIT TO CLOSING MEN'S
14 CENTRAL JAIL BY MARCH 2023. IN 2021, 55 PEOPLE DIED WHILE IN
15 CUSTODY OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT IS MORE THAN 1
16 PERSON A WEEK. THIS IS DESPICABLE. AND IF THE BOARD CARES TO
17 END THESE DEADLY CONDITIONS, THEN LET'S EXERCISE URGENCY IN
18 CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND WORK TO ALLOCATE FUNDING
19 TOWARDS CARE SERVICES LIKE NON-PUNITIVE MENTAL HEALTH
20 SERVICES. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU. WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR 90
23 MINUTES ALLOCATED FOR OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS. SO OUR TIME HAS
24 COME TO AN END. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE THAT CALLED
25 IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, WE

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1 ASK THAT YOU SUBMIT THEM IN WRITTEN FORM AS INDICATED ON THE
2 AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT
3 COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
4 OFFICIAL MEETING RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE
5 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 3, 5
8 AND 6, 8-10, 13 AND 14, 17-28, 30-34, 36-39, 41-69, 72-83,
9 84A, 84C-84E, 87-89. S.D.-1. 1D THROUGH 4D. 1P THROUGH 3P.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

7 MITCHELL.

8

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. THE MOTION

12 CARRIES 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO THE MEETING ORDER

15 TODAY. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SET MATTER 2, THEN SPECIALS,

16 FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 4, 7, 11, 12, 15, THEN ITEMS 16 AND 35

17 TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 29, 40, 70, AND FINISHING WITH

18 ITEM 84B. WE WILL BEGIN WITH OUR SET MATTER 2, THE PUBLIC

19 HEALTH ORDER. WE WILL HEAR OUR PRESENTATIONS FROM DR. BARBARA

20 FERRER, DIRECTOR OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR.

21 CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AS WELL AS DR.

22 RITA SINGHAL, OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. GOOD MORNING, ALL.

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24 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIR

25 MITCHELL AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS ALWAYS FOR

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1 YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP, SUPPORT, AND GUIDANCE. I AM PLEASED
2 TO JOIN YOU TODAY TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON OUR ONGOING COVID-19
3 RESPONSE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A UPDATE FROM DR. SINGHAL,
4 PUBLIC HEALTH'S CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ON THE MONKEYPOX
5 OUTBREAK AND OUR RESPONSE EFFORTS THERE. IN TODAY'S
6 PRESENTATION, I WILL SHARE OUR CURRENT COVID METRICS, AN
7 OVERVIEW OF L.A. COUNTY'S EARLY ALERT SIGNALS, I WILL LOOK AT
8 COVID TRANSMISSION IN T.K. THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS AND YOUTH
9 PROGRAMS, AND I WILL CLOSE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW FALL
10 2022 BOOSTER. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE, YOU
11 SEE THE FAMILIAR TREND LINES TRACKING THE TRAJECTORY OF THE
12 PANDEMIC SINCE MARCH OF THIS YEAR. WE REMAIN ENCOURAGED BY THE
13 SIGNIFICANT AND ONGOING DECLINE IN COVID CASES, AND YOU CAN
14 SEE THAT WITH THE GREEN TREND LINE. TODAY, WE ARE REPORTING
15 1,601 NEW CASES WITH AN AVERAGE OF JUST UNDER 1700 NEW CASES
16 PER DAY REPORTED OVER THIS PAST WEEK. THIS IS ABOUT I THINK A
17 21% DECREASE FROM THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE OF JUST OVER 2100
18 CASES PER DAY THAT WE REPORTED LAST WEEK. THE ORANGE SHOWS THE
19 SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR DAILY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, WHICH IS AT
20 ABOUT 115 A DAY AS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH. THIS IS ALSO A SMALL
21 DECLINE FROM THE AVERAGE OF 126 ADMISSIONS PER DAY THAT WE SAW
22 A WEEK AGO. I THINK IT IS ABOUT A 9% DECLINE THERE. THE SEVEN
23 DAY AVERAGE NUMBER OF REPORTED DEATHS THAT IS SEEN ON THE BLUE
24 LINE ON THIS SLIDE HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE AT ABOUT 12
25 TO 13 REPORTED DEATHS PER DAY. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THE

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1 DECLINES IN CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE OF COURSE REFLECTED
2 IN OUR C.D.C. DESIGNATED COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL, WHICH
3 REMAINS LOW. AS A REMINDER, THE COVID COMMUNITY LEVEL IS BASED
4 ON THREE METRICS AS CALCULATED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE
5 CONTROL. IT'S BASED ON THE WEEKLY CASE RATE, WHICH IS NOW DOWN
6 TO 127 REPORTED CASES PER WEEK PER 100,000 PEOPLE. IT LOOKS AT
7 THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY AT 7.1 WEEKLY
8 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE. AND IT ALSO AT LOOKS AT THE
9 SEVEN DAY AVERAGE OF THE PROPORTION OF STAFFED IN PATIENT BEDS
10 OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS, WHICH IS NOW DROPPED TO 4.4%.
11 THE DATA ON THIS SLIDE DOES REFLECT THE DATA THAT WAS REPORTED
12 BY C.D.C YESTERDAY, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE
13 HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE REPORTED BY C.D.C. ON MONDAY, ON THEIR
14 MONDAYS, IS OFTEN ARTIFICIALLY LOW BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF
15 WEEKEND REPORTING ON HOSPITALIZATIONS FROM THE STATE. WE
16 THEREFORE EXPECT THAT THE ADMISSION RATE OF 7.1 SHOWN HERE
17 WILL INCREASE SLIGHTLY WHEN THE C.D.C. GOES AHEAD AND UPDATES
18 THESE METRICS LATER THIS AFTERNOON. HOWEVER, WITH CONSISTENT
19 DECLINES IN DAILY REPORTED CASES, IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT
20 THAT OUR CASE RATE MIGHT DROP BELOW 100 WEEKLY CASES PER
21 100,000 PEOPLE LATER THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK. AND THIS IS
22 IMPORTANT BECAUSE FALLING BELOW THE CASE RATE OF 100 WOULD
23 RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE L.A. COUNTY MASKING RECOMMENDATIONS
24 THAT WE MAKE UNDER THE COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN. THIS IS
25 BECAUSE, AT LOWER TRANSMISSION LEVELS, THE RISK FOR GETTING

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1 INFECTED OR INFECTING OTHERS IS REDUCED. ONCE WE DROP BELOW
2 100 NEW WEEKLY CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE, WE WOULD MOVE FROM A
3 STRONG RECOMMENDATION FROM ALL INDIVIDUALS TO MASK INDOORS TO
4 MASKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCE UNLESS IT IS REQUIRED BY
5 THE STATE REGULATIONS, THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR HIGH
6 RISK SETTINGS, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, OR AS REQUIRED BY
7 A PARTICULAR SITE. HIGH RISK SETTINGS WHERE MASKS WILL REMAIN
8 REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, INCLUDE
9 ALL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, SHELTERS,
10 AND MANY CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES. THIS IS REGARDLESS OF THE
11 TRANSMISSION RATE. CAL O.S.H.A. ALSO REQUIRES MASKING INDOORS
12 FOR THOSE WORKERS WITH A KNOWN EXPOSURE TO COVID FOR TEN DAYS
13 AFTER THEIR LAST EXPOSURE AND DURING SOME OUTBREAK SITUATIONS
14 AS DETERMINED BY LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES. THE COUNTY
15 HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REQUIRES MASKING INDOORS AS WELL FOR
16 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID FOR TEN DAYS FROM THEIR
17 LAST EXPOSURE. THERE ARE ALSO BUSINESSES AND VENUES WHERE
18 MASKING INDOORS IS REQUIRED BY THE SITE. INDIVIDUALS
19 PREFERENCE ALLOWS THOSE WHO EITHER BECAUSE OF AN ELEVATED RISK
20 OR A PERSONAL DESIRE TO CONTINUE WEARING MASKS DO SO WITHOUT
21 ANY PENALTIES. WE ARE RELIEVED TO BE IN PLACE, WHERE THERE'S
22 LESS TRANSMISSION, WHILE NOTING THAT TAKING SENSIBLE MEASURES
23 TO REDUCE RISK IS STILL IMPORTANT FOR THE MANY WHO ARE
24 VULNERABLE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED, ARE OLDER,
25 OR HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. GIVEN THE CONCERNS

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1 AROUND LONG COVID AND REINFECTIONS, THERE ARE ALSO MANY OTHERS
2 WHO APPRECIATE COLLECTIVE ACTIONS THAT SUPPORT AND OFFER
3 PROTECTIONS. NEXT SLIDE. I ALSO WANT TO PROVIDE A QUICK UPDATE
4 ON THE COVID-19 EARLY ALERT SIGNALS FOR L.A. COUNTY. TRACKING
5 CLOSELY WITH REDUCED TRANSMISSION, ALL EIGHT OF THE COVID-19
6 EARLY ALERT SIGNALS FOR L.A. COUNTY CURRENTLY INDICATE EITHER
7 LOW OR MEDIUM LEVELS OF CONCERN, WITH NONE REFLECTING HIGH
8 CONCERN. THESE EARLY ALERT SIGNALS OFFER ANOTHER SIGN THAT THE
9 LEVEL OF RISK, EVEN IN MORE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND
10 SECTORS, HAS DECLINED. NEXT SLIDE. FOR THE WEEK THAT ENDED
11 AUGUST 20TH, VIRAL SEQUENCING DATA FOR L.A. COUNTY INDICATES
12 THAT THE B.A.5 SUB-VARIANT OFOMICRON CONTINUES TO DOMINANT,
13 WITH B.A.5 ACCOUNTING FOR 95% OF SEQUENCED SPECIMENS. THE
14 C.D.C. HAS BEEN REPORTING AN INCREASE IN THE B.A.4.6 SUB-
15 LINEAGE OFOMICRON ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY TRUE IN
16 CENTRAL UNITED STATES, ESTIMATING THAT OVER 9% OF SEQUENCED
17 SPECIMENS NATIONWIDE WERE B.A.4.6 AS OF SEPTEMBER 10TH.
18 HOWEVER, B.A.4.6, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, HAS REMAINED AT VERY
19 LOW LEVELS IN L.A. COUNTY, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 1 TO 2% OF
20 SEQUENCED SPECIMENS PER WEEK, SINCE IT WAS FIRST DETECTED IN
21 EARLY JULY. AS YOU CAN SEE FOR THE WEEK THAT ENDED AUGUST
22 20TH, THE MOST RECENT DATA THAT'S AVAILABLE, B.A.4.6 ACCOUNTED
23 FOR 1.4% OF SPECIMENS. NEXT SLIDE. WITH ALMOST ALL SCHOOLS
24 BACK IN SESSION, I WANT TO SHARE WHAT WE ARE SEEING IN TERMS
25 OF COVID TRANSMISSION AMONG STUDENTS AND STAFF IN T.K. THROUGH

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1 GRADE 12 CLASSROOMS AND ASSOCIATED YOUTH PROGRAMS. THIS TABLE
2 SHOWS THE WEEKLY NUMBER OF CLUSTERS REPORTED AND THE WEEKLY
3 NUMBER OF CASES ASSOCIATED WITH A CLUSTER DURING THE MONTH OF
4 AUGUST. CLUSTERS ARE DEFINED IN EDUCATION SETTINGS AS THREE OR
5 MORE CASES WITHIN A 14 DAY PERIOD. WHILE WE SAW STEEP
6 INCREASES IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF AUGUST, CLUSTERS APPEAR
7 TO HAVE PEAKED AT 445 NEW CLUSTERS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST
8 21ST. WE SEE A SIMILAR TREND WHEN WE LOOK AT CASES WITH WEEKLY
9 INCREASES IN CASES AMONG BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF, UNTIL THIS
10 MOST RECENT WEEK. THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21ST, CASES ASSOCIATED
11 WITH CLUSTERS RECEIVED -- REACHED 3,361 AMONG CHILDREN AND
12 STUDENTS, AND 111 AMONG ADULTS AND STAFF, BUT THEN, SIMILAR TO
13 WHAT WE SEE IN THE CLUSTER REPORTS, WE SEE A DECLINE THIS LAST
14 WEEK. THIS LIKELY REFLECTS THAT MANY SCHOOLS ASK STAFF AND
15 STUDENTS TO TEST AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR SCHOOL YEAR. IN THE
16 LAST WEEK OF AUGUST, YOU SAW THAT THE NUMBER OF CLUSTERS, AS I
17 NOTED, DROPPED TO ABOUT 317. AND THE NUMBER OF CASES DROPPED
18 BY BEHALF TO 1,359 CASES AMONG CHILDREN AND STUDENTS, AND
19 DROPPED BY A SMALLER PERCENT AMONG STAFF AND ADULTS. WE ARE
20 HOPEFUL THAT WITH REDUCED COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, THE NUMBER
21 OF NEW CLUSTERS AND CASES ASSOCIATED WITH CLUSTERS AT SCHOOLS
22 CAN CONTINUE TO DECLINE. NEXT SLIDE. OUTBREAKS AT SCHOOL ARE
23 SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AND THEY REFLECT TRANSMISSION THAT WE
24 KNOW HAPPENED WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. AS YOU CAN SEE,
25 WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF SCHOOL REOPENINGS, WE STARTED

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1 SEEING SOME INCREASES IN OUTBREAKS ASSOCIATED WITH CLASSROOMS
2 AND SCHOOL AFFILIATED YOUTH SPORTS WITH THE MAJORITY OF
3 OUTBREAKS REPORTED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. DURING THE MONTH OF
4 AUGUST, THERE WERE 36 OUTBREAKS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MORE
5 THAN THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS IN ALL THE OTHER T.K. THROUGH
6 GRADE 12 SETTINGS COMBINED, BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE THIS NUMBER
7 REMAINS RELATIVELY LOW, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT ARE
8 OPENED AND THAT OUR D.P.H. TEAM DOES WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS AND
9 THE YOUTH PROGRAMS THAT HAVE OUTBREAKS TO PUT IN PLACE
10 APPROPRIATE SAFETY MEASURES THAT CAN HELP PREVENT FURTHER
11 SPREAD. WE DO WANT TO THANK THE SCHOOL AND LABOR PARTNERS,
12 PARENTS, AND STUDENTS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK TO HELP ENSURE
13 SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SAFE WORKPLACES
14 FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF. NEXT SLIDE. AS WE ENJOY THIS PERIOD OF
15 LOWER TRANSMISSION AND REDUCED RISK, WE ARE MINDFUL THAT, FOR
16 THE NEXT TWO YEARS, OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY EXPERIENCED
17 WINTER SURGES THAT WERE NOTABLE FOR HIGH CASES,
18 HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH NUMBERS. THE FIRST SURGE OCCURRED
19 BEFORE THE VACCINE WAS WIDELY AVAILABLE, AND THE SECOND
20 RESULTED FROM A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS VARIANT THAT DID NOT FULLY
21 MATCH THE VACCINE. THIS YEAR. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE
22 BETTER PROTECTED WITH A NEW FALL BOOSTER VACCINE THAT
23 SPECIFICALLY TARGETS OMICRON B.A.4 AND B.A.5, AND B.A.5 IS
24 WHAT IS CIRCULATING ALMOST ENTIRELY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE
25 HOPE THAT THIS NEW VACCINE MAY HELP REDUCE THE CHANCES OF A

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1 THIRD HUGE WINTER SURGE OF COVID. I WANT TO JUST BRIEFLY
2 REVIEW WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE NEW BIVALENT, OR FALL,
3 2022 BOOSTERS. EVERYONE 12 AND OLDER THAT COMPLETED THEIR
4 INITIAL VACCINE SERIES AND IS AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OUT FROM
5 THEIR LAST VACCINE DOSE, WHETHER IT WAS FROM THE INITIAL
6 SERIES OR A BOOSTER, IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW FALL BOOSTER.
7 BOTH MODERNA AND PFIZER RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE F.D.A. AND
8 THE C.D.C. FOR THESE NEW UPDATED BOOSTERS THAT TARGET THE
9 OMICRON SUB-VARIANTS. PEOPLE AGE 18 AND OLDER CAN RECEIVE
10 EITHER THE MODERNA OR THE PFIZER UPDATED FALL 2022 BOOSTER.
11 WHILE CHILDREN AGES 12 TO 17, CAN ONLY RECEIVE THE NEW PFIZER
12 BOOSTER. BOTH ARE GIVEN AS A SINGLE BOOSTER DOSE, AND, AS I
13 NOTED, THEY MUST BE GIVEN AT LEAST 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING ANY
14 PREVIOUS VACCINATION. AT THE MOMENT, CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE NOT
15 ELIGIBLE FOR THESE NEW FALL BOOSTERS, ALTHOUGH THE C.D.C.
16 NOTED THAT THEIR VACCINATION COMMITTEE ANTICIPATES UPDATED
17 BOOSTERS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 AT SOME
18 POINT IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT CHILDREN
19 5 TO 11 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE DOSE OF THE PFIZER BOOSTER, IF
20 THEY HAVE COMPLETED, AGAIN, THEIR INITIAL SERIES. WHEN WE
21 APPLY THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FALL BOOSTER TO THE
22 POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY, YOU CAN SEE THAT THIS TRANSLATES TO
23 6.9 MILLION VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE NOW TO RECEIVE
24 THE NEW BOOSTER DOSE. SINCE THE NEW BOOSTER, AS I NOTED,
25 DIRECTLY TARGETS THAT MOST DOMINANT SUB-VARIANT THAT IS

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1 CIRCULATING NOW, B.A.5, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE ALMOST 7
2 MILLION RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS UPDATED BOOSTER WILL GET
3 BOOSTED EARLY THIS FALL. THIS BOOSTER WILL INCREASE PROTECTION
4 AGAINST SEVERE DISEASE AND MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION
5 FROM GETTING INFECTED, HOPEFULLY ALLOWING US TO ENJOY THE FALL
6 AND HOLIDAY SEASON WITH LESS DISRUPTION AND ILLNESS. MY LAST
7 SLIDE -- CAN YOU GO THE NEXT ONE? THERE'S ALSO PLENTY OF
8 SUPPLY OF THE NEW BOOSTERS. AS OF YESTERDAY, WE HAVE MORE THAN
9 HALF A MILLION DOSES IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WE ARE SET TO GET ON
10 ADDITIONAL 41,000 DOSES PRETTY SOON. THIS MAP SHOWS THE OVER
11 1500 SITES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE PREPARED TO ADMINISTER THE
12 FALL BOOSTERS AS OF LAST WEEK. OVER 700 OF THESE SITES ARE
13 SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING 701 MOBILE VACCINATION
14 TEAMS, SEVEN MULTI-SERVICE VACCINATION SITES, AND FIVE PUBLIC
15 HEALTH CENTERS. THE REMAINING VACCINATION SITES ARE THANKFULLY
16 EMBEDDED IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AT PHARMACIES, CLINICS, AND
17 OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCATIONS. THE PRIORITY REMAINS
18 ENSURING EASY ACCESS TO THESE NEW BOOSTERS FOR EVERYONE WHO IS
19 ELIGIBLE, AND WE REMAIN ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON ENSURING GOOD
20 ACCESS TO THE NEW BOOSTERS IN THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES,
21 WHICH ARE SHOWN ON THIS MAP IN THE AREAS SHADED IN LIGHT
22 GREEN. YOU CAN GO TO [VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM](https://vaccinate.lacounty.com), CLICK ON FIND A
23 LOCATION, AND THEN SEE WHICH SITES ARE READY TO ADMINISTER
24 THESE NEW BOOSTER DOSES. AS A REMINDER, FOR THOSE THAT FIND IT
25 EASIER TO TALK SOMEBODY, OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

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1 BOOSTERS OR VACCINATIONS IN GENERAL, PLEASE CALL US AT 1(833)
2 540-0473. THIS IS OUR PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINE CALL CENTER. IT IS
3 OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 8:00 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 8:30 IN
4 THE EVENING. FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, AS A
5 REMINDER, YOU CAN CALL THIS LINE AS WELL. AND WE WILL GO AHEAD
6 AND COME TO YOUR HOME TO OFFER YOU VACCINES. WE ARE REALLY
7 GRATEFUL WE HAVE THIS BOOSTER TO PROVIDE US WITH EVEN MORE
8 PROTECTION AGAINST SERIOUS ILLNESS IN L.A. COUNTY AS WE ENTER
9 THIS FALL. WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO DR. SINGHAL TO
10 PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR MONKEYPOX RESPONSE.

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12 **DR. SINGHAL:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR
13 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN
14 UPDATE REGARDING THE ONGOING MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK IN LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY. I'LL PRESENT A SITUATIONAL UPDATE, CASE DATA AND
16 TRENDS, AND OUR LATEST VACCINE ADMINISTRATION DATA. I WILL
17 ALSO REVIEW OUR EXPANDED VACCINE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND
18 OPTIONS FOR GETTING VACCINATED. I WILL TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE,
19 PLEASE. THE NUMBER OF GLOBAL MONKEYPOX CASES HAS INCREASED TO
20 NEARLY 58,000 ACROSS OVER 100 COUNTRIES, WHICH INCLUDES NEARLY
21 22,000 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE UNITED STATES. CALIFORNIA
22 CONTINUES TO BE THE STATE REPORTING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
23 CASES IN THE UNITED STATES WITH 4,302 CASES. AS OF YESTERDAY,
24 1,772 OF MONKEYPOX HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 IN ADDITION TO 95 CASES REPORTED IN LONG BEACH AND 22 CASES

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1 REPORTED IN PASADENA. I HAVE SEVERAL UPDATES REGARDING CASES
2 OF MONKEYPOX IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS. FIRST, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
3 A HEALTHCARE WORKER WITH MONKEYPOX, WHO APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
4 EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS AT THEIR WORK SITE. THIS IS THE FIRST
5 CASE OF MONKEYPOX IN A HEALTHCARE WORKER IN THE UNITED STATES
6 THAT HAS BEEN LINKED TO A WORK SITE EXPOSURE. WE HAVE
7 CONSULTED WITH THE C.D.C. AND, GIVEN THAT THE RISK FOR
8 HEALTHCARE WORKERS REMAINS VERY LOW, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
9 MESSAGE ON CURRENT INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
10 RECOMMENDATIONS AND IN PARTICULAR THE USE OF APPROPRIATE
11 P.P.E., PENDING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM C.D.C. WE ALSO
12 CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR CASES IN VULNERABLE GROUPS IN HIGH
13 RISK SETTINGS. AS OF SEPTEMBER 12TH, THERE WERE 81 CASES IN
14 P.E.H., OR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ONLY SEVEN OF
15 WHICH WERE LIVING IN CONGREGATE HOUSING SITES. IN ADDITION,
16 THERE HAVE BEEN TWO CASES IN JAILS. CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO
17 EVIDENCE OF SPREAD IN THESE SETTING. SIX CASES OF MONKEYPOX
18 HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18, WHICH IS
19 LESS THAN 1% OF ALL MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY. SINCE THE
20 START OF THE OUTBREAK, 66 HOSPITALIZATIONS, OR 4% OF CASES,
21 HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED WITH MONKEYPOX. FINALLY, AS ANNOUNCED
22 YESTERDAY, WE HAVE CONFIRMED A DEATH OF A PERSON DUE TO
23 MONKEYPOX IN L.A. COUNTY. THE RESIDENT WAS SEVERELY
24 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED. WE SEND OUR
25 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS

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1 WHO ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONE. GIVEN THE RISK
2 FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS, WE ARE ASKING SEVERELY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED
3 PERSONS WITH MONKEYPOX TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT
4 EARLY AND REMAIN UNDER THE CARE OF A PROVIDER DURING THEIR
5 DISEASE COURSE. IN ADDITION, WE ASK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO
6 REPORT AND CONSULT WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON ANY
7 HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH WORSENING
8 DISEASE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE HAS THE LATEST
9 EPIDEMIOLOGICAL, OR EPI, CURVE FOR MONKEYPOX CASES BY EPISODE
10 DATE, WHICH IS WHEN CASE REPORTS SYMPTOM ONSET. THE COLUMNS
11 SHOW WEEKLY CASE COUNTS BEGINNING IN MID MAY THROUGH THIS
12 WEEK. DUE TO A LAG IN REPORTING, DATA FOR RECENT WEEKS ARE
13 INCOMPLETE. AFTER WEEKLY CASE NUMBERS AT ABOVE 200 A WEEK
14 THROUGH THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WE HAD ONLY 115 NEW CASES IN THE
15 WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3RD, INDICATING THE BEGINNING OF A
16 POSSIBLE DECLINE. DUE TO THE REPORTING LAG, ALL DATA MAY NOT
17 BE IN, SO WE MAY STILL SEE THIS NUMBER GO UP, BUT IT IS
18 UNLIKELY TO REACH ABOVE 200 CASES FOR THAT WEEK. IN ADDITION,
19 OUR DOUBLING TIME CONTINUES TO INCREASE AND IS NOW 46 DRAYS
20 COMPARED TO EIGHT DAYS IN MID JULY. BOTH THE PLATEAUING OF NEW
21 WEEKLY CASES AND THE INCREASING DOUBLING TIME SUPPORT THAT
22 THERE IS A SLOWING IN TRANSMISSION AND A DECLINING GROWTH RATE
23 IN L.A. COUNTY'S MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS
24 WEEK, I AM ALSO SHARING SOME NEW DATA THAT HELPS US TO BETTER
25 UNDERSTAND HOW THE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK HAS EVOLVED SINCE ITS

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1 START FROM NOW. ON THIS SLIDE, WE HAVE DATA SHOWING MONKEYPOX
2 CASES BY RACE/ETHNICITY OVER TIME. IN EARLY JULY, WHITE
3 RESIDENTS, SHOWN HERE IN PURPLE, ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST
4 PROPORTION OF MONKEYPOX CASES, BUT OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS,
5 CASES IN LATINX RESIDENTS, SHOWN IN GREEN, INCREASED
6 SUBSTANTIALLY, AND THIS GROUP NOW ACCOUNTS FOR THE LARGEST
7 PROPORTION OF MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY. NEXT SLIDE,
8 PLEASE. IN ADDITION TO LOOKING AT THE PROPORTION OF CASES BY
9 RACE/ ETHNICITY, WE NOW HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA TO CALCULATE
10 CASE RATES FOR SOME GROUPS. WHILE AS NOTED, LATINX RESIDENTS
11 ACCOUNT FOR THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF MONKEYPOX CASES AT 44%,
12 AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE SLIDE, WHEN WE ACCOUNT FOR POPULATION
13 SIZE, BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS HAVE THE HIGHEST
14 RATES OF INFECTION AT 26 CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION. THEY
15 ARE FOLLOWED BY WHITE, AND THEN LATINX RESIDENTS, WITH 17
16 CASES AND 16 CASES PER 100,000, RESPECTIVELY. NEXT SLIDE,
17 PLEASE. IT IS ALSO USEFUL TO BREAK OUT OUR CASE DATA BY HEALTH
18 PLACES INDEX QUARTILE. THE HEALTHY PLACES INDEX, OR H.P.I.
19 COMBINES 25 COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO
20 HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, AND EDUCATION INTO A SINGLE SCORE
21 REFLECTING THE COMMUNITY'S OVERALL HEALTH. HEALTHIER
22 COMMUNITIES HAVE HIGHER H.P.I. SCORES, AND THOSE THAT ARE LESS
23 HEALTHY HAVE LOWER SCORES. ON THIS CHART, H.P.I. SCORES ARE
24 DIVIDED INTO QUARTILES, WITH QUARTILE 1 IN DARK BLUE
25 REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY'S LEAST HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, AND

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1 QUARTILE 4 IN DARK GREEN REPRESENTING ITS HEALTHIEST
2 COMMUNITIES. WHILE AT THE START OF THE OUTBREAK, OVER HALF OF
3 CASES WERE AMONG THE HIGHEST QUANTILES REPRESENTING THE
4 HEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES, SHOWN IN LIGHT AND DARK GREEN, OVER
5 TIME, A HIGHER PROPORTION OF CASES HAVE BEEN IN THE TWO LOWEST
6 H.P.I. QUANTILES, OR LEAST HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SHOWN IN SHADES
7 OF BLUE. AT THIS TIME, THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF MONKEYPOX
8 CASES ARE IN H.P.I. QUARTILE 1. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE
9 PRESENTS CASE RATES AND IN CONTRAST TO THE PROPORTION OF CASES
10 BY H.P.I. AND SERVICE PLANNING AREA. COMMUNITIES IN THE LOWEST
11 H.P.I. QUANTILES HAVE THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF CASES
12 ACCOUNTING FOR 42% OF TOTAL CASES, AND THEY ALSO HAVE THE
13 HIGHEST RATE OF INFECTION, WITH 23 PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. HERE
14 YOU CAN ALSO SEE THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF MONKEYPOX
15 CASES. SERVICE PLANNING AREA 4, WHICH IS OUR METRO S.P.A., HAS
16 THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF CASES AS WELL AS THE HIGHEST
17 MONKEYPOX CASE RATE BY FAR WITH 63 CASES PER 100,000
18 POPULATION. OF NOTE, S.P.A. 2, COVERING OUR SAN FERNANDO AND
19 SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS HOWEVER, HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST
20 PROPORTION OF MONKEYPOX CASES. HOWEVER, WHEN WE ACCOUNT FOR
21 POPULATION SIZE, S.P.A. 6, COVERING SOUTH L.A., NOT S.P.A. 2,
22 HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST CASE RATE AT 17 CASES PER 100,000.
23 OVERALL, THESE DATA SHOW THAT, IN ADDITION TO REGIONAL
24 DIFFERENCES, THERE ARE ALSO SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES IN THE
25 GROUPS CURRENTLY AFFECTED BY THE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK WITH

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1 PERSONS OF COLOR AND THOSE IN OUR LEAST HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
2 HAVING THE HIGHEST RATES OF INFECTION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
3 MOVING TO OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS, IN ADDITION TO INCREASING
4 AWARENESS AND PROVIDING RELEVANT MESSAGING ON PREVENTION,
5 VACCINATION CONTINUES TO BE A CRITICAL PART OF OUR MONKEYPOX
6 CONTROL EFFORTS. WE ARE IN TRANCHE ONE OF PHASE FOUR OF OUR
7 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION AND HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT 57,000 TOTAL
8 VIALS OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE. THE FIRST 43,290 WERE SINGLE
9 DOSE VIALS RECEIVED IN EARLIER PHASES OF ALLOCATIONS, AND THE
10 REMAINING 14,034 VIALS FROM RECENT ALLOCATIONS ARE MULTI-DOSE
11 VIALS BASED ON THE ALTERNATE DOSING REGIMEN. GIVEN THAT IT IS
12 NOT KNOWN EXACTLY HOW MANY DOSES EACH MULTI-DOSE VIAL WILL
13 PRODUCE, WE ESTIMATE THAT VIALS RECEIVED TO DATE EQUATES TO
14 ABOUT 100,000 DOSES. AS OF YESTERDAY, 44,000 VIALS AND 65,000
15 DOSES OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE HAD BEEN ADMINISTERED. THIS
16 REPRESENTS 77% OF TOTAL VIALS RECEIVED AND 57% OF TOTAL DOSES
17 RECEIVED. OF DOSES ADMINISTERED, APPROXIMATELY 53,000, OR 82%,
18 ARE FIRST DOSES, AND 11,000, OR 18%, ARE SECOND DOSES. ONLY
19 ABOUT A THIRD OF INDIVIDUALS IN L.A. COUNTY WHO ARE DUE FOR A
20 SECOND DOSE OF MONKEYPOX VACCINE HAVE RECEIVED IT. WE STRONGLY
21 ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO IS DUE FOR A SECOND DOSE TO GET IT NOW TO
22 OPTIMIZE THEIR IMMUNE RESPONSE. LATER THIS WEEK, WE EXPECT TO
23 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL 8,260 VIALS, OR AN ESTIMATED 41,000 DOSES,
24 THROUGH OUR PHASE FOUR TRANCHE TWO ALLOCATION. NEXT SLIDE,
25 PLEASE. LAST WEEK, GIVEN OUR INCREASING SUPPLY OF VACCINE, WE

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1 EXPANDED OUR VACCINE ELIGIBILITY TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY PEOPLE AT
2 HIGH RISK AND MAY HAVE HAD A RECENT EXPOSURE, BUT THOSE WHO
3 MAY BE AT RISK FOR FUTURE EXPOSURES. MONKEYPOX VACCINE IS NOW
4 AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS WHO SELF-ATTEST TO BEING IN ANY OF THE
5 FOLLOWING GROUPS: GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN OR ANY MEN OR
6 TRANSGENDER PERSONS WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN OR TRANSGENDER
7 PEOPLE. PERSONS OF ANY GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION WHO ENGAGE
8 IN COMMERCIAL OR TRANSACTIONAL SEX, PERSONS LIVING WITH
9 H.I.V., ESPECIALLY PERSONS WITH UNCONTROLLED OR ADVANCED
10 H.I.V. DISEASE, PERSONS WHO HAVE SKIN TO SKIN OR INTIMATE
11 CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED MONKEYPOX,
12 INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED BY PUBLIC
13 HEALTH. RESIDENTS WHO MEET PRIOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, WHICH
14 ARE LISTED ON OUR MONKEYPOX WEBPAGE, REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR
15 VACCINATION. AND WE CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE RESIDENTS WHO ARE
16 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, SINCE THEY ARE AT RISK FOR -- THEY ARE AT
17 HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE STRONGLY
18 RECOMMEND VACCINATION FOR ALL ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS. IT IS NOW
19 EASIER THAN EVER TO ACCESS THE VACCINE. RESIDENTS CAN EITHER
20 WALK UP TO A PUBLIC VACCINATION SITE OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT
21 MYTURN.CA.GOV TO BE VACCINATED AT A NEARBY COMMUNITY PARTNER
22 OR PROVIDER VACCINATION SITE. A LIST OF VACCINATION SITES,
23 INCLUDING SITES THAT ARE OFFERING WALK UP, IS POSTED ON THE
24 PUBLIC HEALTH WEBPAGE AT PH.LACOUNTY.GOV/MONKEYPOX. OF NOTE,
25 MINORS BETWEEN AGES 12 AND 17 YEARS CAN NOW RECEIVE THE

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1 VACCINE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT AT PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS AND
2 PODS. MINORS SIX MONTHS TO 12 YEARS OF AGE WILL CONTINUE TO
3 REQUIRE PARENTAL CONSENT AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT,
4 LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR RESPONSIBLE ADULT. CONSENT FORMS AND
5 FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. MINORS WHO PLAN
6 TO BE VACCINATED AT A SITE OTHER THAN A PUBLIC HEALTH SITE,
7 SHOULD CONTACT THE VACCINE PROVIDER TO LEARN ABOUT
8 REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTAL CONSENT, AS THEY MAY DIFFER ACROSS
9 THE COUNTY BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE ARE
10 MONITORING KEY DEMOGRAPHICS OF PERSONS THAT HAVE BEEN
11 VACCINATED AGAINST MONKEYPOX, AND WHEN LOOKING AT OUR
12 RACE/ETHNICITY DATA, WE CONTINUE TO SEE DISPARITIES. ON THE
13 LEFT OF THIS FIGURE, YOU CAN SEE THE RACE ETHNICITY BREAK DOWN
14 OF OUR MONKEYPOX CASES. AND ON THE RIGHT, THE RACE/ ETHNICITY
15 OF THOSE THAT RECEIVED A FIRST DOSE OF MONKEYPOX VACCINE. AS
16 YOU CAN SEE, 44% OF MONKEYPOX CASES ARE LATINX, AS DISCUSSED,
17 BUT ONLY 32% OF FIRST DOSES OF VACCINE WERE RECEIVED BY LATINX
18 INDIVIDUALS. SIMILARLY 12% OF CASES WERE BLACK OR AFRICAN
19 AMERICAN, BUT ONLY 9% OF FIRST DOSES WERE RECEIVED BY BLACK OR
20 AFRICAN AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS. IN ADDITION, AS SHARED EARLIER,
21 THE BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION HAS THE HIGHEST CASE
22 RATE OF MONKEYPOX. TO ADDRESS THE DISPARITIES IN MONKEYPOX
23 CASE AND VACCINATION RATES AMONG LATINX AND BLACK POPULATIONS,
24 PUBLIC HEALTH IS WORKING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO
25 FURTHER DEFINE MESSAGING AND OUTREACH FOR THESE POPULATIONS.

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1 WE ARE MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO HEAR
2 FEEDBACK FROM FOCUS GROUPS ON HOW BEST TO REACH THESE
3 POPULATIONS. MEANWHILE, WE ARE CONDUCTING OUTREACH AND
4 OFFERING EASY ACCESS TO VACCINATIONS IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS. A
5 NUMBER OF EVENTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN THE COMING WEEKS. FOR
6 INSTANCE, ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, WE ARE PROVIDING MONKEYPOX
7 VACCINATIONS AT THE EL GRITO 2022 CELEBRATION OF THE
8 ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF MEXICO. THE EVENT IS BEING
9 HELD AT THE LOS ANGELES CITY HALL IN GRANT PARK FROM 5:45 TO
10 8:30 P.M. IN ADDITION, OVER THIS PAST WEEKEND, OUR CLINICAL
11 PARTNERS A.P.L.A. AND KEDRON HEALTH HELD VACCINE EVENTS ON THE
12 CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND IN WEST ADAMS IN
13 PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. RESIDENTS CAN
14 FIND INFORMATION REGARDING UPCOMING VACCINE EVENTS ON OUR
15 ONLINE PUBLIC MONKEYPOX VACCINATION SITE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS
16 UPDATED EACH MONDAY. NEXT SLIDE. SO IN CLOSING, AS WE RESPOND
17 TO THIS ONGOING OUTBREAK, WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR
18 RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND HEALTHCARE PARTNERS WITH
19 RELIABLE AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND INFORMATION REGARDING
20 MONKEYPOX PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT, AND TREATMENT. THEY CAN
21 VISIT OUR MONKEYPOX WEBPAGE TO ACCESS A VARIETY OF RESOURCES
22 INCLUDING F.A.Q.S, FLYERS, SIGNAGE, WEBINARS, AND GUIDANCE
23 DOCUMENTS. WE HAVE ALSO RECENTLY EXPANDED OUR ONLINE MONKEYPOX
24 DATA DASHBOARDS, WHICH ARE UPDATED WEEKLY, TO INCLUDE DATA ON
25 THOSE RECEIVING VACCINATIONS AND T POX TREATMENT AND CASE RATE

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1 DATA. FINALLY, ANY RESIDENT WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE
2 INTERNET AND NEEDS INFORMATION CAN CALL THE PUBLIC HEALTH CALL
3 CENTER AT 1(833) 540-0473 SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 8:00 A.M. TO
4 8:30 P.M. THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO PROVIDE THIS UPDATE.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GHALY.

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8 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. I WILL
9 PROVIDE A VERY BRIEF UPDATE FOR YOU TODAY. I KNOW THERE'S A
10 LONG AGENDA, AND I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS TO JUST COVERING THE
11 LATEST ON THE D.H.S. FACILITY HOSPITALIZATION RATE AND THE
12 LATEST ON THE COMMUNITY TESTING DATA. IF YOU COULD PLEASE GO
13 TO THE NEXT SLIDE. OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS CONTINUE TO DECLINE
14 DOWN AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE CHART. WE ARE RIGHT NOW HOVERING
15 AROUND 80 PATIENTS IN THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS, WHO ARE
16 CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED AND HAVE A POSITIVE COVID TEST. THIS
17 REPRESENTS ALL PATIENTS WITH A POSITIVE COVID TEST REGARDLESS
18 OF THE REASON WHY THEY ARE IN THE HOSPITAL. STILL ONLY A SMALL
19 MINORITY OF INDIVIDUALS, AMONG THESE NUMBERS ARE IN THE
20 HOSPITAL FOR SOMETHING THAT'S RELATED TO THEIR COVID
21 INFECTION. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, I WILL SHIFT TO COMMUNITY
22 TESTING. WE ARE SEEING LOW RATES OF UTILIZATION OF COMMUNITY
23 TESTING ACROSS ALL OF OUR SITES. AND YOU CAN SEE THIS ON BOTH
24 OF THE SLIDES. FIRST HERE, ON SLIDE THREE, WE LOOK AT ALL OF
25 OUR FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES THAT ARE OPERATED OR

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1 MANAGED BY THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THOSE BY THE STATE. THE USED
2 TESTS THAT ARE SEEN ARE THE SMALL BLUE BARS AT THE BOTTOM,
3 WHILE THE GREEN AND YELLOW BARS REPRESENT UNUSED CAPACITY. AND
4 SIMILARLY, IF YOU WILL GO TO SLIDE FOUR, THIS REPRESENTS THE
5 DATA FROM THE PICKUP AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS. ALMOST THE ENTIRE
6 VISIBLE BAR, THE BLUE AND THE YELLOW, REPRESENTS UNUSED
7 CAPACITY WITH ONLY A SMALL BARELY VISIBLE FRACTION AT THE
8 BOTTOM THAT REPRESENTS PICKED UP TEST KITS. WHAT WE SEE REALLY
9 REPRESENTS TWO TRENDS. SO FIRST, A GOOD THING, WHICH IS LOWER
10 RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION AND LESS DEMAND FOR TESTING IN
11 GENERAL, JUST FEWER PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN EXPOSURE TO SOMEONE
12 WITH COVID, AND FEWER PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING SYMPTOMS OF COVID,
13 AND AS A RESULT, FEWER PEOPLE SEEKING TESTING. AND THEN SECOND
14 AND IMPORTANTLY, WIDER AVAILABILITY OF TESTS, BOTH WITHIN THE
15 ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AS WELL AS AMONG OVER-THE-
16 COUNTER PURCHASE WITHIN RETAIL PHARMACIES OR OTHER LOCATIONS.
17 THESE ARE BOTH A SUCCESS, AND SHOULD BE CELEBRATED IN THAT THE
18 EMERGENCY CONDITIONS THAT NECESSITATED THE COUNTY TO BUILD OUT
19 A ROBUST COMMUNITY TESTING PROGRAM EARLY IN THE PANDEMIC ARE
20 NO LONGER PROMINENT AT THIS POINT. WE WILL MAINTAIN A PRESENCE
21 AT THE EXISTING TEST SITES, THOUGH, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE
22 FACT THAT CASE RATES MAY AGAIN RISE THIS FALL IN WHAT SEEMS TO
23 BE A SEASONAL PERIODICITY OF THIS VIRUS AND TO PRESERVE ACCESS
24 FOR THOSE WHO MAY STRUGGLE WITH OBTAINING ACCESS TO TESTS. I
25 WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** HI, SORRY ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5 THANK YOU TO ALL THREE OF OUR PRESENTERS, DR.FERRER, DR.

6 GHALY, AND DR. SINGHAL. I AM REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT OUR

7 NUMBERS ARE TRENDING DOWN. THAT'S GOOD NEWS. AND I AM HOPEFUL

8 WITH THE NEW BOOSTER, THE BIVALENT, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO

9 GET MORE OF OUR YOUNG STUDENTS TO ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE AND GET

10 THEIR PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET THIS

11 VACCINE. AND SO, DR. FERRER, ON THAT NOTE, I CAN SEE ON ONE OF

12 YOUR SLIDES THAT YOU PROJECT BETWEEN THE AGE GROUP OF 12 AND

13 17, THERE ARE 180,000 POTENTIAL STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, THAT

14 COULD BE ELIGIBLE, BUT CAN YOU TELL ME AGAIN, REMIND US WHAT

15 THE CURRENT RATE IS IN THIS PARTICULAR COHORT IN TERMS OF

16 RECEIVING THEIR PAST BOOSTERS.

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, NO, THANKS A LOT. FOR THE GROUP THAT IS 12

19 TO 18 YEARS OLD, 12 THROUGH 17, ABOUT 80% ARE FULLY

20 VACCINATED. I THINK IT IS, AGAIN AS WITH THE BOOSTERS, IT IS

21 PROBABLY CLOSER TO 50% HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF A

22 BOOSTER. BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT 80% FULLY VACCINATED, AND

23 THAT'S WHY THAT NUMBER IS SO HIGH FOR THAT AGE GROUP BECAUSE

24 THE ELIGIBILITY WOULD MEAN THAT YOU ARE ALREADY FULLY

25 VACCINATED. YOU CAN'T REALLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR YOU HAVEN'T

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1 COMPLETED THAT INITIAL SERIES. BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL, THAT,
2 AGAIN, AS WE GET INTO THE FALL, PEOPLE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
3 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE VERY EASY ACCESS. I BELIEVE THIS WEEK WE
4 HAVE ALMOST 180 SCHOOL SITES WHERE WE ARE VACCINATING, AND
5 AGAIN, OUR MOBILE TEAMS ALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE BOOSTER, TO THE
6 NEW FALL BOOSTER, AS WELL AS TO THE INITIAL SERIES VACCINES
7 THAT ARE AVAILABLE, BOTH PFIZER AND MODERNA. SO, AGAIN, OUR
8 HOPE IS THAT, AGAIN, WE VERY HIGH RATES OF FULL VACCINE
9 COVERAGE WITH OUR TEENS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THEM
10 TO COME IN AND GET VACCINATED. I DO WANT TO NOTE FOR EVERYBODY
11 THAT, WHILE THE BOOSTER DOSE IS RECOMMENDED TWO MONTHS OUT FOR
12 THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT'S FULLY VACCINATED, THERE IS ONE
13 CAVEAT, AND THAT'S FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFECTED.
14 IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFECTED, IT'S OKAY TO DELAY GETTING
15 THAT BOOSTER DOSE UNTIL YOUR THREE MONTHS FROM WHEN YOUR
16 SYMPTOMS RESOLVED FROM THAT INFECTION. SO THERE ARE MANY
17 PEOPLE, AS WE KNOW, WHO GOT INFECTED THIS SUMMER BECAUSE WE
18 HAD A SURGE THIS SUMMER, AND THOSE PEOPLE, IT IS COMPLETELY
19 APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO WAIT THOSE THREE MONTHS. THEY HAVE
20 SOME ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS BECAUSE THEY WERE RECENTLY
21 INFECTED. AND THEY MAY WISH TO JUST DELAY UNTIL WE GET --
22 UNTIL THEY ARE 90 DAYS OUT FROM THE SORT OF WHEN THEIR
23 SYMPTOMS RESOLVED, AND THEY STARTED FEELING BETTER.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANTED TO FOLLOW UP. I KNOW SOME
2 OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT ALIGNING WITH US ON YOUR
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MASKING AND FOR QUARANTINE. CAN YOU KIND
4 OF TELL ME WHAT YOU ARE HEARING AND HOW WE ADDRESS THIS
5 BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, IN THAT, YOU KNOW, IN SOME
6 OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENT, THOSE ARE WHERE WE HAVE
7 HAD THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF COVID INFECTION AND LACK OF SECOND
8 BOOSTERS FOR SOME OF THESE CHILDREN IN PARTICULAR?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** THANKS. I APPRECIATE THAT QUESTION, AND I ALSO
11 APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY HELPING US
12 MIND SITES WHERE WE CAN OFFER PEOPLE VACCINES AND GOOD ACCESS
13 TO THERAPEUTICS AS WELL AS. YEAH, I WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE
14 HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE INDICATED
15 THAT THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS THAT --
16 THESE ARE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, THEY ARE NOT SCHOOL SPECIFIC
17 REQUIREMENTS, ON TELLING PEOPLE THAT IF THEY HAVE HAD AN
18 EXPOSURE TO A KNOWN CASE, THIS IS YOU KNOW YOU WERE EXPOSED TO
19 COVID, SOMEBODY CLOSE TO YOU WAS TESTED POSITIVE, YOU DON'T
20 NEED TO QUARANTINE ANY LONGER PROVIDED YOU DO THREE THINGS:
21 YOU ARE ASYMPTOMATIC, YOU GO AHEAD AND WEAR A MASK FOR FOR TEN
22 DAYS INDOORS AFTER YOUR LAST EXPOSURE, AND YOU TAKE A TEST,
23 AND THAT TEST IS NEGATIVE BETWEEN DAYS THREE AND FIVE. THIS
24 ALIGNS WITH THE GUIDANCE FROM C.D.C. AND THE GUIDANCE FROM THE
25 STATE. IT IS JUST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IT IS A REQUIREMENT TO

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1 AVOID HAVING TO STAY HOME. AND IT IS A REQUIREMENT PRECISELY
2 BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU NOTED. WE DO KNOW THAT THIS IS A HIGHLY
3 INFECTIOUS VARIANT. IT IS VERY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO INFECT OTHER
4 PEOPLE. WE SEE THAT AT OUR SCHOOLS. YOU HAVE ONE STUDENT ON
5 ONE OF THE SPORTS TEAM THAT TESTS POSITIVE. THE NEXT DAY, WE
6 HAVE FIVE STUDENTS, AND FOUR DAYS LATER, WE HAVE 30 STUDENTS
7 AND THEIR COACHES. SO, VERY EASY TO TRANSMIT UNFORTUNATELY IF
8 YOU ARE INFECTED. AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE
9 ASYMPTOMATIC WHILE THEY ARE CAPABLE OF INFECTING OTHERS. SO IF
10 YOU KNOW THAT FOLKS ARE GOING TO BE ASYMPTOMATIC AND CAPABLE
11 OF INFECTING PEOPLE TWO DAYS BEFORE THEY EVEN DEVELOP
12 SYMPTOMS, A SENSIBLE PRECAUTION IS GO AHEAD AND WEAR THAT MASK
13 SO YOU CAN AVOID TRANSMITTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU
14 DON'T REALLY KNOW THAT YOU ARE INFECTED. AND, YOU KNOW, I
15 THINK IT IS UNFORTUNATE. MY HOPE REALLY IS, SUPERVISOR, THAT
16 WHILE SOME DISTRICTS ARE SAYING THIS IS A HARDSHIP, AND THEY
17 HAVE PARENTS WHO DON'T WANT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE, THE VAST
18 MAJORITY OF DISTRICTS ARE, IN FACT, ADHERING TO THIS GUIDANCE.
19 THEY ARE HELPING THEIR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES UNDERSTAND
20 THE GUIDANCE. THEY ARE MAKING IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE
21 ACCESS TO OVER-THE-COUNTER TESTS SO THOSE STUDENTS CAN TEST
22 BETWEEN DAYS THREE AND FIVE, MAKE SURE THEY ARE STAYING
23 NEGATIVE. AND THEY ALLOW THOSE STUDENTS TO REMAIN ON THEIR
24 CAMPUSES TO GO AHEAD AND BENEFIT FROM EDUCATION, ASKING THEM
25 TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT FOR PARENT WHO

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1 HAVE CHILDREN WHO HAVE SAFETY CONCERNS OR HEALTH CONCERNS,
2 AROUND THE MASK WEARING, THERE IS AN EXEMPTION POLICY AT ALL
3 OF THE SCHOOLS, IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO THIS, THAT ALLOWS THOSE
4 PARENTS TO BRING IN A NOTE FROM A CLINICAL PRACTITIONER, A
5 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, NOTING THAT THE CHILD HAS A SAFETY OR A
6 HEALTH CONCERN THAT DOES NOT ALLOW THAT CHILD TO WEAR A MASK.
7 AND THOSE CHILDREN ARE, IN FACT, THEN ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN
8 SCHOOL CAMPUSES. WE ASK -- SCHOOLS HAVE SOME STRATEGIES TO TRY
9 TO, AGAIN, MINIMIZE THOSE EXPOSURES. BUT THERE ARE CHILDREN
10 WHO THEIR I.E.P. CALLS, THEY HAVE DISABILITIES. THEY CAN'T
11 WEAR A MASK. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PARENTS KNOW THAT, IF
12 YOUR CHILD IS IN THAT GROUP, THERE IS AT SCHOOLS AN ALLOWANCE
13 FOR AN EXEMPTION POLICY WORKING WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND JUST ONE LAST QUESTION, FOR YOU, DOCTOR,
16 BEFORE I GO TO DR. SINGHAL. WITH RESPECT TO TRANSIT, MASS
17 TRANSIT, AND MASKING, WHAT ARE WE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE
18 C.D.C.?

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE TALKING WITH THE
21 C.D.C. TODAY. IT LOOKS LIKE LIKE THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THEIR
22 RECOMMENDATION, BUT WITH OUR TRANSMISSION LEVELS DROPPING,
23 BEFORE WE GET TO THAT SORT OF WHAT WE SAY A LOWER TRANSMISSION
24 LEVEL, WE HIT THAT THRESHOLD OF BEING BELOW 100 NEW CASES PER
25 100,000 PEOPLE, THOSE ARE THE WEEKLY CASE RATES, WE WOULD LIKE

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1 TO RESOLVE WITH C.D.C.'S ADVICE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD
2 BE MOVING FROM A REQUIREMENT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY FOR PEOPLE TO
3 MASK ON INDOOR PUBLIC TRANSIT AND INSIDE TRANSIT HUBS TO A
4 STRONG RECOMMENDATION. SO, AGAIN, I BELIEVE WE ARE MEETING
5 WITH OUR C.D.C. TEAM LATER THIS AFTERNOON TO REALLY SOLICIT
6 THEIR ADVICE ON WHAT IS OUR BEST APPROACH.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK
9 AND CONTINUE DO WORK WITH YOU ON AMPLIFYING YOUR MESSAGE. AND
10 DR. SINGHAL, THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ACCORDING
11 TO THE DATA YOU ARE SHOWING US AT LEAST ON ONE OF YOUR SLIDES
12 WITH THE MONKEY CASE EPISODE DATA, IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE SOME
13 PROGRESS, STARTING WHEN WE SAW THE HIGH NUMBERS IN AUGUST,
14 AUGUST 6TH, AND THEN TRENDING DOWN AND NOW COMING DOWN A LOT
15 LOWER, BUT I WANTED TO KIND OF GET TO ONE ISSUE THAT I KNOW
16 SOME OF US ARE WORRIED ABOUT. AND THAT IS THE LAG IN
17 REPORTING. DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE LABS OR WHAT IS GOING
18 ON THERE? CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO US?

19

20 **DR. SINGHAL:** ABSOLUTELY, I CAN EXPLAIN THAT. SO, IT IS
21 ACTUALLY NOT THE LAB, SO WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE LAG IN
22 REPORTING HERE, IT IS BECAUSE THIS DATA THAT I AM SHOWING IN
23 THE EPI-CURVE IS BASED ON SYMPTOM ONSET. AND SO, WHAT MAY
24 HAPPEN IS THAT IF WE IDENTIFY CASE BY CASE, IT GETS TESTED AND
25 THE RESULT COMES BACK TODAY, AND WE INTERVIEW THAT CASE TODAY,

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1 THEY MAY SAY THAT THEIR SYMPTOM ONSET WAS A FEW DAYS AGO. IT
2 MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AGO. THEY MIGHT HAVE TAKEN A
3 DAY TO GET TESTED AND THEN A COUPLE OF DAYS FOR THE RESULTS
4 TEST TO COME BACK. AND THEN ONCE WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION, IT
5 JUST NEEDS TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE DATA PROCESSING. SO ALL
6 THOSE JUST CAN CREATE A FEW DAYS OF A LAG. AND SO, THAT'S WHY
7 THIS DATA SPECIFICALLY THAT IS SHOWN ON THIS SLIDE, WHICH IS
8 OUR EPI-CURVE, IS WHAT HAS A DATA DELAY IN IT. AND THAT'S JUST
9 BECAUSE IT'S BY SYMPTOM ONSET, WHICH IS SOMETHING WE WOULD
10 ONLY IDENTIFY AFTER THEY TEST POSITIVE, WE'VE INTERVIEWED
11 THEM, WE GET THE INFORMATION THAT WE SEE.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE, OBVIOUSLY, IS WITH
14 RESPECT TO THE MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, THE LATINO AND
15 AFRICAN AMERICAN, BUT IN PARTICULAR LATINO BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN
16 HEARING AND READING SO MUCH ABOUT THE INFORMATION NOT REACHING
17 OUR LATINX COMMUNITY, AND THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY. AND I WANT
18 TO EMPHASIZE WHAT MORE CAN WE DO. I WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE
19 A MEETING LAST WEEK WITH THE MONKEYPOX CZAR, SO TO SPEAK, IN
20 WASHINGTON. I WAS THERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, AND WAS TALKING
21 ABOUT HOW THE READY AVAILABILITY OF HAVING THE VACCINE AND THE
22 FACT THAT SOME OF OUR CLINICS WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
23 REIMBURSEMENT, BUT I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A DIRECTIVE THAT I
24 THINK THE C.D.C. PUT OUT THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE CLINICS TO BE
25 ABLE TO DRAW DOWN USING THEIR CURRENT FUNDING FOR H.I.V., FOR

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1 PR.E.P., AND OTHER S.T.D. RELATED ILLNESSES THAT THEY CAN DRAW
2 THAT MONEY DOWN NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE MADE ANY EFFORT
3 TO GET THAT INFORMATION OUT OURSELVES HERE THROUGH L.A. COUNTY
4 PURPOSES MEDIA. HAVE WE DONE THAT?

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. IT IS
7 OBVIOUSLY A HUGE ISSUE, SORT OF LACK OF REIMBURSEMENT. I WILL
8 SAY THAT ONE OF THE STRUGGLES THAT THE PROVIDERS HAVE WITH
9 THIS SORT OF SHORT TERM STRATEGY IS WE ARE ALREADY SHORT MONEY
10 ON EFFORTS AROUND H.I.V. AND S.T.I.S, IN PARTICULAR. AND THEY
11 FEEL LIKE IT SPREADS THEM VERY THIN. IT WILL ALLOW SOME FOLKS
12 TO PERHAPS USE THEIR GRANT MONEY NOW TO COVER THESE
13 EXPERIENCES AT THE MOMENT, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY, THERE NEEDS
14 TO BE A FIX OVER THE LONG TERM THAT REALLY ADDS MONEY TO THE
15 BUDGETS, PARTICULARLY OF OUR SMALLER PROVIDERS. THEY CANNOT
16 KEEP STEPPING UP AND NOT GETTING REIMBURSED THROUGH HEALTH
17 PLANS AND THROUGH THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR SERVICES THEY'RE
18 PROVIDING. AND WE HAVE TO RIGHT-SIZE THAT, BUT WE AGREE THAT
19 IT IS HELPFUL IN THE SHORT RUN TO HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY, BUT
20 IN THE LONG RUN, YOU NEED CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL
21 FUNDS FOR, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SMALLER COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, TO
22 BE ABLE TO DO THEIR WORK. I DO WANT TO SAY ONE OF OUR HOPES,
23 AND, AGAIN, WE WON'T KNOW FOR A LITTLE BIT, IS BY EXPANDING
24 OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT MAY BE
25 VERY DIFFICULT AND STIGMATIZING FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE IN

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1 ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MONKEYPOX, YOU HAD TO HAVE ALREADY
2 DONE OR ENGAGED IN SOME BEHAVIORS THAT YOU KNOW OTHER PEOPLE
3 WILL FROWN UPON KNOWING THAT THOSE ARE BEHAVIORS THAT YOU ARE
4 ENGAGING IN, I THINK THAT'S MADE IT SUPER HARD AND REALLY
5 ATTACHED UNFORTUNATELY SO MUCH STIGMA TO GETTING A MONKEYPOX
6 VACCINE. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AWAY FROM PEOPLE HAVING TO
7 ATTEST TO HAVING HAD ANONYMOUS SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS AND
8 REALLY BEING ABLE TO SAY, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY I
9 AM IN, I AM LIKELY TO HAVE MORE EXPOSURES IN THE FUTURE MOVING
10 FORWARD, AND THEREFORE, I AM NOW ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED.
11 SO I THINK WE HAVE CHANGED OUR ELIGIBILITY GUIDANCE TO REALLY
12 MAKE THAT MUCH EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO NOTE THAT BY BELONGING AND
13 BEING A MEMBER IN A CERTAIN COMMUNITY, YOU MAY LIKELY -- SAY
14 ABOUT ESSENTIAL WORKERS HAVING MORE EXPOSURES TO COVID, YOU
15 MAY HAVE MORE EXPOSURES TO MONKEYPOX JUST BY YOUR MEMBERSHIP
16 ALONE IN THAT COMMUNITY. AND THEREFORE, IT IS PRUDENT TO COME
17 IN AND GET VACCINATED NOW BASED ON FUTURE RISK AS OPPOSED TO
18 BASING IT ON YOUR PAST RISK. SO OUR HOPE IS, AGAIN, THAT WE
19 REDUCE THE STIGMA. WE HAVE ALSO TALKED WITH THE C.D.C. ABOUT
20 PERHAPS ALLOWING MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH PROVIDERS ABOUT WHERE
21 THEY CAN ADMINISTER THE VACCINE. RIGHT NEW, IN THE INTER -- THE
22 VACCINES ARE REALLY ADMINISTERED ON PEOPLE'S FOREARMS, PRETTY
23 VISIBLE. SOME PEOPLE REALLY WOULD RATHER HAVE IT IN A LESS
24 VISIBLE LOCATION BECAUSE IT DOES LEAVE, AGAIN, IT DOES, FOR
25 MANY PEOPLE, YOU DO GET A REACTION AT THAT SITE. SO WE ARE

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1 TRYING DESPERATELY TO LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS THAT RESIDENTS
2 ARE RAISING, THAT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE RAISING, AND THEN
3 BUILDING IN MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE CAMPAIGN, BUT I REALLY
4 APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE
5 DISPROPORTIONALITY, AND WE NEED TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO
6 WHAT PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAYING WOULD HELP REDUCE
7 THE BARRIERS TO GETTING VACCINATED.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. IN ADDITION TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE
10 IMPACTED, I UNDERSTAND THE TIMEFRAME FOR INCUBATION OR
11 QUARANTINE IS A LOT LONGER THAN COVID. IT CAN GO UP TO A
12 MONTH. AND SO, THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS,
13 MANY WHO WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY, AND
14 MANY WHO DON'T HAVE SICK LEAVE OR ANY KIND OF MEDICAL
15 INSURANCE AT ALL, DISABILITY, SO I AM GOING TO LOOKING AT
16 GETTING THE COUNTY TO SEE HOW WE CAN LOOK TOWARD CREATING A
17 BETTER SAFETY NET AND MAYBE EXTENDING SOME OF THOSE PROVISIONS
18 THAT WE HAD DURING COVID BECAUSE I DO THINK IT IS UNFAIR, AND
19 IT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS, AGAIN, THE LATINO, LATINX, AS
20 WELL AS AFRICAN AMERICAN AND PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST POOR AND
21 UNINSURED AND EVEN PEOPLE THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED, EVEN MORE SO.
22 SO I KNOW THIS IS NOT JUST A CRISIS HERE IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY, BUT WE SEEM TO SEE IT MAGNIFIED AT EVERY LEVEL HERE.
24 SO WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU, AND ALSO I UNDERSTAND, THROUGH
25 MEETING WITH MR. FENTON, THE MONKEYPOX CZAR, AT THE WHITE

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1 HOUSE, THAT OUR C.B.O.S AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
2 HOSTING BIG EVENTS WITH THE TARGETED POPULATIONS, THEY CAN
3 ACTUALLY WORK WITH US, MAYBE PERHAPS THROUGH YOU, TO TARGET TO
4 GET THOSE VACCINATIONS THERE ON SITE WHERE WE KNOW IT IS GOING
5 TO BE A LARGE GROUP. OR EVEN A SMALLER ONE BECAUSE EVEN THE
6 MICRO GROUPS, LIKE 200, I MEAN ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT. AND I
7 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DOING WHAT YOU HAVE WITH US WORKING IN
8 OUR COMMUNITY. AND I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO
9 CALL AND CONTACT YOU AND TO CONTACT THE NUMBERS YOU HAVE GIVEN
10 AND NOT TO BE AFRAID AND TO UNDERSTAND [SPEAKING SPANISH].

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT SUPPORT AND THAT
13 REMINDER. YES, ANY COMMUNITY EVENTS, WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT THE
14 PROVIDERS THAT ARE THERE, RECEIVE THEIR VACCINE DOSES, AND
15 THERE ARE TIMES WE'LL SEND OUR MOBILE TEAM IF THERE IS NO
16 PROVIDER AVAILABLE. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE'RE VERY AWARE
17 THAT, FOR SOME PEOPLE, THIS LONG PERIOD OF ISOLATION CAN BE
18 EXTRAORDINARILY HARD. HERE IN THE COUNTY, WE DO OFFER A PLACE
19 FOR PEOPLE TO STAY BECAUSE THAT'S THE OTHER PART OF ISOLATION
20 IS YOU NEED TO BE AWAY FROM OTHERS. AND THERE IS NO TIMEFRAME
21 FOR THAT. YOU CAN STAY IN OUR FACILITY UNTIL YOU ACTUALLY ARE
22 WELL ENOUGH TO LEAVE YOUR ISOLATION PERIOD. AND THERE IS
23 FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISOLATION PERIOD. THERE ARE, OBVIOUSLY,
24 SOME FOLKS WHOSE JOBS ARE HIGHER RISK SETTINGS, IN WHICH CASE,
25 THEY DO NEED TO BE FULLY WELL AND HAVE ALL THEIR LESIONS

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1 HEALED. BUT THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY THERE, AND WE WORK WITH
2 OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AS WELL. EVERY CASE IN L.A. COUNTY
3 DOES HAVE A NURSE ASSIGNED TO IT, ONE OF OUR NURSES IS
4 ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH EVERYBODY WHO IS DIAGNOSED WITH
5 MONKEYPOX SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND
6 PROVIDE SUPPORT, BUT OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD WELCOME ANY EFFORTS BY
7 THE COUNTY TO HELP ON THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF THE HOUSE BECAUSE
8 THERE IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A TIME WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT WORK.
9 THEY'RE SICK. THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK
12 AND STAFF AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERS, ST. JOHN'S, AND SO MANY
13 OTHER CLINICS THAT ARE OUT THERE DOING THIS WORK RIGHT NOW, SO
14 REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE AND ENCOURAGE THEM AND ESPECIALLY IN
15 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHERE I KNOW WE HAVE A LARGE GAP
16 THERE. BUT WE'RE WORKING WITH YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU. THANK
17 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF I COULD FOLLOW UP REALLY
20 QUICKLY ON SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S QUESTION, DR. FERRER. IT'S MY
21 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STATE HAS ACTUALLY SUBMITTED TO THE
22 FEDS A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT. DO WE KNOW WHERE THAT IS IN THE
23 DECISION-MAKING PROCESS? THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION WILL GIVE US
24 THE NOD? BECAUSE THAT IS THE ACTUAL TOOL BY WHICH OUR
25 CLINIC PARTNERS CAN GET REIMBURSEMENT.

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2 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, SUPERVISOR
3 MITCHELL. AND THANKS FOR ALL THE ADVOCACY ON THIS. I THINK THE
4 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, YOU KNOW, C.M.S. WILL HOPEFULLY QUICKLY
5 TURN THOSE AROUND, GIVE THOSE APPROVALS SO THAT OUR MEDI-CAL
6 PROGRAM CAN GO AHEAD AND ALLOW ALL OF OUR SMALL PROVIDERS AND
7 OUR LARGER PROVIDERS TO GO AHEAD AND BE ABLE TO SUBMIT THEIR
8 CLAIMS AND THAT THIS ALLOWS FOR A FULL REIMBURSEMENT OF THE
9 COST OF PROVIDING SERVICES OUTSIDE OF A MEDICAL VISIT. THESE
10 VACCINATIONS CLINICS ARE CLINICS WHERE PEOPLE GO JUST TO GET
11 VACCINATED, AND THAT'S WHERE IT'S BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY HARD TO
12 GET THE REIMBURSEMENT, SO WE APPRECIATE ALL THE ADVOCACY ON
13 THAT, BUT WE KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT THERE YET. AND IN THE
14 MEANTIME, WE'RE LOOKING TO IDENTIFY SMALL POTS OF MONEY WE CAN
15 USE TO OFFSET PARTICULARLY OUTREACH COSTS, EDUCATION COSTS,
16 WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. SO HOPEFULLY, I'LL BE ABLE TO
17 COME BACK TO YOU NEXT WEEK SORT OF OUR SUCCESS GETTING SOME
18 FLEXIBILITY. AGAIN, WE HAVE TO GET SOME FLEXIBILITY TO MOVE
19 SOME MONEY AROUND, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF ALL THE
20 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO THIS WORK
21 WITHOUT SOME ADEQUATE REIMBURSEMENT.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AGREED. AND AGAIN THANKS FOR LOOSENING
24 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE M.P.V. VACCINE. I THINK THAT WILL BE
25 HELPFUL FOR THE BROADER COMMUNITY. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO ALL THREE OF
3 YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. SO MUCH HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO US,
4 AND MOST OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED. THANK
5 YOU, DR. FERRER, FOR CLARIFYING ABOUT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE
6 BOOSTERS AND WHEN SHOULD PEOPLE GET THEIR BOOSTER, HOW LONG
7 SHOULD THEY WAIT BETWEEN THEIR LAST BOOSTER OR BEING INFECTED,
8 BUT YOU ANSWERED THAT. SO THANK YOU. I AM JUST GOING TO GO
9 STRAIGHT TO M-POX DISCUSSION. THANK YOU, DR. SINGHAL. IT'S
10 UNBELIEVABLE THAT WE HAD THE FIRST DEATH IN THE COUNTRY FROM
11 M-POX. I HATE IT WHEN WE LEAD ON THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S JUST -
12 - IT'S SO DISTRESSING AND SADDENING. BUT I GUESS IT'S A GOOD
13 WAKE-UP CALL, TOO, ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS PARTICULARLY FOR
14 VACCINES. THANK YOU TO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES WHO, AGAIN, RAN MY
15 MOBILE VAN, MY VACCINE VAN, LAST WEEK. WE HAD IT AT HAMBURGER
16 MARY'S RESTAURANT IN LONG BEACH, AND WE VACCINATED 67 PEOPLE
17 JUST IN ONE EVENING WHO WERE WAITING IN LINE LIKE TO GET INTO
18 THE VENUE. THAT IS WHAT I THINK WE SHOULD REALLY DOUBLE DOWN
19 ON IS, AGAIN, GETTING TO WHERE THE PEOPLE ALREADY ARE. IS
20 THERE -- SOME OF MY STAFF WERE HEARING FROM PEOPLE THEY SHOULD
21 WAIT BETWEEN GETTING THEIR M-POX VACCINE AND GETTING THEIR
22 COVID BOOSTER. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DID COVER THAT.

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** NO, BUT I'LL LET DR. SINGHAL RESPOND TO THAT
25 BECAUSE THERE IS GUIDANCE ON THAT, AS WELL.

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1

2 **DR. SINGHAL:** WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS CLOSELY. SO, ESSENTIALLY,
3 IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED YOUR COVID VACCINE, YOU CAN GET
4 YOUR MONKEYPOX VACCINE AT ANY POINT. THERE IS A SMALL CAVEAT
5 THAT C.D.C. HAS PUT OUT THAT FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG
6 ADULTS THERE IS A POSSIBLE RISK FOR MYOCARDITIS WHERE YOU MAY
7 NOT TO GET BOTH THE VACCINES TOGETHER. SO IF YOU'RE GETTING
8 THE MONKEYPOX NOW, YOU MAY NOT WANT TO GET COVID VACCINE ON
9 THAT SAME DAY. HOWEVER, WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS WORDING CLOSELY,
10 AND WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING GUIDANCE OUT THAT, FOR THE VAST
11 MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION, THIS IS GOING TO BE COMPLETELY
12 SAFE FOR THEM TO BE GETTING BOTH OF THOSE VACCINES TOGETHER
13 AND THAT THE ACTUAL RISK IS VERY, VERY LOW FOR MYOCARDITIS.
14 AND SO, THIS GUIDANCE, WE'RE FINALIZING SOME OF THE WORDING ON
15 IT, WE'LL BE SHARING IT ALL OUR PROVIDERS. AND WE'LL BE
16 SENDING IT OUT TO THEM AS WELL. SO, AGAIN, FOR THE VAST
17 MAJORITY OF FOLKS, THEY CAN GET THEIR --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** WHERE'S THE LANGUAGE ABOUT IMMUNOCOMPROMISED?
20 OKAY, THANK YOU. YEAH SO, I WAS THINK ABOUT THE
21 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PERSON WHO JUST PASSED AWAY FROM M-POX. DR.
22 FERRER, I KNOW THIS VACCINE DIFFERENT. THE CRITERIA IS SET
23 OUT. YOU KIND OF HAVE TO BE INVITED TO GET IT. YOU HAVE TO FIT
24 CERTAIN CRITERIA. ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THE CRITERIA ALLOWS

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1 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED TO BE IN THAT GROUP? HAS
2 THAT BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. THE FRAMEWORK FOR WHO IS
5 ELIGIBLE IS ACTUALLY DETERMINED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. WE ARE
6 IN FACT -- BECAUSE WE'RE SUCH A LARGE COUNTY, AND WE HAVE
7 REALLY GOOD DATA ON WHO'S BEEN GETTING INFECTED, AND WE'RE
8 DOING A LOT OF FOLLOW UP, SO WE HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION
9 ON THE POPULATION OF FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN GETTING INFECTED, AND
10 WE HAVE -- WE ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE STIGMA ISSUE
11 ASSOCIATED WITH GETTING VACCINATED, WE HAVE EXPANDED
12 ELIGIBILITY, BUT IT IS NOT FOR EVERYBODY WHO IS
13 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. IT'S STILL FOR THOSE FOLKS THAT FIT IN ONE
14 OF THESE HIGHER RISK CATEGORIES BECAUSE THEY'RE A MEMBER OF A
15 PARTICULAR COMMUNITY WHERE, IF THEY'RE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, THAT
16 WOULD REALLY INCREASE THEIR RISK SHOULD THEY HAVE AN EXPOSURE
17 OF GETTING SEVERE ILLNESS. I WILL SAY THE ONE PLACE WHERE THE
18 DATA IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT WE DO NEED EVERYONE TO COME IN
19 AS SOON AS THEY CAN ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE H.I.V. INFECTED.
20 THAT IS THE POPULATION OF ANYBODY WHO IS H.I.V. INFECTED. WE
21 DO URGE ALL OF THE MEMBERS IN THAT GROUP OF RESIDENTS TO
22 PLEASE COME IN AND GET VACCINATED. WE FEEL STRONGLY BASED ON
23 OUR DATA THAT WE'VE SHARED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, 45% OF
24 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE INFECTED WITH MONKEYPOX
25 ARE CONCURRENTLY INFECTED WITH H.I.V. THE VAST MAJORITY OF

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1 THOSE FOLKS ARE WELL-CONNECTED TO CARE, AND MANY OF THEM,
2 BECAUSE THEY'RE WELL CONNECTED TO CARE, HAVE THEIR H.I.V.
3 INFECTION WELL CONTROLLED, BUT THEY ARE STILL AT ELEVATED RISK
4 AND THEY STILL WOULD BENEFIT FROM GETTING A MONKEYPOX VACCINE.
5 BUT DR. SINGHAL, FEEL FREE TO TALK MORE ABOUT IT. YOU'RE
6 REFERRING TO PERHAPS A PERSON WHO HAS CANCER AND IS 65, SHOULD
7 THEY BE GETTING THEIR VACCINE FOR MONKEYPOX VACCINE? YES, AND
8 THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA NOW, UNLESS YOU WERE IN ONE OF THESE
9 GROUPS WHERE THERE IS A HIGHER RISK BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF
10 MONKEYPOX CIRCULATING IN THOSE GROUPS, AT THIS MOMENT, THERE'S
11 NO RECOMMENDATION FOR THOSE FOLKS TO COME IN BECAUSE THEY'RE
12 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AS THE ONLY RISK FACTOR TO COME IN AND GET
13 MONKEYPOX VACCINE. REMEMBER, IT'S STILL, FOR THE GENERAL
14 POPULATION, VERY LOW RISK. I DON'T KNOW, DR. SINGHAL, IF YOU
15 WANT TO --

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AGAIN, I WAS LISTENING TO NATIONAL NEWS THIS
18 MORNING AND LISTENING TO SANJAY GUPTA, I THINK, WHO WAS MAKING
19 IT VERY CLEAR THAT, AGAIN, YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRACT IT IN A
20 FEW BROADER WAYS THAN JUST SKIN TO SKIN. THERE'S THIS CONCEPT
21 OF BED SHEETS, RIGHT, THAT IF SOMEONE HAS BEEN INFECTED AND
22 YOU'RE CHANGING THE SHEETS OR LAUNDERING THE SHEETS OR THERE
23 WAS A POSSIBILITY. SO TO ME THAT OPENS UP A WHOLE BROAD
24 CATEGORY OF PEOPLE, WHETHER IT'S HOUSEKEEPERS OR -- I DON'T
25 KNOW, IT JUST MADE ME THINK, ARE WE -- WHAT DO WE SEE AS THE

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1 FUTURE OF BROADENING THIS BASE OF PEOPLE TO GET THIS VACCINE
2 BECAUSE IT DOES SOUND LIKE IT'S NOT AS LIMITED AS I THINK WE
3 INITIALLY THOUGHT IN TERMS OF HOW YOU COULD CONTRACT IT?

4

5 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, DR. SINGHAL, FEEL FREE.

6

7 **DR. SINGHAL:** ABSOLUTELY. SO, YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
8 THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS THAT THAT TRANSMISSION CAN OCCUR,
9 BUT FROM ALL THE DATA THAT WE'VE SEEN LOCALLY IN L.A. COUNTY
10 AND THE STATE, AS WELL AS NATIONAL, AND, FRANKLY, WORLDWIDE
11 EVEN WITH THE CASES, WE WOULD SAY ABOVE 99% HAVE BEEN
12 ASSOCIATED WITH THE REALLY CLOSE CONTACT, WHICH IS SKIN TO
13 SKIN OR SEXUAL CONTACT. AND SO, IT'S STILL SO RARE AT THIS
14 POINT TO HAVE IT THROUGH ANY OTHER SORT OF FOMITES OR BEDDING
15 OR ANY OF THAT THAT THE RISK IS STILL VERY, VERY LOW FOR THESE
16 OTHER GROUPS. NOW, WE PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO THOSE THAT WORK IN
17 THESE INDUSTRIES ON WHAT THEY SHOULD DO TO MAKE SURE THEY
18 MINIMIZE THEIR RISK BECAUSE DO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY DO
19 THAT. BUT TO GO TO VACCINATION IS PROBABLY NOT SOMETHING THAT
20 IS GOING TO BE RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME, GIVEN THAT THE RISK
21 IS JUST VERY LOW IN THE GENERAL POPULATION.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** I HEAR YOU. IT JUST KIND OF REMINDS ME OF THE
24 BEGINNING OF COVID. I REMEMBER ALL OUR PRESENTATIONS IN THE
25 VERY BEGINNING, IT JUST FELT LIKE IT WAS -- THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 WAS JUST NOT GOING TO BE AT RISK. AND WE MUST HAVE HAD SOME
2 CASES, OR THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BEDSHEETS, FOR
3 INSTANCE, RIGHT? I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOME DATA. SO IT
4 FEELS LIKE IF THERE WAS ONE CASE THAT HAPPENED THROUGH THERE,
5 THERE IS GOING TO BE MORE. IT FEELS LIKE THIS VACCINE IS SO
6 EFFECTIVE. THIS VACCINE IS SO DIFFERENT THAN THE COVID-19
7 VACCINE. YOU CAN EVEN GET IT AFTER YOU'VE BEEN EXPOSED, AND
8 IT'S GOING TO PROTECT YOU. I FEEL LIKE THIS VACCINE -- AND I
9 DON'T FEEL LIKE THERE IS AS MUCH RESISTANCE TO THIS VACCINE
10 NECESSARILY AS THERE SEEM TO BE FROM CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF OUR
11 POPULATION ABOUT COVID-19. BUT I DON'T KNOW, I WILL JUST
12 EXPRESS, I'M CONCERNED THAT MAYBE THE C.D.C. ISN'T MOVING
13 QUICKLY ENOUGH TO BROADEN THE CRITERIA TO PROTECT AS MANY
14 PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** WE HEAR YOU, AND WE KNOW THAT OTHERS HAVE RAISED
17 THIS AS WELL. IF THERE IS EVEN A SMALL CHANCE IN SOME
18 POPULATIONS, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BROADEN? I THINK
19 WE'RE STILL DEALING WITH SOME VACCINE SCARCITY. WE HAVE PLENTY
20 OF SUPPLY AT THE MOMENT IN L.A. COUNTY, SO I DON'T WANT PEOPLE
21 TO HEAR THIS AS LIKE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH IN L.A. COUNTY AT THE
22 MOMENT, BUT WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY FOR THE POPULATION IN THE
23 UNITED STATES, AS A WHOLE. WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO IS REALLY
24 USE THE SUPPLY THAT WE HAVE NOW TO TARGET THE HIGHEST RISK
25 GROUP. IN SOME WAYS, YOU MAY BE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT

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1 OVER TIME THIS LOOKS A LOT MORE LIKE WHAT -- HOW WE STARTED
2 WITH COVID, WHERE, AT THE BEGINNING, WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
3 VACCINE FOR EVERYBODY. IT WENT TO THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK, AND
4 THEN AFTER WE WERE ABLE TO GET MORE VACCINE, WE WERE ABLE TO
5 CONTINUALLY EXPAND THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. THAT MAY BE THE
6 FUTURE FOR MONKEYPOX AS WELL. I MEAN WE'LL ALSO HAVE TO SEE
7 WHAT THE TRAJECTORY IS FOR THE OUTBREAKS. WE'RE VERY PLEASED
8 TO NOTE THAT TRANSMISSION HAS GREATLY SLOWED. REMEMBER, AT THE
9 VERY BEGINNING, WE TOLD YOU WITHIN 8 DAYS WE WERE DOUBLING,
10 AND NOW I THINK WITHIN A MONTH, WE'RE NOT DOUBLING. SO, WE DO
11 SEE GOOD NEWS THAT THIS TARGETING OF THE EFFORT -- I ALSO
12 THINK THE COMMUNITY MOST AFFECTED HAS BEEN VERY GOOD ABOUT
13 CHANGING SOME OF THEIR BEHAVIORS TO, AGAIN, PROTECT THEMSELVES
14 MORE. THE COMBINATION OF THAT I THINK AS YOU NOTED AND THE
15 VACCINES HAS LEAD TO US NOT CONTINUING TO SEE A HIGH RATE OF
16 CONTINUED TRANSMISSION DURING THIS OUTBREAK, BUT WE'LL
17 CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, AND WE CONTINUE TO ALSO RAISE A
18 LOT OF THESE ISSUES WITH C.D.C. AROUND ARE THERE
19 OPPORTUNITIES. AS WE NOTED TODAY WE EXPANDED IN L.A. COUNTY
20 SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE ELIGIBILITY
21 ALREADY BECAUSE WE FEEL THERE ARE FOLKS WHO REALLY NEED COME
22 IN AND WOULD BENEFIT FROM GETTING VACCINATED NOW.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY
4 AND DR. SINGHAL FOR THE REPORT. DR. FERRER, I WANT A
5 CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I'M STILL HEARING FROM SUPERINTENDENTS,
6 AND I KNOW IT'S 24, BUT OUT OF THE 24 SCHOOLS, OVER HALF OF IN
7 MY DISTRICT. AND SO, I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO
8 THEIR ISSUES SURROUNDING THE MASK. I KNOW PASADENA IS NOT
9 ENFORCING IT. SO, THEREFORE, PASADENA UNIFIED - IT DOESN'T
10 APPLY TO PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT BUT THIS IS
11 COUNTY-WIDE -- IT IS ALREADY IN PLACE COUNTY-WIDE AS
12 RECOMMENDED BUT ONLY ENFORCED IN OUR SCHOOLS AS IT RELATES TO
13 BEING REQUIRED TO WEAR THE MASK FOR 10 DAYS. SO MY QUESTION,
14 I JUST WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION, AT WHAT POINT, SO THAT I
15 CAN AT LEAST BE RESPONSIVE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. YOU TALKED
16 ABOUT THAT IT MAY CLIMB BELOW 100 FOR NEW WEEKLY CASES PER
17 100,000, YOU WILL DROP TO INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCE AND THAT WILL
18 BEGIN TO APPLY. ARE YOU GOING TO USE THAT SAME THRESHOLD FOR
19 MASKING MANDATES IN SCHOOLS TO ALLOW THEM TO GO FROM MANDATORY
20 TO DISCRETIONARY OR AS THEY FEEL FIT?

21

22 **DR. FERRER:** THANKS SO MUCH. IT'S A GREAT QUESTION, AND I
23 APPRECIATE THE HARDSHIPS. MANY OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS ALSO,
24 THEY'RE REFLECTING THE CONCERNS THAT ARE RAISED BY THEIR
25 PARENTS AND STUDENTS. SO THEY'RE IN A HARD PLACE, AS WELL. I

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1 THINK THIS HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT. I HOPE A COUPLE
2 OF THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE HAVE MADE THIS A LITTLE BIT
3 EASIER. THE FIRST IS, WE DON'T HAVE A RULE JUST FOR SCHOOLS
4 ANYMORE BECAUSE THAT WAS CREATING DIFFICULTY. WHY IS IT SO
5 DIFFERENT AT SCHOOLS? I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE OTHER PLACE
6 WHERE EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AFTER THEY'VE HAD AN
7 EXPOSURE IS AT WORK SITES, AND THAT'S A CAL-O.S.H.A. RULE. I
8 WANT TO NOTE THAT THE REGULATORY AGENCY AT THE STATE LEVEL HAS
9 ALSO SAID HEY, WE'RE NOT -- WE DON'T NEED TO SORT OF INCREASE
10 SORT OF THE RELATIVE RISK HERE AT OUR WORK SITES. WHEN
11 SOMEBODY KNOWS THEY HAVE HAD A KNOWN EXPOSURE, THEY NEED TO GO
12 AHEAD AND PUT A MASK ON FOR 10 DAYS IF THEY'RE COMING BACK TO
13 THE WORK SITE AFTER THAT EXPOSURE. SO I DON'T THINK THIS IS
14 JUST SOMETHING THAT GETS ENFORCED AT SCHOOLS, BUT I HEAR YOU
15 THAT SCHOOLS HAVE THIS OBLIGATION BECAUSE IT'S VERY VISIBLE AT
16 SCHOOLS WHAT'S HAPPENING TO GO AHEAD AND TRY THEIR VERY BEST
17 TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE IN COMPLIANCE. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE, AT
18 THE REQUEST OF MANY OF THESE SAME SUPERINTENDENTS, WE REWROTE
19 THE EXEMPTION CRITERIA SO PARENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE, AS THEY HAD
20 REQUESTED IN SOME OF THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MORE FLEXIBILITY
21 IN WORKING WITH THEIR OWN PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE BOTH FOR
22 HEALTH AND FOR SAFETY REASONS WHETHER OR NOT THEIR CHILDREN
23 WERE ABLE TO WEAR MASKS AT SCHOOL. SO WE, AGAIN, CREATED AN
24 EXEMPTION PROCESS THAT WE FELT ALLOWED THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE
25 -- WHOSE CHILD IS SEEING A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, AND THAT

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1 PROVIDER HAS DETERMINED -- THAT COULD BE A NURSE, THAT COULD
2 BE A SOCIAL WORKER. THEY HAVE TO BE LICENSED, OF COURSE. BUT
3 THAT THAT PROVIDER COULD DISCERN THAT, FOR THAT CHILD, MASKING
4 WOULD CREATE A LOT OF HARM FOR THEIR HEALTH OR FOR THEIR
5 SAFETY, AND THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT. THAT BEING SAID,
6 I THINK YOU RAISE A RALLY IMPORTANT POINT IS IF COMMUNITY
7 TRANSMISSION DROPS LOW, CAN WE CHANGE THE GUIDANCE ON
8 QUARANTINING, OR LET'S CALL IT THE QUARANTINING GUIDANCE, NOT
9 REALLY A QUARANTINE GUIDANCE ANY LONGER, BUT CAN WE CHANGE THE
10 GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN EXPOSURE. AND I THINK IT'S
11 TWO DIFFERENT SIDES OF OUR HOUSE HERE. ONE IS WHEN THE
12 RELATIVE RISK GETS LOW, THEN WHAT WE ASK EVERYBODY TO DO
13 COLLECTIVELY FOR PROTECTIONS BECOMES -- WE USE DIFFERENT TOOLS
14 AT DIFFERENT TIMES, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FROM
15 STRONGLY RECOMMENDING EVERYBODY WEAR AN INDOOR MASK TO
16 ALLOWING -- TO THE RECOMMENDATION BEING USING INDIVIDUAL
17 PREFERENCE, BUT I THINK FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INFECTED AND PEOPLE
18 WHO ARE EXPOSED, THAT RISK DOESN'T CHANGE BECAUSE THE LEVEL OF
19 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION CHANGES. IT WOULD CHANGE IF, FOR
20 EXAMPLE, WE HAVE A NEW VARIANT THAT'S JUST NOT VERY
21 INFECTIOUS. SO THE CHANCES OF PEOPLE GETTING INFECTED, IF THEY
22 HAVE AN EXPOSURE, IS VERY, VERY SMALL, THEN IN FACT THAT WOULD
23 BE A GOOD REASON FOR LOOKING AT THIS GUIDANCE AND SAYING MAYBE
24 WE OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT WE
25 HAVE A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS VARIANT. IT'S CAPABLE OF CAUSING

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1 REINFECTIONS AS WELL. SO PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED AND PEOPLE
2 WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFECTED ARE GETTING INFECTED AT FAIRLY
3 HIGH RATES STILL. SO I THINK OUR GUIDANCE REALLY IS MEANT TO
4 REFLECT SORT OF WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE RISK OF PEOPLE WHO
5 COME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEBODY WHO'S ALREADY INFECTED, HOW
6 SHOULD THEY ACT DURING WHAT IS THE INCUBATION PERIOD, IT'S
7 STILL A 10-DAY INCUBATION PERIOD, AND WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE DO
8 WHO ARE INFECTED TO AVOID INFECTING OTHERS, WHICH IS THE
9 ISOLATION GUIDANCE, WHICH, AGAIN, WE REQUIRE ALONG WITH THE
10 STATE THAT PEOPLE TEST AFTER DAY 5 IF THEY WANT TO LEAVE EARLY
11 FROM THE 10-DAY ISOLATION PERIOD. SO I THINK WE WOULD BE
12 LOOKING MORE AT HOW DOES THIS VIRUS -- HOW INFECTIOUS IS THIS
13 VIRUS TO MAKE THOSE MODIFICATIONS, NOT NECESSARILY AT WHAT'S
14 HAPPENING WITH TRANSMISSION. BUT THEY DO CORRELATE SOMEWHAT
15 BECAUSE THE LESS TRANSMISSION THAT THERE IS IN THE COMMUNITY
16 AND AT OUR SCHOOLS, THOUGH MUCH SMALLER NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE
17 GOING TO BE EXPOSED. SO, I WANT TO SAY, IF EVERYTHING WORKS
18 ACCORDING TO WHAT WE KNOW, WITH DECLINING RATES OF COMMUNITY
19 TRANSMISSION, THERE WOULD BE DECLINING RATES OF PEOPLE GETTING
20 EXPOSED, AND THAT WILL MEAN MANY LESS CHILDREN WILL BE ASKED
21 TO GO AHEAD AND WEAR THEIR MASKS BECAUSE THEY HAVE HAD A KNOWN
22 EXPOSURE BECAUSE THERE WILL JUST BE A LOT LESS EXPOSURE AT OUR
23 SCHOOLS.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, DR. FERRER. HAVE WE GOTTEN THE VACCINE YET
2 THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THE VARIANT? IS IT IN --?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** YES, WE GOT IT IN ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO. AND
5 WE'VE BEEN VACCINATING --

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** ROLLING THAT OUT?

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I SHOWED THAT MAP. WE HAVE ABOUT 1500 SITES
10 ALREADY WHERE PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED THEIR VACCINE. THOSE ARE
11 THE FALL BOOSTERS, AND THEY ARE ALREADY GOING AHEAD AND
12 ADMINISTERING THOSE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT LEADS ME TO THIS QUESTION. AT WHAT POINT
15 THEN -- I GUESS IT WAS A LEADING QUESTION BECAUSE AT WHAT
16 POINT, THEN, WITH THIS VACCINE GETTING INTO THE ARMS,
17 ADDRESSING THAT VARIANT, DO YOU THINK WE WILL SEE IT IMPACT IN
18 TRANSMISSION RATES?

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** I'M HOPEFUL LIKE IF WE -- THIS VACCINE WILL ADD
21 PROTECTION. IF WE GOT LOTS AND LOTS PEOPLE VACCINATED, WE HAVE
22 7 MILLION RIGHT NOW THAT ARE ELIGIBLE, IF WE GET MOST OF THOSE
23 FOLKS VACCINATED, MY HOPE WOULD BE WE AVOID A SURGE. THAT'S
24 THE GOAL RIGHT NOW IS TO AVOID GETTING BACK INTO THE SITUATION
25 WE EXPERIENCED LAST WINTER. AS I NOTED, WE HAD TWO BAD

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1 WINTERS. THE FIRST, WE DIDN'T HAVE VACCINE. THE SECOND, WE HAD
2 A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS NEW VARIANT THAT THE VACCINE WASN'T REALLY
3 A GOOD MATCH FOR. THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST WINTER WHERE WE'RE
4 ENTERING INTO THE WINTER WITH WHAT OUGHT TO BE A HIGHLY
5 EFFECTIVE VACCINE. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IT'S TARGETING WHAT'S
6 CIRCULATING. AND MY HOPE WOULD BE WE GET ENOUGH PEOPLE
7 VACCINATED AND, JUST LIKE YOU NOTED, WE HAVE MUCH LESS
8 TRANSMISSION, AND THAT'S A GAME CHANGER FOR ALL OF US. AND IT
9 WOULD AVOID HAVING ANOTHER DISASTROUS AND DISRUPTIVE AND
10 DEVASTATING WINTER.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO I SEE
15 YOUR MUTE BUTTON OFF?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
18 WANTED TO CLARIFY WITH YOU, DR. FERRER, A COUPLE OF THINGS I
19 HEARD, BUT I'M NOT QUITE SURE IF I HEARD THEM CORRECTLY. FIRST
20 OF ALL, PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD NOT HAD ANY VACCINATION AT ALL,
21 THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO START WITH THE BOOSTER, IS THAT
22 CORRECT?

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. YOU CANNOT. THERE IS
25 NO AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS BOOSTER TO BE USED AS AN ANYTHING

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1 BUT A SINGLE DOSE BOOSTER. SO NO PHYSICIAN, NO CLINIC, IS
2 ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD AND ADMINISTER JUST THE BOOSTER DOSE TO
3 SOMEBODY WHO HASN'T COMPLETE THEIR INITIAL SERIES. IT IS NOT
4 AUTHORIZED.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND THE VACCINE FOR MY INITIAL SERIES IF I HAD NOT
7 BEEN VACCINATED AT THIS POINT IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THESE
8 SITES?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** IT IS AVAILABLE AT MORE SITES. THOSE VACCINE DOSES
11 INCLUDING -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE NOVAVAX AT WELL. SO, I WANT TO
12 SAY WE TALK A LOT ABOUT PFIZER AND MODERNA TODAY BECAUSE
13 THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE AUTHORIZATION ON A NEW BOOSTER, BUT WE
14 ALSO HAVE NOVAVAX, WHICH FOLKS CAN USE FOR THEIR INITIAL
15 SERIES, AND THOSE WHO GOT VACCINATED INITIALLY WITH JOHNSON &
16 JOHNSON, WHICH IS NO LONGER RECOMMENDED, THAT COUNTS AS WELL.
17 SO IF YOU GOT JOHNSON & JOHNSON, YOU GOT NOVAVAX, YOU MIGHT
18 NOT BE TWO MONTHS OUT YET BECAUSE WE JUST ROLLED THAT OUT, BUT
19 YOU'RE TWO MONTHS OUT FROM THOSE VACCINES, AS WELL AS FROM THE
20 INITIAL SERIES FOR PFIZER AND MODERNA, YOU'D BE ELIGIBLE FOR
21 THIS FALL BOOSTER, WHICH IS JUST A PFIZER OR MODERNA BOOSTER
22 DOSE.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU ALSO SAID THAT CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5
25 AND 12 CAN GET ONE DOSE OF PFIZER, BUT I WASN'T SURE --

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2 **DR. FERRER:** BUT NOT THE BOOSTER, NOT THE NEW BOOSTER. THE OLD
3 BOOSTER. SO THE OLD BOOSTER DOSES FOR MODERNA AND PFIZER ARE
4 NO LONGER AUTHORIZED AS BOOSTER DOSES FOR ANYBODY 12 AND
5 OLDER. THEY ONLY CAN BE USED FOR A BOOSTER DOSE FOR CHILDREN
6 ELIGIBLE FOR A BOOSTER THAT ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 11.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO IF MY CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 11 HAS
9 RECEIVED THEIR INITIAL DOSES, AND THEY WANT A BOOSTER, THAT
10 BOOSTER IS AVAILABLE AS A PFIZER BOOSTER, AND IT'S NOT THE NEW
11 BOOSTER, AND THAT'S THE ONE THAT THEY NEED TO GET?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** YES. THEY CAN'T GET THE NEW -- WE'RE GOING TO CALL
14 IT THE FALL BOOSTER, 2022 FALL BOOSTER, BIVALENT BOOSTER, THE
15 UPDATED BOOSTER, BECAUSE IT WASN'T AUTHORIZED FOR CHILDREN
16 UNDER THE AGE OF 12.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, MY FINAL QUESTION ABOUT COVID, AND THEN I HAVE
19 A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT M-POX, IN TERMS OF THE OBJECTIONS
20 THAT WE'RE RECEIVING SORT OF INSPIRED MAIL, AS WE USED TO CALL
21 IT, FROM PARENTS ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL WITHOUT
22 MASKS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO
23 COVID, BUT THEIR PARENTS STILL WANT TO SEND THEM TO SCHOOL AND
24 DON'T WANT THEM TO WEAR A MASK.

25

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1 **DR. FERRER:** THAT IS CORRECT, AND THAT'S THE REASON --

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT DOES TO THE PARENTS OF ALL
4 THE OTHER KIDS WHO DON'T WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO BE EXPOSED TO
5 CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, UNKNOWINGLY. I MEAN NO ONE IS
6 GOING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, RIGHT? SO, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND
7 THE SORT OF SELFISHNESS OF IT SAYING I WANT MY KID TO GO
8 SCHOOL. THEY'VE BEEN EXPOSED. I DON'T WANT THEM TO WEAR A
9 MASK, AND I DON'T CARE ABOUT ALL THE REST OF THE KIDS IN THE
10 CLASS. I'M JUST MAKING MY OWN COMMENT ABOUT IT. I HONESTLY --
11 IT'S BEWILDERING TO ME THAT ANYONE COULD BE SO IRRESPONSIBLE
12 ABOUT IT, BUT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT -- JUST TALKING ABOUT A
13 LITTLE BIT ABOUT M-POX. IT REMINDS ME, WE TALKED ABOUT STIGMA
14 A COUPLE OF TIMES AND HAVING TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS HAVING
15 ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GENERALLY FROWNED UPON I
16 GUESS IN OTHER PARTS OF SOCIETY, AND YOU SAID THAT YOU COULD
17 IDENTIFY AS PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT MAY BE MORE AT RISK. AND
18 I REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO DEAL WITH
19 H.I.V./AIDS, MEN OF COLOR WHO WERE BISEXUAL KIND OF ON THE
20 DOWN LOW, SOME -- MANY MARRIED, WERE VERY RELUCTANT IN THEIR
21 COMMUNITIES TO IDENTIFY AS BISEXUAL. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW IT
22 HELPS OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR TO SAY BUT IT'S OKAY, IF YOU
23 IDENTIFY AS PART OF THE GAY OR BISEXUAL COMMUNITY, YOU CAN GO
24 IN. SO I GUESS IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT
25 THIS IS CONFIDENTIAL. IN OTHER WORDS, I'M GOING IN. I'M

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1 SAYING, YOU KNOW, I'M OCCASIONALLY PART OF A COMMUNITY OR
2 ACTIVITY THAT MAY EXPOSE ME TO M-POX, THE L.B.G.T.Q.
3 COMMUNITY, AND I WANT TO GET PROTECTED. IS THAT SUFFICIENT?

4

5 **DR. FERRER:** I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT, SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS AT THE HEART OF WHY THIS GOT SO
7 HARD. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHOSE IDENTITY MAY PUT THEM IN A
8 DIFFERENT GROUP THAN THE GROUPS THAT ARE BEING IDENTIFIED AS
9 BEING AT A HIGHER RISK. I WANT TO NOTE A COUPLE OF THINGS
10 BECAUSE I THINK YOU RAISED A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT. A)
11 EVERYTHING IS CONFIDENTIAL. B) WE DON'T ASK YOU AT ANY SITE TO
12 TELL US WHICH GROUP YOU BELONG TO OR HOW -- WHAT MAKES YOU
13 ELIGIBLE. WE ACTUALLY BASICALLY SHOW YOU WHAT THE ELIGIBILITY
14 CRITERIA IS, AND THEN ALL YOU'RE DOING IS BY COMING AND
15 GETTING VACCINATED IS YOU'RE BASICALLY ATTESTING. YOU'RE IT
16 NOT WRITING IT ANYWHERE. YOU'RE NOT ASKED TO CHECK A FORM AND
17 SAY HERE'S HOW I FIT. YOU'RE JUST REALLY BEING ASKED TO BE
18 RESPONSIBLE ABOUT NOTING THAT YOU ARE A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE
19 TO GET THIS VACCINE. AND BECAUSE YOU'RE ELIGIBLE, YOU ARE HERE
20 NOW TO GET THE VACCINE BECAUSE, AGAIN, I THINK YOU'RE
21 ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. SOME PEOPLE MAY NOT SEE THEMSELVES AS
22 MEMBERS OF A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN NOW DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE
23 BECAUSE THEY'RE AT HIGHER RISK, BUT WE WANT THOSE FOLKS TO
24 FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT, A) IT'S CONFIDENTIAL AND, B) THAT
25 YOU REALLY AREN'T ASKED TO SIGN ANYTHING OR NOTE HOW IT IS

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1 THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED YOU ARE AN ELIGIBLE PERSON. BUT YOU CAN
2 UNDERSTAND NOW WHY IT BECOMES VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE DON'T
3 HAVE TO GET VACCINATED JUST ON THEIR FOREARM FOR SOME FOLKS.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT.

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** THEY MIGHT NEED TO GET VACCINATED SOMEWHERE WHERE
8 IT'S LESS VISIBLE.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT THAT GOES TO COMMUNICATION THAT
11 REALLY IS SPECIFIC. WE WERE VERY SLOW ON THE UPTAKE AT THE
12 VERY BEGINNING, BUT VIENNA STAR, THE BLACK A.I.D.S. PROJECT,
13 MEN IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WERE SAYING THERE IS TOO MUCH
14 SECRETNES AND TOO MUCH FEAR OF BEING FOUND OUT IN OUR
15 SPECIFIC AND DIFFERENT ETHNIC COMMUNITIES. SO I'M HOPING THAT
16 THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF JUST ATTESTING THAT YOU MAY BE AT RISK
17 WOULD BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNICATION BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT
18 THE VARIOUS PARTS OF MY COMMUNITY ARE DOING TO REACH OUT, BUT
19 IT WAS ALWAYS AN ISSUE ABOUT -- ESPECIALLY BISEXUAL MEN MOSTLY
20 -- JUST NOT WANTING ANYBODY TO KNOW BECAUSE OF THAT KIND OF
21 STIGMA, NOT JUST THE STIGMA OF THE BEHAVIOR, BUT THE STIGMA OF
22 THE CATEGORY, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. I ALSO WANTED TO --

23

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CAN I ADD ON TO THAT
2 BEFORE YOU MOVE ON IF YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO A DIFFERENT
3 TOPIC?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** PLEASE, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR RAISING IT. ANOTHER
8 ISSUE, YOUR COMMENTS TRIGGERED MY MEMORY, WAS NOT JUST THE
9 STIGMA ASSOCIATED BUT ALSO JUST IN TERMS OF HOW -- IN THIS
10 CASE, HOW MEN, LARGELY, PERCEIVE THEMSELVES -- AND A LOT OF
11 RESEARCH CAME OUT OF CHARLES DREW, QUITE FRANKLY, DURING THE
12 TIME WHEN WE -- THEY WERE LOOKING AT WHY BLACK WOMEN WERE
13 BEING INFECTED WITH H.I.V. AT ASTRONOMICAL NUMBERS, AND IT WAS
14 ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR PARTNERS WHO HAD BEEN INCARCERATED AND HAD
15 COME HOME AND DIDN'T SELF-IDENTIFY AS GAY OR BISEXUAL, BUT
16 WHEN YOU POSE THE QUESTION, ARE YOU A MAN THAT HAS ENGAGED IN
17 SEX WITH A MAN, THEN IT WAS DIFFERENT. AND SO, I THINK, TO
18 SHEILA'S POINT, IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF CONFIDENTIALITY THAT
19 YOU DON'T HAVE SIGN, BUT IT'S ALSO IN THE LANGUAGE WE USE IN
20 TELLING PEOPLE WHO'S AT RISK AND USING LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS
21 PEOPLE TO SEE THEMSELVES IN THE HIGH RISK GROUP. SO IT'S NOT
22 JUST PEOPLE WHO DON'T IDENTIFY AS GAY OR BISEXUAL, BUT REALLY
23 FIGURING OUT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN USE LANGUAGE THAT TALKS
24 ABOUT ACTIONS THAT PEOPLE CAN THEN IDENTIFY OH, THAT INCLUDES
25 ME AS WELL. I JUST WANTED TO RAISE THAT HISTORICAL ISSUE

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1 BECAUSE WE DISCOVERED THAT WHEN WE SAW THESE UNEXPLAINED
2 SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF BLACK WOMEN TESTING POSITIVE FOR H.I.V.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. AND THAT WAS, AGAIN, WE WERE NOT
5 GETTING THE DATA IN THE GAY COMMUNITY THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING.
6 THERE WAS A DISCONNECT. AND THERE WAS A LOT OF ACTIVITY,
7 OBVIOUSLY, IN THE L.B.G.T.Q. COMMUNITY ABOUT A.I.D.S. BECAUSE
8 NOBODY WAS HELPING US BUT US. AND THEN WE SORT OF SPREAD OUT
9 WHAT WE WERE DOING TO TRY TO AT LEAST GET INFORMATION OUT, BUT
10 I THINK NOW WE'RE KIND OF IN THE SAME SITUATION. YOU KNOW,
11 POINT MADE. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THAT. DR. SINGHAL,
12 ALSO I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE 81 CASES OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
13 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT BE A GROUP THAT WOULD BE
14 TARGETED FOR THE VACCINE. IT'S A SMALL NUMBER COMPARED TO THE
15 NUMBERS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN
16 THOUGH THE NUMBERS HAVE -- THE GROWTH HAS DROPPED A LITTLE. SO
17 I'M NOT CERTAIN WHETHER WE HAVE TO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO
18 WHETHER HOMELESS PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO VACCINE, OR IN
19 PARTICULAR AREAS WHERE WE ARE SEEING MAYBE MORE CASES. IS
20 THERE ANYWAY THAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT?

21

22 **DR. FERRER:** I'M GOING TO LET DR. SINGHAL TALK, BUT YOU'RE
23 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE
24 EFFORT OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE THEY'RE
25 OFTEN NOT WELL- CONNECTED TO HEALTHCARE. IT WOULD BE VERY HARD

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1 FOR THEM TO CHECK THEIR BODIES ON A REGULAR BASIS TO SEE IF
2 THEY DEVELOPED LESIONS. THEY OFTEN HAVE LOTS OTHER REASONS FOR
3 HAVING RASHES AS WELL, AND THERE CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT SPREAD.
4 SO FROM THE BEGINNING, WE HAVE ACTUALLY ROLLED OUT EFFORTS TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT IT IS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR FOLKS TO GET
6 VACCINATED. I DON'T KNOW, DR. SINGHAL, IF YOU COULD SORT OF
7 RUN THROUGH ALL THE WORK WE ARE DOING.

8

9 **DR. SINGHAL:** ABSOLUTELY. PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
10 HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE SPECIAL POPULATIONS THAT WE HAVE
11 ACTUALLY -- IT'S LISTED AS ONE OF THE GROUPS THAT PUBLIC
12 HEALTH IS WORKING WITH DIRECTLY. SO WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT WE
13 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH PROVIDERS, SO ANY P.E.H. PROVIDERS THAT
14 ARE OUT THERE, TO OFFER VACCINE, TO SEND TO OUR MOBILE VAX
15 TEAMS OUT THERE TO VACCINATE FOLKS. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING
16 WITH OUR STREET TEAMS TO SEND ONE OF OUR VACCINATION TEAMS
17 WITH THEM. SO AS THEY DO OUTREACH, WHETHER THEY'RE IN THE
18 ENCAMPMENTS OR IN AREAS WHERE THEY KNOW P.E.H. ARE, THEN WE
19 CAN ALSO OFFER VACCINE IN THOSE AREAS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE
20 ARE ALSO LOOKING AT ANY TIME IF WE DO HAVE A CASE A P.E.H.
21 CASE THAT'S BEEN IN A CERTAIN AREA OR HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH
22 A CERTAIN P.E.H. SHELTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ACTUALLY RIGHT AWAY
23 CONNECT WITH THAT LOCATION, AND WE, AGAIN, SEND OUT A TEAM TO
24 VACCINATE ANY HIGH RISK/INTERMEDIATE RISK CONTACTS AS WELL AS
25 OTHERS. WE'RE DOING A MORE WIDER CIRCLE OF PEOPLE THAT COULD

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1 HAVE POTENTIALLY COME IN CONTACT AND VACCINATING BROADLY. SO
2 IT'S REALLY IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT RULES IN THAT POPULATION FOR
3 THE REASONS THAT DR. FERRER JUST WENT OVER THAT WE WANT TO
4 MAKE SURE WE'RE CAPTURING MANY FOLKS AS POSSIBLE IN THIS GROUP
5 AND PROTECTING THEM. WE HAVE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE'RE
6 TRYING TO REACH OUT AND INTO THIS COMMUNITY. AND WE CAN
7 PROVIDE, I THINK IT IS ACTUALLY ON OUR WEBSITE, THE ACTUAL
8 NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS THAT WE'RE PROVIDING, THAT WE HAVE
9 PROVIDED IN THIS POPULATION.

10

11 **SUP. FERRER:** I THINK IT'S OVER 600.

12

13 **DR. SINGHAL:** YEAH.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALRIGHT, THANK YOU. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. THANK
16 YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANKS TO THE DOCTORS FOR
19 YOUR PRESENTATIONS AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THESE AREAS AS WELL.
20 WE THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. THESE ARE RECEIVED AND FILED.
21 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. COLLEAGUES,
22 WE'RE MOVING TO SPECIALS AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
23 TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA TO
24 BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED IN A FUTURE

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1 AGENDA. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE GOT A
2 READ IN MOTION?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MA'AM. THANK YOU VERY SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
5 I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION FOR THE SEPTEMBER
6 27TH BOARD MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING THIS ITEM WITH ME. IT'S A
8 READ IN MOTION, MONKEYPOX AND COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL SICK
9 LEAVE, AND I WANT TO BRIEFLY READ A STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH
10 PROGRESS AS YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
11 COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX, BOTH VIRUSES CONTINUE, AS YOU KNOW, TO
12 CIRCULATE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAUSING NOT ONLY DEVASTATING
13 HEALTH IMPACTS BUT ALSO CARRYING SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACTS
14 FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
15 PREVENTION RECOMMENDS THAT PEOPLE WITH MONKEYPOX REMAIN
16 ISOLATED FOR THE DURATION OF THE ILLNESS WHICH TYPICALLY LASTS
17 2 TO 4 WEEKS. THE C.D.C. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT PEOPLE WITH
18 COVID-19 ISOLATE FROM 5 TO 10 DAYS, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY
19 OF THE SYMPTOMS. THE LENGTHY ISOLATION PERIODS, AS YOU KNOW,
20 CAN CAUSE SEVERE DISRUPTION, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR ESSENTIAL
21 WORKERS WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE REDUCED OR UNPAID LEAVE FOR
22 ANY LENGTHY ILLNESS. AND IN CALIFORNIA, AS YOU KNOW, MOST
23 ESSENTIAL WORKERS ARE LATINO OR BLACK. IN FACT, LATINO WORKERS
24 IN THE STATE, 55% ARE EMPLOYED AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AS ARE
25 48% OF BLACK WORKERS. UNFORTUNATELY, AS YOU KNOW, THESE SAME

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1 COMMUNITIES ARE BEING IMPACTED BY COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX.
2 DURING THE MOST RECENT COVID-19 SURGE, LATINO AND BLACK
3 RESIDENTS HAD THE HIGHEST CASE RATES, AND OF THE CONFIRMED
4 MONKEYPOX CASES IN THE COUNTY THUS FAR, 44%, AS YOU KNOW, ARE
5 LATINO AND 4% ARE BLACK. CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE, YOU MAY
6 KNOW, PASSED ASSEMBLY BILL 152, WHICH WOULD EXTEND
7 CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE THROUGH END
8 OF 2022, WHILE PROVIDING RELIEF TO SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE
9 INCURRING THE COSTS OF SUCH LEAVE. A.B.152 IS CURRENTLY
10 AWAITING THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE. THERE IS NO ACCOMPANYING
11 MEASURE, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE LEAVE FOR MONKEYPOX INFECTION. SO
12 I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT COUNTY
13 COUNSEL IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT
14 BACK PRIOR TO OCTOBER 18TH, 2022 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
15 WITH OPTIONS TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE,
16 INCLUDING RETROACTIVE OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS WITH SUSPECTED OR
17 CONFIRMED MONKEYPOX INFECTION. AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
19 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BRANCH,
20 AND COUNTY ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO RESPECTFULLY URGE
21 GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM TO SIGN A.B.152. THAT IS MY READ IN.
22 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO, I KNOW
25 THIS WILL BE ON OUR AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 27TH, AND I DON'T

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1 KNOW IF IT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO OFFER NOW OR IF I WOULD
2 JUST ASK YOU TO CONSIDER IT WHEN WE BRING IT BACK ON THE 27TH,
3 BUT THAT, IN THE REPORT BACK FROM C.E.O., THAT WE GET A COST
4 GUESSTIMATE. I FULLY SUPPORT THE LANGUAGE IN CONCEPT, BUT JUST
5 WOULD ALSO LIKE, IN ADDITION TO THE OPTIONS PROVIDED THAT WE
6 BE TOLD A GENERAL IDEA ABOUT COSTS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION. I'M CERTAIN WE CAN ADD
9 THAT. IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE AN AMENDMENT.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY SO, THE READ
12 IN WILL BE ADDED TO OUR AGENDA FOR OUR SEPTEMBER 27TH MEETING.
13 I, TOO, HAVE A READ IN COLLEAGUES, MY READ IN, WE'LL ACTUALLY
14 VOTE ON TODAY. AND THIS READ IN IMPACTS CHIEF -- THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS OUR NEW YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT. THE
16 YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF IN COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS CONTINUE TO
17 SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF STAFFING SHORTAGES DRIVEN IN
18 SIGNIFICANT PART BY HIGH LEVELS OF STAFF CALL OUTS. THE
19 PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING MORE DISCRETION TO INCREASE
20 STAFFING LEVELS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THIS BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO THE
21 GOALS OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE
22 SURE ANY DECISIONS ADDRESS BOTH SHORT TERM NEED AND LONG TERM
23 GOALS. IT'S CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE HIRING PRACTICES
24 AND DECISIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THIS BOARD'S REHABILITATIVE
25 AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE VISION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE. THIS

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1 IS NOT JUST ABOUT BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS BUT ALSO ABOUT
2 SHIFTING THE DEPARTMENT'S CULTURE AND FOCUSING ON THE
3 BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HIRED AND
4 ENTRUSTED WITH THE SACRED RESPONSIBILITY OF CARING FOR YOUNG
5 PEOPLE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODY. SO I WOULD LIKE
6 TO READ IN A MOTION THAT REQUESTS RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW OUR
7 NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAN HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND
8 APPROPRIATE ROLE IN THE HIRING PROCESS FOR THE PROBATION
9 DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE DIVISION TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE HIRING IS
10 CONSISTENT WITH AND BUILDS ON THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS THE
11 GOALS OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AND COLLEAGUES, THIS WAS --
12 THE READ IN LANGUAGE WAS DISTRIBUTED TO YOU YESTERDAY. WE GAVE
13 YOU A LITTLE CORRECTION THIS MORNING THAT ADDED ONE WORD, BUT
14 THE CONTENT OF THE READ IN MOTION IS THE SAME AS WHAT WAS
15 DISTRIBUTED TO YOUR OFFICES LAST NIGHT. AND SO AGAIN, IT
16 INSTRUCTS THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO REPORT BACK IN
17 WRITING IN SEVEN DAYS ON WHY HIS CURRENT ABILITY TO SEEK
18 AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO HIRE
19 ADDITIONAL STAFF UNDER THE HIRING FREEZE POLICY IS NOT A
20 SUFFICIENT REMEDY TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE
21 DIVISION STAFFING NEEDS. IT INSTRUCTIONS THE CHIEF PROBATION
22 OFFICER AND THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
23 DEVELOPMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS
25 TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN SEVEN DAYS WITH

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS ON A HIRING PROCESS THAT MEANINGFULLY INCLUDES
2 THE D.Y.D., AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
3 RULES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THAT FUTURE HIRING
4 DECISIONS AND PRACTICES IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE
5 DIVISION ARE CONSISTENT WITH AND BUILD ON PROGRESS TOWARDS THE
6 GOALS OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AND THIRDLY, IT
7 INSTRUCTIONS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
8 COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN NINE DAYS WITH FEEDBACK
9 ON WHETHER THESE PROCESS RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDE THE INTERIM
10 DIRECTOR OF THE D.Y.D. WITH THE MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE HIRING
11 DECISIONS FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE DIVISION FOR
12 THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE INTENT OF DIRECTIVE TWO. AND I
13 WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS OR
14 QUESTIONS ON THE READ IN? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WASN'T CLEAR IF YOU
17 WANTED A SECOND?

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'D LOVE ONE.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD SECOND THAT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ASKED
22 THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO TALK TO US SEVERAL TIMES, AND
23 WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS DEPARTMENT. AND SIMPLY
24 LIFTING A HIRING FREEZE WHERE SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE JUST ALMOST
25 ABANDONED IT, I MEAN I THINK WE FOUND OUT THAT A COUPLE OF THE

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1 EMPLOYEES OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN OUT ON SICK
2 LEAVE FOR SOMETHING LIKE 10 YEARS. SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS. ONLY
3 A FEW. BUT JUST THIS IS REALLY NEEDED, SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT
4 THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
7 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY KUEHL. PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL
10 ALIGNING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S HIRING PRACTICE WITH YOUTH
11 JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEMS HELD BY
11 MEMBERS. WE'LL START WITH ITEM 4, ENHANCING GUN REGULATION IN
12 L.A. COUNTY. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, IF YOU RECALL
15 THREE WEEKS AFTER THE 19 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE
16 KILLED IN UVALDE, TEXAS IN ONE OF THE WORST SCHOOL SHOOTINGS
17 IN AMERICAN HISTORY, WE, AS A BOARD, APPROVED A MOTION THAT
18 WOULD LOOK INTO WAYS TO STRENGTHEN GUN VIOLENCE -- GUN
19 REGULATIONS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE DIRECTED OUR
20 LAWYERS TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR COMMON SENSE GUN
21 REGULATIONS AND REPORT BACK TO US WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. AND
22 JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT, THE SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN NEW
23 YORK'S CONCEALED CARRY LAW IN THE LANDMARK BRUIN CASE THAT
24 CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACROSS THE
25 NATION. OUR COUNTY LAWYERS TOOK THE BRUIN RULING INTO ACCOUNT

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1 WHEN THEY COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS AND PRESENTED US WITH FOUR
2 DIFFERENT GUN REGULATIONS THAT WE COULD IMPLEMENT LOCALLY IN
3 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. AND SO TODAY, I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE
4 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PURSUING FOUR COMMON SENSE GUN
5 REGULATIONS HERE IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. FIRST, WE'RE
6 DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT ORDINANCE TO BAN THE SALE OF
7 50 CALIBER HANDGUNS AND AMMUNITION. THIS AMMUNITION, THOSE ARE
8 THE REALLY BIG BULLETS THAT CAUSE IMMENSE DESTRUCTION AND ARE
9 VERY DIFFICULT TO AIM. SECOND, WE'RE DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL
10 TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT ZONING REGULATIONS TO
11 CREATE A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN GUN AND AMMUNITION DEALERS AND
12 SENSITIVE AREAS LIKE SCHOOLS, DAYCARES, PARKS, AND THIRD,
13 WE'RE DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO
14 PROHIBIT PEOPLE FROM CARRYING FIREARMS ON ALL L.A. COUNTY
15 PROPERTY. AND FOURTH, WE'RE DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO AMEND
16 THE CODE TO PLACE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON GUN AND
17 AMMUNITION DEALERS LIKE POSTING SIGNS TO RESTRICT MINORS'
18 PRESENCE IN THE STORES. AND I'VE EVEN ASKED THEM TO LOOK AT
19 THINGS LIKE BIG FIVE STORES, WHO CURRENTLY SELL GUNS, BUT ALSO
20 SELL OUTDOOR TOYS FOR KIDS LIKE HULA HOOPS AND FRISBIES, AND
21 IS THERE SOMETHING WE SHOULD DO TO MAYBE SEPARATE OR HAVE A
22 BUFFER ZONE INSIDE THE STORE. ALSO SUBMITTING ANNUAL SALES
23 REPORTS, MAINTAINING A FINGERPRINT LOG, REPORTING INVENTORY IN
24 REAL TIME, INSTALLING SECURITY CAMERAS, AND PROVIDING ALL
25 CUSTOMERS IN THESE STORES WITH PAMPHLETS ABOUT GUN OWNER

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1 RESPONSIBILITY AND GUN LAWS. IT'S WORTH REITERATING THAT,
2 AGAIN, ALL OF THESE ORDINANCES WILL ONLY APPLY TO
3 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, BUT I HOPE OUR ACTION TODAY WILL
4 INSPIRE OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY TO TAKE THEIR OWN
5 ACTIONS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER WE
6 CAN IN OUR OWN JURISDICTIONS TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM
7 GUN VIOLENCE. WE NEED TO ATTACK THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC FROM
8 ALL ANGLES, COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS LIKE
9 THE ONE THIS BOARD HAS INVESTED IN, GUN BUY BACK EVENTS, WHICH
10 I HAVE SPONSORED A COUPLE AND AM PLANNING TO DO MORE THIS
11 YEAR, WHERE, JUST IN ONE DAY, THROUGH A SERIES OF GIFT CARDS,
12 WE CAN ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TURN IN THEIR GUNS. WE COLLECTED
13 OVER 215 JUST ON SATURDAY. I COLLECTED 400 IN LYNWOOD EARLIER
14 THIS YEAR. AGAIN, ALL THOSE GUNS GETTING OFF THE STREET MAKING
15 IT SAFER FOR OUR OFFICERS AS WELL AS OUR RESIDENTS. MENTAL
16 HEALTH RESOURCES WE NEED TO INVEST MORE IN, BUT COMMON SENSE
17 GUN REGULATIONS CLEARLY ARE PART OF THIS ATTEMPT TO REDUCE GUN
18 VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THIS MOTION TODAY THAT I HOPE
19 YOU WILL SUPPORT IS JUST ONE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. IF WE MOVE
20 FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTING THESE FOUR COMMON SENSE GUN
21 REGULATIONS, I HOPE OTHERS IN OUR COUNTY WILL FOLLOW SUIT. AND
22 THE LAST THING THIS MOTION DOES IS DIRECT OUR LEGISLATIVE
23 ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT PEOPLE ON
24 THE NO FLY LIST FROM PURCHASING A GUN. I WAS HOPING THAT THAT
25 WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO LOCALLY BECAUSE I BELIEVE, IF YOU'RE

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1 NOT SAFE ENOUGH TO FLY IN AN AIRPLANE, YOU'RE NOT SAFE ENOUGH
2 TO OWN A GUN, BUT OUR LAWYERS SEEM TO THINK THAT IT WOULD HAVE
3 TO BE DONE AT THE STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL. SO I HOPE I GET YOUR
4 SUPPORT, COLLEAGUES. I ENCOURAGE ALL OUR CITIES OUT THERE WHO
5 MAY BE LISTENING TO LOOK AT WHAT THEY CAN DO IN THEIR OWN
6 JURISDICTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BEING MY
7 COAUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. I KNOW, BEING A MEMBER OF CONGRESS
8 FOR FIVE AND A HALF YEARS, IT WAS VERY FRUSTRATING. AFTER
9 EVERY MASS SHOOTING IN THIS COUNTY, WE DID LITTLE MORE THAN
10 OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND I KNOW THAT I
11 WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONGRESS PASS STRICTER GUN VIOLENCE
12 PREVENTION MEASURES, BUT UNTIL THAT DAY, I THINK WE HAVE A
13 RESPONSIBILITY TO DO WHAT WE CAN AS THE FIVE WOMEN WHO GOVERN
14 THIS COUNTY AND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SAVING PEOPLE'S
15 LIVES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I'M SURE SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU AND KUDOS TO YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE I THINK THAT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY ON
22 TARGET WITH THIS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CANNOT WASTE ANY
23 MORE TIME PUTTING ON HOLD. AND IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE CONGRESS
24 CAN'T MOVE AS QUICK AS WE CAN, AND THAT'S WHY I THINK WE HAVE
25 TO TAKE BOLD STEPS. THESE ARE COMMON SENSE APPROACHES WE'RE

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1 TAKING. SO I KNOW THIS IS VERY CRITICAL. AS YOU STATED,
2 THERE'S BEEN TOO MANY DEATHS TAKEN, TOO MANY LIVES AROUND THE
3 COUNTRY, 211 MASS SHOOTINGS IN OUR COUNTRY ALONE. AND THREE OF
4 THOSE WERE IN L.A. COUNTY RESULTING IN 15 PEOPLE WHO WERE
5 INJURED. AND THAT MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US DIRECTS COUNTY
6 COUNSEL TO PREPARE A REPORT ON HOW WE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY
7 COULD ENHANCE REGULATIONS TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR
8 COMMUNITY SAFE. THE MOTION BEFORE US IS A NEXT CRITICAL STEP
9 IN THAT DIRECTION. AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT REPORT, WE'RE NOW
10 MOVING FORWARD ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SUCH AS BANNING THE
11 SALE OF LARGE CALIBER HAND GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN
12 UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY, WHICH I NOW HAPPEN TO REPRESENT THE
13 LARGEST SEGMENT OF UNINCORPORATED, OVER 3 HUNDRED THOUSAND
14 RESIDENTS. AND WE HAVE SEEN ALREADY DEPICTED IN THE MEDIA HOW
15 WE HAVE SEEN ASSAULTS ON INNOCENT PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING
16 SHOPPING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND OTHER
17 PARTS IN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. AND OTHER PARTS THAT WE ALL
18 REPRESENT. I KNOW THIS IS A TRAVESTY, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE.
19 THE MOTION ALSO DIRECTS THE TREASURE AND TAX COLLECTOR AMEND
20 THE COUNTY CODE FOR ENHANCED COMPLIANCE AND REQUIREMENTS, SUCH
21 AS REQUIRING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION DEALERS TO MAINTAIN A
22 FINGERPRINT LOG, MAINTAIN AND REPORT THEIR INVENTORY IN REAL
23 TIME, AND REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS. THIS
24 IS ON TOP OF MANY OTHER SAFETY MOTIONS THAT THIS BOARD HAS
25 AUTHORED. I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I ARE, AND I ALSO

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1 AUTHORED MOTIONS REGARDING GUN SAFETY ENHANCING GUN SAFETY
2 CONTROLS THAT WE ALL SUPPORTED IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE
3 THOUSANDS OF SURVIVORS OF GUN VIOLENCE, AND THIS BOARD WILL
4 CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO COMMUNITY
5 VIOLENCE AND HARM. I ALSO WANT TO ECHO WHAT YOU SAID,
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND IT'S IMPORTANT ALSO TO BRING IN OTHER
7 TOOLS, OUR C.B.O.'S, OUR OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE AS A BOARD
8 HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE
9 COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, L.A. VS. HATE. I KNOW THAT WE
10 HAVE PUT IN, TWO YEARS AGO, \$3 MILLION TO PROVIDE FOR THAT
11 PROGRAM AND, SUBSEQUENT YEARS, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DIRECT ONE-
12 TIME FUNDING ALSO THROUGH A.R.P.A. FUNDING TO ALSO PUT INTO
13 L.A. VS. HATE BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED,
14 THEY HAVE BEEN SHOT AT, AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MURDERED. WE
15 NEED TO STOP THAT. SO WE NEED ALL THE TOOLS IN OUR TOOL CHEST
16 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN CONTROL THIS OUT OF CONTROL GUN
17 VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE OVERALL. SO PLEASE, MEMBERS, LET'S
18 SUPPORT THIS, AND THANK YOU, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
19 ALLOWING ME TO BE A COAUTHOR. THANK YOU YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM
20 CHAIR.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR DOING THIS. AS HILDA

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1 MENTIONED, A WHILE AGO, WE BROUGHT A COUPLE OF MOTIONS TO ASK
2 COUNTY COUNSEL TO EXPLORE WHAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS WERE DOING
3 TO LIMIT ACCESS TO ESPECIALLY THESE WEAPONS OF MASS
4 DESTRUCTION, AND THEN THE SUPREME COURT REALLY SORT OF CAME
5 OUT WITH THEIR OPINION ON WHAT A LOCAL JURISDICTION COULD DO
6 AND NOT DO, WHICH IS, I THINK, SORT OF QUITE REMARKABLE IN ITS
7 HYPOCRISY BECAUSE, WHEREAS THEY'RE DOING A LOT OF ORIGINALISM
8 ABOUT WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ANY CONTROL WE MIGHT HAVE OVER OUR
9 OWN BODIES GOING WAY BACK TO AN ANCIENT CASE, WHICH ITSELF IS
10 QUESTIONABLE, IN LIMITING WHAT WE COULD DO AS LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENTS ABOUT WEAPONS, THEY DID NOT ENGAGE IN ORIGINALISM,
12 OR THEY WOULD HAVE SAID THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING BUT A
13 MUSKET, WHICH OF COURSE WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE WHEN THE SECOND
14 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED. SO, I THINK THIS FITS VERY WELL WITHIN
15 THE NEW RESTRICTIONS POSED BY THE SUPREME COURT. AS BOTH OF
16 YOU HAVE SAID, THEY ARE COMMON SENSE. THAT DOESN'T ALWAYS
17 APPLY TO THE CURRENT SUPREME COURT, BUT WE ARE, I THINK, WELL
18 WITHIN THE LIMITS THAT WERE SET, AND I VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT
19 THIS AND THANK YOU BOTH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL ADD MY VOICE TO THE
22 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION AND JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
23 THAT WHAT I APPRECIATE ABOUT IT IS IT NOT ONLY HOLDS US AS
24 GOVERNMENT LEADERS KIND OF RESPONSIBLE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO
25 KEEP OUR CONSTITUENTS SAFE, BUT WE ALSO SPEAK TO THE FIREARMS

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1 AND AMMUNITION DEALERS TO ENSURE THEY'RE DOING ALL THAT THEY
2 CAN AS WELL TO KEEP OUR CONSTITUENTS SAFE. SO I APPRECIATE
3 THAT ELEMENT OF THE MOTION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
4 SEEING NONE, ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

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

25 MITCHELL?

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 7, COMMITTING TO END THE L.A.
8 COUNTY EVICTION MORATORIUM, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO READ AN
12 AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION TO HELP CLARIFY THE INTENT. IT'S
13 GOING TO READ, I THINK YOU ALL HAVE THE NEW LANGUAGE, I,
14 THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF
15 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN COORDINATION
16 WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HOMELESS
17 INITIATIVE, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND OTHER RELEVANT
18 DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT AN IMMEDIATE COORDINATED
19 STRATEGY OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS PHASEOUT
20 WITH THE DEFINED END DATE OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2022 THAT WILL --
21 AND NUMBER 1 WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY TO
22 COMMUNICATE THE FORMAL PHASEOUT OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY
23 TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. THE
24 STRATEGY SHOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO SHARING REGULAR
25 UPDATES THROUGH THE PROPERTY OWNER AND TENANT ROUND TABLE

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1 MEETINGS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JANUARY
2 5TH, 2021. TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF EXISTING TENANT'S RIGHTS
3 AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND BROADLY MESSAGE
4 THE SUITE OF FINANCIAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO HELP
5 COVID-19 IMPACTED TENANTS, AND NUMBER TWO PROVIDE REGULAR
6 UPDATES TO THE BOARD UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PHASEOUT OF
7 THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS AND ON THE PROGRESS
8 OF THE ABOVE DIRECTIVES. AND THEN THE I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD
10 TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CITY MANAGERS AND ELECTED LEADERS OF
11 ALL 88 INCORPORATED CITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO INFORM
12 THEM OF THE PHASEOUT OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT
13 PROTECTIONS ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2022 AND TO SHARE THE DEPARTMENT
14 OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS' JULY 25TH, 2022 REPORT
15 ENTITLED "REPORT ON LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE PANDEMIC
16 RELATED TO TENANT PROTECTIONS," AND A LIST OF AVAILABLE
17 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT BOTH PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS. SO THAT
18 WOULD BE THE AMENDED MOTION. I JUST WANT TO SAY, I'VE SAID IT
19 BEFORE, AND I WILL NOTE THAT, IN MARCH 2020, AS CHAIR OF THE
20 BOARD I SIGNED THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY
21 PROTECTIONS UNDER THE EVICTION MORATORIUM UNDERSTANDING THAT
22 SWIFT AND DECISIVE ACTION WAS NECESSARY, AND WE, AS A BOARD,
23 AS A WHOLE, WERE ALL ON BOARD WITH THAT. AND I HAD ABSOLUTELY
24 NO HESITATION IN SIGNING THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER. AS YOU KNOW,
25 THE COUNTY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM HAS NOW BEEN IN PLACE FOR 2.5

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1 YEARS AND IS SET TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2022, BUT WE ARE
2 NOT YET PAST THIS PANDEMIC. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO LIVE
3 WITH IT, WHILE UNDERSTANDING THAT PROPER PRECAUTIONS CAN ALLOW
4 US TO RESUME SOME SORT OF NORMALCY FOR OUR ECONOMY, OUR
5 SCHOOLS, AND OUR DAILY LIVES. COUNTY BUSINESSES HAVE HAD A
6 REMARKABLE RECOVERY IN THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF AFTER THE
7 LIFTING OF THE MORE RESTRICTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS. AND THE
8 COUNTY'S ECONOMY, I BELIEVE, IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO PRE-
9 PANDEMIC LEVELS. WHILE THERE IS STILL MORE WORK TO DO, OUR
10 TRENDS ARE CONTINUING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION HERE IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY. ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNTY SHOULD, I BELIEVE,
12 TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MEET THE MOMENT AND THE NEED.
13 GIVEN THIS PROVISION, WE MUST PREPARE UNINCORPORATED CITIES
14 AND INCORPORATED PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS OF THE EXPIRATION
15 OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS. I THINK IT IS
16 INCUMBENT UPON US TO ENSURE THAT ALL 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY
17 UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF THIS ACTION, AND WE SIMPLY CANNOT
18 ALLOW THE MORATORIUM PROTECTIONS TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST.
19 WE MUST BE PROACTIVE AND PERFORM ROBUST OUTREACH AND
20 COMMUNICATION TO THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED. I
21 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN VERY
22 INCLUSIVE AS IT RELATES TO HAVING OUR RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER
23 ROUND TABLE MEETINGS. WE HAVE SHARED STORIES CONCERNING THE
24 FINANCIAL IMPACTS, THE DISTRESS, AND THE TOLL THE PANDEMIC HAS
25 TAKEN ON THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE HAVE TRIED TO BE

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1 UNDERSTANDING AND MEET THAT BALANCE, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE
2 ARE THOSE THAT WERE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED DURING COVID THAT, IF
3 NOT FOR THIS MORATORIUM, WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT ON THE STREETS.
4 BUT I THINK NOW, GIVEN THE RESOURCES WE PUT INTO PLAY, THE
5 FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS
6 TO COLLECT BACK RENT, IT'S TIME FOR US TO BEGIN MOVING
7 FORWARD. SO, I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS, AGAIN,
8 RECOGNIZING THAT THE PLAN IS AND HAS BEEN TO LET THE
9 MORATORIUM EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2022. THIS PROVIDES A PLAN
10 TO PREPARE BOTH THE TENANTS, WHICH I'M REALLY FOCUSED ON, THE
11 TENANTS, AS WELL AS THE LANDLORDS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BELIEVE ME, I UNDERSTAND
16 THE IMPETUS OF MY COLLEAGUE BEHIND THIS MOTION, BUT I WANT TO
17 SAY I THINK THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, AND I WANT TO USE
18 THE WORD DANGEROUS BECAUSE, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WE SAW A
19 25% INCREASE IN OUR HOMELESS COUNT, BUT IN THE LAST HOMELESS
20 COUNT, WE SAW ONLY A 4% INCREASE. I HONESTLY THINK THERE COULD
21 NOT BE ANY DISAGREEMENT WITH THE STATEMENT THAT OUR -- WHAT WE
22 PUT INTO PLACE, THE PROTECTIONS FOR OUR TENANTS, HAD A GREAT
23 DEAL TO DO WITH THIS. AND WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS NOT SIMPLY
24 TO END THE FORGIVENESS OF RENT OR THE PUTTING FORWARD INTO THE
25 FUTURE OF RENT FOR OUR TENANTS, IT DOES AWAY WITH ALL OF THE

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1 TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT WE ADOPTED THAT APPLY ACROSS THE
2 COUNTY AT THE MOMENT. BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL OUR 88
3 CITIES? SORRY, WE'RE NO LONGER GOING TO KEEP OUR LANDLORDS FOR
4 KICKING PEOPLE OUT FOR HAVING AN EXTRA ANIMAL, WHICH IS ONE OF
5 THE PROTECTIONS THAT WILL BE DONE AWAY WITH. SORRY, WE ARE NOT
6 GOING TO ANY LONGER PROTECT YOUR TENANTS FROM BEING KICKED OUT
7 BECAUSE THEIR AUNT NEEDED TO MOVE IN BECAUSE THEY LOST THEIR
8 PLACE BECAUSE THAT'S ONE OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT WILL BE DONE
9 AWAY WITH. THERE IS MORE IN THIS THAN SIMPLY ALLOWING YOU TO
10 STAY WHEN YOU'RE NOT PAYING YOUR RENT. I THINK WE ALL AGREED
11 THAT WE NEED TO PHASE OUT THAT PARTICULAR PART OF IT. ALSO,
12 THE RENT FREEZE, WHICH IS IN PLACE, WILL BE DONE AWAY WITH,
13 BUT NO PROTECTIONS ARE PUT IN ITS PLACE. NO CAPS ABOUT THE
14 RAISES OF THE RENT ARE PUT IN ITS PLACE. AND THAT MEANS THAT
15 WE ARE ALSO INFORMING OUR TENANTS, AS MY COLLEAGUE HAS SAID WE
16 NEED TO ROBUSTLY DO, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE PROTECTED FROM
17 SOMEONE DOUBLING YOUR RENT, AND YOU HAVE NO NO RECOURSE. AND
18 SO, TO SORT OF ALTER A LITTLE BIT SOMETHING THAT TEDDY KENNEDY
19 SAID ABOUT RONALD REAGAN, I THINK THE HEADLINE WILL BE "THIS
20 BOARD MUST LOVE HOMELESS PEOPLE. THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE SO
21 MANY MORE OF THEM." I KNOW THAT SOUNDS HARSH, BUT I HONESTLY
22 THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THESE TENANTS
23 AS WELL AS TO THE LANDLORDS. YOU KNOW, THERE'S NEVER BEEN AN
24 EVICTION MORATORIUM. THERE'S ONLY BEEN DEFENSES THAT YOU CAN
25 RAISE WHEN EVICTION IS FILED. EVICTIONS HAVE BEEN FILED ALL

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1 ALONG. AND ONCE THE COURT OPENED UP AGAIN, THEY'RE HEARING
2 THEM TOO. SO, I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT THROWS
3 OUT, TO COIN A NEW PHRASE, THE DISHES WITH THE DISHWATER. IT
4 REALLY ENDS PROTECTIONS FOR OUR RENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY IN A
5 WAY THAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE DEVASTATING. AND I WOULD ASK
6 MY COLLEAGUES, THOUGH I KNOW YOU SUPPORT THE ABILITY OF OUR
7 LANDLORDS TO BE ABLE TO GET A FAIR RETURN, THERE IS NO LIMIT
8 ON WHAT THEY WERE DOING BEFORE THIS FREEZE. ASK ANYBODY WHO
9 LOST THEIR PLACE BECAUSE THEIR RENT SUDDENLY DOUBLED. A WOMAN
10 WHO WORKED FOR ME FOR 25 YEARS IS JUST EXPERIENCING IT IN
11 TERMS OF HER LANDLORD ALREADY TELLING HER THAT'S WHAT WAS
12 GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE THIS FREEZE IS GOING TO BE REMOVED.
13 SO, I THINK WE REALLY HAVE TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AND NOT DO
14 AWAY WITH ALL OF THESE PROTECTIONS. THIS IS NOT REALLY A
15 PHASEOUT. THIS IS AN END. AND I REALLY WANT US TO BE CAREFUL
16 BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO SEE A SWELLING NUMBER OF HOMELESS
17 PEOPLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST QUALIFY SOMETHING?

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** IF THIS MOTION WERE NOT IN PLAY TODAY, DECEMBER
24 31ST, THE EVICTION MORATORIUM GOES AWAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
25 SO, UNLESS YOU'RE BRINGING SOMETHING TO EXTEND IT, MY MOTION

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1 IS SIMPLY PREPARING, WHICH I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOUR
2 POINT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE TENANTS THAT MAY NOT BE AWARE. AND
3 YOU KNOW IN TALKING WITH ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT SOME OF
4 THE CONCERNS ABOUT IT GOING AWAY -- WHAT ABOUT THE TENANTS,
5 MY RESPONSE IS WE DO HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM BECAUSE THERE ARE
6 PEOPLE THAT ARE GENUINELY IN A PREDICAMENT THAT IF NOT FOR THE
7 EVICTION MORATORIUM WOULD BE ON THE STREET. DON'T MAKE ENOUGH
8 TO COVER THEIR RENT, AND WE HAVE TAKEN A.R.P. MONEY. WE HAVE
9 PUT MONEY FORWARD TO PROTECT THOSE INDIVIDUALS, BUT I THINK
10 THERE HAS TO BE A BALANCE. SO I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING 100%,
11 BUT RECOGNIZE, EVEN IF THIS MOTION DOESN'T PASS TODAY, I SAY
12 TO THE PUBLIC, COME DECEMBER 31ST, THE MORATORIUM GOES AWAY.
13 SO EVERYTHING YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT WILL GO AWAY. MY GOAL IS
14 TO PREPARE SO THAT IF WE NEED TO PIVOT ON THINGS, WHICH I
15 REALLY BELIEVE, AS A COUNTY, ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT
16 WORKING HERE IS THAT WE CAN BE NIMBLE, AND WE CAN ON ANY GIVEN
17 WEEK PUT SOMETHING INTO PLAY TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE.
18 SO WHAT I'M SAYING, AS WE PREPARE, IF THERE ARE THINGS
19 IDENTIFIED, WE'LL HAVE THE ABILITY WORKING WITH OUR 88 CITIES
20 TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE
21 ON THE STREET. I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
22 AND YOU AND I ACTUALLY AGREE MORE THAN WE DON'T ON THOSE
23 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE NEED TO PROTECT, BUT I ALSO TRY TO DO THE
24 BALANCE AS IT RELATES TO THE LANDLORDS BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
25 TALKING ABOUT CORPORATIONS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MOM AND POPS

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1 THAT ARE TRULY STRUGGLING. AND SO, I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT
2 CLARIFICATION THAT NO ACTION TODAY IS NOT GOING TO STOP THE
3 FACT THAT DECEMBER 31ST THE MORATORIUM GOES AWAY UNLESS THERE
4 IS BOARD ACTION TAKEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** LET ME GO TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN
7 I'LL COME BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** I DEFER TO SHEILA KUEHL IF SHE WANTS TO GO, AND
10 THEN I'LL GO AFTER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT YOUR POINT ABOUT INFORMING ALL OF OUR
13 TENANTS THAT ALL OF THEIR PROTECTIONS GO AWAY DECEMBER 31ST
14 MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE. I WOULD PERSONALLY INDICATE THAT I
15 WANT TO BRING A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE TENANT PROTECTIONS, NOT
16 THE NON PAYMENT OF RENT, WHICH WE ALL AGREED WOULD HAVE TO BE
17 PHASED OUT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T ASK LANDLORDS TO CARRY ALL THE
18 BRUNT OF IT, BUT TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FREEZE SOME CAP, AT
19 LEAST THAT'S WHAT I WILL PROPOSE TO THIS BOARD, SOME CAP OF
20 HOW MUCH YOU CAN RAISE IT EVERY YEAR, WHICH MANY JURISDICTIONS
21 HAVE. AND THAT WOULD JUST BE IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS AS
22 WELL AS WHETHER YOU CAN BE KICKED OUT FOR JUST ANY REASON OR
23 CONTINUE WHAT WE ALL VOTED FOR, WHICH WAS EVICTION ONLY FOR
24 JUST CAUSE. AND JUST CAUSE IS SERIOUS ENOUGH THAT WE NEED TO
25 GET RID OF YOU, NOT THAT WE HAVE TWO DOGS INSTEAD OF ONE OR

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1 THAT YOUR AUNT MOVED IN. SO, I FEEL AS THOUGH THIS CAN LEAD TO
2 AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF FEAR AND CONFUSION AND ANXIETY BECAUSE,
3 I DON'T GUARANTEE THESE THINGS WILL PASS, BUT TO SAY THREE
4 MONTHS EARLY, THIS IS ALL GOING AWAY, I THINK THAT IT'S VERY
5 DIFFICULT. AND IT DOES UNDERSCORE THAT IT'S GOING AWAY. SO I
6 CAN'T SUPPORT THIS. TO ME, IT IS -- IT'S GOING TO BE VERY HARD
7 ON OUR TENANTS EVEN IF ALL YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING IS TELLING
8 THEM WE'RE NOT GOING TO PROTECT YOU ANYMORE. THANK YOU, MADAM
9 CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS VERY LIVELY
15 DISCUSSION, WHICH I ALSO TEND TO AGREE IS SOMEWHAT PREMATURE.
16 I TAKE OUR JOBS, TAKE MY JOB, VERY SERIOUSLY, AND THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHEN YOU HAD TO
18 UNDERTAKE MANY OF THESE DECISIONS, AND WE HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY,
19 AND I THINK ALL OF US TAKE THOSE ROLES VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY,
20 BUT THINGS ALWAYS CHANGE. THERE IS ALWAYS AN EBB AND FLOW WITH
21 SITUATIONS THAT OCCUR IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THIS IS ONE OF
22 THOSE. AND I ALSO FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT JUST BY INFORMING
23 PEOPLE -- WHICH I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE MOTIVATION IS IS TO LET
24 PEOPLE KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS COMING, BUT SOMETHING MAY COME
25 THAT MAY NOT ACTUALLY CHANGE DRAMATICALLY, AND I, TOO, AM

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1 CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON
2 EXTENDING SOME OF THESE PROTECTIONS. GRANTED, I KNOW WE HAVE A
3 LOT OF SMALL LANDLORDS, MOM AND POPS, IN MY DISTRICT,
4 ESPECIALLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I DO WANT TO SEE THEM
5 PROTECTED. I DON'T HAVE ANY QUALM WITH THAT, BUT I ALSO HAVE
6 HEARD FROM AN ABUNDANCE OF GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN CALLING SINCE
7 LAST YEAR, ACTUALLY, PLEADING WITH ME TO PLEASE DO MORE, AND
8 COULDN'T THE COUNTY SOMEHOW EXTEND SOME OF OUR PROTECTIONS TO
9 SOME OF THE INCORPORATED CITIES. WE GET -- THAT'S A CONFUSED
10 SITUATION AS WELL, WHERE THEY'RE CALLING INTO MY CASE WORKERS
11 TO SEE HOW WE CAN HELP A CITY THAT DOESN'T HAVE THE HIGH
12 STANDARD THAT WE DO. UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T IMPACT ALL OF
13 THAT, BUT WE CAN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND I DO WANT
14 TO SAY THAT NOW WITH THE REDISTRICTING THAT JUST TAKEN PLACE,
15 I REPRESENT THE LARGEST POPULATION OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS,
16 AND BELIEVE ME, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT I HEARD FROM IN MY
17 DISTRICT THERE IN THE NEW AREA THAT HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED GREAT
18 CONCERN THAT WE ARE -- THAT WE OUGHT TO BE SOMEHOW PROVIDING
19 SOME STEPS TOWARDS EASING THE PAIN, SO TO SPEAK, BUT ALSO
20 PROVIDING THE NEEDED PROTECTIONS FOR THOSE THAT REALLY DO NEED
21 IT. I DON'T LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE JUST BECAUSE
22 THEY CAN, NO. I REALLY WANTING TO GO AND PROTECT THOSE PEOPLE
23 THAT I KNOW HAVE BEEN VULNERABLE THROUGH MUCH OF THE PANDEMIC
24 AND CONTINUE TO ALSO BE FALTERING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THEY DON'T
25 HAVE A STEADY JOB AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE LOST SO MUCH. THEY

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1 HAVE SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A JOB,
2 PUTTING THAT COST ON THAT CREDIT CARD, WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF,
3 WHERE RATES ARE RIDICULOUS, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE
4 IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS LIVE AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKEN
5 ADVANTAGE OF. I'M SORRY, BUT EVEN OUR CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
6 AFFAIRS OFFICE KNOW WELL WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING, AND THAT'S
7 WHY WE NEED TO CONTINUE LEGAL PROTECTIONS TOO. I ASSOCIATE
8 MYSELF WITH THOSE COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING TO
9 INFORM US ABOUT THE NEED TO PROTECT OUR TENANT RIGHTS AND OUR
10 SMALL MOM AND POP LANDLORDS, AND THOSE KNOWN AS THE L.A.
11 HEALTH COALITION COMPRISED OF OVER 300 ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS
12 INNER CITY STRUGGLE, PUBLIC COUNSEL, COMMUNITY POWER
13 COLLECTIVE, EASTSIDE LEADS, NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, AND
14 C.L.T. NETWORK. JUST A FEW THAT HAVE BEEN CALLING OUR OFFICES
15 AND ALSO WORKING WITH OUR STAFFS AND WORKING WITH OTHER
16 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE DONE A GOOD
17 JOB HERE IN THE COUNTY, I THINK, TO TRY AS BEST AS WE COULD TO
18 MITIGATE PEOPLE FROM GOING INTO HOMELESSNESS, BUT THE BURDEN
19 FOR MANY IN OUR DISTRICT REMAINS VERY HIGH. WHERE I KNOW, IN
20 MY DISTRICT, 53% OF ALL RENTER HOUSEHOLDS ARE COST BURDENED,
21 WITH 28% SEVERELY COST BURDENED, AND THE COST BURDEN MEANS
22 HOUSEHOLDS SPEND 30-50%, AND PROBABLY EVEN MORE NOW BECAUSE OF
23 INFLATION, BECAUSE THEIR INCOME HOUSING COSTS ARE TOO HIGH,
24 JUST TOO HIGH, AND THEY'RE BEING THREATENED BY LANDLORDS THAT
25 THEY'RE GOING TO GO UP, SO BEWARE. AND THAT, TO ME, IS A VERY

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1 STRESSFUL SITUATION, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPENING.
2 SO I DO WANT TO WORK WITH THE BOARD AND SEE HOW WE CAN
3 MITIGATE THIS AND HOPEFULLY MAKE THOSE CONDITIONS BETTER FOR
4 THE VERY PEOPLE THAT WE ARE REPRESENTING. THE HOMELESS
5 POPULATION HAS INCREASED EVEN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN
6 MY NEW DISTRICT, AS WELL AS IN SOME OF MY INCORPORATED CITIES
7 IN THE NEW DISTRICT. AND WE CAN'T WORK FAST ENOUGH, AND MANY,
8 I'M SORRY TO SAY, THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE HOME KEY AND
9 ROOM KEY, SOME OF THOSE PLACES ARE NO LONGER GOING TO BE
10 AROUND. SO WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER? WE NEED TO BE PREPARED.
11 SO I, TOO, AM SORRY TO SAY THAT I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS MOTION.
12 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE CONCERNS, I THINK,
15 ABOUT THE DIRECTION THIS DISCUSSION WENT, QUITE FRANKLY. IT
16 FEELS A LITTLE APPLES AND ORANGES BECAUSE, AS SOME SAID THEY
17 FELT THAT THIS MOTION IN INFORMING PEOPLE OF THE END OF THE
18 EVICTION MORATORIUM IS TOO SOON, -- ONE COULD ARGUE THAT WHEN
19 WE TOOK THAT ACTION IN JANUARY, THAT MOTION SHOULD HAVE
20 INCLUDED A PLAN OF COMMUNICATION. THAT WAS NINE MONTHS AGO.
21 AND SO -- PEOPLE NOW, IF NO OTHER ACTIONS ARE TAKEN, HAVE
22 THREE MONTHS TO PREPARE? I DON'T KNOW HOW RESPONSIBLE THAT WAS
23 ON OUR PART, QUITE FRANKLY. IF THERE ARE MOTIONS AFOOT TO
24 EXTEND THE EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS, GREAT, BUT WE ONLY HAVE
25 THREE MONTHS TO GO. WHEN WILL THEY BE COMING FORWARD? I KNOW

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1 WE HAVE TAKEN VOTES TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM, AND THOSE HAVE
2 TYPICALLY COME RIGHT ON THE HEELS OF WHEN IT WAS ABOUT TO
3 EXPIRE, BUT IF THERE IS AN EARNEST DESIRE TO TRULY ADDRESS
4 SOME OF THE EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS, THEN LET'S DO THAT. BUT THE
5 MOTION BEFORE US TODAY, IS MERELY DEVELOPING A PLAN TO
6 COMMUNICATE WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THREE MONTHS UNLESS WE
7 CHANGE COURSE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU ALL, BUT I GET CALLS
8 EVERY DAY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED OF SERVICES AND HAVE NO
9 CLUE ABOUT KIND OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE OPERATE. THAT IS
10 ALWAYS, SINCE I BECAME AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, A REAL TUG OF WAR
11 FOR ME THAT WE DO THIS WORK TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO HELP
12 PEOPLE, AND THE PEOPLE WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM THEM DON'T KNOW
13 ABOUT THEM. SO, GIVEN THE DELICATE NATURE, THE DELICATE
14 BALANCE THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO STRIKE IN TERMS OF PROTECTING
15 TENANTS AND PROTECTING THE NEEDS PARTICULARLY OF MOM AND POP
16 LANDLORDS, COMMUNICATION AND EARLY COMMUNICATION HAS GOT TO BE
17 AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT. IF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THE ACTIONS
18 THAT WE TOOK IN JANUARY AND THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON THEM IN
19 DECEMBER, THEN WE HAVE FAILED THEM ON BOTH SIDES. SO IF
20 MOTIONS ARE COMING FORWARD TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY
21 PROTECTIONS, GREAT. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT LANGUAGE. BUT
22 THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION DOES. THIS MOTION SAYS THAT WE
23 NEED TO COMMUNICATE THE IMPACT OF AN ACTION WE TOOK NINE
24 MONTHS AGO. THIS MOTION, THE LANGUAGE I HAVE READ REPEATEDLY,
25 INCLUDING THE READ IN OF THE AMENDED LANGUAGE, ISN'T --

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1 DOESN'T FOR THE FIRST TIME ARTICULATE DECEMBER 31ST AS THE
2 DEFINED END DATE. THAT HAPPENED IN JANUARY. THIS SAYS WE HAVE
3 A RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNICATE THE FORMAL PHASEOUT PLAN. AND
4 I FEEL THAT TENANTS NEED TO KNOW THE DECISION THIS BOARD MADE
5 IN JANUARY, AS WELL AS LANDLORDS. SO, IN CASE SOMEONE CAN SHOW
6 ME THERE'S SOME OTHER LANGUAGE HERE THAT I AM NOT READING THAT
7 DIRECTLY REMOVES EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS, THAT ALREADY HAPPENED.
8 IF THERE ARE MOTIONS COMING FORWARD TO PROTECT EMERGENCY
9 PROTECTIONS, I'D LOVE TO SEE THOSE, AND WE COULD TAKE ACTION
10 ON THOSE SEPARATELY. THAT'S NOT WHAT ITEM 7 DOES, FROM MY
11 PERSPECTIVE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE I CALL FOR
12 THE VOTE ON THIS ITEM?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN I ASK ONE THING, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT, BUT
15 CAN WE HAVE RAPHAEL SEND US A REPORT BECAUSE WE GOT A
16 CLARIFICATION? SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IT CANNOT EVER DOUBLE. IT GO
17 UP TO 8%. THE R.S.O. COUNTY'S LIMITS ON RENT INCREASES IS
18 BASED ON CHANGES OF THE C.P.I. IT CAN ONLY GO AS HIGH AS 8%,
19 WHICH IS STILL HIGH. BUT WHEN YOU SAID DOUBLE, THAT REALLY
20 KIND OF THREW ME FOR A LOOP. SO WE REACHED OUT TO RAPHAEL. I
21 THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THIS BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THE
22 SPECIFIC FACTS AS IT RELATES TO THE ACTIONS ON TENANT
23 PROTECTIONS. SO I WOULD ASK THAT RAPHAEL DO A REPORT BACK TO
24 THE BOARD HIGHLIGHTING THAT IF THAT WOULD BE ALRIGHT, MADAM
25 CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE WITH ME. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
3 OR COMMENTS? ALRIGHT, SEEING NONE, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US.
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** I AM SORRY. I WONDERED IF I COULD ASK, HEADLINES
7 IN THE L.A. TIMES THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS ARTICLES THAT L.A.
8 CITY IS GOING TO END ITS RENTER PROTECTION. SO THAT'S
9 COMMUNICATION, WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK THAT HAS ON TENANTS?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT PROGRAMS THE CITY OF L.A. IS
12 ROLLING OUT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO
13 RESEARCH IT. I DON'T KNOW.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL I MEAN IS, I THINK -- WE ARE FIVE PEOPLE WHO
16 HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO DO THE BEST FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. I HAVE
17 NO QUESTION ABOUT ANY OF US ON THAT, BUT IT IS KIND OF A
18 CRISIS FOR RENTERS NOW. WE ARE ONE OF THE HIGHEST RENT CITIES
19 IN THE WORLD. WE DON'T HAVE ANY RENT CONTROL, REALLY. I MEAN
20 THE -- THE INABILITY TO RAISE MORE THAN THAT PERCENTAGE I
21 THINK IT IS UNINCORPORATED ONLY, AND NOT OUR CITIES. PEOPLE IN
22 THE 88 CITIES ARE EXPERIENCING A LOT OF -- A LOT GREATER RENT
23 INCREASES THAN THAT. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALL -- I DON'T KNOW
24 ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT I HAVE PERSONAL FRIENDS THAT JUST CAN'T
25 KEEP THEIR APARTMENTS ANY MORE, MOVING IN TOGETHER, AND

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1 LOOKING IN OTHER AREAS, AND REALLY OTHER PLACES, PEOPLE
2 LEAVING THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF IT. SO -- I AM NOT BLAMING
3 ANYBODY OR SAYING YOU GUYS DON'T WANT THE BEST FOR THEM. I AM
4 JUST SAYING THAT I THINK THE RESULT HERE, EVEN IF IT IS JUST
5 COMMUNICATION, IS GOING TO BE ENORMOUS ANXIETY ABOUT THINGS
6 THAT I HOPE WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY OH, NEVER MIND ON SOME OF
7 THEM BECAUSE OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE ALL INCLUDED IN THIS.
8 SO IT FEELS LIKE IT JUMPS THE GUN TO ME A LITTLE BIT. AND IF I
9 MAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I THINK YOU MAY ASK YOUR STAFF THE
10 PERCENTAGE OF RENTAL HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY NOW OWNED BY
11 CORPORATIONS BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS QUITE A BIT HIGHER THAN
12 ANY OF US THINKS. I SAW A REPORT FOR L.A. CITY, AND IT IS
13 CONSIDERED THE INVESTMENT DU JOUR FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH --
14 CORPORATIONS WITH -- LOOKING FOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SO
15 ,I REALIZE THEY ARE MOM AND POPS, BUT A LOT OF CORPORATIONS
16 ARE REALLY GOING TO BENEFIT. ANYWAY, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
17 WITH YOU, HOWEVER THIS TURNS OUT, BUT I REALLY FEEL IT IS TOO
18 SOON TO COMMUNICATE THE END OF ALL PROTECTIONS TO OUR
19 CONSTITUENTS.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF I CAN ASK YOU A
22 FOLLOW UP QUESTION BECAUSE YOU SAID IT A COUPLE OF TIMES NOW
23 AND YOU EMPHASIZED IT THIS TIME THAT YOU HOPE THAT WE WILL BE
24 IN A POSITION TO REVERSE THAT. AS I LOOK AT, QUITE FRANKLY,
25 OUR TRANCHE TWO PRESENTATION TODAY, WHERE WE PROBABLY COULD

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1 HAVE USED MORE OF THOSE DOLLARS TO FUND RENTAL SUBSIDIES,
2 THAT'S NOT WHAT IS IN IT. SO WHEN YOU SAY YOU HOPE, IS THERE A
3 MOTION COMING FORWARD? TELL ME WHAT THE HOPE IS BASED ON SO
4 MAYBE I CAN HOPE TOO? BUT, SO HELP ME, I DON'T SEE ANY
5 MOTIONS COMING FORWARD, AND WE HAVE GOT LESS THAN THREE MONTHS
6 TO GO.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU DON'T SEE ANY MOTIONS COMING FORWARD BECAUSE
9 WE AREN'T SUPPOSED TO TELL EVERYBODY WHAT WE ARE DOING UNTIL
10 WE FILE THEM. SO I AM --

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** [INAUDIBLE] PROCESS.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** I GET YOU. BUT I AM SAYING I HOPE BECAUSE I KNOW
15 THAT I WANT TO CONTINUE THE PROTECTIONS THAT WE PROVIDED FOR
16 OUR CONSTITUENTS, BUT IT IS ONLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,
17 THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO, ABOUT NOT BEING KICKED OUT EXCEPT FOR
18 JUST CAUSE. THAT I THINK IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING. AND YOU
19 KNOW I WOULD SAY, OF COURSE, THAT I WOULD INTEND TO DO
20 EVERYTHING I CAN TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT THEM. THAT'S WHY I
21 KEPT SAYING I HOPE.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOT IT. GOT IT.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, IT IS A DELICATE BALANCE FOR US.
2 HONESTLY, I KNOW. BUT I THINK THE BOTTOM LINE FOR ME IS I
3 DON'T WANT TO INFORM ALL OF MY CONSTITUENTS, AND YOURS, IN THE
4 COUNTY, THAT ALL PROTECTIONS ARE GOING AWAY. WE THOUGHT YOU
5 SHOULD KNOW. AND THAT'S ALL WE ARE DOING WITH THIS. REMEMBER,
6 WE ALSO GAVE D.C.B.A. A THREE PHASE PHASEOUT. AND THE SECOND
7 PHASE ENDS DECEMBER 31ST, BUT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING A
8 THIRD PHASE PHASEOUT FOR EARLY 2023. AND I THINK THEY MAY HAVE
9 BEEN CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THIS AS WELL BECAUSE WE WERE SUPPOSED
10 TO SLOWLY PHASE OUT PROTECTIONS, AND THEIR PLAN WAS TO COME TO
11 US, AND HAS NOT YET, FOR THE THIRD PHASE. SO I -- YOU KNOW, I
12 AM JUST SAYING FOR ME, THIS IS TOO MUCH TOO SOON, AND I THINK
13 IT IS GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF CONFUSION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I HEAR YOU, AND I
16 GET IT. THAT IS THE LOVELY THING ABOUT THE STATE LEGISLATURE.
17 A BILL HAD TO BE IN PRINT 30 DAYS BEFORE IT MOVED IN ITS FIRST
18 COMMITTEE. SO IT REALLY GAVE YOU TIME TO SEE THE POLICY AND
19 DIGEST THE POLICY AND IMPROVE THE POLICY OR KILL THE POLICY,
20 WHATEVER. SO I HEAR YOU. I WOULD JUST SAY, FIRST OF ALL, I AM
21 GOING TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY BECAUSE THE ACTION WAS TAKEN NINE
22 MONTHS AGO. I NEED FOR MY VULNERABLE TENANTS AND VULNERABLE
23 MOM AND POP LANDLORDS TO UNDERSTAND THE ACTION WE TOOK AND HOW
24 IT WILL IMPACT THEM. NOW, AS I READ THE AMENDED LANGUAGE WE
25 GOT TODAY, IT REALLY TALKS ABOUT A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY THAT

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1 I DON'T KNOW, IF SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S HOPE COMES TO FRUITION,
2 THE NEW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY WOULD BE TO INCLUDE THAT CHANGE
3 AS WELL, WHICH WOULD DEVIATE FROM OUR JANUARY ACTION. I THINK
4 THERE HAS TO BE A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY IN PLACE. AGAIN,
5 PERHAPS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE IT IN JANUARY. IF THE HOPEFUL
6 MOTION COMES TO FRUITION, I HOPE IT INCLUDE A COMMUNICATION
7 STRATEGY BECAUSE, UNLESS PEOPLE KNOW, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE
8 VICTIMIZED BY CIRCUMSTANCES. AGAIN, I READ THIS LANGUAGE TODAY
9 AS A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY, WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE
10 IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LONG TERM PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE. I
11 LOOK FORWARD TO THAT POSSIBILITY OF A CONVERSATION. SO SEEING
12 NO FURTHER HANDS RAISED, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. IT'S
13 BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE
14 ITEM AS AMENDED. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 AS REVISED IS BEFORE YOU,
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL.

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

12

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

14 3-2.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 11, LOS ANGELES COUNTY PILOT

17 PROJECT FOR ABORTION AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

18 SERVICES, HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU FOR

21 ALSO JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY

22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM FOR ABORTION AND

23 OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AS YOU KNOW, THE

24 SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON DOBBS V. JACKSON WAS ONLY TWO AND

25 A HALF MONTHS AGO, BUT WE KNOW THE DAMAGE IS IMMEASURABLE. AND

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1 WOMEN OF COLOR WILL BE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THIS
2 DECISION. MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES AMONG LATINA WOMEN WERE
3 ALREADY INCREASING BEFORE THE DECISION, AND WE KNOW BLACK
4 WOMEN HAVE UNACCEPTABLE HIGH MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES,
5 COMPOUNDING THE HARMS THAT THE DOBBS DECISION WILL ENSUE. WE
6 CONTINUE TO SEE REPORTS OF RESIDENTS FROM OTHER STATES THAT
7 ARE TRAVELING FAR TO GET LIFESAVING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE
8 SERVICES. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT THEIR STATE, NOT ONLY DOES
9 NOT OFFER, BUT ALSO SEEKS TO PUNISH THEIR RESIDENTS FOR GOING
10 ELSEWHERE TO SEEK THESE LIFESAVING SUPPORTS. WE HAVE ALL HEARD
11 THE DISTURBING MEDIA REPORTS ALREADY. THEY ARE COMING TO
12 LIGHT. IN LOUISIANA A WOMAN WAS DENIED AN ABORTION IN HER HOME
13 STATE WHEN HER FETUS WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A FATAL SKULL
14 CONDITION. DESPITE THE FACT THAT HER BABY WOULD HAVE DIED SOON
15 AFTER BIRTH, NANCY DAVIS BENJAMIN WAS DENIED AN ABORTION IN
16 HER THIRTEENTH WEEK OF PREGNANCY. NANCY PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO
17 NORTH CAROLINA TO SEEK ABORTION SERVICES AND SAID THAT IT WAS
18 HARD KNOWING THAT SHE WAS CARRYING IT TO BURY IT. EARLIER IN
19 THE SUMMER, A TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL DENIED, I REPEAT, A TEN-YEAR-
20 OLD GIRL WAS RAPED AND IMPREGNATED AND HAD TO TRAVEL TO
21 INDIANA, WHILE ALSO ENDURING SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA, TO SEEK ON
22 ABORTION. A MAN HAS SINCE BEEN CHARGED WITH THE RAPE, BUT THAT
23 GIRL HAS LIVED WITH EVEN MORE HARM THANKS TO HER STATE BANNING
24 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A DARK CATCH-22, A
25 REAL LIFE HANDMAID'S TALE THAT COULD RESULT IN DEATH AND OTHER

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1 SEVERE CONSEQUENCES FOR BIRTHING PEOPLE. AND HERE IN OUR OWN
2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE LEADERSHIP OF
3 GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND OTHER LEGISLATORS DOING EVERYTHING
4 POSSIBLE TO SAFEGUARD THE RIGHT OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH,
5 INCLUDING A RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, BUT OUR STATE LEADERSHIP, AS
6 WELL AS THIS BOARD KNOW WELL THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT
7 JUST TO CALIFORNIANS BUT TO ALL AMERICANS WHO NOW HAVE
8 ABORTION OUT OF THEIR REACH BECAUSE OF THEIR STATE'S
9 DESTRUCTIVE AND BACKWARD LAWS. THAT'S WHY THE BOARD SUPPORTED
10 SENATOR KAMLAGER'S LEGISLATION, WHICH WOULD MAKE LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY A SAFE HAVEN FOR OUT OF STATE PATIENT WHO NEED TO
12 TRAVEL HERE FOR SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION SERVICES. SHOULD
13 GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGN THE LEGISLATION, IT WILL RESULT IN \$20
14 MILLION TO REPRODUCTIVE CARE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY COMMUNITY
15 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTY, AND I MIGHT SAY A SIGNIFICANT
16 AMOUNT. OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, OPERATING
17 FOUR PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITALS IN 24 CLINICS, ALSO HAS A
18 CRITICAL ROLE FOR OUT OF STATE RESIDENTS. AS A SAFETY NET
19 PROVIDER, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS BEEN PREPARING
20 AND MARSHALING ITS RESPONSE TO DOBBS V. JACKSON. THEY ARE
21 SHORING UP OUR MESSAGING AND SERVICE AVAILABILITY FOR COUNTY
22 CLIENTS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO PREPARED TO SERVE OUT OF STATE
23 RESIDENTS. AND THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION, I BELIEVE, IS NECESSARY
24 SO D.H.S. CAN ESTABLISH A REDUCED COST AND NO COST PLAN FOR
25 RESIDENTS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK REPRODUCTIVE

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1 HEALTHCARE SERVICES FROM A COUNTY HOSPITAL OR A CLINIC. WE
2 NEED TO REMOVE ANY BARRIERS THAT MAY EXIST, AND THIS MOTION
3 WOULD ALLOW D.H.S. TO ENSURE THAT A MEDICAL BILL DOES NOT POSE
4 A HURDLE FOR THOSE SEEKING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
5 AND I AM PLEASED THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING THIS MOTION ON
6 THE SAME DAY THAT OUR GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR NEWSOM, LAUNCHES AN
7 ABORTION.CA.GOV, WHICH PROVIDES AMERICANS WITH INFORMATION
8 ABOUT ABORTION AND WHERE TO FIND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, EVEN
9 IF YOU DON'T LIVE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. OTHER STATES ARE
10 SHRINKING THE RIGHTS OF PREGNANT WOMEN, GIRLS, AND OTHER
11 BIRTHING PEOPLE, BUT NOT HERE IN CALIFORNIA. IN FACT, WE
12 WELCOME THOSE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA TO TRAVEL HERE TO
13 RECEIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES. AND TO THAT END, I WOULD
14 LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. IT IS OUR
15 COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO UPHOLD ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE
16 HEALTHCARE SERVICE AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT. AND THAT IS WHY, AT
17 OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING, I WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCING A MOTION TO
18 OPPOSE SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM'S LEGISLATION HE INTRODUCED
19 TODAY PROPOSING A NATIONWIDE 15 WEEK BAN ON ABORTION,
20 SOMETHING WE KNEW HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO DO, BUT WE CAN'T STAND
21 BY AND LET IT HAPPEN. SO I URGE YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS MOTION.
22 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
25 AND I AM PROUD TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. I HOPE IT IS

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1 SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL INDEED SIGN A.B.1245,
2 SENATOR KAMLAGER'S BILL THAT IS SITTING ON HIS DESK. HE HAS
3 UNTIL, I THINK, DECEMBER 30TH -- EXCUSE ME, SEPTEMBER 30TH TO
4 SIGN THOSE BILLS. SINCE YOU SAID HE LAUNCHED THAT WEBSITE
5 TODAY, I AM GOING TO READ THE TEA LEAVES AND ASSUME HE IS
6 GOING TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT SAFE HAVEN PILOT PROGRAM.
7 AGAIN, THE MOTION IS ANOTHER STEP THAT DEMONSTRATES OUR
8 BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT WOMEN'S
9 REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, FUNDAMENTALLY, INCLUDING THOSE WOMEN AND
10 GIRLS WHO CAN'T GET ABORTION RELATED SERVICES IN THEIR OWN
11 HOME STATE. PROUD TO COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. ANY OTHER
12 COMMENTS ON THE MOTION? SEEING NONE, IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

8 MITCHELL.

9

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

11

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

13 5-0.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 12, SUPPORTING PRESIDENT BIDEN'S

16 REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO COMBAT COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX, WHICH

17 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, AS YOU KNOW, THE

20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ONCE AGAIN CONSIDERING APPROPRIATING

21 CRITICAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO COMBAT COVID-19.

22 ADDITIONALLY, AS YOU KNOW, THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS ARE IN

23 DISCUSSIONS TO FUND EFFORTS TO COMBAT MONKEYPOX. ON SEPTEMBER

24 2ND, PRESIDENT BIDEN REQUESTED \$26.9 BILLION IN FUNDING FROM

25 CONGRESS TO COMBAT BOTH COVID AND MONKEYPOX. I DON'T NEED TO

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1 REPEAT THE DEVASTATING IMPACT THAT COVID-19 HAS HAD ON OUR
2 RESIDENTS AND THE OVER 3.2 MILLION CONFIRMED CASES AND 31,000
3 TRAGIC DEATHS. FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE BETTER TOOLS IN PLACE
4 TODAY, VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT. WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THAT
5 TODAY IN OUR DISCUSSION ON HEALTHCARE. THESE HAVE HELPED US
6 WEATHER THE MOST SERIOUS OUTCOMES OF THE RECENT WAVES DRIVEN
7 BY THE OMICRON SUBVARIANTS, BUT IF WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE
8 THAT PROGRESS, IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE NEED MORE FUNDING TO
9 PREVENT FURTHER UNNECESSARY SERIOUS DISEASE OR LOSS OF LIFE.
10 WITH WINTER A FEW MONTHS AWAY, AND THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER
11 SURGE FACING US, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE WE GET THE SUPPORT
12 NEEDED NOW. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL GIVEN THE NEW BOOSTERS
13 WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED. EXTENSIVE OUTREACH AND VACCINATION IS
14 NEEDED AHEAD OF THE WINTER MONTHS. ADDITIONALLY, CRITICAL
15 RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO BOLSTER OUR EFFORTS TO COMBAT
16 MONKEYPOX. THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS, THE COUNTY
17 HAS RECEIVED VITAL VACCINATION TESTING AND TREATMENTS. BOTH
18 CURRENT SUPPLIES WILL ONLY MEET THE NEED OF 56% OF RESIDENTS
19 WHO ARE DEFINED AT RISK. TO SUCCESSFULLY END THIS CURRENT
20 OUTBREAK AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE OUTBREAKS, ADDITIONAL FUNDING
21 WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT TESTING, TREATMENT, VACCINATION, AND
22 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS. COLLEAGUES, I WAS FORTUNATE
23 ENOUGH TO GO TO D.C. THIS PAST WEEK AND MEET WITH MEMBERS OF
24 PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO
25 ADVOCATE DIRECTLY FOR THIS NEED. THEY HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE

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1 RECEPTIVE AND WILLING TO PARTNER WITH US. AND WE MUST CONTINUE
2 TO ADVOCATE TO SHOW THEM OUR SUPPORT. THAT'S WHY I AM ASKING
3 FOR YOUR SUPPORT TODAY ON THE MOTION FOR THE COUNTY TO SEND A
4 FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS IN SUPPORT
5 OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH., MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

8 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. WE KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS
12 BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID VIRUS, AND NOW
13 M-POX. WE HAVE A VERY POWERFUL VOICE. AND I THINK THIS MOTION
14 WILL ALLOW US TO USE IT COLLECTIVELY TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE
15 NEEDS OF ALL THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE REPRESENT. FUNDING --
16 FEDERAL FUNDING IS SO NECESSARY SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO
17 PROVIDE TESTING, TREATMENT, VACCINES, EDUCATION, AND OTHER
18 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THANK
19 YOU FOR BEING A LEADER ON THIS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU
20 FOR GOING BACK TO D.C. THANK YOU FOR CARRYING THE WEIGHT OF
21 THIS COUNTY WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO BACK AND MEET. I THINK IT IS
22 A VERY POWERFUL VOICE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR USING IT AND
23 MAKING THE EXTRA EFFORT SO GO BACK THERE. THANK YOU, MADAM
24 CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WISHING
2 TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US, SECONDED
3 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 15, ESTABLISHING A COUNTY-WIDE R.V.
5 ENCAMPMENT PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH I HELD. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO
6 START BY THANKING OUR C.E.O.'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE OFFICE AND
7 ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WORKED VERY HARD OVER THE LAST SEVEN
8 MONTHS TO PUT TOGETHER SUCH A WELL RESEARCHED, WELL THOUGHT
9 OUT AND IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS FOR THE REPORT BACK ON THE R.V.
10 ENCAMPMENT MOTION THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD IN JANUARY OF THIS
11 YEAR. SO THANK YOU TO THAT ENTIRE TEAM. THE REPORT SET THE
12 ROAD MAP FOR A COUNTY-WIDE R.V. ENCAMPMENT PILOT PROGRAM,
13 WHICH IS OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR JOINING ME AS COAUTHOR. IN THE PAST FEW
15 DAYS, I PARTICIPATED IN TWO VERY KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR
16 HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM. ONE WAS THE L.A. COUNTY POINT IN TIME
17 HOMELESS COUNT DATA THAT WAS RELEASED, AND THE L.A. ALLIANCE
18 SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT JUST YESTERDAY. IN BOTH OF THESE
19 EVENTS, I UPLIFTED THAT IT CONTINUES TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO
20 HAVE OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS LIVING ON THE STREETS.
21 WHILE THERE'S BEEN A 4% INCREASE OF UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS IN
22 THE COUNTY, OVERALL THE NUMBER SHOW THAT THE CURVE IS
23 FLATTENING. CONSIDERING THAT BETWEEN 2018 AND 2020, THE COUNTY
24 SAW A NEARLY 26% INCREASE IN OUR UNHOUSED. THE NUMBER OF
25 SHELTERED INDIVIDUALS IS ON THE RISE IN THE COUNTY. OUR

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1 POLICIES FOCUSED ON UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS ARE PAYING OFF,
2 AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE WORKING TO BRING MORE
3 PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS INTO APPROPRIATE HOUSING SETTINGS
4 COUPLED WITH SERVICES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT OVER THE LAST 24
5 MONTHS, WITH THE ONSET OF COVID, R.V. ENCAMPMENTS HAVE GROWN
6 EXPONENTIALLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AS I AM SURE ALL OF YOU,
7 MY OFFICE RECEIVES LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF CALLS AND LETTERS
8 WEEKLY REGARDING R.V.S. WE HEAR ABOUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY
9 CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED BY THE PEOPLE IN THEM, AS WELL AS THE
10 IMPACT OF THE R.V.S ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND
11 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES, AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENT. WE HEARD
12 SEVERAL CALLERS CALL IN TODAY IN PUBLIC COMMENT THAT RAISED
13 THAT POINT. WE HAVE HEARD AND KNOW AND HAVE SEEN THE FIRES
14 THAT HAVE PUT BOTH OUR UNHOUSED AND HOUSED RESIDENTS IN GRAVE
15 DANGER AND COMPROMISE INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT'S WHY, BACK IN
16 JANUARY, I WAS PROUD THAT THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE
17 MOTION ASKING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO UPDATE THE 2018 R.V. REPORT
18 WITH OUR NEW PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN MIND WITH THE LENS ON THE
19 MANY BARRIERS THAT THIS PANDEMIC HAS CREATED, WHICH FURTHER
20 EXACERBATES THE R.V. HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. SO TODAY, WE HAVE A
21 MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM WE ARE FACING, ITS
22 SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY,
23 WHERE WE HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF R.V. ENCAMPMENTS. NOW THAT
24 WE HAVE A ROAD MAP TO GUIDE US, IT IS ABSOLUTELY URGENT THAT
25 THIS BOARD PASS TODAY'S MOTION TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE

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1 TIMING, FUNDING, AND EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS 3-YEAR COUNTY-
2 WIDE R.V. ENCAMPMENT PILOT PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR
3 HARDEST HIT R.V. HOT SPOTS. THE MOTION BEFORE US HAS NINE
4 DIRECTIVES FOR THE C.E.O. HOMELESS INITIATIVE ALONG WITH KEY
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE
6 SAINT JOSEPH VEHICLE HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM AND THE L.A.
7 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY TO WORK INTENTIONALLY AND
8 COLLECTIVELY IN IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY WIDE R.V. ENCAMPMENT
9 PILOT. IN 120 DAYS, WE WILL HAVE A REPORT BACK ON THE
10 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT HOUSING OPTIONS,
11 SERVICES, R.V. SAFE PARKING, R.V. RENOVATION GRANTS, A
12 COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, R.V.
13 DESTRUCTION PLANS WHEN APPROPRIATE, AND WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH
14 OUR CITIES. THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE
15 APPROACH TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR FAMILIES AND
16 COMMUNITIES LIVING IN AND AROUND R.V.S. I THANK YOU AND ASK
17 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE TODAY SO WE CAN ADDRESS OUR ISSUES RELATED
18 TO R.V. ENCAMPMENTS BEFORE THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE EVEN
19 MORE. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AS MY COAUTHOR, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
20 MAKE REMARKS?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL, FOR HAVING ME AS A COAUTHOR ON THIS MOTION TODAY.
24 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREDIBLE RISE IN
25 THE NUMBER OF R.V. ENCAMPMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. ALTHOUGH

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1 THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE PANDEMIC FUELED THIS GROWTH, THE
2 INFLUX OF R.V.S WAS OCCURRING PRIOR TO 2020. AS THE REGION
3 FACES A CONTINUE USE HOUSING SHORTAGE AND AFFORDABILITY
4 CRISIS, MANY ARE DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, WHO ARE
5 FORCED INTO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS AND FIND THEMSELVES
6 SEEKING REFUGE IN R.V.S. HOWEVER, A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR
7 EXACERBATING THIS TREND, MUCH LIKE WITH THE BROADER EPIDEMIC
8 OF HOMELESSNESS, SEEMS TO BE UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH AND
9 HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING ADDICTIONS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. IN
10 THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WE HAVE SEEN AN INFLUX OF R.V.S IN THE
11 ANTELOPE VALLEY IN OUR MORE RURAL COMMUNITIES. THESE RURAL
12 COMMUNITIES ARE FACED WITH UNIQUE AND SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES,
13 AS THESE R.V. ENCAMPMENTS OFTEN OCCUPY VACANT PARCELS IN
14 REMOTE AREAS. GIVEN THE HAPHAZARD NATURE OF THESE R.V.
15 ENCAMPMENTS, NECESSARY AND ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT IN
16 PLACE TO SUSTAIN THESE MAKESHIFT COMMUNITIES. THIS OFTEN
17 RESULTS IN UNTREATED HUMAN WASTE AND SEWAGE BEING DUMPED,
18 CREATING SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR
19 GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION, ESPECIALLY IN A REGION THAT
20 SUBSIDIZES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF GROUNDWATER. THIS IS AN
21 IMMEDIATE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN AND COULD BE
22 ENVIRONMENTALLY CATASTROPHIC. THE CONTINUED DEGRADATION OF THE
23 COMMUNITY AND CONTAMINATION OF ITS WATER SOURCES FROM HUMAN
24 WASTE, AS WELL AS OTHER BYPRODUCTS OF NON-FUNCTIONING
25 VEHICLES, INCLUDING OIL, ANTIFREEZE, AND OTHER HARSH

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1 CHEMICALS, CAN SIGNIFICANTLY ENDANGER THE ENVIRONMENT AND
2 CREATE MORE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DISPARITIES. I AM LOOKING
3 FORWARD TO SEEING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S REPORT
4 BACK ON HOW TO ADDRESS -- HOW TO ADDRESS AND PROPERLY MANAGE
5 THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM THESE ENCAMPMENTS. IN ADDITION, IT
6 IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE FIND SOLUTIONS TO GET NON-FUNCTIONAL
7 R.V.S OFF THE ROAD, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FIND SUSTAINABLE AND
8 ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED. COMBINED WITH A
9 SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO TREAT UNDIAGNOSED
10 AND UNTREATED HEALTH CONDITIONS, THE COUNTY MUST CONTINUE TO
11 FIND WAYS TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE MUST
12 ADDRESS THE INEQUITIES IN THE HEALTH AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE
13 IN OUR COMMUNITIES. FOR R.V.S THAT ARE FUNCTIONAL AND IN
14 COMPLIANCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS, THE COUNTY SHOULD
15 ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT IDENTIFIES POTENTIAL AREAS FOR THEM
16 TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN
17 COORDINATION WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND COMMUNITIES TO
18 ENSURE THAT SITE SELECTION BALANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR
19 COMMUNITIES AND THE NEEDS OF THOSE CURRENTLY LIVING IN THEIR
20 R.V.S. WE NEED TO BE THOROUGH AND EVALUATING OUR R.V.
21 ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOLS, AND WE MUST STRIVE TO BE CREATIVE AND
22 INNOVATIVE WHEN IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS THAT
23 ENSURE OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ARE PROVIDED THE RESOURCES
24 THEY NEED TO THRIVE. SO I, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
25 SUPERVISOR -- OR CHAIR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND

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1 ALLOWING ME TO BE A COAUTHOR ON IT. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OUT
2 THERE THAT ARE ACTUALLY VICTIMS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
3 RENTING THEM HORRIFIC R.V.S, AND CHARGING INCREDIBLE AMOUNTS
4 OF MONEY AND ARE ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF THEM AND THEIR
5 FAMILIES BY DOING SO. SO, I THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO
6 STEP IN AND PROTECT THEM FROM WHAT IS GOING ON ON OUR STREETS
7 RIGHT NOW. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
10 COMMENTS ON THE MOTION? SEEING NONE, MOVED BY MITCHELL,
11 SECONDED BY BARGER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

6

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

8

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
13 ITEMS 16, THAT I HELD, AND 35 THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER HELD. AND
14 AGAIN, 16 -- ITEM 16 IS DEEPENING THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO
15 EQUITABLE DEPLOYMENT OF ENHANCED REGIONAL BROADBAND
16 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BROADBAND
17 COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AGAIN, WHICH WAS ITEM 35, AND
18 COMMUNITY BROADBAND NETWORK SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENTS HELD BY
19 BARGER.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW YOU WERE HOLDING 16, MY
22 ISSUE WAS FOCUSED ON 35. AND REALLY I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY
23 THANKS TO SELWYN HOLLINS AND THE ENTIRE LEADERSHIP TEAM AT THE
24 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR REMARKABLE STEWARDSHIP
25 ON THIS EFFORT. I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THEY HAVE DONE A

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1 LOT OF WORK TO GET US WHERE WE ARE TODAY. WE HAVE EMBRACED THE
2 COUNTY'S DIGITAL EQUITY ISSUES WITH PASSION AND ENTHUSIASM IN
3 THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PUBLIC SERVICE. ADDRESSING THE DIGITAL
4 DIVIDE IN A REGION AS DIVERSE AND VAST AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 IS A MONUMENTAL UNDERTAKING. IT IS NOT A ONE SIZED FITS ALL,
6 AS WE HAVE SEEN. THERE ARE MANY COMPETING INTERESTS AND
7 DIVERSION VIEWPOINTS ON HOW THE COUNTY CAN BOAST ADDRESS
8 MEETING THE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE
9 CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND OUR ADULTS. WHILE I SUPPORT THIS BOARD
10 LETTER TO AWARD AND EXECUTE COMMUNITY BROADBAND NETWORK
11 SERVICES, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITS REGIONAL DISPARITY AND
12 JUST PUT IT ON THE RECORD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO
13 NUMEROUS DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITH A BROAD GEOGRAPHIC MAKEUP.
14 THE BOARD LETTER CONTAINS SEVEN DEMONSTRATION SERVICE AREAS
15 THAT I.S.D. DETERMINED TO BE WELL SUITED TO A BROADBAND
16 INTERNET SERVICE APPROACH. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SEVEN AREAS
17 IDENTIFIED ARE NOT FULL GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THE
18 COUNTY AND ARE FAIRLY LIMITED TO CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE
19 COUNTY. THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ACROSS ALL FIVE
20 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, WHICH IS ARE IN GREAT NEED OF DIGITAL
21 ACCESS FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. IN MY OWN DISTRICT, I WOULD
22 LIKE TO THINK THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WOULD BE A PRIME
23 CANDIDATE FOR ANY EFFORTS BY THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL
24 DIVIDE. THERE ARE SEVERAL AREAS IN THE NORTH COUNTY WITH A
25 HIGH NUMBER OF MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITIES THAT SIGNIFICANTLY

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1 LACK INTERNET ACCESS. AND UNLIKE OTHER MORE DENSELY POPULATED
2 AREAS, RESIDENTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ARE FURTHER
3 DISADVANTAGED BY THE RURAL NATURE OF THE AREA AND THE LACK OF
4 ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OR NEARBY WIFI SPOTS, SUCH AS LOCAL
5 LIBRARIES, COFFEE SHOPS, OR EVEN COMMUNITY CENTERS. I.S.D. HAS
6 SAID THAT THE SEVEN DEMONSTRATION SERVICE AREAS ARE FOR
7 ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES TO BEGIN TO DEVELOP THE WORK ORDERS. IT
8 IS MY ARDENT HOPE THAT, AS WORK ORDERS ARE DEVELOPED, I.S.D.,
9 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE C.I.O. AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICE, CONSIDER ALL REGIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT CAN
11 AND SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE COMMUNITY BROADBAND WIRELESS
12 AGREEMENTS. SO, I JUST WANTED TO PUT ON THE RECORD, IT IS NOT
13 THAT I AM AGAINST THE SEVEN THAT ARE BEING RECOMMENDED. I JUST
14 WANT US TO KEEP IN MIND, I.S.D., AND I AM SURE THERE ARE OTHER
15 AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE NORTH COUNTY THAT NEED TO BE REALLY
16 FOCUSED ON AS WE ROLL THIS OUT AND DEVELOP. SO I LOOK FORWARD
17 TO CONTINUING THE DISCUSSIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE RESIDENTS
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, BOTH NEAR AND FAR, ARE PROPERLY AND
19 FAIRLY SUPPORTED BY THESE EFFORTS. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH REGARD TO ITEM 16, TOO
22 MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES ARE LEFT WITH INTERNET OPTIONS THAT
23 ARE TOO SLOW, TOO UNRELIABLE, AND WAY TOO EXPENSIVE. STILL
24 MORE ARE LEFT WITH NO INTERNET AT ALL. LAST YEAR, MY OFFICE
25 WORKED WITH THE L.A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO

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1 GROUND TRUTH THE IMPACTS OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDE ON COMMUNITIES
2 IN MY DISTRICT. I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND FIRSTHAND WHY SO MANY
3 HOUSEHOLDS WERE LEFT BEHIND. I HEARD A LOT OF SPECULATION THAT
4 HOUSEHOLDS "DIDN'T WANT INTERNET." I INTUITIVELY KNEW THAT
5 COULDN'T BE THE CASE, OR THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT, OR
6 THEY DIDN'T DEVICES. WHAT OUR RESEARCH FOUND IS THAT AS MANY
7 AS 20% OF THE RESIDENTS IN HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES OF THE SECOND
8 DISTRICT DON'T HAVE INTERNET IN THEIR THEM. AND IN OUR
9 COMMUNITY OF WILLOWBROOK, 35% OF OUR POPULATION DOESN'T HAVE
10 AN INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION. WHY? BECAUSE IT IS JUST TOO
11 EXPENSIVE. IF YOU BELIEVE, AS I DO, THAT INTERNET REALLY HAS
12 BECOME BASICALLY A UTILITY, AND THEREFORE A CIVIL RIGHT, YOU
13 SHOULD ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE COMPELLED TO ACT. TODAY'S
14 BOARD'S ACTIONS REFLECT A GIANT LEAP FORWARD IN CLOSING THE
15 DIGITAL DEVICE. ITEM 35 ON THE AGENDA WILL ESTABLISH A BENCH
16 OF CONTRACTORS TO HELP THE COUNTY BUILD OUT HIGH SPEED
17 INTERNET SERVICES. ITEM 29, TODAY'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR
18 A.R.P.A. DOLLARS ALLOCATES \$56 MILLION TO I.S.D. FOR THAT
19 WORK. AND AFTER TODAY'S ACTION, I.S.D. WILL BE ABLE TO QUICKLY
20 ISSUE WORK ORDERS TO CONTRACTORS TO BEGIN DEPLOYING SERVICES.
21 TO INTERNET PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT YET ON THIS BENCH, I
22 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY AS THE PROCESS IS OPEN ON A
23 ROLLING BASIS. SO THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU WILL ADD ADDITIONAL
24 EXECUTIVE LEVEL CAPACITY AT I.S.D. TO HELP DELIVER ON TODAY'S
25 BOLD ACTIONS. WITH ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES, THANKS

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1 TO OUR A.R.P.A. DOLLARS, WE NEED STRONG LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE
2 COUNTY TO MAXIMIZE OUR RESOURCES AND COORDINATE AN EFFECTIVE
3 DEPLOYMENT OF NEW BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS MOTION
4 CREATES A COUNTY DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY THAT WILL WORK TO
5 STAND UP AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BROADBAND COORDINATING
6 COMMITTEE. THIS NEW DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY WILL HAVE
7 AUTHORITY TO BRING ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, CITIES, COUNCILS OF
8 GOVERNMENT, AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES TOGETHER TO PROVIDE
9 GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS WE MOST EFFECTIVELY
10 LEVERAGE DOLLARS TO DEPLOY LOW COST, FAST, AND RELIABLE
11 INTERNET TO EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTY. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO
12 THANK THE NEARLY 40 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WROTE IN SUPPORT OF
13 ITEMS 16 AND 35. THIS DEMONSTRATION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT
14 UNDERSCORES HOW IMPORTANT OUR WORK AS A COUNTY IS TO FAMILIES
15 ACROSS THE COUNTY. I SPECIFICALLY WANT TO THANK THE GREAT
16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOW, COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A.
17 COUNTY, PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER, UNITE L.A., AND THE
18 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, WHO HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN THE
19 DIGITAL EQUITY L.A. COALITION. I ENCOURAGE YOUR AYE VOTE.
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK
23 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR COAUTHOR ON ITEM 16. I AM
24 PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
25 BROADBAND COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND I WANT TO THANK ALSO MY

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1 STAFF PERSON, TAMMY IMOTO FREUS, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THESE
2 ISSUES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS ALONG WITH THE I.S.D. AS WELL AS
3 WITH THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND OTHER ADVOCATES
4 THAT ARE ALSO A PART OF THIS SUPPORT NETWORK. IT DOES TAKE A
5 VILLAGE TO GET THIS STUFF DONE. AND I WANT TO COMMEND EVERYONE
6 THAT HAS TAKEN A HARD STEP FORWARD, AND ESPECIALLY I WANT TO
7 COMMEND THE STAFF OF I.S.D., IN PARTICULAR OUR DIRECTOR THERE,
8 SELWYN, WHO HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOHN. I KNOW THERE'S MUCH
9 THAT HAS TO BE DONE. WE FOUND OUT THROUGH THE PANDEMIC HOW
10 IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO STAY CONNECTED AND TO ALLOW FOR
11 THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO HAVE
12 ACCESS TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS SERVICES FREELY. THIS SHOULD NOT
13 BE A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE, BUT IN MANY WAYS, IT IS. AND WE HAVE
14 TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY HAS EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL THE
15 SERVICES THAT WE CAN PROVIDE. AFFORDABILITY BEING AN IMPORTANT
16 ASPECT, BUT ALSO INNOVATION. AND I THINK MOVING FORWARD THAT'S
17 WHERE THIS PARTICULAR MOTION WILL TAKE US AND THE FACT THAT
18 WOE WILL BE CREATING COMMITTEES THAT WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO
19 ASSIST US, PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES AND THOSE LEADERS
20 IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WHO KNOW BEST HOW TO REMEDY THIS
21 SITUATION. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I WANT TO GO ON RECORD IN
22 STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 35, THE I.S.D. BOARD LETTER TO EXECUTE
23 MASTER AGREEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY BROADBAND NETWORK. THE
24 BOARD HAS TAKEN, AS YOU KNOW, SEVERAL STEPS TO DELIVER
25 INTERNET SERVICES TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AND WE

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1 KNOW MANY OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE AT A LOS BECAUSE THERE
2 WAS NO EQUITY IN TERMS OF HAVING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. WE
3 ALSO FUNDED INTERNET SERVICES IN OUR PARKS AND OUR LIBRARIES.
4 WE ALSO ALLOCATED FEDERAL A.R.P. DOLLARS TO PROVIDE LAPTOPS
5 AND HOT SPOTS TO STUDENTS. AND LAST YEAR, I AUTHORED A MOTION,
6 AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WAS MY COAUTHOR, THAT INSTRUCTED
7 I.S.D. TO PROVIDE OPTIONS TO QUICKLY SET UP FAST, HIGH QUALITY
8 INTERNET SERVICE. IN RESPONSE, I.S.D. TOOK SEVERAL STEPS,
9 INCLUDING THE ONE BEFORE US TODAY. AND THE MASTER AGREEMENTS
10 ARE INTENDED TO CREATE A POOL OF PRE-QUALIFIED PROVIDERS, WHO
11 COMPETE FOR WORK ORDERS TO BUILD AND/OR OPERATE BROADBAND
12 NETWORKS. THE MASTER AGREEMENTS WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR FIVE
13 YEARS WITH FIVE ONE YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND AND WILL ALSO BE
14 OPEN ENDED SO THAT PROVIDERS CAN CONTINUE TO JOIN. EVEN THOSE
15 THAT MAY NOT -- WERE NOT ABLE TO GET IN THE FIRST QUEUE, CAN
16 POSSIBLY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES MOVING FORWARD. AND THAT'S WHY I
17 AM PLEASED THAT THE PROVIDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
18 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES AND OUTREACH TO
19 ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BE GIVEN ALL THE
20 OPPORTUNITIES NECESSARY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AGAIN, I WANT TO
21 THANK SELWYN AND THE I.S.D. TEAM, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING
22 RELENTLESSLY TO GET OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THE SERVICES THEY
23 NEED, AS WELL AS PATRICE SELCITO OF COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO HAS
24 BEEN A PART OF THIS STEP EVERY SINGLE WAY. SO I WANT TO THANK

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1 YOU ALL VERY MUCH AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON BOTH ITEMS,
2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND I REALLY APPRECIATE
7 I.S.D. FOR TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EXPLORING WAYS WE,
8 AS A COUNTY, CAN HELP BRING GOOD RELIABLE INTERNET TO OUR
9 RESIDENTS. ON ITEM 35, WE'RE TAKING THIS STEP. IT IS A STEP TO
10 ENTERING INTO THESE MASTER AGREEMENTS WITH PROVIDERS TO BRING
11 BETTER BROADBAND INTERNET TO OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT AS OF TODAY,
12 WE'RE NOT -- NOTHING IS BEING AWARDED TODAY, I UNDERSTAND, AND
13 I'LL BE INTERESTED TO FOLLOW THE PROCESS AND HOPE THERE'S
14 TRANSPARENCY WITH I.S.D. IN AWARDING THESE CONTRACTS. BUT I
15 SHARE A SIMILAR CONCERNS THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER HAD ON THE
16 SEVEN SAMPLE LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED, THE REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT
17 OF QUALIFICATIONS. NONE OF THEM WERE IN MY DISTRICT. AND
18 AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND THAT TODAY'S ITEM DOESN'T APPROVE ANY
19 LOCATIONS FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM, BUT I THINK WE ALL ARE
20 CONCERNED. AND I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT IT AGAIN, THE LACK OF
21 INTERNET ACCESS AND DIGITAL INEQUITY IS A PROBLEM ACROSS THE
22 ENTIRE COUNTY. IN MY DISTRICT, THE CITIES OF HUNTINGTON PARK,
23 BELL, BELL GARDENS, MAYWOOD, SOUTH WHITTIER, NORTH LONG BEACH,
24 JUST TO NAME A FEW, ARE SOME OF THE GREATEST AREAS OF NEED FOR
25 INTERNET ACCESS. AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE PROGRAMS, WE

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1 NEED TO CONSIDER HOW DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTY ARE
2 IMPACTED AND FIND A WAY TO TOUCH AS MANY COMMUNITIES AS
3 POSSIBLE. AND, AGAIN, GOING FORWARD, I JUST REALLY WANT TO
4 STRESS THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GIVING I.S.D.
5 THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THESE MASTER AGREEMENTS, AND I
6 HOPE IT'S A PROCESS THAT'S FAIR AND EQUITABLE. THANK YOU,
7 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK ABOUT SIX YEARS
12 AGO, I ASKED NIK SWIATEK ON MY STAFF, WHO IS MY TECH GUY, TO
13 BEGIN TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY, THE SORT OF BIG DREAM
14 POSSIBILITY, THAT THE COUNTY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE LOW COST
15 WIRELESS SERVICE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY ON ITS OWN BECAUSE WE
16 BEGAN TO DO INQUIRIES WITH THE VARIOUS COMPANIES. THIS WAS
17 EVEN BEFORE COVID, WHEN IT BECAME MUCH MORE SERIOUS, ABOUT
18 WHETHER THEY COULD DO LOW COST OPTIONS BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW,
19 IT'S KIND OF A PASTICHE IN TERMS OF THE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE
20 BROADBAND ACCESS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND JUST KNOWING WHERE YOU
21 CAN GET IT, THERE IS MORE COMPETITION THAN THERE USED TO BE,
22 BUT IT STILL REALLY BELONGS TO THEM. AND ANYONE THAT
23 SUBSCRIBES KNOWS WHETHER MONTH THEY GET A NEW FEE OR NEW
24 ADDITION OR WHATEVER. SO WE, I THINK, WE NEED TO BE REALLY
25 CAREFUL IN THESE CONTRACTS THAT WE UNDERSTAND HOW TO KEEP THEM

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1 LOW COST, BUT I WOULD WANT TO SUGGEST TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE
2 GOING TO BE HERE A LOT LONGER THAN I AM TO CONTINUE TO EXPLORE
3 THE PUBLIC OPTION BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A POSSIBILITY, AND I
4 THINK IT'S GOING TO BE MORE OF A POSSIBILITY SO THAT WE AT
5 LEAST WE COULD COMPETE WITH THESE COMPANIES, IF YOU KNOW WHAT
6 I MEAN. KIND OF THE WAY WE HAVE WITH THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE
7 AND THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SOURCES. SO -- BUT THIS IS
8 GREAT. I SUPPORT BOTH THE MOTIONS. IT'S REALLY A NECESSARY AND
9 BIG STEP, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. AGAIN, I'M
12 SURE I.S.D. WILL ABSOLUTELY ENGAGE IN A FAIR TRANSPARENT
13 PROCESS. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, THE LOCATIONS WERE IDENTIFIED
14 BASED ON THE STUDY DONE THAT IDENTIFIED THE COMMUNITIES WITH
15 HIGHEST COST AND LOWEST UTILIZATION, WHICH IS HOW WE
16 IDENTIFIED THE SEVEN AREAS THAT ARE LOCATED IN S.D. I THINK 1,
17 2, AND A LOCATION IN 5. SO, IT WAS BASED ON THAT STUDY. IT
18 JUST WASN'T ARBITRARY. WITH THAT, SEEING NO OTHER HANDS
19 RAISED, ITEM 16 BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 16 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

12

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

14 MITCHELL?

15

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

17

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

19 5-0.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW VOTE ON ITEM 35. MOVED BY

22 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE

23 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:**

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2 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 35 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS

3

4 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

5

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

7

8 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

9

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

11

12 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

13

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

15

16 SUP. BARGER: AYE.

17

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

19 MITCHELL?

20

21 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

22

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

24 5-0.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 29, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN LOCAL
2 FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS SPENDING PLAN. I HELD IT, AND WE'LL HEAR
3 PRESENTATION FROM C.E.O. FESIA DAVENPORT. MS. DAVENPORT.

4

5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL, AND GOOD
6 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. LAST JULY, YOUR BOARD APPROVED A
7 SPENDING PLAN FOR \$975 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE
8 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. TODAY, I AM RETURNING TO YOUR BOARD TO
9 PRESENT MY OFFICE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$975
10 MILLION IN PHASE 2 FUNDING. HOWEVER, BEFORE I BEGIN, I'D LIKE
11 TO SHARE A SHORT ANIMATED VIDEO THAT LETS THE PUBLIC KNOW IN
12 BROAD TERMS WHAT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IS DOING TO MAKE
13 L.A. COUNTY A BETTER PLACE. SO IF WE COULD TAKE THE
14 PRESENTATION DOWN PLEASE AND QUEUE THE VIDEO.

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16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I THINK THIS IS THE INCORRECT VIDEO.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT, BEAR WITH US. WE'LL GET
19 THE CORRECT ONE UP SHORTLY.

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21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I LIKE THAT VIDEO, FESIA.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, SHOULD I JUST
2 PROCEED WITH THE PRESENTATION. I REALIZE THE HOUR IS LATE.
3 MAYBE WE COULD QUEUE THE VIDEO AT THE END.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO, WE'LL WAIT, UNLESS I'M TOLD IT'S
6 GOING TO TAKE MUCH LONGER. I'M LOOKING FOR CUES HERE IN THE
7 BOARDROOM FROM SOMEONE WHO WOULD KNOW. MS. DAVENPORT, GO AHEAD
8 WITH YOUR PRESENTATION, AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET IT QUEUED
9 UP TOWARDS THE END. THANK YOU.

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11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO IF THE
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICE CAN PULL UP THE SLIDE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH. SO BETTER THAN BEFORE. SO OUR GOAL TODAY IN
14 ALLOCATING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS IS TO SUPPORT A
15 BETTER THAN BEFORE RECOVERY, AND THIS LINE INCLUDES A SPECIAL
16 BADGE THAT WAS CREATED BY COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS TO BRAND
17 OUR A.R.P. PROJECTS. THAT BAND IS IN THE TOP RIGHT HAND
18 CORNER, THE RED AND THE BLUE AND THE WHITE. IN THE WEEKS AND
19 MONTHS AHEAD, YOU WILL SEE THIS INSIGNIA ONLINE. ON STICKERS,
20 EVEN ON MAGNETS, ON VEHICLES SERVING OUR A.R.P. PROGRAMS. AND
21 THE PURPOSE OF THE BRAND AND INSIGNIA IS TO LET OUR
22 COMMUNITIES KNOW HOW THESE DOLLARS ARE WORKING FOR THEM. NEXT
23 SLIDE, PLEASE. FEDERAL FUNDING. SO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IS
24 INTENDED TO HELP STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ADDRESS THE
25 DEVASTATING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19

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1 PANDEMIC. I KNOW YOUR BOARD IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE TOLL IT
2 HAS TAKEN ON OUR RESIDENTS AND THE DISPROPORTIONATE HARM IT
3 HAS CAUSED, BUT I THINK IT'S WORTH UNDERSCORING JUST A COUPLE
4 OF STATISTICS. OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, LATINO OR
5 HISPANIC RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY WERE NEARLY 2.5 TIMES
6 LIKELIER TO DIE FROM COVID-19 THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS,
7 WHILE BLACK RESIDENTS HAD A MORTALITY RATE MORE THAN 1.7 TIMES
8 THAT OF THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS. WHILE THE STATE'S
9 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY AS WE EMERGED FROM THE
10 PANDEMIC, AND RACIAL DISPARITIES NARROWED, THE 12 MONTH MOVING
11 AVERAGE STATE WIDE AS OF JULY WAS 8.5% UNEMPLOYMENT FOR BLACK
12 CALIFORNIANS VS. 5.3% FOR HISPANIC CALIFORNIANS AND 4.7% FOR
13 WHITE CALIFORNIANS. OUR GOAL IS TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE THE
14 NEED IS. WE WANT TO BUILD A RECOVERY TOOL THAT IS ROOTED IN
15 EQUITY AND TO ENSURE THAT THE MONEY IS SPENT RESIDENTS AND
16 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT AND HAVE THE FEWEST
17 AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THE PHASE 2 SPENDING PLAN TARGETS
18 SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE LASTING
19 CHANGE, INCLUDING FOR HOUSING, FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, AND
20 FOR FUNDING SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
21 HOMELESSNESS AND KEEPING THEM HOUSED. THE PLAN ALSO SUSTAINS
22 FUNDING FOR MANY OF THE PHASE 1 INVESTMENTS FOR SMALL
23 BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, FOR IMMIGRANTS, AND
24 SURVIVORS OF TRAUMA. IN ADDITION, THE PHASE 2 SPENDING PLAN
25 PROPOSES SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS TO SUSTAIN OUR HEALTH

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1 RESPONSE TO COVID-19. WHILE MANY PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND
2 SERVICES ROLLED OUT EARLIER WERE FUNDED WITH OTHER FEDERAL
3 RESOURCES, SOME OF THOSE RESOURCES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE.
4 AND SO, WE ARE NOW RECOMMENDING THE USE OF A.R.P. FUNDS TO
5 SUSTAIN OUR RESPONSE TO A PANDEMIC THAT IS STILL VERY MUCH
6 WITH US. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. PILLARS OF INVESTMENT. HERE YOU
7 SEE THREE PILLARS OF INVESTMENT, AND WE HAVE ADOPTED THESE AND
8 CONTINUED THESE FROM OUR PHASE 1 A.R.P.A. PLAN. PILLAR 1
9 RECOGNIZES THAT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REPRESENTS A ONCE IN
10 A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S MOST ACUTE
11 INEQUALITIES. IT PROPOSES INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL
12 FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND THEY'RE
13 THERE ON THE SCREEN IN THE VERY FIRST COLUMN. I WON'T REPEAT
14 THEM HERE. PILLAR 2 FOCUSES ON THE NEED TO DEPLOY SUPPORTIVE
15 SERVICES THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS TO JUMP START RECOVERY FOR
16 THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST AND ARE RESOURCED THE LEAST.
17 AND YOU CAN SEE A NUMBER OF PROGRAM AREAS IN THAT MIDDLE
18 COLUMN, WHICH I WILL NOT REPEAT. AND THEN PILLAR 3 REFLECTS
19 THE NEED TO ENSURE THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM OF SUPPORT TO
20 RESIDENTS, THE SAFETY NET, IS ON FIRM FINANCIAL FOOTING AS WE
21 EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC. AND YOU'LL SEE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS
22 IN THAT THIRD COLUMN ON THE FAR RIGHT. ACROSS ALL THE PILLARS,
23 SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY'S ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSIVE
24 INITIATIVE, KNOWN AS A.R.D.I.I., HAS WORKED WITH COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS TO PRIORITIZE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR COUNTY

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1 RESIDENTS HARDEST HIT BY COVID-19, THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
2 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY PREEXISTING HEALTH, MENTAL
3 HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
4 PLEASE. THIS SLIDE, I WANT TO SHARE OUR PROGRESS TO DATE. AS
5 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING REGULAR UPDATES ON
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND OUR
7 PROGRESS IN GETTING THESE DOLLARS OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES
8 WHERE THEY CAN DO THE MOST GOOD. WE ARE ALSO COORDINATING
9 ACROSS DEPARTMENTS IN A CONCERTED EFFORT TO BETTER INFORM
10 RESIDENTS ABOUT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND WE ARE RAMPING
11 UP EFFORTS TO HIGHLIGHT CONTRACT AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THAT
12 ARE OPEN TO BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. AND JUST A
13 SIDE NOTE ON THIS SLIDE. YOUR BOARD HAS MADE VERY CLEAR DURING
14 OUR BIWEEKLY PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU WANT OUR OFFICE TO WORK
15 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO GET THE MONEY OUT FASTER AND TO GET
16 THE MONEY OUT QUICKER, AND WE HAVE LAUNCHED CONCENTRATED
17 EFFORTS, SUPERVISORS, TO DO THAT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE
18 GOING TO SEE A LOT OF RESULTS FROM THOSE EFFORTS AS WE START
19 TO DEPLOY TRANCHE 2. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. PHASE
20 2, MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT. SO, I MENTIONED EARLIER WE'RE AIMING
21 TO MAXIMIZE OUR SPEED AND OUR IMPACT IN PHASE 2. TO ACCOMPLISH
22 THIS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING ALLOCATIONS IN A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS
23 YOUR BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN PHASE 1. TWO REASONS FOR
24 THIS, CHIEF AMONG THEM IS, FOR MANY OF THOSE PROGRAMS, ALL OF
25 THOSE PROGRAMS, THE NEED STILL EXISTS, BUT ALSO BY INVESTING

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1 IN THOSE EXISTING PROGRAMS, IT WILL ENABLE US TO ACCELERATE
2 THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THESE DOLLARS TO WORK FOR OUR RESIDENTS
3 AND BUSINESSES. THROUGHOUT PHASE 1, WE LEARNED THAT DEVELOPING
4 AND DEPLOYING PROGRAMS THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS, WHILE ALSO
5 ADHERING TO THE STRICT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- THE FEDERAL
6 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, LET ME REPEAT THAT. WHILE ALSO
7 ADHERING TO THE STRICT FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, IT IS
8 TIME AND LABOR INTENSIVE. IT'S EASIER TO SAY EQUITY, BUT IT'S
9 ACTUALLY HARDER TO DO IT, TO DESIGN AND DEVELOP IT IN A FAIR
10 MANNER IN A PROGRAM. SO COMMITTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO
11 ALREADY VETTED PHASE 1 PROGRAMS WILL ENSURE THOSE PROGRAMS ARE
12 SUFFICIENTLY RESOURCED AND SUCCESSFUL. IT WILL ALSO ALLOW US
13 TO PUT THESE DOLLARS TO WORK SOONER, AS I STATED EARLIER,
14 RATHER THAN STARTING FROM SCRATCH IN THE DESIGN AND
15 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROGRAMS FROM THE GROUND UP. A LOT OF THAT
16 HARD WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, AND WE SHOULD POISE OURSELVES
17 TO LEVERAGE IT. THE LIMITED NUMBER OF NEW PROGRAMS WE ARE
18 RECOMMENDING IN THIS PHASE -- (AUDIO DIFFICULTY) REFLECT VERY
19 HIGH PRIORITY AND SPECIFIC NEEDS. THE BALANCE OF FUNDING IN
20 THIS SECOND PHASE IS BEING RECOMMENDED TO SUSTAIN CRITICAL
21 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AS I
22 ALLUDED TO EARLIER, LIKE FREE COVID-19 TESTING, THAT WILL NO
23 LONGER BE PAID FOR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I'LL TAKE THE
24 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, WHAT'S IN PHASE 2 OF THE A.R.P. PLAN?
25 SOME OF THE NEW PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED IN PHASE 2 INCLUDE -- AND

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1 YOU SEE THEM HERE ON THE SLIDE. I WON'T GO THROUGH THEM IN
2 DETAIL. BUT THERE IS THE LAND BANK, THE COUNTY LAND BANK, THE
3 BUILD OUT OF MESH WIFI NETWORKS THAT THE BOARD JUST FINISHED
4 DISCUSSING, A GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK PREGNANT
5 WOMEN AND FOR NEW MOTHERS, AND SPECIALIZED OUTREACH FOR
6 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND LIVING IN HIGH FIRE
7 DANGER AREAS. YOU CAN SEE OTHER NEW PROGRAMS LISTED HERE AND
8 CALLED OUT IN THE DETAILED SPENDING PLAN THAT'S ATTACHED TO
9 OUR BOARD LETTER. YOU CAN ALSO SEE OUR COMMITMENT TO
10 MAINTAINING SAFETY NET SERVICES, SUCH AS FOOD DISTRIBUTION
11 PROGRAMS. CLEARLY, THE NEED REMAINS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
12 THIS FUNDING AIMS TO ADDRESS IT. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
13 PLEASE. PHASE 2 PROPOSED BREAKDOWN. SO THIS SLIDE BREAKS DOWN
14 THE PROPOSED PHASE 2 FUNDING BY PILLAR AND THEN BY CATEGORY OF
15 THE PROGRAM. AND WHILE I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL OF THE DETAILS,
16 I WILL SAY THAT MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS INCLUDE -- MANY OF THE
17 CATEGORIES THAT YOU SEE HERE INCLUDE MULTIPLE PROGRAMS OR
18 SERVICES, WHICH ARE GROUPED TOGETHER TO BASICALLY GIVE A BIG
19 PICTURE VIEW OF HOW WE ARE USING THIS MONEY TO ADDRESS
20 ENTRENCHED CHALLENGES RANGING FROM HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY TO
21 THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF IMMIGRANTS, SMALL BUSINESSES, JUSTICE-
22 INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, AND SURVIVORS OF TRAUMA, INCLUDING
23 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HATE CRIMES. THE ATTACHMENT TO THE BOARD
24 LETTER I REFERENCED EARLIER ALSO PROVIDES EACH OF YOUR OFFICES
25 GREATER PROGRAM BY PROGRAM DETAIL IF DESIRED. I'LL TAKE THE

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1 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE MOVING TO
2 PUT OUR PHASE 1 DOLLARS TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY TO FULFILL
3 OUR COMMITMENT TO AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY, AND I'M HAPPY TO
4 REPORT THAT 99% OF PHASE 1 PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
5 LAUNCH OR IMPLEMENTATION. I'D ALSO LIKE TO EMPHASIZE, ONCE
6 AGAIN, THAT INVESTING IN ADDITIONAL PHASE 2 DOLLARS INTO THESE
7 PRE-APPROVED PROGRAMS WILL HELP SPEED THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES
8 TO OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN NEED. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE
9 REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL GUIDELINES TO HAVE ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS
10 UNDERWAY BY 2024 AND UP TO 100% OF OUR A.R.P. DOLLARS EXPENDED
11 BY THE END OF 2026. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THIS
12 GRAPH SHOWS PHASE 2 BUILDS OR ADJUSTMENTS ON PHASE 1 PROGRAMS.
13 ON THIS SLIDE, THE PHASE 2 TOTALS INCLUDE ALL ADJUSTMENTS TO
14 PROGRAMMING MADE BETWEEN THE TWO PHASES, BETWEEN PHASE 1 AND
15 PHASE 2. ACROSS BOTH PHASES, A TOTAL OF \$971 MILLION, OR
16 ROUGHLY HALF OF THE TOTAL A.R.P. FUNDING, IS ALLOCATED TO
17 EQUITY-BASED INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS LONGSTANDING INEQUITIES.
18 AN ADDITIONAL \$324 MILLION IS AIMED AT SUPPORTING RECOVERY IN
19 OUR HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES. AND THE BALANCE OF \$654 MILLION
20 WILL SHORE UP OUR SAFETY NET PROGRAMS AND PRESERVE THE
21 COUNTY'S FISCAL STABILITY. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
22 SO THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE NUMBERS. THESE ALLOCATIONS THAT I
23 HAVE JUST SHARED WITH YOU ARE INFORMED BY THE COUNTY'S
24 FUNDAMENTAL COMMITMENT TO HELPING THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
25 MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC AND MOST AFFECTED BY POVERTY. AS

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1 YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, OUR OBJECTIVES INCLUDE REDUCING
2 EQUITY GAPS, ENSURING ACCESS, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED
3 ORGANIZATIONS SO THEY CAN BE OUR PARTNERS IN THIS WORK, AND
4 FOCUSING ON PREVENTION. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO
5 TO ASSIST US IN THIS OBJECTIVE, WE HAVE A.R.D.I.I.'S EQUITY
6 EXPLORER TOOL AS AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE. THIS TOOL ENABLES US
7 TO VISUALIZE AND ACT WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST. WE'RE USING
8 BOTH HARD DATA AND COMMUNITY INPUT TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. WE'RE
9 ALSO MINDFUL OF THE FEDERAL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS WE MUST
10 MEET IN ORDER TO PUT THIS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO ITS
11 FULLEST AND BEST USE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I'D LIKE TO JUST
12 HIGHLIGHT JUST ONE POINT ON OUR EQUITY EXPLORER TOOL. THIS
13 TOOL HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITH MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO
14 ARE MOST IN NEED, AND IT HAS BEEN, I THINK, IMPROVED AND
15 ENHANCED OVER TIME. AND IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY A NUMBER OF
16 ORGANIZATIONS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK IT IS
17 IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT AND STRESS IS THE TOOL DOES NOT
18 NECESSARILY TELL US -- IT DOES NOT DICTATE NECESSARILY HOW
19 RESOURCES ARE FUNDED. IT IS THE DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING
20 PARTNER THAT WE USE WITH OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS WORKING WITH OUR
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO HELP COME TO THE BOARD WITH THE
22 RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHERE INVESTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE. I THINK
23 IN CONVERSATIONS THAT I HAVE HAD WITH THE DEPARTMENTS AND
24 OTHERS THAT TALK ABOUT THE EQUITY TOOL, THEY EQUATE IT TO THE
25 DECIDER. THE EQUITY TOOL IS NOT THE DECIDER. IT IS ONE VERY

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1 IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL FACTOR IN OUR DECISION-MAKING. THE TOOL
2 ENABLES US TO VISUALIZE AND ACT WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST. WE
3 ARE USING BOTH HARD DATA AND COMMUNITY INPUT TO ACHIEVE OUR
4 GOALS. AND WE ARE ALSO MINDFUL THAT THE STRICT FEDERAL
5 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS THAT WE MUST MEET TO PUT THE FUNDING
6 IN PLACE SO THAT IT CAN BE EXPENDED FOR ITS FULLEST AND BEST
7 USE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. TRACKING FOR
8 TRANSPARENCY. AS WE PROCEED, WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING OUR
9 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN EFFORTS AS VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AS
10 POSSIBLE THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE AND SEARCHABLE DASHBOARD THAT
11 TRACKS HOW THIS MONEY IS BEING SPENT. IN ADDITION, WE ARE
12 ENGAGED IN ONGOING ASSESSMENTS TO LEARN WHAT WORKS AND ALSO TO
13 UNDERSTAND WHERE IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED. AND I ALLUDED TO
14 THAT PREVIOUSLY, SUPERVISOR, WHERE I TALKED ABOUT HOW THIS
15 TOOL HAS BEEN ENHANCED AND IMPROVED OVER TIME BY OUR EXECUTIVE
16 DIRECTOR, DR. SCORZA OF THE A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE, WORKING WITH
17 I.S.D. AND OTHER PARTNERS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
18 IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD, WE WILL
19 WORK SWIFTLY TO APPROVE AND LAUNCH THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER
20 OF NEW PROGRAMS WHILE INCREASING OUR INVESTMENTS IN THE PHASE
21 1 PROGRAMS ALREADY UNDERWAY. WE'LL ALSO, SUPERVISORS, CONTINUE
22 TO WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THESE
23 PROGRAMS AND TO PUBLICIZE CONTRACTING AND GRANT
24 OPPORTUNITIES. AND WE WILL BE CLOSELY TRACKING OUTCOMES AS WE
25 PREPARE FOR THE EVENTUAL END OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT FEDERAL

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1 FUNDING AND IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
2 RELATED TO ANALYSIS AND PROGRAM EVALUATION. NEXT SLIDE,
3 PLEASE. SO THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, SUPERVISORS. I'D
4 LIKE TO THANK YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND VISION IN
5 HELPING US TO ESTABLISH OUR NORTH STARS FOR OUR A.R.P.A. PLAN,
6 FOR ALSO ESTABLISHING THE A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE, WHICH THEN LED
7 TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AWARDING-WINNING EQUITY EXPLORER
8 TOOL. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOUR OFFICES FOR WORKING
9 WITH MY OFFICE IN SETTING UP THESE VERY DIFFICULT ALLOCATIONS.
10 IT IS NO SIMPLE TASK, AND IT TAKES LOT OF TIME TO DO THAT. AND
11 I'D ALSO LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR COUNTY
12 COUNSEL'S OFFICE, WHO ANSWERS OUR NUMEROUS AND SEEMINGLY NEVER
13 ENDING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT IS ALLOWABLE BY A.R.P.A. I'D ALSO
14 LIKE TO THANK A.R.D.I.I. AND THE ENTIRE STAFF, AND THEN
15 PARTICULARLY I'D LIKE TO THANK JOE NICCHITTA, MY CHIEF
16 OPERATING OFFICER, WHO HAS SKILLFULLY NAVIGATED AND LEAD OUR
17 COUNTY-WIDE EFFORTS TO GET THIS ESSENTIAL WORK UNDERWAY AS WE
18 ENTER THE SECOND AND FINAL PHASE OF THIS HISTORIC FUNDING
19 OPPORTUNITY. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, SUPERVISORS. AND
20 I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR TAKE ANY COMMENTS YOU
21 MAY HAVE. IF THE VIDEO IS READY, WE COULD QUEUE THE VIDEO, AND
22 IF NOT, I'LL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, MS. DAVENPORT. WE HAVE THE VIDEO.
2 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT HASN'T BEEN TESTED. SO, WE'RE
3 GOING TO TRY IT. IT WILL BE A DEBUT. LET'S SEE. THAT'S NOT IT.
4
5 **SPEAKER:** HEY, L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE WORKING HARD TO BUILD A
6 COUNTY THAT IS BETTER THAN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. AS WE HELP OUR
7 RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES TO EMERGE STRONGER THAN EVER, WE
8 HAVE AN IMPORTANT ALLY IN MAKING OUR PROGRESS POSSIBLE. IT'S
9 CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, AND IT'S PUTTING NEARLY \$2
10 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING TO WORK IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AND
11 PROJECTS RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WHAT CAN THE AMERICAN
12 RESCUE PLAN DO FOR YOU? THAT'S JUST THE START. SMALL
13 BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS, LEGAL
14 ASSISTANCE, OR EVEN HELP WITH PAYING THE RENT. IF YOU RUN A
15 NONPROFIT, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR GRANTS TO BUILD CAPACITY OR
16 SUPPORT PROGRAMS RANGING FROM YOUTH JOBS TO AID FOR
17 IMMIGRANTS, FROM FINANCIAL LITERACY TO THE ARTS. ELIGIBLE
18 BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS CAN ALSO COMPETE
19 FOR COUNTY CONTRACTS AND HELP PROVIDE SERVICES OR BUILD
20 HOUSING FOR THOSE IN NEED. WHETHER YOU'RE A RESIDENT, A
21 BUSINESS, OR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THESE AMERICAN RESCUE
22 PLAN DOLLARS WILL HELP OUR MOST UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES
23 AND THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC AS WE ALL STRIVE
24 TOWARD A BETTER THAN BEFORE FUTURE. BETTER. STRONGER.

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1 TOGETHER. THAT'S OUR GOAL FOR L.A. COUNTY. FOR MORE
2 INFORMATION, VISIT CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/RECOVERY/ARP.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND,
5 MADAM CHAIR, THAT VIDEO IS AVAILABLE, AS STATED, ON THE
6 C.E.O.'S WEBSITE, AND WE'LL ALSO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND
7 CREATE AND PUSH OUT EVEN MORE VIDEOS TO SORT OF DEMYSTIFY AND
8 MAKE MORE ACCESSIBLE WHAT SOMETIMES CAN BE COMPLEX TOPICS.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THE VIDEOS ARE WAY TO GO. SO I
11 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IT'S ON YOUR WEBSITE. IF PEOPLE WOULD
12 EVEN NEED TO KNOW HOW TO GET TO THE C.E.O.'S WEBSITE. SO, I
13 HOPE WE'LL USE OUR MEDIA PARTNERS, DIGITAL PLATFORMS AS WELL
14 AS T.V., TO TRY TO GET THAT SHOWN. THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. AND MY
15 FAVORITE PART WAS, HEY, L.A. COUNTY. [LAUGHTER] SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
19 FESIA, JOE, AND THE C.E.O. TEAM. I LOVE THE VIDEO. I HOPE IT'S
20 IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, TOO. I JUST HAVE TO ASK. AND JUST
21 REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, THE STAFF, AND MY STAFF, AND ALL THE
22 BOARD OFFICES, EVERYONE, AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS BECAUSE
23 THIS IS REALLY I THINK VERY IDEAL. ALL OF THIS IS ORGANIC. IT
24 COMES FROM THE COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE WE HEAR, THEIR VOICES. SO
25 I'M DELIGHTED ON PASSING THE TORCH, SO TO SPEAK, FROM TRANCHE

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1 1 TO 2. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHUTOUT TO THE
2 BIDEN ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE, WITHOUT HIS HELP, THE
3 ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, I DON'T
4 THINK WE WOULD BE IN THIS PLACE THAT WE ARE AT. I WANT TO
5 UNDERSCORE THAT. I JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY STATE THAT, YES, WHILE
6 WE JUST RELEASED OUR HOMELESS NUMBERS, OUR COUNT, IT WENT UP
7 SLIGHTLY. WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO
8 KEEP PUTTING MONEY AWAY TO HELP THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
9 UNHOUSED. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE A CONTINUED EFFORT FOR US, AND
10 I CAN SEE IT VERY CLEARLY HERE IN TRANCHE 2 PLANNING OF WHAT
11 WE WILL BE DOING. I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. 30.8 MILLION
12 FOR INTERIM HOUSING AND PERMANENT HOUSING. 65.7 MILLION TO
13 ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND 30 MILLION FOR A GUARANTEED
14 BASIC INCOME PROGRAM FOR TARGETING POPULATIONS SUCH AS AT RISK
15 EXPECTANT AND PARENTING MOTHERS. 2.5 MILLION SPECIFICALLY FOR
16 IMMIGRANT FOCUSED COMMUNITY- BASED ORGANIZATIONS. I'D LIKE TO
17 SEE MORE COME THERE, BUT FOR NOW THAT'S GREAT. 6 MILLION FOR
18 STAY HOUSED L.A., WHICH WILL HELP PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR OUR
19 TENANTS, AND \$250,000 FOR TENANT PROTECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A
20 HOTLINE TO KEEP THAT HOTLINE GOING AND A SMALL CLAIMS ADVISOR
21 PROGRAM. AND 500,000 TO INCREASE CAPACITY TO ADDRESS PANDEMIC-
22 RELATED HATE CRIMES, L.A. VS. HATE INITIATIVE, AND 3 MILLION
23 IN FOOD AID, SUCH AS GROCERY VOUCHERS, WHICH WE KNOW HAS BEEN
24 A PART OF OUR EFFORT HERE IN THE COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU
25 FOR THAT AND THEN, FINALLY, THE 215 MILLION FOR CAPITAL

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1 PROJECTS, WHICH ARE MOST APPROPRIATE GIVEN THESE PROGRAMS ARE
2 ONE-TIME COST THROUGH THE A.R.P. FUNDING. SO LOOK FORWARD TO
3 WORKING WITH THE STAFF AND MAKING SURE THAT WHATEVER WE CAN DO
4 IS TO REALLY DRAW DOWN ALL THIS FUNDING AND MAKE IT HAPPEN SO
5 IT GETS TO OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR PEOPLE, AND WORK WITH OUR
6 C.B.O.S TO MAKE IT A SEAMLESS PROCESS. SO CONGRATULATIONS.
7 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE. THANK YOU, MADAM
8 CHAIR.

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10 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR? IF I COULD QUICKLY
11 REPORT OUT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE VIDEO IS IN SPANISH, AND IT
12 IS LIVE, AND IT'S ON OUR WEBSITE. WE ARE ALSO HAVING IT
13 TRANSLATED INTO OTHER LANGUAGES.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS?
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING
19 FESIA AND JOE NICCHITTA FOR THEIR DEVELOPING THE AMERICAN
20 RESCUE PLAN ACT TRANCHE 2 SPENDING PLAN. YOU ALL HAVE DONE A
21 GOOD JOB ON GETTING THIS ALL PUT TOGETHER. THIS REPRESENTS
22 MONTHS OF HARD WORK BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IN COLLABORATION
23 WITH EACH OF OUR BOARD OFFICES, AND I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
24 MICHELLE VEGA ON MY STAFF ,AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
25 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND

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1 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE MOST DEEPLY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19
2 PANDEMIC. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY LESSONS LEARNED ABOUT OUR
3 ABILITY TO QUICKLY AND NIMBLY ALLOCATE AND DISTRIBUTE THE
4 FIRST ROUND OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO DEPARTMENTS AND
5 ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFIED FOR RESOURCES. WE ALSO ADJUSTED
6 THE WAY WE UTILIZES DEMOGRAPHICS AND DATA TO CONSIDER EQUITY
7 IN GUIDING THE ALLOCATIONS. I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING, CHAIR
8 MITCHELL, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN VERY FOCUSED ON IN TERMS OF
9 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION. I KNOW THAT WE -- AS WE COMPLETE THE
10 FIRST TRANCHE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, WE TAKE TIME TO
11 REVIEW OUTCOME MEASUREMENTS AND ENSURE THAT OUR PROGRAMS AND
12 INITIATIVES WE FUNDED ACHIEVE THE POSITIVE RESULTS AND
13 REPRESENTED A GOOD RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT OF OUR TAXPAYERS.
14 I ALSO HOPE THAT WE CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FACTORS IN
15 DEMOGRAPHICS AND DATA USED TO ALLOCATE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS
16 FUNDING TO CONSIDER SOME OF THE LESS RECOGNIZED BARRIERS SOME
17 OF OUR COMMUNITIES FACE, SUCH AS LACK OF ACCESS TO
18 TRANSPORTATION, A RURAL TOPOGRAPHY, AND A SCARCITY OF
19 RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OR INCORPORATED
20 CITIES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT, AS MANY OF THE
21 ALLOCATIONS PROPOSED IN THE SECOND TRANCHE TODAY CONTINUE TO
22 EXPAND EXISTING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES IN IDENTIFIED
23 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS PROPOSED CAPITAL
24 EXPENDITURES THAT WILL HOPEFULLY RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH
25 TRANCHE 2. THIS INCLUDES THE REPURPOSING OF THE PROPOSED

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1 CHALLENGER FACILITY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH WILL PROVIDE
2 JOB TRAINING, HOUSING, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR AT RISK
3 YOUTH. WE ALSO HAVE PROPOSED NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTEGRATED CARE
4 CLINIC, WHICH IS INTEND TO DO MEET VITAL HEALTH, PUBLIC
5 HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF SURROUNDING COMMUNITY
6 MEMBERS, WHO LACK ACCESS TO ANY SIMILAR FACILITY, SOMETHING,
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I TOOK THE BATON. YOU PLANTED THE SEED. AND
8 I KNOW YOU REALIZE AND RECOGNIZE HOW INVALUABLE THIS IS TO THE
9 COMMUNITY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING DOES NOT
10 CONSIDER THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH INVOLVED IN
11 OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES WERE
12 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED DURING COVID. PARENTS TRYING TO UNITE
13 WITH THEIR CHILDREN WERE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN VISITATION,
14 DIMINISHING ESSENTIAL QUALITY BONDING TIME. ADOPTIONS AND
15 REUNIFICATIONS WERE DELAYED BECAUSE OF COURT CLOSURES. FOSTER
16 YOUTH WHO ALREADY SUFFERED POOR EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES WERE
17 UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL, FURTHERING ACADEMIC LOSS. AND
18 FINALLY, THE INTENSE ISOLATION THAT MANY CHILDREN AND YOUTH
19 WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND ARE PLACED
20 OUT OF THEIR HOMES SUFFERED INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH AND
21 SUBSTANCE ABUSE CHALLENGES. THIS BOARD HAS DEDICATED A LOT OF
22 TIME ADDRESSING THE MANY ISSUES FACING OUR YOUTH. WE ARE
23 FOCUSED ON THE BUDGETARY SHORT FALLS FACING THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WITH THIS IN MIND, I THINK IT'S
25 UNFORTUNATE THAT THE TRANCHE 2 PLAN, WHICH, MUCH LIKE THE

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1 FIRST, DID NOT PROVIDE QUALITY FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR PROGRAMMING, HOUSING, AND
3 MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND STAFFING NEEDS. THE FUNDING PLAN
4 PRESENTED TODAY DOES NOT PROVIDE AMPLE FUNDING TO SUPPORT
5 CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE LOCK MENTAL
6 HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY AS WELL. AS WE CONSIDER SUBSTANTIAL
7 RESOURCES TO REDUCE THE BACKLOG OF CASES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF
8 THE MEDICAL EXAMINER, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN THE
9 NUMBER OF DECEASED PERSONS NEEDING SERVICES. SO I ALSO WANT TO
10 HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT THE MEDICAL EXAMINER COULD HAVE
11 BENEFITED FROM ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO PAY FOR TIMELY
12 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND CRYPT STORAGE EXPANSION, SOMETHING
13 THAT HE HAS COME TO EACH OF US AS AN INCREDIBLE NEED THAT HE
14 HAS, EVEN HE INHERITED, BEFORE HE CAME OUR MEDICAL EXAMINER.
15 AND THEN FINALLY, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT COVID-19 IMPACTED
16 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH SAW ANOTHER INCREASE THIS
17 YEAR. THERE ARE MULTIPLE INITIATIVES IN ADDITION TO THE
18 COMMUNITY LAND BANK THAT CAN HELP THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS,
19 SUCH AS INCREASING THE MONEY WE ALLOCATE TO THE NOTICE OF
20 FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. WE COULD ALSO
21 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MOBILE
22 ENGAGEMENT TEAMS TO PROVIDE BENEFIT ENROLLMENT AND SUPPORT
23 COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR OLDER HOMELESS
24 ADULTS. AS WE ALL HOPE THAT COVID-19 REMAINS IN OUR REAR ARE
25 VIEW MIRROR, PERHAPS SOME OF THE MONEY THAT IS EARMARKED FOR

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1 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES TO TEST
2 FOR AND ADDRESS COVID CAN BE ALLOCATED TO SOME OF THE PROGRAMS
3 THAT I HAVE MENTIONED, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO OUR FOSTER
4 YOUTH. AGAIN, FESIA, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF COMPETING
5 NEEDS IN THIS COUNTY, AND THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT YOU'RE
6 THREADING THAT NEEDLE IN MAKING YOUR RECOMMENDATION, BUT I
7 JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW THAT WE SHOULD, IF NOT WITH
8 THIS FUNDING, WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND AS IT RELATES TO THE
9 NEEDS OF SUPPORTS AND PROTECTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE. THANK
10 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ADDITION TO THE ISSUES
15 RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO THE C.E.O. AND TO JOE
16 AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED THROUGH THIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH
17 FOR THE WORK, AND ALSO, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, ESPECIALLY THE
18 ATTENTION PAID TO THE ARTS. AND THE ARTS NEEDED TO STAY IN
19 BUSINESS. I MEAN ARTS ARE NOT JUST SORT OF OUT THERE IN THE
20 STRATOSPHERE SOMEWHERE. THE ATTENTION PAID TO JOBS, JOB
21 CREATION, AND TRAINING, AND I THINK WE NEED A LOT MORE OF
22 THAT. THAT, TO ME, HAS ALWAYS BEEN SORT OF THE THIRD LEG OF
23 THE STOOL, WHERE WE NEED HEALTH, WE NEED HOUSING, AND WE NEED
24 WORK. AND THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER. WE NEED OUR HEALTH TO KEEP
25 YOUR JOB. WE NEED OUR JOB TO KEEP OUR HOUSING. WE NEED OUR

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1 HOUSING TO KEEP OUR HEALTH. AND THAT, I THINK, WE COULD USE
2 MORE OF AS WE ALONG IN THE FUTURE, MORE ATTENTION. I THINK THE
3 POVERTY ALLEVIATION PIECE GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE JOBS
4 PIECE, BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, THE WORK THAT WE DO TO TRY TO
5 HELP PEOPLE WHO CAN'T, AT THE MOMENT, HELP THEMSELVES I THINK
6 IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE MONEY PUT INTO
7 CARE FIRST, SOMETHING THAT ALL FIVE OF US HAVE CARED READY
8 ABOUT A LOT. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND THE
9 MONEY GOING INTO THAT. I WOULD SAY FOR THE FUTURE, I WANT US
10 TO CONTINUE TO BE VERY AGGRESSIVE ABOUT ACCESSING THE FEDERAL
11 AND STATE FUNDING THAT IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN SO MANY
12 DIFFERENT AREAS. ONE OF THE AREAS THAT I THINK WE HAVE TO
13 CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION TO IS HOUSING. RELYING ONLY ON
14 PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING HAS SORT OF BEEN THE WAY WE
15 HAVE HAD TO GO BECAUSE WE DON'T BUILD A LOT OF PUBLIC HOUSING,
16 BUT I THINK IN THE FUTURE, AS WE MAY HAVE ACCESS TO MORE
17 FUNDING, WE SHOULD THINK MORE AND MORE ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO
18 CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND REALLY KIND OF CREATE IT ON OUR
19 OWN. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF ACQUIRING THE WEST
20 L.A. COURTHOUSE, WHICH IS A PRIVATE DEVELOPER, BUT THAT
21 DEVELOPER WILL PAY ALL THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, BUT THE
22 COUNTY WOULD END UP WITH THE PROPERTY. IT'S ONE OF THOSE DEALS
23 THAT WILL CREATE A THOUSAND NEW UNITS OF HOUSING, OVER 40% OF
24 WHICH IS AFFORDABLE, AND, BECAUSE IT'S OURS, IT REMAINS
25 AFFORDABLE, NOT YOU HAVE TO GIVE IT UP AFTER A COUPLE OF

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1 YEARS. SO THINGS LIKE THIS, I THINK, FOR THE FUTURE, SHOULD
2 BECOME EVERMORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE WAYS THAT
3 WE WORK ON SOLVING OUR PROBLEM OF THOSE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED
4 AND HOMELESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO FESIA, JOE,
10 THE REST OF THE C.E.O. STAFF FOR COLLABORATING WITH ALL OUR
11 OFFICES ON THIS PHASE 2 SPENDING PLAN. I KNOW NOT ALL REQUESTS
12 WERE MET, BUT I WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME HIGHLIGHT THE FEW
13 ITEMS IN THE SPENDING PLAN THAT I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE. IN
14 THIS BUDGET, WE'RE APPROVING \$65 MILLION TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL
15 DIVIDE. THIS IS AN ISSUE, AS WE TALKED ABOUT IN A PREVIOUS
16 AGENDA ITEM, THAT IMPACTS ALL OUR DISTRICTS. SO I ASK THAT
17 THIS FUNDING BE UTILIZED WITHIN EACH DISTRICT APPROPRIATELY
18 BASED OFF OUR CONSTITUENTS NEEDS. IN THIS TRANCHE, WE'RE
19 APPROVING \$215 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. I ASK
20 THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH OUR OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS TO
21 IDENTIFY THOSE KEY PROJECT THAT'S COULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM
22 THIS FUNDING. ANOTHER AREA OF INVESTMENT IS IMPROVING FOOD
23 SECURITY FOR OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. \$5 MILLION WILL GO TO
24 LAUNCH A GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL
25 STABILITY AND OVERALL HEALTH FOR AT RISK PREGNANT WOMEN AND

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1 MOTHERS WITH NEWBORNS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO DO
2 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THESE YOUNG MOTHERS GIVE THEIR
3 FAMILIES THE SUPPORT THEY NEED. AND FINALLY, \$3.5 MILLION WILL
4 GO TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR IMMIGRANTS AS RISK OF REMOVAL
5 THROUGH NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
6 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ACTIVELY WORK AND COMMUNICATE IN OUR
7 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. SO, I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT.
8 THANKS FOR ALL WORK GOING INTO THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. AND I WILL JUST,
11 VERY BRIEFLY, ECHO ALL OF THE EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION MY
12 COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY SAID, THAT THERE WAS A ROBUST
13 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS WITH OUR STAFF, WHO WERE ABLE TO COME TO
14 THE TABLE TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO OUR
15 CONSTITUENTS. AGAIN, I WANTED TO APPLAUD THE USE OF OUR AWARD-
16 WINNING EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL. I'M GLAD YOU MADE THE
17 COMMENT YOU DID. I DIDN'T REALIZE SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS
18 VIEWED IT AS THE DECIDER, AS YOU REFERENCED, MS. DAVENPORT,
19 BUT IT HE AN INGREDIENT. IT IS ONE ELEMENT OF THE DATA WE USE
20 IN MAKING OUR DECISIONS. I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF A
21 POLICYMAKING ENTITY THAT USES DATA-DRIVEN AND EVIDENCE-BASED
22 RESEARCH THAT WE ARE TRACKING FOR TRANSPARENCY IN DEVELOPING
23 OUR SPENDING PLANS. I THINK THAT'S WHAT OUR CONSTITUENTS
24 EXPECT OF GOVERNMENT, AND I'M THRILLED THAT WE HAVE GOT A TOOL
25 THAT ELEVATES AND HIGHLIGHTS AREAS TO ALLOW US TO MAKE GOOD

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1 SOUND DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I
2 APPRECIATED YOUR SLIDES AROUND THE PILLARS THAT REMIND US OF
3 OUR PRIORITIES THAT ALLOWED US THE VERY CLEAR WAY TO SEE,
4 BASED ON THE PILLARS, HOW THE SPENDING WAS ALLOCATED IN
5 TRANCHE 1 AND TRANCHE 2. AND SLIDE 8, WHICH REMINDS US THAT
6 THIS IS, TRAGICALLY, ONE-TIME MONEY THAT'S TIME LIMITED AND
7 HAS TO BE SPENT BY A CERTAIN TIMEFRAME, WHICH FURTHER
8 COMPLICATES OUR ABILITY TO BE INNOVATIVE, TO BE EQUITY DRIVEN
9 AND FOCUSED AND GET THE DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR, WHICH IS WHAT
10 YOU HEAR FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY BOARD MEMBER IN OUR SET MATTER
11 EVERY OTHER WEEK, WHEN WE APPRECIATE HEARING THE PROCESS, BUT
12 REALLY CONTINUING TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND DR. SCORZA TO GET THE
13 DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO, I UNDERSTAND
14 THAT DELICATE BALANCING ACT. HAVING SAID THAT, I APPRECIATE
15 ALL OF THE DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE. I WOULD JUST RAISE ONE
16 ISSUE, AND IT DEALS WITH KIND OF PROPORTIONALITY IN TERMS OF
17 OUR INVESTMENTS. THAT IN THE SECOND TRANCHE, FOR EXAMPLE, WE
18 HAVE GOT ABOUT 22% OF THESE ONE-TIME DOLLARS GOING TO CAPITAL
19 PROJECTS, AND ABOUT HALF THAT THAT ARE GOING TOWARDS WHAT I
20 WILL CALL PEOPLE-CENTERED INVESTMENTS. AND WHILE CAPITAL
21 PROJECTS TYPICALLY ARE GREAT WAYS TO USE ONE-TIME DOLLARS,
22 GIVEN WHAT THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY ARE EXPERIENCING EVERY
23 DAY IN THEIR EFFORT TO RECOVER FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC
24 AND ITS ENSUING RECESSION, IT'S A CHALLENGE TO FIND THE RIGHT
25 PROPORTION OF INVESTMENTS BETWEEN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND

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1 PEOPLE-CENTERED INVESTMENTS. SO I JUST HAVE A LITTLE TINY
2 HEARTBURN OVER THE FACT THAT TWICE THE RATE HAS BEEN SPENT ON
3 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS VS. OUR HUMAN CAPITAL. AGAIN, I REALLY
4 APPRECIATE THE FOCUS ON AN EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. I
5 THINK THAT THAT FOCUS HAS NOT ONLY BROUGHT L.A. COUNTY TO THE
6 ATTENTION OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, IT WAS ALSO THE ABSOLUTE
7 RIGHT THING TO DO WITH THESE FEDERAL DOLLARS. I COMPLETELY
8 AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO
9 KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE ACCELERATOR TO CONTINUE TO ACCESS ALL THE
10 FEDERAL DOLLARS AND STATE DOLLARS THAT THE RESIDENTS OF L.A.
11 COUNTY TO BENEFIT FROM AND, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, ARE ENTITLED
12 TO AS WE CONTINUE ON THIS ROAD TO A BETTER, STRONGER RECOVERY.
13 AND I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT, IN THIS SECOND
14 TRANCHE OF OUR DOLLARS, THAT WE REALLY COMMIT TO OUR NEW
15 DEPARTMENTS THAT WE'RE STANDING UP, LIKE OUR NEW DEPARTMENT OF
16 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AT THE FRONT LINES OF OUR ECONOMIC
17 RECOVERY. I KNOW IT TAKES INVESTMENT TO STAND UP NEW
18 DEPARTMENTS. AND SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT GOING TO
19 KIND OF TIE THEIR HANDS IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITY TO BE
20 EFFECTIVE AND ROLL OUT WITH STRENGTH BY NOT INVESTING
21 APPROPRIATELY ON THE FRONT END. WITH THAT, ANY ADDITIONAL
22 COMMENTS BEFORE WE TAKE THIS ITEM TO A VOTE? AGAIN, TO THE
23 C.E.O. AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM THAT DOES THIS WORK, WE ARE -- IT
24 IS NOT LOST ON US THAT IT IS NOT EASY. AND WE APPRECIATE THE
25 EFFORT PUT FORWARD IN ELEVATING AND UPLIFTING PROGRAMS AND

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1 SERVICES AND ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO EVERY RESIDENT OF
2 THE COUNTY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 29 IS BEFORE US. I
3 WILL MOVE IT. WE'LL ASK THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL BE THE SECOND TO
4 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 29 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 40, MEASURE B RATE INCREASE, WHICH
6 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR?

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'LL JUMP RIGHT INTO
9 QUESTIONS BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE GETTING LATE IN THE DAY. I HAVE
10 A QUESTION FOR DR. GHALY AND THEN A QUESTION FOR FESIA. I
11 THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HAS BEEN STRETCH
12 TO CAPACITY OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS AND IS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL
13 SUPPORT, WHICH IS WHY I SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR US TO RE-
14 EVALUATE MEASURE B AND C ABOUT INCREASING THE AMOUNT COMING
15 IN. WE HAVE HEARD EXTENSIVELY ABOUT THE INCREASING WALL TIMES
16 AND WAIT TIMES IN OUR HOSPITALS AND OUR AMBULANCE NETWORK. I
17 KNOW I'VE TALKED TO COUNTY FIRE, AND I HAVE TALKED TO L.A.
18 CITY FIRE, AND I HAVE TALKED TO THE CITIES WITHIN MY OWN
19 DISTRICT THAT HAVE HAD TO HAVE A LOT OF WAIT TIMES IN THE
20 HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NOT BEDS
21 AVAILABLE. THE PUBLIC EXPECTS AND NEEDS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE
22 FROM OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHEN THEY ARE EXPERIENCING
23 TRAUMA, AND WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPORT THE SYSTEM. THIS
24 BOARD LETTER, I REVIEWED THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE BECAUSE I
25 REMEMBER WHEN SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY ACTUALLY BROUGHT

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1 FORWARD THE LANGUAGE FOR MEASURE B. AND IT ASKED FOR SUPPORT
2 TO "AVOID LIFE THREATENING SHUTDOWN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
3 TRAUMA NETWORK. MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE TRAUMA NETWORK COUNTY-
4 WIDE, AND STEER MORE TIMELY RESPONSE TO CRITICAL AND URGENT
5 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, AND RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO BIOLOGICAL
6 TERRORISM." AND AFTER REVIEWING THE BOARD LETTER, I WANTED TO
7 UNDERSTAND THE BUDGETED LINE ITEM L.A. VS. HATE BECAUSE I'M
8 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW SPECIFICALLY THIS PROGRAM ALIGNS WITH
9 WHAT THE VOTERS AGREED TO PAY FOR UNDER MEASURE B. SO I WANTED
10 YOU, DR. GHALY, JUST TO SPEAK WITH THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND
11 THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES FROM THIS ALLOCATION AND HOW THEY
12 REFLECT WHAT THE VOTERS PASSED WITH THE LANGUAGE IN MEASURE B.
13

14 **DR. GHALY:** SURE, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE QUESTION. IT'S
15 A VERY FAIR QUESTION, AND I UNDERSTAND THE GOAL IS REALLY TO
16 UNDERSTAND THE NEXUS WITH MEASURE B FOR THESE PARTICULAR
17 PROGRAMS. AND SO, I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND AND
18 THEN OFFER MY THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER. JUST FOR CONTEXT, THE
19 PROPOSAL IN THE BOARD LETTER FOR THE L.A. VS. HATE REPRESENTS
20 JUST OVER A MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH IS ABOUT 2% OF THE TOTAL OF
21 THE INCREASED TAX THAT IS BEING PUT FORTH BEFORE YOUR BOARD
22 TODAY. THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS OF THAT \$1 MILLION -- IT'S
23 SLIGHTLY OVER 1, \$1 MILLION IS \$650,000 FOR EDUCATION,
24 OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY AND \$330,000 FOR REPORTING LINE AND
25 CASE MANAGEMENT, AND THEN \$65,000 FOR CARE COORDINATORS, AND

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1 THOSE ARE ANNUAL NUMBERS. THAT WOULD BE ONGOING FUNDING. AS
2 BACKGROUND FOR THE NEXUS WITH MEASURE B, IT'S REALLY IN THE
3 CONTEXT OF SEEKING TO PREVENT TRAUMA CASES AND PREVENT
4 VIOLENCE. IN THE MOST RECENT HATE CRIMES REPORT THAT WAS PUT
5 FORTH BY THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, THEY
6 DOCUMENTED, VERY SADLY, A HIGH RATE OF L.A. COUNTY HATE CRIMES
7 THAT INVOLVED VIOLENCE. AND THE NUMBER HAS RISEN OVER THE
8 YEARS AND, MOST RECENTLY, WAS REPORTED AT 68%. THIS WAS
9 HIGHEST RATE THAT HAS BEEN SEEN SINCE 2003. THE RATE OF
10 VIOLENCE VARIES WITH THE IDENTITY GROUP OF THE VICTIM, BUT
11 AMONG TWO GROUPS IN PARTICULAR, IT IS ABOVE THAT AVERAGE OF
12 68%. AND THAT'S INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS LATINO OR LATINA
13 AND INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS L.B.G.T.Q. IN PARTICULAR THE
14 SUBSET OF THOSE THAT IDENTIFY AS TRANSGENDER, THE RATE OF
15 VIOLENCE AMONG HATE CRIMES AMONG INDIVIDUALS THAT IDENTIFY AS
16 TRANSGENDER IS A SHOCKING 93% AS REPORTED IN THAT REPORT. THAT
17 REALLY GOES -- DOVETAILS WITH THE DATA THAT WE SEE IN THE
18 VOLUME OF CASES THAT ARE COMING INTO THE TRAUMA CENTERS IN LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY. THERE'S 15 TRAUMA CENTERS CURRENTLY ACROSS LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY. WHEN WE LOOKED AT DATA ON VIOLENCE, WE
21 CATEGORIZED IT IN DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT ONE OF THE IN WHICH WE
22 CAN LOOK AT VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA IS BY SEPARATING OUT BETWEEN
23 INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE AND THEN OTHER FORMS OF TRAUMA LIKE
24 FALLS OR CAR ACCIDENTS OR OTHER THINGS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT
25 ALL CASES OF TRAUMA OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS FROM 2012 TO 2021,

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1 THE MOST RECENT DATE THROUGH WHICH WE HAVE FULL YEAR'S, THE
2 AMOUNT OF TRAUMA OVERALL, TRAUMA CASES OVERALL, IS MOSTLY
3 STABLE. IT'S AT ABOUT ONLY A 5% INCREASE OVER 10 YEARS. BUT
4 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RATE OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS AND STABBINGS, THE
5 RATE HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 25%, WHICH IS THE SHOCKING
6 INCREASE OVER THE YEARS. NOW OBVIOUSLY, NOT ALL GUNSHOT WOUNDS
7 NOR STABBINGS ARE FROM HATE CRIMES. I WOULD NEVER PUT FORWARD
8 THAT THAT'S TRUE, BUT IT'S CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM. AND
9 IT'S ONE ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM. SO THE THINKING IS THAT, BY
10 PUTTING RESOURCES INTO HELPING TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND HATE
11 CRIMES, THAT WE CAN START TO REDUCE THE VOLUME OF TRAUMA THAT
12 IS COMING INTO THE HOSPITALS THEMSELVES.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION, DR.
15 GHALY, BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE INTENT OF MEASURE B IS
16 HONORED AS WE TAKE SUCH LIMITED RESOURCES AND PROVIDE THEM IN
17 AN AREA THAT I THINK WE ALL WOULD AGREE IS IN DIRE NEED OF
18 RESOURCES. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO MY QUESTION TO FESIA
19 THEN IS I WANT TO CLARIFY THE FUNDING WE ARE ALLOCATING AS IT
20 RELATES TO THIS. I KNOW THE BOARD IS APPROVING ANOTHER \$1
21 MILLION IN A.R.P. TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IN TODAY'S
22 MEETING, WHICH WE JUST DID FOR L.A. VS. HATE. ADDITIONALLY,
23 THERE IS A CURRENTLY REPORT BACK IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO
24 CARVE OUT AN ADDITIONAL \$2.6 MILLION FOR L.A. VS. HATE PER
25 BOARD MOTION FROM LAST MONTH. AND THEN WE'RE HAVING THIS

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1 FUNDING PROPOSED TO L.A. VS. HATE FROM MEASURE B AND A.R.P.
2 ARE THOSE GOING TO REDUCE HOW MUCH WE'LL ALLOCATE TOWARD THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESS, OR IS THIS IN ADDITION TO? ARE YOU
4 LOOKING AT THE ENTIRE PACKAGE? I'M JUST TRYING TO
5 UNDERSTAND WHERE ALL THESE POTS OF MONEY FOR THIS PROGRAM ARE
6 COMING FROM.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. FAIR
9 QUESTION. WE'LL BE LOOKING TO COORDINATE ALL POTS OF MONEY,
10 MEASURE B, A.R.P., AND ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE RECOMMENDED IN
11 SUPPLEMENTAL. THE IDEA WOULD BE TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT WHERE
12 IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE. IF L.A. VS. HATE ENDS UP BEING FUNDED
13 AT A LEVEL WHICH EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED
14 IN THE BUDGET OR I DON'T IF IT WAS A BUDGET OR IN THE MOTION,
15 WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT, AND
16 THE MOST LIKELY ADJUSTMENT WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE A.R.P.
17 BOARD LETTER SINCE THAT FUNDING IS ONE-TIME FUNDING.

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
20 THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTIONS, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MOVE THE
21 ITEM.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I HAVE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT TAKE. I HAVE
2 SERIOUS CONCERNS ACTUALLY WITH THIS FUNDING PLAN. I THINK
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HEARKEN BACK TO MEASURE B. I ALSO
4 REMEMBER I CAMPAIGNED FOR MEASURE B. I REMEMBER WHEN WE
5 CAMPAIGNED A LOT OF IT WAS ABOUT MAINTAINING OUR TRAUMA
6 CENTERS. THAT WAS OF AN URGENT MATTER BACK THEN.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. SOLIS, YOU'RE NOT MUTED.

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** AND I REMEMBER ASKING VOTERS TO RAISE THEIR OWN
11 TAXES AND TELLING THEM THEIR TAX DOLLARS WOULD NOT ONLY BE
12 SPENT NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLY BUT AS OUTLINED IN THE BALLOT
13 MEASURE. AND LOOKING AT THIS FUNDING PLAN, I'M CONCERNED THAT
14 WE'RE VEERING OFF COURSE. AND THE FUNDING PLAN, AS WAS STATED,
15 INCLUDES FUNDING FOR BOTH L.A. VS. HATE AND THE OFFICE OF
16 VIOLENCE PREVENTION, BY THE WAY, TWO COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT I
17 VERY MUCH SUPPORT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE QUALIFY FOR MEASURE B
18 FUNDING. I KNOW, DR. GHALY, YOU ADDRESSED IT, BUT IT DIDN'T
19 CHANGE MY MIND. WHEN VOTERS ORIGINALLY PASSED MEASURE B, THEY
20 WERE VOTING TO FUND THREE THINGS AND ONLY THREE THINGS,
21 MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING OUR TRAUMA SYSTEM, ENSURING
22 AVAILABILITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND RESPONDING
23 EFFECTIVELY TO BIOTERRORISM. AND AGAIN, I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH, I
24 APPRECIATE LA VS. HATE. I HAVE GIVEN THEM MONEY OUT OF MY
25 OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. THEY'RE DOING

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1 GOOD WORK TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT I DON'T
2 THINK PREVENTION PROGRAMS QUALIFY FOR MEASURE B FUNDING. AND
3 I'M JUST -- I'M THINKING ABOUT OUR TAXPAYERS IN L.A. COUNTY,
4 WHO OVER THE YEARS, HAVE SHOWN THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RAISE
5 THEIR OWN TAXES THROUGH A VOTE WHEN THEY CAN TRUST THAT THEIR
6 TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT ON WHAT THE BALLOT MEASURE SAYS IT WILL
7 BE SPENT ON. AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER IMPORTANT IMPORTANT
8 PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THIS FUNDING PLAN THAT I DO BELIEVE ARE
9 APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR TRAUMA
10 CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTY. I APPRECIATE THE \$1 MILLION IN
11 ONGOING FUND FOR LONG BEACH'S REGIONAL BIOTERRORISM RESPONSE.
12 I THINK THAT SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN MORE MONEY BECAUSE THAT REALLY
13 IS ONE OF THE THREE PILLARS OF MEASURE B. BUT AT THAT TIME,
14 COLLEAGUES, I DON'T THINK I CAN SUPPORT RAISING PEOPLE'S TAXES
15 WHEN I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT ALIGNS WITH THE INTENT OF THE
16 ORIGINAL BALLOT MEASURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE? SUPERVISOR SOLIS
19 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH. APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING MY
22 MIC ON THERE. BUT I DO WANT TO JUST REMIND OUR BOARD MEMBERS
23 THAT, YOU KNOW, THE OFFICER OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MOST OF
24 YOU VOTED FOR FUNDING THAT WE USED LAST TIME THROUGH MEASURE
25 B, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT ONE THING THAT MAYBE SOMETIMES

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1 DOESN'T COME TO MIND IS WHAT THE ACTUAL SERVICES ARE THAT ARE
2 ON THE GROUND, AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT LAST YEAR
3 AT POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL, ONE OF THE NEWEST TRAUMA HOSPITALS,
4 AND WE ACTUALLY SAW IN PRACTICE HOW THE O.B.P. MONIES ARE
5 BEING USED. AND WHAT HAPPENS TYPICALLY IS YOU HAVE A SET OF
6 PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE WORKING WITH VICTIMS THAT HAVE BEEN
7 INVOLVED IN, SAY, GANG VIOLENCE OR SHOOTINGS, THINGS THAT ARE
8 VERY TRAUMATIC THAT ARE RELATED TO HATE CRIMES AND GANG --
9 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND ACTUALLY GOING IN ON THE BED SIDE THE
10 MINUTE THAT THE PERSON AFTER SURGERY IS RECOVERING IS GOING
11 THROUGH TRAUMA BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SAY WHO WAS
12 INVOLVED BECAUSE OF IMPLICATIONS SO THAT THEY MAY FIND THAT
13 THEY MAY ALSO BE TARGETED BY A PARTICULAR GROUP. SO THERE IS A
14 LOT OF EFFORT THAT GOES TO PREVENTION, BUT ALSO TO DEESCALATE
15 ALL THE TRAUMA AND THE HATE THAT CONTINUES, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN
16 PERHAPS GANG MEMBERS AND WHAT HAVE YOU. BUT I ACTUALLY GOT TO
17 MEET PEOPLE ON THE GROUND DOING THIS WORK, AND I THINK IT'S
18 ONE OF -- IT'S ONE OF A KIND OF PROGRAMS, AND I BELIEVE THEY
19 OFFER IT IN M.L.K., I MIGHT STAND CORRECTED. BUT I KNOW THIS
20 WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY WERE ABLE TO EXPAND TO COME INTO
21 POMONA, WHERE WE HAVE AN UPTICK IN GANG VIOLENCE AND HATE-
22 RELATED CRIMES. SO, I JUST WANT TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF THAT.
23 BUT ALSO I THINK THAT WE EVOLVE AS A BOARD WHEN WE REALLY
24 THINK ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE HITTING HARD IN OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. AND I THINK THE L.A. VS. HATE IS REALLY NOT JUST

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1 TARGETED AT ONE PARTICULAR GROUP, BUT I KNOW THAT THE
2 STATISTICS SHOW THAT, AS DR. GHALY HAS OUTLINED, THERE IS A
3 LOT OF HATE AGAINST DIFFERENT GROUPS. WE HEARD IT FROM PEOPLE
4 WHO EVEN CALLED IN. I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THE -- FROM OUR
5 JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE ANTI-DEFAMATION GROUPS, THAT ARE OUT
6 THERE THAT ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING A MUCH HIGHER RATE OF
7 VIOLENCE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA, IN ADDITION TO THE
8 LATINO COMMUNITY, THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, AND ALSO AFRICAN
9 AMERICANS, AND L.G.B.T.Q. TRANS PEOPLE. I REMEMBER VERY
10 DISTINCTLY HEARING FROM DR. ASTRID HEGER AT L.A. U.S.C. THE
11 FACT THAT TRANS LATINO WOMEN WERE BEING ATTACKED ON THE
12 STREETS IN HOLLYWOOD REPEATEDLY, AND IT KEEPS GOING ON. THESE
13 WOMEN, PEOPLE, ARE SUFFERING. THEY GO THROUGH TRAUMA, AND THEY
14 NEED THIS ADDITIONAL HELP. AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I DO
15 BELIEVE IT'S A WORTHWHILE EFFORT TO INVEST HERE, AND I DON'T
16 SAY THAT I DON'T SUPPORT WHERE YOU'RE GOING, IS SUPERVISOR
17 HAHN, BECAUSE I THINK THAT EQUALLY NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. SO
18 I'M OPEN. I'M OPEN TO THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, BUT I THINK IN
19 THIS CASE, FOR NOW, WITH A.R.P. MONEY, A.R.P. MONEY IS ONLY
20 ONE TIME. AND EVEN THE MONEY THAT IS BEING PROVIDED BY N.C.C.
21 IS NOT EVEN GOING TO HELP US FILL THE GAP. IT'S A GROWING
22 AREA, A GROWING ISSUE, AND I HOPE OUR COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE
23 TO SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT THAT WE MAKE ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE I
24 KNOW ALL OF YOU DO. YOU CARE. I CARE. AND I WOULD SUPPORT THE
25 BOARD LETTER. THANK YOUR, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO DIRECTLY
5 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF PREVENTION. WHEN WE CAMPAIGNED FOR AND
6 PASSED THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE WHERE WE TAXED OURSELVES,
7 THERE REALLY WAS NO CATEGORY IN THERE FOR PREVENTION. EVERYONE
8 WAS FOCUSED ON GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS, ETC. BUT WE
9 QUICKLY REALIZED WHEN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE WAS PUT TOGETHER
10 TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE MONEY SHOULD GO, THAT PREVENTION IS A
11 WAY TO PREVENT OVERCROWDING, OVERUSE, AND I THINK IT'S THE
12 SAME WAY WITH THE HOSPITALS AND WITH THE TRAUMA CENTERS. THE
13 NOTION OF PREVENTION RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
14 A TRAUMA CENTER OR A HOSPITAL IN THE SAME WAY AS VACCINATION
15 RELATES DIRECTLY TO KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF THE HOSPITALS. IT IS
16 A PREVENTION MEASURE. IT ISN'T FOR THE HOSPITAL. IT'S TO KEEP
17 THE HOSPITAL AVAILABLE. I THINK THAT THE IDEA OF PREVENTION
18 HERE BOTH IN THE AREA OF VIOLENCE, WHICH, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
19 POINTED OUT, WE ALREADY AGREED LAST TIME FOR THE USE OF IT,
20 BUT ALSO IN THE PREVENTION OF HATE ATTACKS. THIS IS NOT JUST
21 OH, I HATE YOU, AND WE'RE PREVENTING THAT. WE'RE ACTUALLY
22 WORKING TO PREVENT PHYSICAL ATTACKS, TO PREVENT THE ATTITUDES
23 THAT LEAD TO THIS KIND OF GROWING PROBLEM. ALSO, I WANT TO
24 REMIND ALL OF US, THIS IS JUST THE ALLOCATION OF THE NEW MONEY
25 THAT WOULD COME OUT -- COME ABOUT BECAUSE WE ADD 7600THS OF A

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1 PENNY. AND THE 2% THAT DR. GHALY REFERRED TO IS JUST OF THE
2 NEW MONEY. OF THE OVERALL TRAUMA MONEY, IT'S WAY MINUSCULE. SO
3 I THINK IN HELPING TO KEEP OUR TRAUMA CENTERS FROM BEING
4 OVERRUN BY EVER INCREASING WHATEVER THAT PREVENTION IS AN
5 APPROPRIATE PART OF IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? SEEING
8 NONE, ITEM 40 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 40 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** NO.

23

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
9 4-1.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE ON TO
12 ITEM 70, REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND
13 OVERSIGHT EFFORTS, WHICH I HELD. WE HAVE HERE TO MAKE A
14 PRESENTATION, DARA WILLIAMS, CHIEF DEPUTY, ERIC BATES,
15 ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,
16 ASSISTANT SHERIFF BRENDAN CORBETT, DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH,
17 DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTH ARE ALL AVAILABLE FOR
18 QUESTIONS. BUT I COULD BE WRONG, BUT I BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO
19 ACTUALLY HAVE A PRESENTATION?

20

21 **ERIC BATES:** FIRST OF ALL, GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND
22 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL, ERIC
23 BATES. MR. HUNTSMAN COULD NOT BE HERE, SO MS. WILLIAMS AND I
24 ARE HERE IN HIS STEAD. IN LIGHT OF THE TIME, I DON'T KNOW IF
25 YOU WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO ADDRESS ISSUES IN OUR QUARTERLY

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1 REPORT THAT I KNOW YOU ALREADY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW,
2 OR WE CAN TAKE DIRECTED QUESTIONS, WHICHEVER YOU PREFER.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. WE'LL GO AHEAD, AND WE'LL
5 DEAL WITH QUESTIONS. I APPRECIATE THAT. I WILL GO WITH
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I WILL MAKE THIS SHORT, AND I
9 APPRECIATE YOU ALL BEING HERE AT THIS LATE HOUR TODAY.
10 OBVIOUSLY, I KNOW WE ALL ARE AWARE THE CONDITIONS IN OUR JAILS
11 AND THE I.R.C. AS OUTLINED IN THE O.I.G. REPORT, I MEAN TO SAY
12 THEY'RE CONCERNING PUTS IT MILDLY. IT'S BEYOND CONCERNING. I
13 TAKE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO SAFELY HOUSE AND TREAT INMATES
14 VERY SERIOUSLY, AS DOES THIS ENTIRE BOARD. OUR BOARD HAS
15 ADOPTED A REFORMIST APPROACH TO OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. BUT WHEN I
16 SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AND I HEAR FROM MAX IN REPORTS TO THIS
17 BOARD WHAT IS GOING ON, I THINK WE HAVE TO FACE THE HARSH
18 REALITY THAT NOT ALL WILL QUALIFY FOR DIVERSION TO COMMUNITY-
19 BASED PROGRAMS. AND I THINK THAT HAS BEEN THE PROBLEM IS THAT
20 NOT ALL QUALIFY, THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO HOUSE
21 THEM. AND I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT, WHILE I'M 100% ON BOARD
22 WITH TEARING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, IT IS ABSOLUTELY
23 UNCONSCIONABLE THAT WE EVEN ARE HOUSING INDIVIDUALS THERE AT
24 THIS POINT BECAUSE IT IS IN, TO SAY BAD SHAPE, PUTS IT MILDLY.
25 BUT I BELIEVE IT'S A MISTAKE NOT TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT WE

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1 ARE GOING TO BE LOSING BEDS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT CANNOT BE
2 DIVERTED, THAT NEED, AS A.C.L.U. POINTED OUT, MENTAL HEALTH
3 AND SERVICES THAT ARE NOT BEING CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED IN
4 THE JAIL. THEY WEREN'T QUESTIONING THE INDIVIDUALS THERE. THEY
5 WERE QUESTIONING THE INABILITY OF US TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES
6 TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR JAIL. SO MY QUESTION IS MORE
7 FOR DR. BELAVICH. I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WE'VE HAD
8 THIS QUESTION BEFORE, AND I THINK YOU'RE ON. I SAW YOU ON
9 EARLIER. DO WE HAVE THE STAFF AND BED CAPACITY TO SERVE
10 ADEQUATELY AND HUMANELY THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY MENTALLY ILL
11 CURRENTLY HOUSED AND BEING BROUGHT INTO OUR FACILITIES?

12

13 **DR. BELAVICH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. YES, I AM ON. THIS
14 IS TIM BELAVICH. I APOLOGIZE. I DON'T HAVE THE CAMERA ICON
15 ANYMORE, BUT HOPEFULLY YOU CAN HEAR ME. THE ANSWER TO BOTH
16 YOUR QUESTIONS IS NO. WE DO NOT HAVE THE BED CAPACITY AT THIS
17 POINT. TODAY, WE HOUSE 6900 MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS IN OUR
18 JAIL SYSTEM. WHEN 6, 7 YEARS AGO, WE WERE HOUSING 32 TO 3500
19 INDIVIDUALS. THAT NUMBER HAS CONTINUED TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY
20 OVER THE YEARS, AND THE JAIL SYSTEM HAS BEDS. WE DON'T HAVE
21 THE APPROPRIATE BEDS. SO THE CONCERN WE HAVE NOW IS THAT WE'RE
22 FORCED TO ALLOW THE MENTALLY ILL TO BE HOUSED OVER IN MEN'S
23 CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH WE KNOW IS UNSAFE AND A HIGH RISK PLACE
24 FOR THEM. WE HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO KEEP THEM HERE IN TWIN
25 TOWERS, WHICH IS A NEWER FACILITY, WHICH HAS ITS OWN

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1 CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS, BUT COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING, IT IS A
2 SAFER PLACE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL TO BE HOUSED. IN TERMS OF
3 STAFFING, STAFFING CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE FROM A
4 HEALTHCARE PERSPECTIVE, NOT IN THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS I HAVE
5 BUT IN THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES I HAVE. NATIONWIDE THERE IS AN
6 ISSUE WITH GETTING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS
7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE SEEING VACANCY RATES LIKE THEY HAVE
8 NEVER SEEN BEFORE. AND THAT INCLUDES US. PRE-COVID, WE HAD
9 LESS DIFFICULTY RECRUITING AND RETAINING STAFF. NOW, WE HAVE
10 THOSE CHALLENGES. WE HAVE RECENTLY TRIED TO INCREASE SOME
11 RATES IN ORDER TO ATTRACT MORE QUALIFIED STAFF, BUT WE HAVEN'T
12 SEEN THE FRUITS OF THAT YET. SO TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, NO,
13 WE DON'T HAVE CURRENTLY THE STAFFING NOR THE SPACE TO PROVIDE
14 THAT CARE.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AND SO, YOU ANSWERED MY SECOND QUESTION WE GOING
17 TO BE THAT, BASED ON THE CURRENT CONDITIONS, IS IT HARD FOR
18 YOU TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN STAFF. I HEARD YOU SAY THAT ACTUALLY
19 IS A PROBLEM. EVEN IF WE HAD A GOOD FACILITY, EVEN ATTRACTING
20 AND COMPETING IS DIFFICULT. SO I APPRECIATE THAT, DOCTOR. BUT
21 YOU KNOW, I THINK WHAT THIS HIGHLIGHTS FOR ME IS THAT WE NEED
22 TO INVEST IN A LONG TERM AND PERMANENT SOLUTION, WHICH IS TO
23 REPLACE WHAT IS GOING TO BE TORN DOWN. AND THAT IS A JAIL. AND
24 WE NEED TO REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO INVEST
25 IN A NEW FACILITY THAT WOULD NOT ONLY HELP US PROVIDE THE

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1 PROPER THERAPEUTIC AND PROGRAMMATIC SPACES FOR OUR INMATES BUT
2 ALSO RETAIN AND ATTRACT QUALITY STAFF. OUR INMATE POPULATION
3 IS ON THE RISE AGAIN, AND I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT. AND
4 SO, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT VARIABLES DOING
5 THAT. BUT REALITY IS WE'RE FACING SERIOUS AND VIOLENT -- WHO
6 ARE FACING SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES AND POSE A THREAT TO
7 PUBLIC SAFETY, THUS ARE NOT QUALIFIED FOR DIVERSION, AND
8 THAT'S REALLY WHAT MY CONCERN IS IS THAT BY ASSUMING WE'RE
9 GOING TO INVEST IN DIVERSION AND NOT RECOGNIZING THAT THERE
10 ARE THOSE THAT WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO HOUSE, AND WE'RE
11 NOT PROVIDING THE PROPER CARE, TO ME, IS UNCONSCIONABLE. AS I
12 HAVE ALWAYS SAID, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, M.C.J. HAS NOW
13 BECOME THE LARGEST DE FACTO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN THE
14 COUNTRY. THE A.C.L.U. MOTION REMINDS US THAT WE HAVE AN
15 ANTIQUATED FACILITY, WHICH NEEDS TO BE REPLACED WITH STATE OF
16 THE FACILITY STAFFED WITH QUALITY PROFESSIONALS, WHO CAN
17 PROVIDE VITAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THE
18 IS HUMANELY APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE CONSTITUTIONAL NEEDS OF
19 THOSE WHO CANNOT BE DIVERTED. THE AUSTIN REPORT, WHICH WAS
20 COMMISSIONED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STRESSED THAT FACT
21 THAT WE FACE A PROBLEM THAT ALL LEADERS WITHIN THE COUNTRY
22 NEED TO BAND TOGETHER TO SOLVE. THEREFORE, I THINK IT'S TIME
23 FOR THIS BOARD TO REALLY GET A BRIEFING AND UNDERSTAND THE
24 OPTIONS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT AS IT RELATES MOVING FORWARD.
25 I THINK WE NEED TO GET INPUT FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1 MONITOR AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE TO COMPLY WITH THE
2 D.O.J. CONSENT DECREE. I KNOW MY STAFF HAVE MONITORED THOSE
3 COURT DISCUSSIONS, AND THEY'RE FRUSTRATED. THEY'RE FRUSTRATED
4 WITH WHAT WE'RE DOING ON THE DIVERSION SIDE, AND THEN WHAT'S
5 GOING ON IN OUR JAILS. WE HAVE A SIMILAR NEED FOR TREATMENT
6 FACILITIES FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS,
7 WHO ARE NOT IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND BY NOT GETTING ADEQUATE
8 SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY AND NOT PROVIDING THEM WITH ACCESS
9 TO SERVICES, MY FEAR IS THAT THEY WILL END UP IN OUR JUSTICE
10 SYSTEM, MANY OF WHOM ARE IN OUR JAILS BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY
11 TO ACCESS SERVICES. SO I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A HUMANE
12 TREATMENT FACILITY FOR ALL. I'VE ASKED BEFORE, AND I, AGAIN,
13 I'M GOING TO PUT ON TABLE SOMETHING FOR US TO THINK ABOUT AND
14 THAT IS ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF
15 INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES, CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
17 MENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK
18 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN WRITING ON OPTIONS TO ESTABLISH
19 A LOCKED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY THAT CAN HOUSE BOTH
20 INMATES BUT, WHO CANNOT BE DIVERTED, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
21 NOT JUSTICE INVOLVED, BUT WHO ARE IN NEED OF A LOCKED
22 FACILITY. SO, YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE DIVERSION SIDE, WHICH,
23 AGAIN, D.O.J. MONITOR HAS EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION WITH THE FACT
24 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DOING DIVERSION, BUT WE DON'T HAVE
25 THE CAPACITY IN PLACE, AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO BUILD THAT

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1 CAPACITY. SO WE WOULD LOOK AT A FACILITY THAT'S GOING TO
2 ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE NON-JUSTICE-RELATED BUT ALSO THOSE THAT
3 CANNOT BE DIVERTED. I THINK WE REALLY -- WE AS A BOARD,
4 COLLECTIVELY, HAVE TO RECOGNIZE I'M NOT ASKING TO REPLACE A
5 JAIL. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS OUR JOB
6 TO ENSURE THAT THOSE THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION ARE
7 PROPERLY CARED FOR WHILE UNDER OUR CARE. AND RIGHT NOW, BASED
8 ON WHAT I SAW WITH THE A.C.L.U. MOTION AND ALSO WHAT OUR
9 INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS DOCUMENTED TO ALL OF US, WE HAVE TO DO
10 BETTER. AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO ADDRESS IN THE IMMEDIATE, BUT
11 I THINK LONG TERM, WE'VE BEEN PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE HAVE A
12 SITUATION BREWING THAT WE HAVE TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND. AND SO,
13 I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD AND ASK THAT THIS
14 BOARD BEGIN TO CONSIDER WHAT OUR NEXT STEP ARE GOING TO BE
15 BEYOND THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE FACILITY BUT THOSE THAT
16 ALSO ARE NOT JUSTICE INVOLVED THAT NEED OUR HELP AND OUR CARE.
17 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WOULD
20 JUST SAY THAT I AGREE WITH YOU. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A
21 CONVERSATION BECAUSE THERE APPEARS TO ME TO BE THIS COMPETING
22 NOTION OF WHO WE SUPPORT FIRST. AND I THINK THAT'S A DANGEROUS
23 FOR US POSITION TO BE IN. WHEN I HEAR THE REPORT, WHEN I HEAR
24 YOUR COMMENTS, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I'M LIKE WHAT'S THE LOWEST
25 HANGING FRUIT WE CAN GRAB RIGHT NOW TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF IN

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1 THIS INSTITUTION THAT APPEARS TO BE HELL ON EARTH. FROM MY
2 PERSPECTIVE, IT'S US FINDING A PERMANENT FUNDING SOURCE FOR
3 THE HOUSING DIVISION WITHIN OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
4 REENTRY, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
5 PEOPLE SUFFERING MENTAL ILLNESS WHO CAN BE SUPPORTED IN THE
6 COMMUNITY. SO I AGREE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF HAVING THE POLICY
7 DISCUSSION. I THINK THERE ARE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS WE MUST TAKE.
8 I THINK YOUR PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS OF COMING TO AN AGREEMENT OF
9 BUILDING A LOCKED FACILITY IS FURTHER DOWN THE PLANNING AND
10 EXECUTION ROAD, AND I THINK THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN
11 THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER CAN'T WAIT. THEY JUST CAN'T WAIT.
12 SO, I'M OPEN TO THAT CONVERSATION, BUT WHAT I'M NOT INTERESTED
13 IN IS US CONTINUING TO KICK THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD, WHEN WE
14 HAVE A VIABLE COUNTY PROGRAM RIGHT NOW THAT, FOR THE LACK OF
15 FUNDING, IS NOT PROVIDING RELIEF IMMEDIATELY WHEN IT
16 ABSOLUTELY CAN. QUICK QUESTION FROM ME, AND THEN I'LL MOVE TO
17 OTHER MEMBERS. BASED ON YOUR RECENT INVESTIGATION, WHAT IS THE
18 CURRENT AVERAGE WAIT TIME AT THE I.R.C.? MR. BATES, MRS.
19 WILLIAMS?

20

21 **ERIC BATES:** YES, WE HAVE RECENTLY SEEN THE WAIT TIMES ANYWHERE
22 FROM -- AND GENERALLY THE WAIT TIMES ARE UP, BUT ALSO MORE
23 PRECISELY, THE FRONT BENCH AREA, WHICH DEALS WITH THE MENTALLY
24 NEEDY INDIVIDUALS, WE HAVE SEEN THOSE WAIT TIMES RECENTLY AT
25 29 HOURS, 25 HOURS, 21 HOURS, 19, AND SO FORTH. SO THOSE HOURS

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1 STILL ARE VERY HIGH. AND SO, IT IS STILL A CONCERN FOR US. AND
2 AS YOU KNOW, OUR POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT THE DEPARTMENT
3 NEEDS TO RELEASE SOME OF THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO DO
4 NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY JUST TO MAKE ROOM FOR
5 THOSE THAT DO NEED THE CARE TO HAVE THE SPACE TO GO AND GET
6 HOUSING THERE AND GET THE TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I KNOW THAT, BACK IN 2019, YOU SUBMITTED
9 13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER SEVEN
10 WAS THAT THE COUNTY INCREASE EFFORTS TO DIVERT QUALIFIED
11 PRISONERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. AND YOU ALSO JUST TALKED ABOUT
12 THE RELEASE. FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, GIVEN THE CURRENT
13 CONDITIONS, GIVEN THE PRESSING URGENCY AND THE VOLATILITY OF
14 THE SCENARIO THERE, ARE THERE ANY OTHER OF YOUR 2019
15 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU WOULD HIGHLIGHT AS LOW HANGING FRUIT
16 THAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY?

17

18 **ERIC BATES:** WELL, EXCUSE ME, AS I JUST MENTIONED, WE WOULD --
19 I BELIEVE IT WAS RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 13 THAT THE DEPARTMENT
20 SHOULD IDENTIFY A TIMEFRAME BEYOND WHICH PATIENTS AWAITING
21 HOUSING IN I.R.C. CLINIC, OR MODULE 231, ARE RELEASED FROM
22 CUSTODY IF SAFE, ADEQUATE HOUSING REMAINS UNAVAILABLE.
23 CLEARLY, THAT, WE BELIEVE, IS PRESSING. AND ALSO, NUMBER
24 THREE, C.H.S. AND L.A.S.D. SHOULD RE-EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY
25 AND SAFETY PLAN TO TRANSPORT I.R.C. CLINIC PATIENTS TO URGENT

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1 CARE FOR MEDICAL CLEARANCE, UNLESS PATIENTS OTHERWISE REQUIRE
2 THAT LEVEL OF CARE. AND THEN ALSO CLEARLY, RECOMMENDATION
3 NUMBER SIX THAT WE HAD, WHICH WAS THE C.H.S. SHOULD CREATE AND
4 IMPLEMENT GUIDELINES ON PRIORITIZING MEDICAL EVALUATIONS THAT
5 ACCOUNT FOR ALL RELEVANT FACTORS, INCLUDING THE ACUITY OF
6 MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS TETHERED IN THE FRONT BENCH AREA, IN
7 ORDER TO STANDARDIZED METHODS UTILIZED BY THE LEAD NURSES. SO
8 CLEARLY, THE LONG DELAY IN TREATING THOSE THAT ARE TETHERED TO
9 A CHAIR, BASICALLY, FOR HOURS ON END IS OF GREAT CONCERN OF
10 OURS.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK, YOU KNOW, AFTER
16 EIGHT YEARS OF KIND OF THINKING THIS THROUGH, STARTING OUT
17 WITH FUNDING A JAIL, DECIDING NOT TO FUND A JAIL, DECIDING TO
18 FUND A LARGE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY THAT WAS REALLY A JAIL,
19 THEN DECIDING NOT TO. I MEAN THIS IS NOT JUST ME, OBVIOUSLY,
20 IT IS OUR BOARD, BEFORE SOME OF YOU WERE MEMBERS, BUT I KNOW,
21 KATHRYN, FOR INSTANCE, WAS FRONT AND CENTER AND SEEING WHAT
22 WAS GOING ON. THE HOPE THEN BECAME THAT WE WOULD HAVE A WAY TO
23 SEPARATE THESE POPULATIONS A LITTLE MORE INTELLIGENTLY AS TO
24 WHO NEEDED WHAT. EVERY INMATE DOES NOT NEED MENTAL HEALTH
25 TREATMENT RIGHT NOW. AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT DEGREES OF

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1 SERIOUSNESS, WHERE WE STILL DO NOT REALLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO
2 EVALUATE WHO NEEDS WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT. PEOPLE TALK --
3 PEOPLE LIKE ME, WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH
4 TREATMENT, TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH LIKE IT IS SOME KIND OF
5 MONOLITH, BUT IT IS NOT. AND THAT KIND OF EVALUATION IS REALLY
6 DIFFICULT, AND IT IS MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE FACT THAT EACH
7 ONE OF OUR INMATES IS SENTENCED TO A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF TIME
8 IN OUR JAIL. THIS IS NOT "ONE WHO FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S
9 NEST," WHERE YOU STAY UNTIL WE DECIDE YOU AREN'T CRAZY ANY
10 MORE. THIS IS THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, WHERE YOU ARE
11 SENTENCED TO 60 DAYS. AND SO, THE NOTION THAT TREATMENT CAN BE
12 GIVEN THAT IS EFFECTIVE, IN SOME OF THESE TERMS, I THINK ALSO
13 IS NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORTABLE, WHICH IS WHY WE STARTED GOING
14 TO THE MOTION OF DIVERSION. AND I DO UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THOSE WHO ARE SO DANGEROUS AND
16 NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT THEY MUST BE KEPT AND
17 PROTECTED AGAINST ESCAPING, I GUESS, IS WHAT WE WOULD SAY. SO
18 I DON'T THINK WE HAVE SLICED AND DICED AND PARSED IN THE WAY
19 THAT WE REALLY NEED TO. I HAVE TO HONESTLY SAY, THAT IT IS MY
20 HOPE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE NEW JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
21 WILL BE ABLE TO HELP WITH IS TO SLICE AND DICE THE JUSTICE
22 POPULATION, SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND BETTER WHO CAN BE
23 DIVERTED AND WHERE BECAUSE WE TAKE LITTLE SOLUTIONS. I AM JUST
24 AS GUILTY. I WANT THIS. SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS THIS. IT IS LIKE
25 THE BLIND MAN AND THE ELEPHANT. WE DON'T HAVE A UNIFIED KIND

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1 OF APPROACH. SO I AM HOPING THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO -- WHEN I
2 SAY SLICE AND DICE, I JUST MEAN CATEGORIZE BETTER. AND THAT'S
3 WHAT IS NOT HAPPENING AT THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. AND WHAT
4 WE HOPED WOULD HAPPEN IS THE EVALUATION AND THE APPROPRIATE
5 DECISION ABOUT WHERE AN INMATE GOES FOR THE TIME THAT THEY ARE
6 UNDER SENTENCE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO, EVEN WHEN I AM NOT WITH
7 YOU GUYS NEXT YEAR, I WILL STILL BE WITH YOU GUYS NEXT YEAR,
8 IN TRYING TO HELP FIGURE OUT THIS PARTICULAR POPULATION AND
9 HOW WE CAN COME TO THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO
10 NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T, FOR THOSE
11 MORE SERIOUS, FOR THOSE WHO JUST NEED A LITTLE HELP. THANK
12 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF
17 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT. AND THE FIRST QUESTION, FOR
18 ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO ANSWER IT, I SEE THAT THE JAIL POPULATION
19 HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 1,000 JUST IN THE LAST MONTH. THIS
20 IS UPSETTING FOR ME AND GOES AGAINST ALL THE WORK WE ARE DOING
21 TO TRY TO DECREASE OUR JAIL POPULATIONS. CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME
22 WHY THE JAIL POPULATION HAS INCREASED SO MUCH RECENTLY?

23

24 **ERIC BATES:** WELL, IT IS OF CONCERN FOR US AS WELL. I DON'T
25 KNOW IF I HAVE THE ANSWER AS TO WHY IT HAS INCREASED, BUT IT

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1 IS OF CONCERN BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD OF STATE AND
2 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, THEY SET THE STANDARD FOR THE CAPACITY
3 OF LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. AND AMONGST OTHER THINGS,
4 PART OF THAT IS BASED ON STAFF RATIOS AND WHATNOT. SO IT IS OF
5 CONCERN THAT I BELIEVE THEY -- THE CAPACITY -- TOTAL CAPACITY
6 IS 12,404 THAT THE B.S.C.C. HAS SET, BUT OUR RECENT NUMBER FOR
7 TOTAL CAPACITY -- POPULATION RATHER, FOR THE DEPARTMENT, IS AT
8 14,693. SO THAT IS OVER THAT CAPACITY RATIO THAT THE B.S.C.C.
9 HAS SET.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** NOBODY HAS ANY INDICATION OF WHY?

12

13 **DARA WILLIAMS:** I BELIEVE THAT IT HAS TO DO WITH THE EXPIRATION
14 OF THE EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE. SO, THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY
15 BAIL SCHEDULE, AND I BELIEVE THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT IS
16 ON HERE, AND WE HAD A CONVERSATION -- SORRY. IF, SOMEBODY
17 COULD UNMUTE HIM, BECAUSE I THINK HE WILL CONCUR IN THIS. WE
18 HAD A CONVERSATION IN JUNE ABOUT HOW, WHEN THE EMERGENCY BAIL
19 SCHEDULE EXPIRED, THAT HE EXPECTED THE INCREASE TO GO TO
20 15,000 WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY PRETTY CLOSE TO WHERE IT IS. SO IT
21 IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT IS THE REASON FOR -- LIKELY THE
22 REASON FOR THE INCREASE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT, IN
23 RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS, O.I.G. SHARES THE SAME
24 CONCERNS, THAT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE
25 INCARCERATED WHO DON'T HAVE TO BE INCARCERATED. RIGHT? YOU

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1 HAVE PEOPLE PRETRIAL, AND THE PRETRIAL PEOPLE YOU SHOULD BE
2 LOOKING AT ARE THEY A DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY. AND THE POST-
3 SENTENCING PEOPLE, YOU NEED TO FIND THE BEST ALTERNATIVE FOR
4 THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAS A CONSEQUENCE. I AM USING THE
5 CONSEQUENCE BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS NOT THE
6 JAIL SYSTEM, AND THE PRISON SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO NOT JUST
7 PUNISH, BUT ALSO TO REHABILITATE. SO IT IS THOSE DUAL THINGS
8 THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, BUT WE ARE CERTAINLY CONVINCED THAT
9 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED THAT DON'T
10 NEED TO BE INCARCERATED FOR EITHER OF THOSE REASONS. AND
11 CERTAINLY, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF NONCUSTODIAL BEDS, IN
12 OTHER WORDS, WHEN I SAY THAT, I MEAN OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL
13 COMMUNITY, WHETHER THERE'S A WAY THAT THEY CAN BE LOCKED, OR
14 SECURED, OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, WOULD BE HUGE
15 IMPORTANT TO REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION, BUT WE DO THINK
16 THAT THERE ARE CAPABILITIES CURRENTLY TO REDUCE THAT
17 POPULATION THAT ARE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S AND THE COUNTY'S
18 CONTROL AS FAR AS WHO IS THERE, AND WHEN YOU HAVE THE I.R.C.
19 BOTTLENECK, YOU CAN'T TAKE AWAY THE FACT THAT THERE'S
20 OVERCROWDING, WHICH MEANS THAT THERE'S A BOTTLENECK BECAUSE
21 PEOPLE -- THERE ARE NO APPROPRIATE BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE
22 PEOPLE. BUT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT IS NOW --

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT? WHO
25 MAKES THE DETERMINATION THEN ON THOSE THAT ARE -- SHOULDN'T BE

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1 IN THE I.R.C. THAT CAN BE RELEASED? WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MAKING
2 THAT, AND AT WHAT POINT IS THAT MADE?

3

4 **DARA WILLIAMS:** SO, IT ISN'T JUST THE I.R.C. IT WOULD ALSO BE
5 PEOPLE IN BEDS WHO COULD BE RELEASED TO MAKE ROOM FOR PEOPLE
6 IN THE I.R.C. THE SHERIFF HAS SOME CONTROL OVER IT BECAUSE
7 THEY SET THE MINIMUM BAIL FOR WHICH PEOPLE WILL GO INTO
8 CUSTODY. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO
9 HOW MUCH CONTROL THERE IS. THERE IS A DECISION, THE RUTHERFORD
10 DECISION. THAT'S THE LAWSUIT IN WHICH THE A.C.L.U. FILED THE
11 PETITION IN. SO ONE DEFINITE POSSIBILITY IS THAT THERE WILL BE
12 MORE GUIDANCE BY THE COURT IN WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S AUTHORITY.
13 SO WE ARE OF THE OPINION -- O.I.G., RIGHT, BUT NOW ONCE AGAIN,
14 WE ARE NOT COUNTY COUNSEL. RIGHT? SO WE ARE JUST SAYING THAT
15 WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MECHANISMS THAT THE SHERIFF CAN USE
16 TO DECIDE TO RELEASE PEOPLE. FOR INSTANCE, RIGHT NOW, IF
17 SOMEONE HAS LESS THAN 240 DAY SENTENCE IN COUNTY JAIL, THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RELEASES THAT PERSON. WE BELIEVE THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULD INCREASE THAT TO 365 DAYS. WE ALSO
20 BELIEVE THAT THE SHERIFF COULD RAISE THE MINIMUM BAIL AT WHICH
21 TO KEEP PEOPLE. AND THEN THE QUESTION I THINK WHERE THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND O.I.G. DIVERGE IS WHETHER IF SOMEONE
23 IS REMANDED WITH A CERTAIN BAIL, WHETHER THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT STILL HAS THE ABILITY TO RELEASE THOSE INDIVIDUALS
25 ON THEIR OWN RECOGNIZANCE. THERE'S CERTAINLY CASE LAW THAT

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1 SAYS THAT, IN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SHERIFF HAS A LOT
2 OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
3 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN COUNTY FACILITIES. SO THAT
4 WOULD, IN OUR OPINION, AND OBVIOUSLY -- SOME OF THIS IS ALSO
5 IN THE A.C.L.U. PAPERS, WHICH ARE PUBLIC -- SO THAT WOULD GIVE
6 THE SHERIFF A BROAD AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON WHO TO
7 RELEASE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU GET YOUR
10 QUESTION ANSWERED?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** SINCE I HIJACKED YOUR LINE OF QUESTIONING, YES I
13 DID.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M LIKE RECLAIMING MY TIME.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** YOU HAVE GOT IT BACK, SORRY.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, NO, THAT WAS GOOD BECAUSE THAT WAS APROPOS TO
20 WHAT I WAS ASKING AS WELL. I AM GOING TO SWITCH. BRENDAN,
21 MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER THIS. IT WAS REALLY UPSETTING TO SEE THAT
22 ONE OF THE DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT
23 OCCURRED WHEN ONE OF OUR M.E.T. TEAMS WAS REQUESTED BUT NOT
24 AVAILABLE. AND TRAGICALLY, THIS SHOOTING RESULTED IN A DEATH.
25 IS THERE DATA ON HOW OFTEN OUR M.E.T. TEAMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE

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1 WHEN REQUESTED? AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE
2 THERE WAS NO M.E.T. TEAM AVAILABLE?

3

4 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** SUPERVISOR, IS THAT FOR ME? I
5 APOLOGIZE. I COULD NOT REALLY SPEAK ON THAT. THAT WOULD BE
6 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CHASE THAT HAS PATROL. I COULD GET THAT
7 INFORMATION FOR YOU, ABSOLUTELY, BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT
8 AVAILABLE NOW.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. I FIGURED YOU MIGHT HAVE IT MORE THAN THE
11 O.I.G. WOULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

12

13 **DARA WILLIAMS:** WE COULD SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT IT HAS HAPPENED
14 BEFORE, AND IT CERTAINLY HAPPENS IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
15 DISTRICT MORE BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A HUGE DISTRICT AS FAR AS
16 SQUARE MILES. AND SO, IT IS JUST A MATTER OF HOW MANY M.E.T.
17 CARS THERE ARE AND HOW FAST THEY CAN GET THERE. BUT IT IS -- I
18 CAN'T SPEAK TO SPECIFIC NUMBERS, BUT I CAN TELL YOU,
19 ANECDOTALLY, IT MOST DEFINITELY HAS HAPPENED BEFORE, AND THEN
20 THERE ARE ALSO INSTANCES WHERE THE CALL OUTS HAPPEN IN
21 DIFFERENT WAYS SO THAT IF DISPATCH DISPATCHES A FAMILY
22 DISTURBANCE, THEN IT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY GO -- IT DOESN'T
23 AUTOMATICALLY GENERATE A M.E.T. TEAM. SO THERE'S A BUNCH OF
24 DIFFERENT THINGS AT WORK HERE. IN THAT PARTICULAR INSTANCE,
25 THEY DID.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THIS WAS A M.E.T. TEAM THAT WAS REQUESTED.

3

4 **DARA WILLIAMS:** RIGHT. IN THIS ONE IT WAS. SO I DO BELIEVE
5 THERE ARE OTHER CASES. I DON'T KNOW IF THESE RESULTED IN A
6 DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER CASES ARE A
7 M.E.T. TEAM HAS BEEN CALLED AND IS UNAVAILABLE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** MAYBE WE COULD GET THAT INFORMATION AT THE NEXT
10 REPORT OR BEFORE? I AM VERY CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW MANY TIMES
11 THEY ARE REQUESTED, BUT THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** I KNOW IT DOES HAPPEN IN THE NORTH COUNTY,
14 JANICE. I'M SORRY. IT HAPPENS IN SANTA CLARITA. WE HAVE HAD
15 PALMDALE, AND THEY SAY THE M.E.T. TEAM IS COMING FROM LIKE SAN
16 GABRIEL VALLEY, AND IT WILL BE TWO AND A HALF HOURS. AND IN
17 TWO AND A HALF HOURS --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK THIS IS A BIG ISSUE. RIGHT. BECAUSE THAT'S
20 OUR WHOLE POINT IS THAT WE FEEL LIKE SOME RESPONSES TO WHAT IS
21 -- SOME CRISIS IS REALLY NEEDS A M.E.T. TEAM TO ACCOMPANY OUR
22 DEPUTIES. SO I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT AND FIND OUT IF
23 THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN MITIGATE A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE,
24 CERTAINLY, WHEN YOU SEE IT ENDED UP IN A DEATH, THAT'S EXACTLY
25 THE OUTCOME WE ARE TRYING TO PREVENT BY MAKING SURE THESE

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1 M.E.T. TEAMS ARE FUNDED AND AVAILABLE WHEN REQUESTED. SO JUST
2 SOMETHING I WANT TO ELEVATE A LITTLE BIT AND SEE WHAT WE CAN
3 DO TO SEE WHERE IF WE NEED MORE IN DISTRICT FIVE. I MEAN I
4 DON'T KNOW. I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THIS GEOGRAPHICALLY AND
5 EVERY OTHER WAY TO FIND OUT BECAUSE THIS WAS VERY DISTURBING
6 TO ME. I THINK SOMEHOW THAT'S NOT A SCENARIO THAT THE PUBLIC
7 IS CONTEMPLATING. IT IS -- BASICALLY WHEN A M.E.T, TEAM IS
8 REQUESTED, I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE ALL SORT OF AGREED THAT
9 WOULD HAPPEN WITH CO- EXISTING WITH OUR SHERIFFS SO THAT THE
10 OUTCOME, OF COURSE, IS NOT WHAT THIS TALKED ABOUT. SO I WOULD
11 LIKE TO SEE MAYBE SOME MORE DATA ON THAT, IF POSSIBLE.

12

13 **DARA WILLIAMS:** WE CAN CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE SHERIFF ON THAT.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. HERE IS ANOTHER ONE, I THINK, FOR
16 THE SHERIFF. THERE WAS ANOTHER SHOOTING WHERE THE DEPUTY WAS
17 NOT WEARING A BODY-WORN CAMERA BECAUSE HE WAS PART OF THE GANG
18 SURVEILLANCE UNIT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS UNIT STILL NEEDS
19 AN M.O.U. WITH THE U.S. MARSHALS IN ORDER TO GET BODY-WORN
20 CAMERAS. SO, I KIND OF WANTED TO GET -- HOW IS THAT GOING?
21 WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THAT? AND WHEN DO WE THINK THEY WILL HAVE
22 THEM?

23

24 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** SUPERVISOR, I WAS HERE PREPARED TO
25 SPEAK ON THE I.R.C. AND THE JAILS. I HAVE -- I AM NOT PREPARED

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1 TO SPEAK ON ANY OF THAT. I'D HAVE TO DEFER TO GET ALL THAT
2 INFORMATION TO YOU. AND I APOLOGIZE. I WAS HERE FOR ITEM 70,
3 AND I WOULD HAVE HAD THAT AVAILABLE. I APOLOGIZE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. LET'S SEE. DOES O.I.G. HAVE ANY INFORMATION
6 ABOUT THAT?

7

8 **DARA WILLIAMS:** SO WE -- WE FIRST REPORTED THIS IN APRIL I
9 BELIEVE IN OUR SIXTH BODY-WORN CAMERA REPORT AND ALSO REPORTED
10 IT SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN OUR QUARTERLY REPORT. AND WE ARE IN
11 THE PROCESS, ACTUALLY, OF FINALIZING OUR SEVENTH REPORT BACK
12 ON THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS. AND AS OF TODAY'S DATE, THEY HAVE
13 NOT REPORTED THAT THEY --

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUSHING THAT M.O.U. AND
16 GETTING IT AGREED ON AND SIGNED OFF ON?

17

18 **DARA WILLIAMS:** THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT SHOULD BE ABLE
19 TO TELL YOU. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE --

20

21 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** (INDISCERNIBLE), SUPERVISOR. THAT'S
22 -- TO GET ALL THAT IN PLACE AND GET ALL THOSE THINGS SIGNED,
23 YES.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. SO -- THAT'S WHY I AM ASKING YOU. HOW IS IT
2 GOING?

3

4 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** I WOULD HAVE TO DEFER TO ASSISTANT
5 SHERIFF CHASE, WHO HAS THE PATROL SIDE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS OF CONCERN TO ME.
8 I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF, BUT IT IS A BIG CONCERN FOR ME,
9 AS IT IS HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS REPORT. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE
10 SOME MOVEMENT IN THAT AREA. AND I THINK -- BECAUSE I THINK THE
11 PUBLIC ALSO IS EXPECTING OUR DEPUTIES TO BE WEARING THESE
12 CAMERAS, AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE WEREN'T AWARE THAT THE
13 GANG SURVEILLANCE UNIT IS NOT WEARING THEM. OKAY. TIM, I DON'T
14 KNOW IF YOU ARE STILL ON.

15

16 **DR. BELAVICH:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH SO, I ALWAYS APPRECIATE LOOKING AT THE
19 BREAKDOWN OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH IN THIS REPORT. I KNOW THAT
20 WAS SOMETHING I ASKED FOR LAST TIME. AND IT ALWAYS IS
21 DISTURBING TO ME EVERY TIME WE GET NOTIFIED OF ANOTHER DEATH
22 IN CUSTODY. I REMEMBER HAVING CONCERNS WHEN I FIRST WAS
23 ELECTED AND I STARTED GETTING THESE NOTIFICATIONS OF PEOPLE
24 DYING WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR CUSTODY, SOME VERY YOUNG PEOPLE,
25 AND IT SAID THEY DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES, AND I ALWAYS FOUND

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1 THAT CONCERNING. WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN THAT 12 PEOPLE
2 DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES?

3

4 **DR. BELAVICH:** SURE, I CAN CLARIFY THAT. WHEN WE HAVE A DEATH,
5 THERE'S OFTEN A PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY THAT OCCURS BEFORE -- WHEN
6 YOU ARE NOTIFIED. AND WE MIGHT RECEIVE SOMETHING PRELIMINARY
7 FROM THE MEDICAL EXAMINER. QUITE FREQUENTLY, THEY WILL SAY IT
8 IS AN UNKNOWN CAUSE OF DEATH. AND SO, WE LIST THAT AS AN
9 UNKNOWN CAUSE OF DEATH UNTIL WE RECEIVE THE ACTUAL AUTOPSY,
10 WHICH CAN BE ANYWHERE FROM SIX TO 16 MONTHS LATER. IN FACT, WE
11 STARTED SOMETHING NEW JUST THIS YEAR WHERE, WHEN WE DO RECEIVE
12 AN AUTOPSY BACK, I RESEND THE MEMO WITH THE AUTOPSY RESULTS TO
13 YOUR OFFICES, SO THAT IT DOES CLARIFY, BUT THAT IS EXACTLY
14 DETERMINED BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER THAT HE WILL DETERMINE IT'S
15 OFTEN A -- HE WILL CALL IT NATURAL CAUSES. AND IT COULD BE --
16 THAT COULD BE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAD A HEART ATTACK, THAT THE
17 INDIVIDUAL HAD A STROKE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. NOW, WHAT WE
18 ARE SEEING WITH THE YOUNGER DEATHS, OBVIOUSLY, ARE USUALLY
19 THOSE ARE BUNCHED MORE WITH OUR OVERDOSE DEATHS. AND WHEN WE
20 SEE A OVERDOSE, THEY TEND TO BE IN OUR PATIENTS WHO ARE IN
21 THEIR 20S. WE SEE MORE OF THE NATURAL CAUSES, TODAY, IN OUR
22 OLDER PATIENTS, WHICH WE ARE SEEING A LOT MORE OLDER PATIENTS
23 HERE IN THE JAIL THAN WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I THINK I WAS CONCERNED IN THE BEGINNING
2 BECAUSE IT WAS YOUNGER, IN 20S, THAT DIED OF NATURAL -- I
3 THINK I WAS UPSET -- AND WHEN I FIRST GOT ELECTED, I THINK YOU
4 DIDN'T START SAYING UNKNOWN CAUSES UNTIL -- IT WAS --
5 IMMEDIATELY IT WAS THIS PERSON DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES. AND I
6 THINK THAT DISTURBED ME A LITTLE BIT. OKAY, AS LONG AS WE --
7 YEAH, THE FIRST NOTIFICATION BECOMES UNKNOWN, AND THEN IT IS
8 ONLY AFTER THE CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER THAT YOU RESEND -- OR
9 THAT WHEN THIS REPORT COMES OUT, YOU HAVE BROKEN IT DOWN. TO
10 NATURAL CAUSES?

11

12 **DR. BELAVICH:** CORRECT. AND WE WILL -- IF WE HAVE AN IDEA, FOR
13 EXAMPLE, IF IT WAS A LIKELY OVERDOSE, WE WILL INFORM YOU OF
14 THAT AT THE INITIAL -- DURING THE INITIAL REPORT, OR IF IT
15 WERE A SUICIDE, IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT LEADS US DOWN THAT
16 ROAD, WE WILL SHARE THAT WITH YOU AT THAT TIME.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND CURRENTLY, I THINK WE DON'T PUT ON
19 PEOPLE'S DEATH CERTIFICATES IN THE COUNTY THAT THEY DIED IN
20 CUSTODY. IS THAT -- I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY KNOWS THAT? I
21 THINK THAT'S TRUE.

22

23 **DR. BELAVICH:** YOU KNOW, YOUR OFFICE REACHED OUT YESTERDAY
24 ABOUT THAT, AND WE DID SOME HOMEWORK, AND WE DON'T HAVE THE
25 ANSWER. SO THAT ANSWER RESIDES OVER WITH THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

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1 BECAUSE WE DON'T GET A DEATH CERTIFICATE. WE WILL GET AN
2 AUTOPSY RESULT, BUT WE DON'T GET A DEATH CERTIFICATE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I THINK IT IS TRUE. I THINK -- I AM GOING TO
5 WORK WITH THE CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER BECAUSE I WAS -- I
6 THINK THERE'S A NATIONAL PUSH THAT WE BEGIN PUTTING ON
7 PEOPLE'S DEATH CERTIFICATES WHETHER OR NOT THEY DIED IN
8 CUSTODY BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT MATTERS, AND I THINK, GOING
9 FORWARD, IT MATTERS IN TERMS OF JUST COLLECTING THAT KIND OF
10 DATA WITH THE DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING
11 THAT WOULD BE, I DON'T KNOW, JUST IMPORTANT TO NOTE GOING IN
12 THE FUTURE. OKAY, THAT'S ALL MY QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR BARGER,
13 I AM HAPPY TO SECOND YOUR MOTION. IT SOUNDS VERY SIMILAR TO
14 ONE I DID A COUPLE YEARS AGO WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
15 CENTER THAT I BELIEVE WE WERE BEGINNING TO GO DOWN THAT ROAD,
16 AND IT -- IT STOPPED FOR VARIOUS REASONS. SO I AM GLAD YOU ARE
17 BRINGING IT BACK UP. AND I'D LIKE TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON THAT.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** I WAS ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK, AND I WOULD LOVE
20 THAT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE, TO CHAIR MITCHELL'S POINT,
21 AND I THINK IT IS ONE THAT IS WELL TAKEN AS IT RELATES TO THE
22 DIVERSION KEY COMPONENT, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
23 INCLUDE OFFICE OF DIVERSION, WHICH IS UNDER D.H.S., SO THAT IS
24 INCLUDED, CHAIR MITCHELL, IN TERMS OF WHAT I WANT, IN TERMS OF
25 LOOKING AT IT. I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST INSIDE THE JAIL.

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1 I'M TALKING ABOUT ACROSS THE BOARD FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT
2 JUSTICE INVOLVED, AS WELL. AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT IS NOT ONE SIZE
4 FITS ALL. BUT BASED ON THE WHAT THE A.C.L.U. POINTED OUT, WE
5 ARE DOING NOTHING. AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING TO
6 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THERE IS INCREASING THE
7 CHANCES OF RECIDIVISM FOR THEM BECAUSE THE CARE THAT THEY ARE
8 GETTING IS ACTUALLY MAKING THEM SICKER, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.
9 AND I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. BUT I AGREE
10 WITH YOU, IT IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS SAYING MENTAL HEALTH. IT IS
11 VERY COMPLICATED. IF IT WERE THAT EASY, I DON'T THINK WE WOULD
12 HAVE THAT MANY PEOPLE LANGUISHING ON THE STREETS. BUT I ACCEPT
13 -- YES.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO TO CLARIFY, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT
16 SINCE SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS OPERATING OFF THE IMPRESSION THAT IT
17 WAS A MOTION. YOU WERE REQUESTING A REPORT BACK, SUPERVISOR
18 BARGER?

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, I WAS REQUESTING A REPORT BACK. I DIDN'T PUT
21 A TIMEFRAME ON IT, BUT --

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** I THOUGHT YOU READ IN A MOTION.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** I DID. WELL, I SAID I WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS. I
2 DID.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO WOULD YOU READ IT AGAIN, SO THE
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND EVERYBODY IS CLEAR?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY, CHAIR. I SAID, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
8 SEE COME BACK, I SAID I'D LIKE TO DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO
9 WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, CORRECTIONAL
11 HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THEN OTHER
12 RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS IN WRITING ON THE OPTIONS TO ESTABLISH A LOCKED
14 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY THAT CAN HOUSE BOTH INMATES
15 WHO CANNOT BE DIVERTED AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT JUSTICE
16 INVOLVED BUT ARE IN NEED OF A LOCKED FACILITY. AND THAT
17 ADDRESSES THE DIVERSION SIDE, CHAIR MITCHELL, ONE THAT I KNOW
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT IN OUR -- AS
19 PART OF OUR DECREE IN COURT RIGHT NOW AS IT RELATES TO
20 CAPACITY FOR DIVERSION, SO THEY DON'T END UP IN THE JAIL.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND WOULD YOU PUT A TIMEFRAME ON THAT?

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** 90 DAYS? I MEAN I THINK WE HAVE ALL THE
25 INFORMATION. IT IS JUST A QUESTION OF PUTTING IT TOGETHER, AND

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1 IF THEY NEED MORE TIME. BUT I THINK 90 DAYS WOULD BE
2 SUFFICIENT.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE
5 SECONDING THAT READ IN? SUPERVISOR HAHN? YES? NO? YEAH.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** (INDISCERNIBLE) ALL DAY.

8

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THIS IS A LITTLE HERKY-JERKY FOR ME IN TERMS
12 OF I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT MOTION WAS SENT TO ME SOMEWHERE
13 TO READ. I THINK THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS CHANGE BECAUSE THE
14 WORDING, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AS KATHRYN READ IT, WAS A REPORT
15 BACK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, NOT WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD
16 HAVE ONE BIG MENTAL HEALTH LOCKUP FACILITY THAT IS A LOCKED
17 FACILITY FOR PRISONERS AND NON-JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS
18 ALL IN THE SAME PLACE, WHICH PRESENTS YOU KNOW A VERY
19 DIFFERENT SET OF SECURITY ISSUES ABOUT WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE IN
20 CUSTODY, AND WHEN WE DON'T. I WOULD PREFER IF THERE'S A WAY TO
21 HAVE THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO LOOK AT THIS LANGUAGE AND REFINE IT
22 MAYBE A LITTLE MORE BECAUSE IT IS A LITTLE ON THE FLY FOR ME.
23 I REALIZE THAT OH, IT IS JUST A REPORT BACK, BUT THE REPORT
24 BACK SEEMS TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT THE REPORT WOULD BE HOW DO
25 WE DO THIS AND NOT WHETHER WE SHOULD DO THIS BECAUSE THIS IS

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1 LIKE DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN, WHERE WE LOOKED AT WHETHER THAT
2 SHOULD BE ONE BIG LOCKED FACILITY, BUT THIS ADDS REAL TWIST
3 ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT SENTENCED IN THE SAME
4 FACILITY. LIKE LET'S BUILD A BIG MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL, AND
5 HALF OF IT WILL BE FOR PRISONERS. I THINK WE NEED A LITTLE
6 MORE ANALYSIS BEFORE WE VOTE EVEN ON SUCH A REPORT BACK
7 BECAUSE THERE MAY BE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDED. THERE MAY
8 BE A CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER THIS IS EVEN A GOOD IDEA. AND
9 SO, I WONDER IF THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF DOING
10 THIS -- I AM JUST GOING TO SAY IN A MORE ORDERLY FASHION THAN
11 OFF THE CUFF LIKE THIS?

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND I -- BEFORE YOU RESPOND, SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER, I WOULD JUST SAY I KNOW IT IS CHALLENGING GIVEN OUR
15 STRUCTURE HERE. FOR ME, I WOULD PREFER THAT THE BOARD DRIVE
16 THE POLICY AND SO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE
17 POLICY THAT WE THEN WANT THOSE COUNTY AGENTS TO GO BACK AND
18 GIVE US RECOMMENDATIONS ON. THIS FEELS, TO ME, A LITTLE CART
19 BEFORE THE HORSE WHERE WE ARE ASKING THEM ABOUT OPTIONS ABOUT
20 KIND OF A LOCKED FACILITY, WHICH I ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD A
21 PREVIOUS ITERATION OF THIS BOARD DECIDED AGAINST. SO I'M NOT
22 IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT YOUR REPORT BACK. I JUST FEEL LIKE WE
23 SHOULD GET AHEAD OF KIND OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, THAT
24 IT SHOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH, AGAIN, CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
25 THEORY THAT WE ARE OPERATED ON AND HAVE A LITTLE CLEARER

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1 CORRECTION THAT WE ARE ASKING THESE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
2 REPORT BACK ON.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I AM HAPPY TO WAIT TWO WEEKS, BUT I WILL SAY,
5 WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IF WE ARE ALL ABOUT CARE FIRST, THE
6 A.C.L.U.'S, WHAT THEY FILED, SHOWED ME THAT WE, AS A BOARD,
7 DON'T CARE. WE DO NOT CARE. WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS OVER THERE
8 THAT ARE SITTING IN THEIR OWN FECES FOR TWO DAYS, DOCUMENTED,
9 LOCKED UP, NOT GETTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND I AM
10 WILLING TO COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS AND COMPROMISE BECAUSE, AS
11 FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WHO IS
12 MONITORING ALL OF THIS AS WELL, IS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT
13 WE ARE TALKING DIVERSION, BUT WE ARE DOING NOTHING TO BUILD
14 CAPACITY ON THE OUTSIDE. SO WHEN I TALKED ABOUT INCLUDING IN
15 THIS REPORT A LOCKED FACILITY FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT JUSTICE
16 INVOLVED, I DID THAT BECAUSE, AGAIN, MY OFFICE IS WORKING AND
17 TALKING TO THE MONITOR. THEY ARE WONDERING WHAT WE, AS A
18 BOARD, ARE DOING BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING IT REALLY WELL, BUT WE
19 ARE NOT WALKING IT AS IT RELATES TO BUILDING THE CAPACITY IN
20 THE COMMUNITY. AND SO I AM HAPPY TO WAIT TWO WEEKS, BUT I CAN
21 TELL YOU ALL THAT THE A.C.L.U.'S LAWSUIT IS GOING TO BE ONE OF
22 MANY IF WE DO NOT TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR
23 JAIL THAT CANNOT BE DIVERTED, AND I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND,
24 AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THIS IS
25 LITIGATED WITH THE JUDGE, WHO IS GOING TO DETERMINE WHO HAS

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1 THE ABILITY TO RELEASE INMATES BECAUSE I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED
2 ON THAT, AND IT SEEMS A LITTLE FUZZY TO ME. SO MAYBE IT IS
3 NECESSARY FOR A JUDGING TO CLARIFY THE ROLES, BUT I DON'T KNOW
4 HOW WE CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT KNOWING THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT
5 ARE CURRENTLY IN OUR I.R.C. THAT ARE NOT GETTING THE CARE AND
6 SERVICES THEY NEED THAT CANNOT BE RELEASED. BUT, BY THE WAY,
7 IF THEY ARE RELEASED, THEY ARE GOING TO BE RELEASED INTO
8 COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE GOING RECOMMIT CRIMES AND END UP
9 BACK IN JAIL, WHICH I THINK IS TOTALLY WHAT WE DON'T WANT. SO
10 I AM HAPPY TO COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS. I AM PRETTY PASSIONATE
11 ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WHEN I READ WHAT MAX HAS DOCUMENTED TO THE
12 BOARD, AND WHEN I SAW WHAT THE A.C.L.U. PUT FORWARD, I WAS
13 OUTRAGED. AND I THINK WE ALL SHOULD BE. AND THAT'S WHY I
14 BROUGHT IN -- AND BY THE WAY, SHEILA, THIS WAS LITERALLY
15 ORGANIC TODAY WITH MY FRUSTRATION, AND THAT'S WHY IT WAS KIND
16 OF LOOSEY-GOOSEY IN TERMS OF BRINGING IT FORWARD. YOU DIDN'T
17 SEE IT BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING TO SEE, AND, JANICE, I
18 APPRECIATE YOUR SECOND BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
19 RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE TALKING IT, BUT WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT
20 WALKING IT AS A BOARD RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR?

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST ONE THING ABOUT -- IF YOU WERE TO SAY TO THE
2 A.C.L.U., I HAVE A SOLUTION FOR YOUR CASE, WE ARE GOING TO
3 BUILD A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, THAT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE
4 WHAT THEY ARE REALLY LOOKING AT. THEY ARE LOOKING AT SOMETHING
5 THAT WOULD HAPPEN EARLIER THAN THE NEXT FIVE, SIX, SEVEN
6 YEARS, SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER.
7 AND I DO UNDERSTAND YOU SAY OKAY, WE NEED A PLACE TO PUT THEM.
8 I REALLY GET THAT, BUT LET'S THINK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT
9 POLICY AND WHERE WE WANT TO GO. IT ISN'T GOING AWAY. I DON'T
10 THINK IT SHOWS THAT WE DON'T CARE. I THINK IT SHOWS THAT WE
11 DON'T YET REALLY HAVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE
12 TO EVALUATE EACH INMATE AND GET THEM TO THE RIGHT PLACE EVEN
13 IF IT EXISTED IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. I'M NOT EVEN
14 GOING TO ASK SHERIFF ABOUT THAT, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR
15 WILLINGNESS TO LET US WORK FOR THE NEXT MEETING ABOUT THIS
16 POLICY. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ADD THAT I DON'T
21 THINK IT IS A REFLECTION OF US NOT CARING. I THINK IT IS A
22 REFLECTION WE HAVE SOME DISAGREEMENTS WHICH, IF WE TRACK
23 MOTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD AND VOTES, WE HAVE HAD SOME
24 DISAGREEMENTS. I MENTIONED O.D.R. WE HAD SOME DISAGREEMENTS I
25 THINK LAST MEETING IN TERMS OF WHERE SOMETHING SHOULD BE

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1 HOUSED IN TERMS OF AT -- WHETHER IT IS CLINICAL OR
2 NONCLINICAL, A DEPARTMENT WE ARE BUILDING VS. HEALTH SERVICES.
3 I DON'T THINK IT'S WE ARE IGNORING IT. I THINK THERE'S
4 DISAGREEMENT, WHICH MEANS THAT A READ-IN MOTION THAT WE ALL
5 HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DIGEST ISN'T THE IDEAL SOLUTION
6 EITHER. SO TWO WEEKS CAN BE A CHALLENGE, BUT I THINK THAT WE
7 ALL NEED TO PUT SOME THOUGHT TO IT, HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
8 ISSUES ON -- LANGUAGE ON PAPER BECAUSE THESE ARE REAL LIVES
9 THAT WE ARE EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS TO EITHER HELP OR NOT.
10 SO THANK YOU FOR THE TWO WEEKS. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN FIGURE
11 OUT A WAY TO REALLY COME TOGETHER TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS TO
12 COME TO SOME SOLUTIONS WHERE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IN
13 RECENT WEEKS. WITH THAT, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON
14 THE REPORT IN FRONT OF US? OKAY. SEEING NONE, THE REPORT IS
15 RECEIVED AND FILED. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE FROM
16 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, ALL OF YOU
17 WHO HAVE COME FORWARD TO BRING US THIS PAINFUL YET TIMELY
18 INFORMATION, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU. HEARING NO OBJECTION, SUCH
19 WILL BE THE ORDER.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, SO
22 THE MOTION IS WITHDRAWN. SO THIS IS JUST RECEIVE AND FILE?

23

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

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

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 84B, EMERGENCY MOBILITY OPTIONS IN
4 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.
5 SUPERVISOR?

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU ARE GOING VERY
8 QUICKLY, AND I APPRECIATE IT. I AM GOING TO BE VERY, VERY
9 QUICK ON THIS ONE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HAD REAL ISSUES UP IN
10 THE NORTH COUNTY. THE ROUTE FIRE, WHICH ERUPTED ON AUGUST
11 31ST, 2020, HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO THE CASTAIC COMMUNITY
12 AND THE GREATER WESTERN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THANKS TO THE
13 IMMEDIATE AND HEROIC EFFORTS OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, THE FIRE
14 WAS QUICKLY CONTAINED WITHOUT LOSS OF LIFE OR HOMES. HOWEVER,
15 THE LASTING IMPACT OF THE FIRE, INCLUDING DAMAGE TO THE
16 NORTHBOUND I5 FREEWAY REQUIRING AN EXTENDED CLOSURE OF TWO
17 NORTHBOUND LANES, I RECENTLY WROTE TO THE GOVERNOR ASKING FOR
18 ANY AND ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO BE DEPLOYED TO HELP
19 EXPEDITE THE REPAIR OF THIS SECTION OF THE I5 AND TO FIND
20 INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO OPEN LANES TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING
21 CONGESTION. THANKFULLY, AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE
22 CAL-TRANS, WHO HAS COME UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT WILL
23 IMMEDIATELY CREATE AN ADDITIONAL THIRD TRAVEL LANE TO ALLOW
24 FOR GREATER THROUGHPUT, AND THAT ACTUALLY OPENED TODAY. SO I
25 TAKE MY HATS OFF TO CAL-TRANS FOR COMING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND

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1 GETTING THAT DONE. HOWEVER, THIS CLOSURE OCCURRED DURING LABOR
2 DAY WEEKEND, ONE OF THE BUSIEST TRAVEL WEEKENDS OF THE YEAR.
3 WE HAVE A LOT OF TRUCKS THAT GO NORTH AND SOUTH GETTING GOOD
4 OUT OF THE PORTS UP TOWARD THE CANADIAN BORDER. AS YOU CAN
5 IMAGINE, THE TRAFFIC WHICH ENDED UP SPILLING ON TO LOCAL
6 ROADWAYS, INUNDATED THE COMMUNITY, JAMMED THE OLD ROAD, THE
7 ONLY OTHER MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH ROUTE IN THE AREA, AND CONGESTED
8 RESIDENTIAL STREETS. I INTRODUCED A MOTION DECEMBER OF 2018
9 ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO COORDINATE WITH
10 VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEMS
11 BASED ON THE IMPACT RESULTING FROM THE SHUTDOWN OF THE
12 GRAPEVINE AND THE I5 IN NOVEMBER OF 28 DUE TO INCLEMENT
13 WEATHER. SINCE THEN, CAL-TRANS HAS PUT A SWINGING GATE ALONG
14 THE I5, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE IMPACT TO THE I5
15 WHENEVER THERE'S INCLEMENT WEATHER, WHETHER A NEW TRAFFIC
16 PROTOCOL -- THROUGH A NEW TRAFFIC PROTOCOL MANAGEMENT DUBBED
17 OPERATION SNOWFLAKE. HOWEVER, MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THEIR BOARD REPORT IN
19 RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 2018 MOTION HAVE YET TO COME TO
20 FRUITION. CRITICALLY, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE
21 IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT
22 MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO BETTER COORDINATE TRAFFIC DURING
23 CLOSURES OF THE FREEWAY. ADDITIONALLY, THERE MUST BE A
24 COORDINATED INCIDENT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE TO
25 ADDRESS SHUTDOWNS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER AND OTHER

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1 POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE EVENTS. AS THE EVENTS OF LABOR DAY
2 WEEKEND HAVE DEMONSTRATED, THERE IS MUCH MORE WORK TO BE DONE.
3 IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED AND HEIGHTENED AND MADE EVIDENT THE
4 IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY FIRE ACCESS AND LIFE SAFETY, ESPECIALLY
5 AS VOLATILE AND ERRATIC BEHAVIOR SIGNALS THE NEED FOR
6 INCREASED CLIMATE RESILIENCY. WE HAVE TO DO MORE TO PROTECT
7 OUR COMMUNITIES AND PREPARE THEM FOR THE POTENTIAL FOR
8 DISASTERS DRIVEN BY CLIMATE CHANGE. WITH THE INCREASING
9 INSTANCES OF SEVERE AND PROLONGED HEAT WAVE DUE TO INCLEMENT
10 WEATHER, THERE IS GREATER THREAT FOR RECORD BREAKING
11 WILDFIRES, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH COUNTY. THEREFORE, I AM
12 REQUESTING THAT PUBLIC HEALTH RETURN TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT
13 BOARD MEETING AND PRESENT A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE DEFICIENCIES
14 AND AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY ALONG THIS SEGMENT OF THE I5
15 CORRIDOR. THIS REPORT BACK WILL ASK FOR AN EXPEDITED PLAN OF
16 INSTALLATION OF PRECISELY RECOMMENDED TRAFFIC SIGNALS,
17 DETAILED PLANS FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,
18 REVISED COST ESTIMATE SCHEDULES AND FINANCING PLANS TO IMPROVE
19 THE OLD ROAD. ULTIMATELY, THIS REPORT BACK MUST FOCUS ON HOW
20 TO ADDRESS MOBILITY NEEDS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE
21 CRITICAL NEED FOR FIRE ACCESS AND LIFE SAFETY IN CRITICAL
22 EMERGENCIES AND MAJOR EVENTS. THIS MOTION ALSO ASKS FOR THE
23 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP AN INCIDENT TRAFFIC
24 MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT COORDINATES LOCAL AND STATE EFFORTS TO
25 MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF FREEWAY SHUTDOWNS IN RESPONSE TO

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1 INCLEMENT WEATHER AND DISASTERS AND TO DEVELOP NECESSARY
2 EVACUATION METHODS AND CONCEPTS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. I WANT
3 TO THANK THE CASTAIC COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND TO
4 REITERATE THAT MY OFFICE IS TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE ACTION TO
5 REMEDY THIS SITUATION AND FIND NECESSARY SOLUTIONS IN BOTH THE
6 SHORT AND THE LONG TERM. SO MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS JUST TO
7 REALLY KIND OF LET PUBLIC WORKS KNOW THAT THEY ARE ON NOTICE.
8 WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND THE REPORT BACK, I HOPE, WILL
9 BEGIN THAT PROCESS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, ANY COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISORS?
12 SEEING NONE, 84B IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 84B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? I
17 THINK SHE IS -- SHE IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
10 4-0.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
13 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. WE WILL BEGIN
14 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
17 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II. SHE
18 DIED LAST THURSDAY. SHE WAS 96 YEARS OLD. SHE SERVED AN
19 INCREDIBLE SEVEN DECADES ON THE THRONE. AND DURING HER REIGN,
20 DOZENS OF BRITISH COLONIES IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND THE AMERICANS
21 GAINED THEIR INDEPENDENCE, WHICH PRESENTED HER AND HER
22 GOVERNMENT WITH MAJOR CHALLENGES, BUT SHE DIDN'T FALTER,
23 GRACIOUSLY WELCOMING MANY OF THOSE NATIONS INTO A MODERN
24 COMMONWEALTH BUILT ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF MUTUAL RESPECT,
25 A COMMONWEALTH OF 56 NATIONS, WHICH MADE UP NEARLY ONE THIRD

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1 OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION. AND BACK AT HOME, SHE RULED OVER A
2 PERIOD OF MAJOR CHANGES IN BRITISH SOCIETY. BRITAIN BECAME A
3 MULTICULTURAL COUNTRY WITH A DESTINATION FOR IMMIGRANTS FROM
4 AROUND THE WORLD SEEKING OPPORTUNITY. THE QUEEN CELEBRATED
5 THAT DIVERSITY IN HER 2004 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE. SHE STATED
6 "EVERYONE IS OUR NEIGHBOR, NO MATTER WHAT RACE, CREED, OR
7 COLOR." SHE ALSO BUILT A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH US, THE
8 UNITED STATES, MEETING WITH EVERY ONE OF OUR 14 PRESIDENTS,
9 WHO SERVED DURING HER 70 YEARS AS MONARCH. THE ONLY PRESIDENT
10 SHE DIDN'T MEET WAS LYNDON JOHNSON. AND SHE VISITED OUR NATION
11 ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. MANY OF US STILL REMEMBER WHEN SHE
12 VISITED LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1983. I ACTUALLY HAD THE GREAT
13 HONOR, ALONG WITH MY DAD, OF MEETING QUEEN ELIZABETH DURING
14 THAT TRIP. AND I REMEMBER OUR OFFICE OF PROTOCOL GAVE US ABOUT
15 TWO PAGES OF EXPLICIT RULES, HOW WE WERE TO ADDRESS HER, HOW
16 WE WERE TO NOT TOUCH HER UNLESS SHE GAVE US HER HAND. WE WERE
17 SUPPOSED TO BE VERY FORMAL WITH HER. WE WERE TOLD WE DIDN'T
18 HAVE TO CURTSY, SINCE THAT WAS A REVOLUTION THAT WE WON. I
19 WILL REMEMBER THAT MY DAD NEVER REALLY DID WELL WITH PROTOCOL
20 RULES, AND SURE ENOUGH, WHEN HE WENT THROUGH THE RECEIVING
21 LINE, HE HAD HIS ARM ON HER SHOULDER AND GETTING HER TO LAUGH
22 AND TELLING HER STORIES ABOUT HIS FAMILY BEING FROM CANADA AND
23 HOW THEY ALL SANG "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." I ACTUALLY THINK SHE
24 PROBABLY ENJOYED THAT KIND OF LIGHT HEARTED EXCHANGE WITH
25 SOMEONE. ON THAT TRIP, SHE ALSO PAID A VISIT TO DOWNEY TO SEE

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1 THE ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL MODEL OF THE APOLLO SPACE CAPSULE.
2 AND YOU KNOW, A LOT OF PEOPLE WONDER WELL, WHY DOES LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY WANT TO ADJOURN FOR A BRITISH MONARCH, BUT I
4 THINK THE ROYAL FAMILY HAD A LOT OF, OVER THE YEARS,
5 CONNECTIONS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MANY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
6 VISITED OFFICIALS -- THEY HAD OFFICIAL VISITS, INCLUDING
7 PRINCE PHILIP, KING CHARLES, PRINCE WILLIAM AND PRINCESS KATE
8 CAME HERE, PRINCE HARRY, PRINCE ANDREW AND FERGIE CAME ON
9 OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND OF COURSE,
10 MEGHAN, THE DUTCHESS OF SUSSEX, WAS BORN HERE IN LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. AND HER MOTHER, DORIA RAGLAND, WAS A SOCIAL WORKER AT
12 DIDI HIRSCH, WORKING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I JOIN
13 MILLIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS, AS I KNOW WE ALL DO,
14 IN OFFERING OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, THE BRITISH
15 PEOPLE, AND THE ENTIRE COMMONWEALTH DURING THIS PERIOD OF
16 MOURNING. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE UNITED, ONCE AGAIN, WITH HER
17 BELOVED PHILIP.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** ME TOO.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. THANK YOU, AND THE WHOLE BOARD WOULD BE NICE,
22 AND I KNOW, CHAIR MITCHELL, I THINK YOU ALREADY SENT A LETTER
23 THE BRITISH CONSULATE OFFERING OUR CONDOLENCES, AND WE
24 APPRECIATE YOU DOING THAT. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
25 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANE WILLIAMS A FORMER MAYOR AND

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1 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. SHE WAS
2 79 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. JANE SERVED THE CITY HONORABLY FOR 17
3 YEARS. WHILE IN OFFICE, JANE REESTABLISHED THE ROADS ADVISORY
4 COMMITTEE AND CHAMPIONED ROAD SAFETY, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE,
5 MAKING IT A BUDGET PRIORITY FOR THE CITY. JANE HAD A LIFELONG
6 CALLING IN JOURNALISM AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LAUNCHING THE LA
7 HABRA JOURNAL, A BIWEEKLY NEWSPAPER SERVING LA HABRA HEIGHTS
8 AND SURROUNDING AREAS. SHE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN YOUTH SOCCER,
9 COACHING A.Y.S.O. AND SERVING AS THE GIRL'S JUNIOR VARSITY
10 COACH FOR LA HABRA HIGH SCHOOL. SHE'S REMEMBERED BY THE
11 COMMUNITY AS A LOCAL FIXTURE, WHO LIT FIREWORKS AT SUMMER
12 FESTIVALS AND ROAMED THE SIDELINES WITH A CAMERA AT HIGH
13 SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES. JANE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, STEVE,
14 HER CHILDREN, SAM AND TISH, AND HER FOUR GRANDSONS. THANK YOU,
15 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
20 DO SO IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL SPICER, JR., A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
21 MONROVIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 19TH. SAMUEL WAS BORN IN
22 MISSISSIPPI ON DECEMBER 18, 1953, AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO THE
23 CITY OF MONROVIA IN 1954. AS A TEEN, AND THROUGH HIS ADULT
24 YEARS, SAMUEL WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. HE WORKED AT
25 WESTMINSTER GARDENS IN DUARTE, RAIN BIRD IN AZUSA, DAY AND

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1 NIGHT IN WEST COVINA, AND AS A RECREATION LEADER FOR MONROE
2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MONROVIA. SAM SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS AN
3 AIRMAN IN THE AIR FORCE UNTIL HE WAS MEDICALLY DISCHARGED. HE
4 LATER BECAME PART OF A SOULFUL GROUP CALLED THE LICORICE. THEY
5 PERFORMED AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN PASADENA AND AT THE CHINO
6 MEN'S PRISON. LATER, HE BEGAN TO WORK AT FRIENDS OUTSIDE IN
7 COMPTON. HE LOVED THE PEOPLE HE WORKED WITH, BUT HE ALSO HAD A
8 GENUINE LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE HE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY. SAM
9 WENT BACK TO SCHOOL DURING HIS TENURE AT FRIENDS OUTSIDE. HE
10 RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX IN
11 PASADENA. SAMUEL IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS FATHER AND HIS
12 MOTHER, SAMUEL SR. AND GENEVA SPICER, AND SISTER, JOANN.
13 SAMUEL IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARION, HIS SON, SAMUEL, AND
14 HIS THREE STEPCHILDREN, KALIA JOHNS, DE'ARRIUS, AND JAYLAN
15 CADY. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS TWO BROTHERS, RICHARD SPICER
16 AND MAYOR PRO TEM OF MONROVIA, LARRY SPICER, AND HIS SISTER,
17 JANET DIXON, AS WELL AS FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO I MOVE THAT
18 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALICIA GOEHRING, THE EXECUTIVE
19 DIRECTOR AND C.E.O. OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHO
20 PASSED AWAY AUGUST 23RD AT THE AGE OF 61 AFTER A BRIEF BATTLE
21 WITH CANCER. SHE CAME TO THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
22 FROM THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WITH A VISION OF
23 INCREASING ACCESS TO CALIFORNIA HISTORY AND EXPANDING
24 STATEWIDE REACH AND IMPACT. THROUGH HER WORK, SHE FEARLESSLY
25 ADVOCATED ON BEHALF OF THE MARGINALIZED AND FORGOTTEN AND

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1 PASSIONATELY UPHELD HER ROLE AS A PUBLIC HISTORIAN. SHE WAS
2 ALSO DEDICATED TO COLLABORATING WITH EDUCATORS, UNIVERSITY
3 STUDENTS, AND CULTURAL AND LOCAL HISTORY ORGANIZATIONS TO
4 PROMOTE A MORE JUST AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE. THOSE WHO WORK
5 CLOSELY WITH ALICIA, ADMIRE HER FOR HER SENSE OF ADVENTURE
6 AND THE UNIQUE BLEND OF PRAGMATISM AND OPTIMISM THAT SHE
7 BROUGHT TO HER WORK. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. SHE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JERRY, THREE SISTERS, JAN ALLAN, PAT
9 LARSEN, AND DEBBIE OPIEKUN, BROTHER-IN-LAW, DUANE GOEHRING,
10 AND SEVERAL NIECES, NEPHEWS, GREAT NIECES, AND GREAT NEPHEWS.
11 AND LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SARDAR SURJEET
12 SINGH MALHI. HE IS THE FATHER OF LANCASTER CITY COUNCILMAN RAJ
13 MALHI, PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 10TH, 2022 AT THE AGE OF 73. HE
14 WAS BORN ON MAY 4TH, WAS KNOWN TO BE DEDICATED TO HIS FAMILY,
15 BUT ALSO TO HIS COMMUNITY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU,
16 MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAD TO
19 LEAVE. SO, I WILL PROCEED AND ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
20 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN D. JONES, II. MR. JONES, LOVINGLY
21 KNOWN AS JACK, WAS BORN AUGUST 6, 1947 IN SCRANTON,
22 PENNSYLVANIA, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST JUNE 12TH, HERE IN LOS
23 ANGELES. HE GREW UP IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, BUT RELOCATED TO
24 L.A. IN 1964 WITH HIS FAMILY. HE ATTENDED U.C.L.A., WHERE HE
25 GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS. WHILE A STUDENT AT

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1 U.C.L.A., HE WORKED IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AS AN ENGINEER
2 AND MANAGED A SMALL APARTMENT BUILDING IN WESTWOOD. THAT
3 EXPERIENCE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A PROSPEROUS REAL ESTATE
4 CAREER THAT LASTED OVER 50 YEARS. IN 1971, MR. JONES AND HIS
5 FATHER WENT INTO REAL ESTATE FULL-TIME AND FOUNDED JOHN L.
6 JONES & SONS. HIS MISSION WAS TO BUY PROPERTIES TO CONSTANTLY
7 IMPROVE BUILDINGS AND TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HE
8 INVESTED IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND L.A., INCLUDING THE
9 CRENSHAW CORRIDOR AND BALDWIN HILLS. HE OWNED MANY OF HIS
10 PROPERTIES FOR OTHER 25 YEARS, AND AS A FIRM BELIEVER IN
11 INTEGRITY AND EQUALITY, HE WAS COMMITTED TO GIVING RESIDENTS
12 SAFE, AND WELL- MANAGED HOMES. IN 1994, HE ESTABLISHED
13 GREYSTONE MANAGEMENT GROUP AND BECAME ITS PRESIDENT. FURTHER
14 INVESTED IN HIS COMMUNITY, MR. JONES DONATED \$1 MILLION TO THE
15 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA MONICA TO ESTABLISH A NEW BRANCH
16 LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE THE MAR VISTA GARDENS PUBLIC
17 HOUSING APARTMENTS IN CULVER CITY. HE RECOGNIZED THAT CHILDREN
18 NOT ONLY NEED A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE BUT ALSO A POSITIVE
19 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. HE WAS HANDS ON, ACTING AS A MENTOR AND
20 FRIEND TO COUNTLESS YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. HE WAS
21 A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER TO HIS WIFE, CINDY, AND CHILDREN,
22 JOHN AND JENNIFER. HE ALSO HAD A MISCHIEVOUS SENSE OF HUMOR
23 THAT HE MAINTAINED THROUGH HIS FINAL DAYS. MR. JONES'S LEGACY
24 AND IMPACT WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. HE
25 PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES AND HOPE TO THOUSANDS OF L.A.

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1 RESIDENTS, CHANGING THEIR LIVES. AGAIN, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE, TWO CHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
3 WHO WILL MISS HIS KINDNESS AND HIS COMMITMENT DEARLY.
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE HAVE A FEW
7 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, BUT AT LEAST I AM THE LAST. I ASK
8 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD
9 BOROW, WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 3RD. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BARS OF
10 NEW YORK, CALIFORNIA, AND MAINE. HE TAUGHT FOR 14 YEARS AS AN
11 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW. HE
12 ALSO SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE JUDICIAL ELECTIONS EVALUATION
13 COMMITTEE OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. IN 1969, HE
14 SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTED THE FACULTY OF U.C.L.A. IN A
15 NATIONALLY PUBLICIZED CASE INVOLVING THE DECISION OF THE
16 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THEN
17 GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN, DIRECTING THE CHANCELLOR OF U.C.L.A.
18 TO FIRE ANGELA DAVIS. ANGELA DAVIS, A BLACK, OPENLY MARKIST
19 WOMAN, WHO HAD RECENTLY BEEN HIRED BY U.C.L.A.'S PHILOSOPHY
20 DEPARTMENT, MUCH, I MIGHT SAY, BECAUSE I WAS ALSO AT U.C.L.A.
21 THEN, TO THE DELIGHT OF THE STUDENTS. THE SOLE GROUND FOR HER
22 TERMINATION WAS HER ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST
23 PARTY. REPRESENTING THE U.C.L.A. ACADEMIC SENATE, DICK AND HIS
24 COLLEAGUES FILED SUIT AND, IN 30 DAYS, OBTAINED A PERMANENT
25 INJUNCTION PREVENTING THE TERMINATION OF PROFESSOR DAVIS AS

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1 UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN 1973, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THIS, HE WAS
2 NAMED ON THEN PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON'S INFAMOUS ENEMIES
3 LIST, AND HE ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGED THIS QUITE PROUDLY. HE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TRUDY, HIS SON, HARLAN, AND HIS
5 DAUGHTERS, CAROLYN AND JENNIFER. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
6 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A FINE ACTRESS WHO MET A TRAGIC
7 END, ANNE HECHT. BEGINNING HER CAREER IN THE SOAP OPERA
8 "ANOTHER WORLD," GARNERING A DAYTIME EMMY, SHE ALSO MADE
9 MEMORABLE FILM APPEARANCES IN "SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS," "I
10 KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER," "DONNY BRASCO," AND "WAG THE
11 DOG." HER CAREER WAS OVERSHADOWED, TEMPORARILY, BY HER
12 PERSONAL LIFE, WHEN SHE CAME OUT AND APPEARED PUBLICLY WITH
13 HER PARTNER, ELLEN DEGENERES, WHICH WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE
14 FOR A LEAD ACTRESS IN THE LATE '90S. SHE ENJOYED SUCCESS ON
15 BROADWAY AS WELL, STARRING IN THE PLAY "PROOF," AND "TWENTIETH
16 CENTURY," THE LATTER EARNING HER A TONY AWARD NOMINATION FOR
17 BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS IN A PLAY. SHE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HER SONS, HOMER AND ATLAS, BY HER MOTHER, NANCY,
19 AND BY HER SISTER, ABIGAIL. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
20 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. STANFORD NOEL, WELL-KNOWN AND
21 RESPECTED SURGEON, PRACTICED FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES,
22 SPECIALIZING IN THE TREATMENT OF HIP DISORDERS IN BOTH
23 CHILDREN AND ADULTS. HE FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH DR. WILLIAM
24 CRAIG, AND TOGETHER THEY FORMED A HIP CLINIC AT ORTHOPEDIC
25 HOSPITAL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN WITH A VARIETY OF HIP

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1 DISORDERS. DR. NOEL WAS PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF AT
2 ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL FOR THREE TERMS AND A MEMBER OF THE
3 NATIONAL HIP SOCIETY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARCIA, HIS
4 BROTHER, HAROLD, AND HIS SISTER, MARGIE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN
5 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RESTAURATEUR TARA
6 THOMAS, WHO DIED ON AUGUST 11TH. SHE IS A STAR OF THE L.A.
7 CULINARY SCENE AS THE OWNER AND EXECUTIVE CHEF OF THE NOTED
8 DOWNTOWN L.A. EATERIES 410 BOYD, AND TRAXX. SHE WAS SOUGHT OUT
9 BY AND HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF COOKING FOR MANY POLITICAL
10 LUMINARIES ON NATIONAL, STATE, AND CIVIC LEVELS INCLUDING,
11 PRESIDENTS BILL CLINTON AND BARACK OBAMA, VICE PRESIDENT AL
12 GORE, SENATOR BARBARA BOXER, AND EVERY LIVING GOVERNOR OF
13 CALIFORNIA. IN ADDITION TO BEING A WORLD CLASS CHEF AND
14 RESTAURATEUR, TARA ALSO HAS A LIFELONG PASSION FOR THE ARTS
15 AND WAS A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IN THE L.A. ARTS WORLD, SERVING ON
16 THE BOARDS OF THE L.A. MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY AND ART SHARE
17 L.A., A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION SERVING THE GREATER ART COMMUNITY
18 IN DOWNTOWN L.A. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER, HARDY, AND HER
19 BROTHER, KIRK. THE NEXT TWO WERE FRIENDS, AND IT REALLY MAKES
20 ME SAD TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF SARA WAN, WHO
21 DIED ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, QUITE UNEXPECTEDLY. AN ENVIRONMENTAL
22 CRUSADER FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, SHE SERVED ON AND CHAIRED
23 THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION LONGER THAN ANYONE. FIRST
24 APPOINTED IN 1996, SERVED FOR 15 YEARS. A DRIVEN COASTAL
25 CONSERVATION ADVOCATE, SHE HAD AN INTIMATE, NEAR ENCYCLOPEDIA

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1 KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, OF THE COASTAL ACT, OF
2 THE FRAGILE NATURE OF THE STATE'S MAGNIFICENT COASTAL
3 HABITATS. SARA SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE SANTA MONICA
4 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, WAS A MEMBER OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY
5 RESTORATION COMMISSION. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, LARRY, CO-FOUNDED
6 THE WESTERN ALLIANCE FOR NATURE, A LAND CONSERVANCY. SARA ALSO
7 ESTABLISHED VOTE THE COAST TO PROMOTE CANDIDATES WHO WERE
8 DEFENDERS OF COASTAL PROTECTION, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF
9 REGIONAL COASTAL ACTIVISTS TO TRAIN A CITIZEN'S BRIGADE OF
10 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS AND WATCHDOGS. SHE WILL BE GREATLY
11 GREATLY, GREATLY MISSED. JOHN BURTON, WHEN I INFORMED HIM
12 BECAUSE HE WAS THE PERSON WHO APPOINTED HER FIRST, SAID
13 FINALLY AND WITH GREAT MEANING WITH GREAT COMPLIMENT, "SHE
14 COULD BE A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS," WHICH IS LIKE THE BEST THING
15 JOHN BURTON CAN SAY ABOUT ANYBODY WITHOUT USING THE F WORD.
16 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, LARRY, AND BY HER SON, ERIC.
17 AND FINALLY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A REALLY,
18 REALLY FINE JUSTICE, ARLEIGH WOODS, WHO DIED ON JULY 24TH, A
19 MAJOR TRAILBLAZER IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND IN THE JUDICIARY
20 IN CALIFORNIA FOR MORE THAN SIX DECADES. AT THE AGE OF 22, SHE
21 WAS THE YOUNGEST WOMAN, AND ONLY THE FOURTH BLACK WOMAN, TO BE
22 ADMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR. SHE FORMED HER OWN LAW
23 PRACTICE BEFORE JOINING A FIRM THAT REPRESENTED THE UNITED
24 AUTOWORKERS AND SEVERAL OTHER LARGE LABOR UNIONS. THREE YEARS
25 LATER, SHE WAS NAMED A PARTNER IN THAT FIRM, WHICH WAS THEN

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1 KNOWN AS LEVY, KOSZDIN, & WOODS, THUS BECOMING THE VERY FIRST
2 BLACK WOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES TO HOLD THE POSITION OF
3 SENIOR PARTNER IN A MAJOR LAW FIRM. IN 1976, JUSTICE WOODS WAS
4 APPOINTED TO THE L.A. SUPERIOR COURT, AND THREE YEARS LATER,
5 WHEN SHE BECAME SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE COURTS NORTH CENTRAL
6 DISTRICT, SHE WAS THE ONLY WOMAN TO HOLD SUCH AN OFFICE AT THE
7 TIME. WHEN SHE WAS APPOINTED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE
8 CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL IN THE SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT IN
9 1980, SHE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES TO
10 SERVE AS A JUSTICE ON A STATE APPELLATE COURT. JUSTICE WOODS
11 FOUNDED THE CALIFORNIA APPELLATE PROJECT OF LOS ANGELES, A
12 NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT PROVIDES COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT
13 DEFENDANTS. SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO CHAIR THE CALIFORNIA
14 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE, SERVED ON THE CHIEF
15 JUSTICE'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COURT CONGESTION, AND, I WAS
16 HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THIS GROUP, SHE SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE
17 ON GENDER BIAS, AND CHAIRED THE BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
18 FOR THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. SHE WAS FOUNDING CHAIR OF
19 THE CALIFORNIA STATE HABEAS CORPUS COMMISSION, VICE CHAIR OF
20 THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, AND THOSE ARE ALL HER
21 TITLES, BUT IT DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO GET AT THE IMPORTANCE OF
22 HER AS A BEACON FOR SO MANY YOUNG WOMEN, SO MANY OTHER WOMEN,
23 SO MANY OF HER COLLEAGUES. SHE WAS REALLY AN EXTRAORDINARY
24 WOMAN. THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS, AND WE WILL DEARLY MISS ARLEIGH
25 WOODS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF YOU
3 WOULD ALLOW ME TO JOIN YOU IN THAT LAST ADJOURN IN MEMORY FOR
4 JUSTICE WOODS, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD
5 BE APPROPRIATE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR MOTIONS. WE'LL ACCEPT
6 THEM AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE
8 PUBLIC, WE ARE NOW GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND WHILE
9 WE'RE IN CLOSED SESSION, AS WE LAUNCHED, I BELIEVE IT WAS
10 LAST MEETING, WE WILL BE A SHOWING A VIDEO PRESENTATION.
11 TODAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A PRESENTATION RELATED TO THE
12 MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ
13 US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
16 THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS
18 ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT
19 AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK
20 YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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

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

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

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors September 13, 2022, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 21st day of September 2022, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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