



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, OCTOBER 4, 2022, ON PAGE 261]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME, MEMBERS OF

6 THE PUBLIC, HERE IN ATTENDANCE IN THE BOARDROOM. WELCOME TO

7 EVERYONE, TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS

8 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND TODAY IS TUESDAY,

9 OCTOBER 4TH, 2022. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE

10 BORD IS PRESENT, WITH SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL JOINING US

11 REMOTELY, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ACTING COUNTY

12 COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL

13 HERE TO ASSIST. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR OF

14 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE STAND AND

17 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO

18 THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC

19 FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH

20 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXECUTIVE

23 OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS.
3 ON SET MATTER ONE, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED 2 WEEKS, TO OCTOBER 18TH, 2022, AS
5 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM SET MATTER 2,
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
7 WEEKS, TO OCTOBER 18TH, 2022. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR,
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3 THROUGH 16. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES
11 A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
12 9, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
13 TWO WEEKS, TO OCTOBER 18TH, 2022. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13,
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
16 15, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
17 AGENDA. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
18 BE HELD. ON PAGE 14, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 17 THROUGH
19 55. ON ITEM 19, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
20 BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 48, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 49, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 40, THIS INCLUDES
25 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE

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1 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 53-B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS WOULD LIKE
3 TO REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 OF HER MOTION TO ALSO ADVOCATE
4 FOR FEDERAL FUNDING. ON ITEM 53-E, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
5 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 41, ORDINANCE FOR
6 INTRODUCTION, ITEM 56. ON PAGE 42, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 57.
7 ON ITEM 57, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
8 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO OCTOBER 18TH, 2022, AS INDICATED ON
9 THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 43, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS
10 IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
11 AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 44, FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
12 RESOLUTIONS, ITEMS 58 THROUGH 63. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR
13 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ON PAGE 49, NOTICES OF CLOSED
14 SESSION. ON CS-1 AND CS-2, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THESE
15 ITEMS ARE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, UNTIL OCTOBER 18TH, 2022. THE
16 REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH CS-5, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

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22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
23 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
2 PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

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4 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
5 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
7 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
8 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
10 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
11 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
12 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
13 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
14 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
15 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
16 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
17 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
18 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
19 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
20 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
21 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
22 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
23 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
24 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
25 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND

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1 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
2 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
3 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
4 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
5 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
6 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
7 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 COOPERATION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE INTO OUR PUBLIC COMMENT
11 PERIOD FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
12 READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE
13 AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE HERE WITH
15 US IN THE HEARING ROOM TODAY.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US
18 REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-
19 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT,
20 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
21 6503. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON
22 AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. DO
23 NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE
24 MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW
25 THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: WHEN IT'S YOUR

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1 TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS
2 YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE
3 AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON 2 OR MORE AGENDA
4 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
5 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL
6 MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO 3 MINUTES. WE WILL
7 ALLOCATE UP TO 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE
8 ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA. WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN IN-
9 PERSON SPEAKERS AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, UNTIL THERE ARE NO
10 SPEAKERS WAITING, OR UNTIL 90 MINUTES HAVE ELAPSED. WE WILL
11 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
12 THE MEETING. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON
13 TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN.
14 IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF
15 YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING
16 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
17 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU
18 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO
19 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO
20 THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED
21 TO TURN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES DOWN AS SOON AS THE
22 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DON'T TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
23 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN
24 ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE
25 SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND

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1 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL
2 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING 10 IN-PERSON
3 SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE
4 TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

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6 **SPEAKER:** ARNULFO DE LA CRUZ, ISAAC BRYAN, FANNIE ORTIZ, SUSIE
7 SHANNON, ZOLBEDA MENDEZ, MARYGRACE BARRIOS, SALONIKA SMITH, LI
8 MING LU, MARIA IGLESIAS, AND PATRICIA SANTANA. MODERATOR, MAY
9 WE HAVE THE FIRST CALL-IN SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING 10 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND
16 WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC
17 SPEAKERS. MODERATOR: ROY HUMPHREYS, YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** ARNULFO DE LA CRUZ, ISAAC BRYAN, FANNIE ORTIZ, SUSIE
20 SHANNON, ZOLBEDA MENDEZ, MARYGRACE BARRIOS, SALONIKA SMITH, LI
21 MING LU, MARIA IGLESIAS, AND PATRICIA SANTANA. MODERATOR, MAY
22 WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING
6 ON AGENDA ITEMS 9, 50, AND 63. FOR AGENDA ITEM 9, THE CREDIBLE
7 MESSENGER PILOT PROGRAM, WE KNOW IT'S SET TO LAUNCH AT CAMP
8 KILPATRICK. THAT MEANS YOUTH WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HEALING-
9 CENTERED SUPPORT. THEY NEED TO GROW AND BE PREPARED FOR
10 REENTRY, AND HIRING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO WORK WITH SECURE
11 TRACK YOUTH IS THE RIGHT CALL. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE FOLKS
12 OUTSIDE OF THE PUNITIVE PROBATION SYSTEM, WITH LIVED
13 EXPERIENCE, WHO ARE ROOTED IN COMMUNITY AND CULTURE, EQUIPPING
14 THEM WITH SKILLS RELIABILITY, AND TRUSTWORTHINESS, TO WORK
15 WITH SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE MENTORS,
16 AND PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR YOUTH THROUGH RELATIONSHIP-
17 BUILDING, HELPING YOUTH GROW IN THEIR OWN STRENGTH, AND
18 SUPPORTING YOUTHS' SELF-REALIZATION. FOR AGENDA ITEM 50,
19 BETTER THAN HIRING MORE PROBATION OFFICERS, I THINK THE COUNTY
20 NEEDS TO GENUINELY INVEST IN YOUTH SAFETY AND WELLBEING. THIS
21 IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN BY HIRING MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
22 SURVEIL AND ABUSE YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUTH ARE NOT BEING
23 REHABILITATED IN JUVENILE HALLS. THEY ARE BEING IRREPARABLY
24 HARMED, AND HAVING THEIR LIVES DERAILED EVEN FURTHER. MISTAKES
25 MADE MY CHILDREN, MOST OF WHOM HAVE THEIR OWN HISTORIES WITH

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1 FOSTER CARE, ABUSE, AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, CAN NEVER BE
2 PUNISHED WITH INCARCERATION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. AND IN TERMS
3 OF THE FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION, I KNOW THAT IF WE STRIVE TO
4 FULLY REALIZE THE CARE-FIRST VISION FOR L.A., AND DIVEST FROM
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ABOUT 20,000
6 INDIVIDUALS RELY ON INCOME GENERATED FROM THE CARCERAL STATE
7 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE PROBATION
8 DEPARTMENT. AND WE NEED TO START DIVESTING FROM THE CARCERAL
9 SYSTEM, BUT WE CAN'T DIVEST FROM THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RELY ON
10 THIS TO SURVIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE WORKERS DESERVE TO BE
11 EMPLOYED IN POSITIONS THAT RESTORE, RATHER THAN DESTROY,
12 COMMUNITIES.

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

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

19
20 **FERNANDO ROLDAN:** YES. MY NAME IS FERNANDO ROLDAN. I ALSO HAVE
21 THE PLEASURE OF HAVING MY [INAUDIBLE], MR. DARRYL EVERSOLE,
22 FROM C.A.L.I.F., COMMUNITIES ACTIVELY LIVING INDEPENDENT AND
23 FREE. WE'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ITEMS 59 AND 63 UNDER GENERAL
24 COMMENT. BASICALLY, WE WANT THE BOARD TO KNOW THAT, RIGHT NOW,
25 OUR I.H.S.S. WORKERS ARE THE MOST ESSENTIAL PEOPLE IN THIS

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1 TIME. I WORK FOR THE CITY CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT
2 DEPARTMENT, AND RIGHT NOW, THE REASON WHY I MENTION 59 AND 63
3 IS BECAUSE WE NEED THE BOARD TO RAISE THE SALARY OF THESE
4 PEOPLE TO \$20 AN HOUR. THEY DESERVE IT, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW,
5 WITH THE GAS PRICES THE WAY THEY ARE. ECONOMICALLY, IT'S JUST
6 REALLY BAD FOR THEM. I REALLY DO ASK THAT THE BOARD THINKS
7 ABOUT CHANGING THE RULES AND MAKING SURE THAT THESE FOLKS GET
8 THE \$20 AN HOUR THAT THEY DESERVE. DARRYL, YOU WANTED TO ADD
9 ANYTHING? OKAY, I GUESS HE'S NOT THERE, SO THAT'S IT. THANK
10 YOU.

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

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

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18 **DEAKA MCCLAIN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
19 HONORED TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS DEAKA MCCLAIN. I AM
20 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 59, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
21 AM HONORED TO SAY THAT I SIT ON THE COMMISSION OF DISABILITIES
22 FOR L.A. COUNTY, APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. TODAY,
23 AS I SPEAK TO YOU, I'M NOT SPEAKING AS DEAKA MCCLAIN, COUNTY
24 COMMISSIONER, BUT AS DEAKA MCCLAIN, ADVOCATE, CHANGE AGENT,
25 AND AN IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CUSTOMER/CONSUMER MYSELF.

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1 IT IS ALSO MY BIRTHDAY TODAY. SO, WHEN IT COMES TO ADVOCACY,
2 IT'S 365 DAYS A YEAR, WHETHER IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY OR NOT. I
3 WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU SPECIFICALLY TODAY REGARDING I.H.S.S.
4 WORKERS, AND ASK YOU TO INCLUDE HIGHER WAGES FOR I.H.S.S.
5 WORKERS IN THE COUNTY BUDGET. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND
6 SEIZURES DEPEND ON THESE WORKERS. I OFTEN HAVE BEEN IN THIS
7 POSITION, WHERE I HAVE HAD TO SIT BEFORE POLICYMAKERS, AND
8 WHEN IT COMES TO THE I.H.S.S. CONVERSATION, THEY FIND A WAY TO
9 JUSTIFY WHY THEY HAVE TO MAKE CUTS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND. SO I
10 COME BEFORE YOU TODAY. I KNOW THAT THIS IS A CONVERSATION THAT
11 YOU NEED TO HAVE. OFTENTIMES, THERE IS A CONVERSATION THAT
12 SAYS, "WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY," AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, TOO,
13 BUT THIS IS NOT A LUXURY OF \$20. THIS IS A NECESSITY OF \$20. I
14 AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN I.H.S.S. WORKER WHO IS NOT BLOOD, BUT
15 SHE'S LIKE A SISTER. SHE IS MY BEST FRIEND. SHE IS MY BUSINESS
16 PARTNER. SHE'S MY ASSISTANT. SHE DOES A LOT FOR ME. WE HAVE A
17 DEEPLY COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP. SHE HELPS ME, AND SHE KNOWS
18 ME SO WELL. SHE DOESN'T ALLOW ME TO FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF,
19 EITHER. I DO THINGS ON MY OWN. WHEN I'M STRUGGLING, SHE HELPS
20 ME. SHE ENCOURAGES ME TO FIGURE IT OUT, WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING
21 ME. I.H.S.S. WORKERS, YES, THEY DESERVE TO GET PAID \$20, AND
22 YES, THEY ARE WORKERS. BUT SOMETIMES, I.H.S.S. WORKERS CAN BE
23 MORE THAN JUST A WORKER. THEY CAN BE THEIR SUPPORT SYSTEM.
24 THEY CAN BE THEIR FRIEND. THEY COULD BE THEIR COACH AND THEIR
25 MENTOR. WE, AS I.H.S.S. CONSUMERS, CAN ALSO BE FRIENDS,

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1 MENTORS, AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS TO OUR WORKERS. OFTENTIMES,
2 I.H.S.S. WORKERS ARE FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THEY HAVE TO QUIT
3 THEIR JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, AND GET PAID
4 THROUGH I.H.S.S. THE LITTLE THAT THEY ARE GIVEN, OR GETTING
5 PAID, IS NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH. THEY'RE DOING IT BECAUSE THEY
6 LOVE THEIR FAMILY MEMBER. BUT BEING AN I.H.S.S. WORKER ISN'T
7 EASY. PAY THEM WHAT THEY'RE WORTH. PAY THEM FOR WHAT THEY'RE
8 DOING, WHETHER THEY'RE A FAMILY MEMBER OR NOT. ONCE AGAIN,
9 THIS IS NOT A LUXURY OF \$20. THIS IS A NECESSITY OF \$20. IT
10 MAY SEEM LIKE IT'S JUST MONEY TO YOU, BUT IT'S MUCH MORE THAN
11 THAT TO THIS CLIENT, WHEN THEY'RE IN NEED OF THEIR I.H.S.S.
12 WORKER COMING TO THEM AND HELPING THEM. AND LET'S TALK ABOUT
13 THE SHORTAGE OF I.H.S.S. WORKERS. WE ALREADY GOT A SHORTAGE,
14 AND WE WANT TO KEEP PAYING THEM MINIMUM WAGE? FOR SOME PEOPLE,
15 THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR THEM. WE HAVE SEEN THE PEOPLE JUST
16 REALLY DEPENDING ON PEOPLE TO HELP. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT
17 GOING TO GET HELP THAT DAY, AND I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THEY
18 MIGHT EVEN LOSE THEIR LIVES. IT IS THAT DRASTIC. THE CLIENT
19 NEEDS THE WORKER, AND THE WORKER NEEDS THE PAY INCREASE.
20 PLEASE FIND IT IN YOUR BUDGET--

21
22 **SPEAKER:** MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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24 **DEAKA MCCLAIN:** THANK YOU.

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

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

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7 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

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

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11 **SPEAKER:** YES. PLEASE BEGIN.

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13 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 35 ON THE AGENDA, WHICH IS
14 BROADBAND INTERNET FOR [INAUDIBLE] IN NORTH COUNTY. AND I SIT
15 ON THE [INAUDIBLE] SCHOOL BOARD, APPOINTED BY KATHRYN BARGER.
16 [INAUDIBLE], AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR
17 LISTENING TO ME THIS MORNING. UP HERE IN NORTH COUNTY, WE HAVE
18 SEVERAL RURAL COMMUNITIES WHO DON'T HAVE THE CONNECTIVITY THAT
19 WE WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO HAVE, CERTAINLY, AND THIS ACTIVITY
20 ON YOUR PART, DOWN IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY, IT
21 WOULD BE IDEAL HERE. WE HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD-- WILSONA,
22 LITTLEROCK, PEARBLOSSOM-- ON THE EAST SIDE, AND [INAUDIBLE],
23 WHO DON'T HAVE THE CONNECTIVITY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE
24 SUPPLYING THESE COMMUNITIES, AND WOULD LIKE NORTH COUNTY IN

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1 YOUR THOUGHTS, AND SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES, HOUSEHOLDS, AND
2 STUDENTS IN--

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

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

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING.

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

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16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. YES, THIS IS DR.
17 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO ITEM 2, 28, AND 58, AND
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU KNOW, I AM CONCERNED THAT WE MOVE, ALL OF
19 A SUDDEN, ITEM 2 AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC, AND IT WOULD BE NICE IF
20 DR. FERRER WILL POST THE C.D.C. GUIDELINES, WHICH ARE VERY
21 DIFFERENT THAN HER GUIDELINES. SO, I WILL BE PLEASED ON THAT.
22 AND ALSO, ON ITEM 58, I THINK 1 MILLION [INAUDIBLE] 1 MILLION.
23 I GUESS THE NUMBERS ARE NOT RIGHT. I THINK YOU SHOULD REALLY
24 LOOK AT THAT. ON ITEM 28, I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE GOING
25 TO CHECK FOR GOOD WATER, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE IF, ALSO,

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1 [INAUDIBLE] CHECK FOR POLIO, MONKEYPOX, AND SYPHILIS, AND ALL
2 KINDS OF OTHER DISEASE. IF WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THAT KIND OF
3 MONEY, I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY ADVANTAGEOUS. AND ON PUBLIC
4 COMMENT, I WANT TO [INAUDIBLE] YOU REOPENED THE BOARD. I
5 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I WISH I COULD BE THERE TODAY IN
6 PERSON. BUT I THINK THAT'S A GOOD BEGINNING, AND I JUST HOPE
7 THAT PEOPLE WILL STOP COMING OUT AND MAKE ALL KINDS OF NOISE,
8 AND YELLING. I MEAN, THE PUBLIC DOING THAT IS TOTALLY
9 DESTRUCTIVE. IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE, WHATSOEVER. AND I
10 JUST WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS LAST WEEK, IN PARTICULAR,
11 HOW THEY WERE KIND AND HAD MORE TIME TO SPEAK, AND WE NOT GET
12 REWARDED FROM IT, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC STOPPED MAKING NOISE, AND
13 SO ON. SO, LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER. LET'S ALL MAKE A
14 DIFFERENCE. ANYWAY, HAVE A GOOD WEEK. I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON
15 AGAIN. BYE.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MODERATOR, WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON
18 SPEAKERS. SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND THE AGENDA
19 NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **ARNULFO DE LA CRUZ:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD. MY
22 NAME'S ARNULFO DE LA CRUZ, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF
23 S.E.I.U. 2015. I'M SPEAKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY,
24 IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES CAREGIVERS ARE HERE TO DEMONSTRATE TO
25 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THEIR DEMAND FOR A

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1 \$20-AN-HOUR WAGE FLOOR. THEIR RECIPIENTS ALSO KNOW THAT PROPER
2 WAGES IN HEALTHCARE BENEFITS WILL KEEP CAREGIVERS ON THE JOB
3 WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. TODAY, SURROUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY
4 THEY CARE FOR, THEY HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR YOU: CAREGIVERS
5 ARE BARELY SURVIVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ALSO, THEY'RE
6 NOT GOING AWAY. WE ARE READY TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO
7 GET THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD TO INVEST IN HOME CARE. HOME
8 CARE IS NO LONGER THE HIDDEN HELP. AFTER THEIR SACRIFICE AND
9 HEROISM IN THE FACE OF C.O.V.I.D., THEY INSIST ON BEING SEEN,
10 AND WE ARE HERE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. OUR S.E.I.U. 2015 MEMBERS
11 ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THEIR LOW WAGES, AND IT'S
12 HAPPENING TO THOUSANDS OF CAREGIVERS ACROSS THE COUNTY. OUR
13 FRIENDS FROM THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION ARE HERE TO STAND
14 UP FOR FAMILIES TRYING TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS, AND WE
15 KNOW HOW WAGES ARE DIRECTLY TIED TO STANDARD OF LIVING. WE
16 URGE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE.

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21 **ARNULFO DE LA CRUZ:** NOW IS THE TIME FOR 20. THANK YOU.
22 [APPLAUSE].

23
24 **MARYGRACE BARRIOS:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY. GOOD MORNING. MY
25 NAME IS MARYGRACE BARRIOS. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA 61, 63, AND

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM WITH S.E.I.U. 2015-- PROUD MEMBER-- AS
2 WELL AS AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, FILIPINO ORGANIZER. I AM
3 ALSO WITH THE L.A.C.D.P., ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR A.D. 55. I HOPE
4 MY SUPERVISOR, SHEILA KUEHL, IS OKAY, BECAUSE LAST WEEK, SHE
5 WASN'T HERE AGAIN. I HOPE TO MEET HER IN PERSON SOMETIME. SO,
6 WHY I'M HERE IS BECAUSE, LIKE LAST WEEK, I SAID, WE DESERVE
7 \$20 MINIMUM, AS OF TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN THE PANDEMIC SHOWED
8 THAT WE ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS. WE STAYED HOME AND TOOK CARE OF
9 OUR CONSUMERS, LIKE FOR MYSELF. I AM NOW FACING A 4TH CANCER
10 CRISIS, AND TWO OF MY CONSUMERS HAVE GOTTEN C.O.V.I.D., HAVE
11 ALSO PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, AND ONE OF THE CONSUMERS EVERY
12 DAY WANTS TO KILL HIMSELF, BECAUSE LONG C.O.V.I.D. HAS EFFECTS
13 ON OUR ANXIETY, ON THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. SO, I HAVE TO DEAL
14 WITH THAT. OKAY? AND WE ARE ONLY GETTING PAID, AS I SAID LAST
15 WEEK, EVERY DAY YOU PAY US WITH STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY, AND
16 THE COUNTY, ONLY \$75 A DAY. YOU PAY \$260 FOR NURSING HOME
17 CONSUMERS, AND YOU PAY \$280 FOR PEOPLE IN PRISON. SO YOU PAY
18 US ONLY A LUNCH: \$15 OF \$75. WHAT DOES A LUNCH COST NOW?
19 GASOLINE TODAY IS ALMOST \$7. WE CAN'T SURVIVE ON THIS. SO,
20 PLEASE, WE HAVE BEEN-- I'M IN THE BARGAINING COMMITTEE. WE'VE
21 BEEN FIGHTING FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW, WITHOUT A CONTRACT. WE
22 DESERVE MORE FROM ALL OF YOU. OKAY? YOU'RE ALL WOMEN. YOU
23 UNDERSTAND A LOT OF OUR WORKERS ARE ALSO WOMEN, WHO GAVE UP A
24 LOT OF THEIR TIME AND THEIR ENERGY TO TAKE CARE OF OUR LOVED
25 ONES AT HOME. SO PLEASE CONSIDER AND PUT US IN THE BUDGET, AND

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1 GIVE US WHAT WE DESERVE, WHICH IS TIME FOR 20. THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PLEASE STATE YOUR
5 NAME AND THE AGENDA NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FANNIE ORTIZ, AND I'M HERE
8 TO GIVE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 61 AND 63. THANK YOU,
9 FIRST OF ALL, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO OUR NEEDS AND
10 WANTS. I AM FROM OCCUPIED TONGVA AND CHUMASH LAND, OR BOYLE
11 HEIGHTS. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF 5, WITH MY YOUNGEST OF
12 SPECIAL NEEDS: MAYA, WHO IS QUADRIPLLEGIC, AND REQUIRES 24-HOUR
13 CARE. DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, AS A CAREGIVER FOR
14 MY DAUGHTER, I WAS, LIKE MANY OF MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS FROM
15 IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND S.E.I.U. LOCAL 2015, GIVEN THE
16 NAME OF "ESSENTIAL WORKERS." YET, WE STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS
17 MEET. THE WAGES WE ARE MAKING ARE UNSUSTAINABLE, AND FORCES US
18 TO HOLD 2 TO 3 JOBS TO BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET. I MADE THE
19 CHOICE TO NOT PAY THE RENT ON MAY 2020, TO MAKE SURE MY FAMILY
20 AND I WOULD SURVIVE THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMONIUM, AND IN
21 BETWEEN LOSING SEVERAL JOBS AND BEING IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.
22 IN MULTIPLE LAYERS OF MY LIFE, ECONOMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY,
23 PHYSICALLY, AND MENTALLY, THE PANDEMIC HIGHLIGHTED AND
24 EXACERBATED THE HISTORICAL IMPACTS OF LIVING UNDER POVERTY
25 WAGES. AS AN ESSENTIAL WORKER, I AM AT RISK OF LOSING MY HOME,

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1 MY SHELTER-IN-PLACE DURING THE PANDEMIC AND POST-PANDEMIC, AS
2 WE ARE ABOUT TO LOSE TENANT PROTECTIONS. CAREGIVERS ARE
3 TENANTS, AND TENANTS ARE CAREGIVERS, AND YET WE ARE STRUGGLING
4 TO MAKE ENDS MEET, AND THAT IS WRONG. IT'S TIME THAT THE
5 COUNTY CARES ABOUT THE WORKERS WHO TAKE CARE OF OUR LOVED
6 ONES, AND IT'S TIME FOR 20. FOR EVERY DOLLAR THE COUNTY
7 INVESTS IN CAREGIVERS' WAGES, THEY GET UP TO 5 ADDITIONAL
8 DOLLARS FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WHO WOULD SAY
9 NO TO THAT? IT'S TIME FOR 20. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

14

15 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ZOLBEDA MENDEZ. I TAKE CARE OF MY
16 MOTHER, AS WELL AS OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE PHYSICAL
17 DISABILITIES. I'VE WORKED THROUGH THE WHOLE PANDEMIC, VERY
18 HARD, AND EVEN AFTER THE PANDEMIC. AND CURRENTLY, I'M HERE NOT
19 TO TELL YOU THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING UP IN COST, CONSTANTLY,
20 BECAUSE YOU ALREADY KNOW ALL THIS. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU FOR
21 YOUR SIGNATURE FOR OUR CONTRACT FOR \$20 AN HOUR. IT WILL ALLOW
22 US TO BE MORE COMPETENT IN THIS ECONOMIC INFLATION, WHICH IT
23 WILL BE A RECESSION VERY SOON. AND AS FRONTLINE WORKERS, WE
24 NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THIS CONTRACT, JUST
25 LIKE YOU NEED US IN THE TIME OF VOTING. I VOTE ALL THE TIME. I

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1 COME HERE, AND I KNOW ALL OF YOU. I'M A GOOD CITIZEN, AND I
2 HOPE THAT YOU DO GOOD BY US WITH THIS ECONOMY THAT, DAILY, IT
3 JUST GOES UP. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I'M SUSIE
6 SHANNON. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND ITEM 63. I
7 AM A FOUNDING MEMBER AND CAREGIVER WITH S.E.I.U. 2015, AND I'M
8 HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR A \$20-AN-HOUR WAGE. OUR CAREGIVERS ARE ON
9 THE FRONT LINES EVERY DAY, TAKING CARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE
10 L.A. RESIDENTS, AND IT'S TIME THAT THEY ACTUALLY WERE GIVEN--
11 WE WERE GIVEN, I SHOULD SAY-- THE HOURLY WAGE AND FLOOR THAT
12 WE DESERVE. 75% OF CAREGIVERS BELIEVE THEY ARE UNDERPAID, AND
13 20% SAY THEY ARE LIKELY TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF JOB, ALL
14 WHILE THERE IS AN EXISTING SHORTAGE OF CAREGIVERS. A \$20
15 WAGE FLOOR WOULD SUPPORT 12,000 MORE JOBS, AND GENERATE MORE
16 THAN \$700 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL LABOR INCOME. IT IS THE RIGHT
17 AND JUST THING TO DO TO INCREASE I.H.S.S. WAGES TO A \$20-AN-
18 HOUR FLOOR. WHO IN LOS ANGELES CAN LIVE ON APPROXIMATELY
19 \$33,000 A YEAR? I MEAN, THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE SHOULD BE
20 PUTTING MONEY WHERE OUR CAREGIVERS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
21 TAKING CARE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE HERE, EVERY SINGLE DAY, IN
22 L.A. COUNTY. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE TO INCREASE THESE
23 WAGES. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
2 FORWARD: VICTORIA MACKEY, ANABEL LUNA, RENEE DAVIS, LAURA
3 MINGUEZ, AND DONALD HARLAN. AT&T MODERATOR, WE WILL NOW RETURN
4 TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

5

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOEY
11 MARTINEZ, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT NUMBER 5. I'M
12 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 63 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. A CARE-
13 FIRST BUDGET IS NOT THE ONE INTRODUCED BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
14 TODAY. A CARE-FIRST APPROACH REQUIRES DIVESTMENT FROM THE
15 COUNTY INSTITUTIONS MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR HARMING AND
16 INCARCERATING OUR COMMUNITIES. HOW DOES A CONTINUED NEARLY \$5
17 BILLION ALLOCATION TO THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS
18 DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO REIMAGINING A JUSTICE AND CARE-
19 FIRST VISION? THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IS THE ONE
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENT THAT HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS EFFECTIVENESS AT
21 ACTUALLY CARING FOR AND SUPPORTING THOSE GOING THROUGH THE
22 CRIMINAL LEGAL PROCESS. WE THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE
23 CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS DEPARTMENT, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO
24 DEMAND AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR O.D.R. I AM SPEAKING AS
25 SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED EXTREMES OF INCARCERATION

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1 FIRSTHAND, WHERE LITTLE TO NO REHABILITATION, TREATMENT, AND
2 ULTIMATELY CARE NEVER TAKES PLACE. ANY RECOVERY AND CARE THAT
3 DID TAKE PLACE WAS BASED ON THOSE WHO WERE INCARCERATED, AND
4 THOSE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAME IN TO OFFER
5 SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND A PATH TOWARDS REENTRY. ON THE OTHER
6 SIDE OF THE EXTREME OF INCARCERATION, I'VE ALSO EXPERIENCED
7 CARE FIRSTHAND, FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH AND FROM THOSE I SHARE
8 A SPACE WITH, WHO WERE DIVERTED, AND WHO WERE REENTERED TO THE
9 COMMUNITY WITH TRUE CARE, TRUE REHABILITATION, AND TRUE
10 TREATMENT, IN LINE AND ON THE AGENDA TO TRANSFORM OUR LIVES
11 AND OUR COMMUNITIES. I'VE WITNESSED AND EXPERIENCED WHAT CARE
12 IS FIRSTHAND, WHICH CAME FROM FOLKS WHO HAVE ALSO LIVED
13 EXPERIENCE: THOSE WHO WERE ALSO FORMALLY INCARCERATED, CURRENT
14 COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS, ACTIVISTS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS,
15 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS CARE THAT I SPEAK
16 TODAY, ADVOCATING FOR A DIVESTMENT FROM THE LOS ANGELES
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND INTO COMMUNITY CARE; CARE FIRST, AND
18 JAILS LAST. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **MARCY STANAGE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. TODAY I'M GOING TO
2 BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 41, THE STATE CLEAN WATER
3 PROGRAM. MY NAME IS MARCY STANAGE, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
4 WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS FOR THE REBUILD SOCAL
5 PARTNERSHIP. OUR ORGANIZATION CONSISTS OF 2,750 CONTRACTORS,
6 WHO EMPLOY MORE THAN 90,000 UNION WORKERS. OUR MISSION IS TO
7 ADVOCATE FOR RESPONSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IN THE 12
8 COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. TO BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF A MUCH-NEEDED PROJECT.
10 EACH OF THESE SELECTED PROJECTS ARE GOING TO BRING NOT ONLY
11 SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO GOOD, HIGH-
12 PAYING UNION JOBS. REBUILD SOCAL WOULD LIKE TO WORK ALONGSIDE
13 L.A. COUNTY MANAGEMENT TO PROACTIVELY IDENTIFY NEW MULTI-
14 BENEFIT PROJECTS THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR MEASURE W FUNDS. WE
15 KNOW THAT A SIZABLE PORTION OF THESE PROJECTS THAT HAVE
16 APPLIED FOR FUNDING TODAY WERE ESSENTIALLY PART OF THE
17 ORIGINAL BACKLOG OF UNFUNDED STORMWATER COMPLIANCE PROJECTS.
18 HOWEVER, AS THAT BACKLOG HAS DWINDLED, WE HAVE SEEN A
19 SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING.
20 WE AT REBUILD WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER WITH--

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AUSTIN WRIGHT. PLEASE STATE
2 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. AUSTIN
4 WRIGHT HAS DROPPED OFF THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS
5 ROBIN HELLER. ROBIN HELLER, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
6 YOU'RE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, SPEAKING ON AGENDA
10 ITEMS 9, 50, AND 63. AS A TEACHING ARTIST WHO HAS WORKED WITH
11 YOUTH FROM K THROUGH 12, AND ADULTS, I SUPPORT THE PROGRAMMING
12 AND TRANSITION OF SECURE TRACK YOUTH TO CAMP KILPATRICK. IN
13 FACT, ONLY 6 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED SO FAR, AND IT'S
14 URGENT THAT MORE YOUTH ARE MOVED TO KILPATRICK, WHERE THEY
15 WILL HAVE ACCESS TO CREDIBLE MESSENGERS WITH PROGRAMMING LIKE
16 HEALING ARTS, WHICH BARRY J. HAS NONE OF. AS TO ITEM 50, I
17 URGE EACH SUPERVISOR TO VOTE NO ON LIFTING THE PROBATION
18 HIRING FREEZE. I THINK THEY SHOULD LISTEN TO THE PROBATION
19 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WHO VOTED TO RECOMMEND THAT THEY NOT
20 LIFT THAT HIRING FREEZE. AS TO ITEM 63, THE COMMUNITY
21 CONTINUES TO DEMAND THAT THE COUNTY PRIORITIZES THE COMMUNITY,
22 AND INVEST IN SYSTEMS OF CARE, NOT INCARCERATION. IT'S
23 INCREDIBLY CLEAR THAT THE C.E.O.'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IS NOT
24 FOUNDED UPON A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST VISION. COUNTY WILL
25 SPEND OVER \$3.5 BILLION ON THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE THIS YEAR,

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1 WHICH IS OVER \$340 PER RESIDENT. INCREASES IN THE SHERIFF'S
2 AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS' BUDGET ULTIMATELY INCREASED THE
3 JAIL POPULATION, AND IS COUNTER TO THE SPIRIT OF A CARE-FIRST
4 VISION FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE NEED TO PLAN AND INVEST IN A FUTURE
5 ROOTED IN CARE, AND TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. FOR EXAMPLE,
6 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS YOURSELF HAVE HAD THE PLAN TO CLOSE
7 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SINCE MARCH 2021. THIS PLAN FOCUSES ON
8 CLOSING THE JAIL BY USING A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLAN FOR CARE,
9 WHILE CAPTURING THE DOLLARS SAVED TO REINVEST THOSE IN
10 MAINTAINING THE CARE-FIRST VISION, WHICH IS THE COMPASSIONATE,
11 HUMANE THING TO DO.

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

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

18
19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BYRON JOSE, AND I'M CALLING
20 ON BEHALF OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, 50, AND 63, AND GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR-- GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I
22 AM A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2. WE'RE
23 CALLING TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY VOTES TO NOT LIFT THE HIRING
24 FREEZE FOR PROBATION OFFICERS. WE HEAR FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AND
25 FOLKS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED, DIRECTLY, INTERACTIONS WITH THE

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THOSE
2 THINGS ARE PRIORITIZED. AS FAR AS THE REIMAGINE L.A. CARE
3 FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT WORK, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
4 COUNTY MOVES BEYOND CO-OPTING THE LANGUAGE, RIGHT, AND TRULY
5 INVESTS IN A CARE-FIRST BUDGET, INSTEAD OF CONTINUE EXPANDING
6 OR BLOATING THE BUDGET OF THE PROBATION OFFICERS, OF THE
7 SHERIFF, AND OTHER OFFICES THAT ARE CRIMINALIZING OUR PEOPLE.
8 I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT "CARE FIRST" TRULY MEANS INVESTING IN
9 OUR PEOPLE, INVESTING IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY,
10 FULLY FUNDING THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND CLOSING
11 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU, AND I WILL PASS ON THE MESSAGE
12 TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO WILL HAVE MORE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THAT.
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

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

16

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS LILIA GOLINDIL, AND I WANT TO ADDRESS
22 THE BOARD IN THE NUMBER 16, SUPPORTING DIGITAL EQUITY, BUT I
23 WANT TO DO IT IN SPANISH, PLEASE. [SPEAKS SPANISH]. HELLO?

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? YES, I WOULD LIKE TO--

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES, I CAN HEAR YOU.

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4 **INTERPRETER:** IF THEY CAN PLEASE INCLUDE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, COULD SOMEBODY COME HELP ME TO TRANSLATE, OR...

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. [SPEAKS SPANISH]

11

12 **INTERPRETER:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF THEY CAN INCLUDE THE
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THIS PROJECT FOR THE INTERNET. I BELIEVE
14 THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND IN THE 20TH
15 CENTURY, IN MANY ASPECTS. WE LIVE IN A VERY INDUSTRIAL AREA,
16 AND WE BELIEVE THAT, IN THIS WAY, WE CAN PROBABLY BREAK THE
17 POVERTY LEVEL, ONCE WE GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. BUT WE
18 HAVE TO GIVE ACCESS TO THE STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

23

24 **INTERPRETER:** WE BELIEVE THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS BEEN LEFT
25 BEHIND, ESPECIALLY IF WE CAN JUST DO A POWER TO LAS VEGAS, AND

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1 MAYBE WE CAN INCLUDE THESE AS A PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL--

2 THE AIRPORT SHOULD BE INCLUDED, AS WELL.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MODERATOR, WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON
5 SPEAKERS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
8 MY NAME IS SALONIKA SMITH, AND I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS
9 53 AND 63. I AM AN I.H.S.S. PROVIDER, AND I LOVE BEING AN
10 I.H.S.S. PROVIDER. WE WORK HARD, WE SACRIFICED TREMENDOUSLY,
11 AND STILL DO, THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS,
12 OUR WORK IS VALUABLE. OUR WORK IS ETHICAL. WE ARE VERY
13 PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED. WE CARE TREMENDOUSLY ABOUT OUR
14 CLIENTS AND ABOUT OUR JOBS, AND WE KNOW THAT THE COST OF
15 LIVING IN THE COUNTY IS AMONG SOME OF THE HIGHEST IN THE
16 COUNTRY. WE ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. WE DESERVE A
17 LIVING WAGE. IT IS TIME FOR 20, AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PUT
18 A PRIORITY ON THIS BUDGET, AND PAY US OUR \$20 AN HOUR. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICIA SANTANA. I HAVE
24 BEEN A HOME CARE PROVIDER FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS. TODAY, I
25 SHOULD BE HOME, PREPPING EVERYTHING FOR MY HUSBAND, WHICH HAS

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1 A MAJOR SURGERY TOMORROW. BUT INSTEAD, I'M HERE PLEADING,
2 BEGGING YOU, AFTER A YEAR OF BEING IN THE CONTRACT BARGAINING
3 WITH YOU, AND NOT RECEIVING ANYTHING IN RETURN. THIS IS THE
4 FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE 5 WOMEN IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
5 AND AS WOMEN, WE COME AND WE PLEAD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT WE
6 HAVE TO DO AS WIVES, SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, AUNTS. IT IS TIME FOR
7 20. TODAY, ONE OF OUR SISTERS, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO
8 SPEAK TO YOU, HAD TO RUN OUT AND TAKE HER DAUGHTER TO THE
9 EMERGENCY ROOM. IT IS TIME FOR 20. IT IS TIME WE ARE GOING TO
10 DO WHATEVER IT TAKES FOR US TO DO AND GET WHAT WE DESERVE.
11 IT'S TIME FOR 20. IT'S BEEN A YEAR THAT WE HAVE BEEN PLEADING,
12 BEGGING YOU. TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO DO. TELL US. WE'LL DO IT.
13 JUST LET US KNOW.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LAURA MINGUEZ. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 59
16 AND 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE CEREBRAL PALSY AND
17 CHRONIC ILLNESS, AND I LIVE IN KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT. I AM
18 A SOCIAL WORKER, A MEMBER OF HAND IN HAND, AND I HAVE USED
19 I.H.S.S. SINCE THE AGE OF 18. WE NEED YOU TO INCLUDE HIGHER
20 WAGES FOR I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY BUDGET. I HAD BEEN
21 LIVING INDEPENDENTLY FOR 18 YEARS, WHEN MY CHRONIC ILLNESS
22 BECAME WORSE, AND I NEEDED TO MOVE IN WITH MY MOTHER FOR CARE.
23 SHE WAS MY ATTENDANT FULL TIME FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS BEFORE SHE
24 ALSO BECAME SICK. MY MOTHER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH PANCREATIC
25 CANCER IN 2018. SHE DIED IN AUGUST OF 2019. NOW I HAD TO

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1 NAVIGATE I.H.S.S. MORE INDEPENDENTLY THAN I EVER HAD BEFORE.
2 WHEN I WAS LIVING INDEPENDENTLY FOR TWO DECADES, I EXPERIENCED
3 CHALLENGES WITH HIRING ATTENDANTS THROUGH I.H.S.S., BUT I
4 HAVEN'T [INAUDIBLE]. MY MOM WAS AN I.H.S.S. WORKER, SO IF
5 THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH FINDING A WORKER, SHE WAS THERE. I HAD
6 ANOTHER ATTENDANT, WHO WAS BEING PAID BY ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT
7 WASN'T I.H.S.S. WHILE THAT ATTENDANT WAS WORKING WITH ME, I
8 FELL AND BROKE MY BACK AT THE L-3 VERTEBRA. THIS ATTENDANT
9 WASN'T A BAD PERSON. HE JUST DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TRAINING, AND
10 HE WAS OVERWORKED. RIGHT AFTER I BROKE MY BACK, I GOT SEPSIS
11 FROM A PORT INFECTION, WHICH I USE BECAUSE OF A CHRONIC
12 ILLNESS. ACCESS TO THE PARAMEDICAL SERVICES THAT I.H.S.S.
13 PROVIDES IS SO IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE THAT I GOT THE PORT
14 INFECTION FROM TRYING TO TAKE A NEEDLE OUT OF THE PORT ON MY
15 OWN, WHEN REALLY I NEEDED AN ATTENDANT TO DO THIS FOR ME. I'M
16 LUCKY TO BE ALIVE RIGHT NOW. INVESTING IN THE I.H.S.S. PROGRAM
17 IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE, WITHOUT GOOD CARE, WE DON'T
18 SURVIVE. WHEN I DIDN'T GET THE CARE THAT I NEEDED, I NEARLY
19 DIED. WE NEED TO INVEST IN THE I.H.S.S. PROGRAM, BECAUSE
20 PEOPLE DESERVE TO LIVE AND AGE AT HOME WITH DIGNITY. MULTIPLY
21 THIS STORY BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. EACH STORY MAY
22 BE DIFFERENT, BUT WE'RE ALL STILL STRUGGLING. RAISING WAGES
23 FOR I.H.S.S. WORKERS, AND ADDRESSING THE CARE CRISIS, IS SO
24 IMPORTANT THAT I CANNOT [INAUDIBLE]. I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO
25 DIE. SUPERVISOR BARGER AND ALL OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THIS IS

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1 A LIFE-OR-DEATH ISSUE. WE NEED YOU TO RAISE WAGES FOR HOME
2 CARE WORKERS NOW.

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIA IGLESIAS.
5 I AM HERE TODAY TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THE SITUATION
6 AS A CARE PROVIDER. I PROVIDE CARE FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON,
7 AND THE PAY IS NOT ENOUGH. I'M ABOUT TO LOSE MY LEASE FOR MY
8 LIVING, AND IT'S JUST REALLY, REALLY ANNOYING THAT WE CANNOT
9 SURVIVE ON \$16 AN HOUR. IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE IN L.A. I'M JUST
10 BEGGING YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER OUR SITUATION, AND CONSIDER
11 GIVING US A RAISE, BECAUSE IT'S UNBEARABLE. WE WORK-- 90% OF
12 THE FORCE ARE WOMEN. WE WORK SO OTHER WOMEN CAN GO OUT TO
13 WORK. WE TAKE CARE OF A LOT OF WOMEN, AND THIS IS AN ISSUE
14 THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. SO PLEASE CONSIDER ALLOWING US TO
15 MAKE A LITTLE MORE MONEY, PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS NATIVE LANGUAGE]

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19 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS LI MING LU.
20 I'M GOING TO COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 53. I'VE BEEN A HOME CARE
21 WORKER SINCE 2017, AND IT IS A GOOD JOB. I AM ABLE TO SUPPORT
22 MY FAMILY WITH THE JOB, BUT DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, A LOT OF THE
23 FAMILY MEMBERS CAME HOME TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR LOVED ONES, AND
24 THAT AFFECTS US, WHO ARE FULL-TIME WORKERS. WE HAVE LESS JOBS,
25 LESS WORK NOW, SO IT'S GETTING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT. AND TWO

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1 MONTHS AGO, I WAS AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND MY CONSUMER, MY
2 CLIENT, TOLD ME TO GO HOME. HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO WORK FOR HIM
3 ANYMORE. AND NOT ONLY THAT, HE DOESN'T WANT TO SIGN THE
4 WORKSHEET, SO I'M NOT GETTING PAID SINCE THEN. NOW, THE SOCIAL
5 WORKER HAS BEEN WORKING ON TRYING TO HELP ME TO GET MY WAGES
6 REIMBURSED, AND AFTER TWO MONTHS OF WORKING, AND STILL CAN'T
7 RESOLVE THE ISSUE. AND FINALLY, THE SOCIAL WORKER TOLD ME THE
8 CONSUMER IS NOT WILLING TO SIGN THE PAPER, SO I CANNOT GET
9 PAID. AND SO, EVENTUALLY, THE SOCIAL WORKER SAID, "I'M SORRY.
10 YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT TO SUE TO GET YOUR
11 MONEY." SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, AS A HOME CARE WORKER. I
12 NEED THE JOB. I NEED TO GET TO WORK. I CANNOT GO TO THE COURT
13 TO FIGHT THIS, TO GET MY WAGES REIMBURSED. I HOPE THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS CAN HELP US RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, GET MY MONEY, SO I
15 CAN LIVE ON. THANK YOU.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
18 FORWARD: HANNAH CARPILLO, HERMAN ARMANDO, RED CHIEF HUNT,
19 STEPHANIE ROGERS, AND REVEREND EDDIE ANDERSON. MODERATOR, MAY
20 WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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2 **SPEAKER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU
3 HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED, PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND
4 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
5 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

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7 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

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

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

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16 **SPEAKER:** HI, YES. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA NUMBER 16, AND
17 ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY, S.E.G.C., WHICH IS
18 THE AGENCY THAT I WORK FOR, HAS EXPERIENCED THE NEED FOR
19 DIGITAL EQUITY WITH RESIDENTS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE
20 ANTELOPE VALLEY DURING THE PANDEMIC. WHILE WE NOTICED THAT
21 OTHER, AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES WERE ABLE TO ADJUST, CHILDREN IN
22 THE RURAL AREA, ESPECIALLY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
23 NEEDS, HAD A MUCH HARDER TIME ACCESSING ANY FORM OF DIGITAL
24 ASSIGNMENTS, OR ANY BROADBAND OR INTERNET. IT WAS VERY
25 DIFFICULT FOR THEM. SO OUR AGENCY SHIFTED TO SUPPORT THIS, AND

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1 WE MOVED AWAY FROM DOING A LOT OF VIRTUAL STUFF, BECAUSE WE
2 KNEW THAT THOSE COMMUNITIES NEEDED SOME SAFELY PROVIDED, IN-
3 PERSON SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN IN OUR PRESCHOOL
4 PROGRAMS. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY DOES SUPPORT THIS
5 MOTION, AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
6 ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, AND WE HOPE THAT, AS YOU WORK ON THOSE
7 PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FIGURING OUT WHAT THE COMMUNITIES
8 NEED, THAT YOU DO SUPPORT THE RURAL AREAS, ESPECIALLY THE EAST
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH INCLUDES LAKE L.A., LITTLEROCK, LLANO,
10 CALABASAS, AND JUNIPER HILLS, AND ALL OF THOSE AREAS. AND AS
11 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, I ALSO WANT TO STATE THAT LILIA GOLINDIL,
12 WHICH IS THE SPEAKER THAT SPOKE EARLIER, HAD STATED THAT SHE
13 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ANTELOPE
14 VALLEY, ALTHOUGH WE'RE GETTING THE BULLET TRAIN, WE'RE GOING
15 TO SAN FRANCISCO AND VEGAS, AND WE HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL
16 AIRPORT, AND WE ARE "AEROSPACE VALLEY," AS SOME MAY CALL IT,
17 WE HAVE LITTLE SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND IN THE RURAL AREAS. THE
18 TRANSLATOR DIDN'T PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION ACCURATELY. AND
19 LASTLY, I WANT TO MENTION THAT, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T CALL TO
20 COMMENT ON I.H.S.S. AND SUPPORTING THE \$20-AN-HOUR WAGE
21 INCREASE, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, AS A MOM OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD
22 WHO IS GOING TO BE TURNING THREE, AND I WILL BE NEEDING THAT
23 SUPPORT--

24
25 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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2 **SPEAKER:** I DO AGREE THAT THEY NEED THAT SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 49, ITEM
9 9, AND ITEM 63. TO START WITH, MY NAME IS MAKEEN YASSAR. I AM
10 A RESIDENT IN DISTRICT 2, AND I AM URGING THE BOARD TO NOT
11 LIFT THE PROBATION HIRING FREEZE. SPECIFICALLY, EACH
12 SUPERVISOR NEEDS TO VOTE NO ON LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE. I AM
13 STRONGLY OPPOSED. PROBATION ALREADY APPROVED TO HIRE 150
14 PEOPLE FOR THE JUVENILE HALLS, SO THIS WOULD BE ON TOP OF
15 THAT. THERE'S ALREADY THOUSANDS OF POSITIONS THAT ARE ALREADY
16 FILLED, AND THE NUMBERS, IN TERMS OF POPULATION OF L.A.
17 COUNTY'S HALLS AND CAMPS, HAS DECREASED OVER THE PAST COUPLE
18 OF DECADES, INCLUDING IN TERMS OF THE YOUTH ON SUPERVISION
19 DECREASING BY 55%. SO I'M NOT NECESSARILY SURE WHO THIS WOULD
20 SERVE, IN TERMS OF HIRING MORE FOLKS, ESPECIALLY AS THE
21 JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS SERVICES STAFF, ABOUT A THIRD OF THEM
22 ARE ALREADY ON LEAVE, SO WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING HUNDREDS OF
23 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR, SO THERE SHOULD BE A STRONG NO ON
24 PROBATION. I'M STRONGLY IN FAVOR AND SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM
25 NUMBER 9, IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AT CAMP

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1 KILPATRICK. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA, IN TERMS OF MAKING
2 SURE THAT THERE ARE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS OUTSIDE OF THE
3 PUNITIVE PROBATION SYSTEM, WHO CAN RELIABLY RELATE TO AND
4 SUPPORT SYSTEMS-IMPACTED YOUTH. IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT
5 PROBATION STAFF NOT SHOWING UP, YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY EXPAND
6 THIS PILOT BEFORE HIRING MORE PROBATION OFFICERS. PROBATION
7 CONTINUES TO ASK FOR MORE DOLLARS AND MORE STAFF BECAUSE,
8 APPARENTLY, IT SEEMS THAT \$410 MILLION TO INCARCERATE CHILDREN
9 ISN'T ENOUGH. WE NEED THERE TO BE MONIES GOING TO OUR
10 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH FULL URGENCY, NOT FURTHER
11 TO PROBATION. AND LASTLY, IN TERMS OF ITEM 63, WE REALLY NEED
12 TO BE FOCUSING ON A CARE-FIRST BUDGET. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN
13 A HOST OF OUTLINES PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY, IN TERMS OF
14 ALIGNING TO A CARE-FIRST VISION, AND WE NEED THERE TO BE
15 INVESTMENT INTO THIS VISION, IN TERMS OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO
16 OUR CARCERATIONAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. DO NOT FUND MORE
17 TOWARDS PROBATION. IT WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO CAUSE HARM.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NUVIET NGUYEN NAZARIAN.
23 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
24 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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2 **NUVIET NGUYEN NAZARIAN:** HELLO? HI. MY NAME IS NUVIET NGUYEN
3 NAZARIAN. I'M CALLING ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 10, SUPPORTING THE
4 RELEASE OF EYVIN HERNANDEZ. HE'S A FRIEND FROM LAW SCHOOL.
5 HE'S A GREAT INDIVIDUAL, WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE PUBLIC
6 DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR OVER 15 YEARS, DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO
7 SERVING THE POOR AND THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND WE NEED TO DO
8 EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO GET HIM HOME. HE'S BEEN THERE FOR 6
9 MONTHS ALREADY, AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. SO, ANYTHING WE
10 CAN DO TO GET MORE PUBLICITY AND GET HIS NAME IN FRONT OF
11 PRESIDENT BIDEN, KAMALA HARRIS, HE NEEDS IT. HIS FAMILY IS
12 SUFFERING. HIS FRIENDS ARE SUFFERING. SO, I WAS JUST CALLING
13 IN TO SUPPORT THIS RECOMMENDATION BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
14 THANK YOU.

15

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

17

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

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22 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS MICHAEL HANS GARCIA, AND I AM A
23 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4. I AM SPEAKING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF
24 AGENDA ITEM 9, IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 63, AND MAKING A GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE CREDIBLE MESSENGER

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1 PILOT PROGRAM WILL LAUNCH AT THE CAMP KILPATRICK YOUTH
2 DETENTION FACILITY. THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, YOUTH WILL BE ABLE
3 TO ACCESS THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO PREPARE THEM FOR RELEASE
4 AND REENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY. HIRING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO
5 WORK WITH SECURE TRACK YOUTH IS LAUDABLE. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS
6 HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE, AND ARE ROOTED IN COMMUNITY AND
7 CULTURE. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE MENTORS WHO CAN HELP YOUTH TO
8 GROW THEIR OWN STRENGTH, AND TO FIND SELF-REALIZATION. PLEASE
9 MOVE MORE YOUTH TO CAMP KILPATRICK. ONLY SIX YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE
10 BEEN MOVED, SO FAR. IT IS URGENT THAT YOUTH ARE MOVED TO
11 KILPATRICK, WHERE THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO CREDIBLE MESSENGERS
12 AND PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING HEALING ARTS, VOCATIONAL,
13 EDUCATIONAL, AND COLLEGE CREDITS, AND CONFLICT MEDIATION. ON
14 ITEM 63, UTILIZING A.B. 109 FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
15 AND REENTRY, AND BOLSTERING PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATIVE
16 PUBLIC DEFENDERS, IS IN LINE WITH THE INTENT OF THE BILL
17 ITSELF. THE A.B. 109 POPULATION IN THE JAILS IS STEADILY
18 DECREASING, YET WE DO NOT SEE THIS REFLECTED IN THE A.B. 109
19 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS. INSTEAD, THE MAJORITY OF A.B. 109 FUNDS
20 WILL AGAIN GO TO BASE FUNDING OF THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION
21 DEPARTMENTS. WE HEAR REPEATEDLY THAT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
22 AND REENTRY IS SUCCESSFUL FOR THOSE NEEDING MENTAL HEALTHCARE.
23 TRULY INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION WILL BE MORE
24 COST-EFFECTIVE, AND SAVE MORE LIVES. PLEASE FUND MORE

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1 COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES, AND REDUCE INCARCERATION. THANK
2 YOU.

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARCELLA ROSEN. PLEASE
7 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
8 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **MARCELLA ROSEN:** HI. MY NAME IS MARCELLA ROSEN. I AM WITH CARE
11 FIRST CALIFORNIA, AND TODAY I AM GOING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
12 ITEMS 9, 50, AND 63. I WANT TO START BY SPEAKING ON ITEM 9.
13 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE BETTER THAN PROBATION OFFICERS. THE
14 CREDIBLE MESSENGER PILOT PROGRAM IS SET TO LAUNCH AT CAMP
15 KILPATRICK, MEANING YOUTH WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HEALING-CENTERED
16 SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO GROW AND BE PREPARED FOR REENTRY.
17 HIRING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO WORK WITH SECURE TRACK YOUTH IS
18 THE RIGHT DECISION. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE FOLKS OUTSIDE OF
19 THE PUNITIVE PROBATION SYSTEM, WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES,
20 EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS AND RELIABILITY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS TO
21 WORK WITH SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE
22 MENTORS, AND PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR YOUTH THROUGH
23 RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING, HELPING YOUTH GROW IN THEIR OWN
24 STRENGTH, AND SUPPORTING YOUTHS' SELF-REALIZATION. WE NEED TO
25 MOVE MORE OF THE YOUTH TO CAMP KILPATRICK. ONLY SIX YOUNG

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1 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED THUS FAR. IT IS REALLY URGENT THAT
2 YOUTH ARE MOVED TO KILPATRICK, WHICH IS AN ACTUAL SUITABLE
3 FACILITY FOR HABITATION. NEXT, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 50.
4 PLEASE VOTE NO ON RESCINDING THE PROBATION HIRING FREEZE. FROM
5 2018 TO 2021, THE NUMBER OF YOUTH ON SUPERVISION DECREASED BY
6 55%, YET THE STAFFING NUMBERS HAVE STAYED LARGELY THE SAME. TO
7 ME, THIS IS THE ONLY INFORMATION THE BOARD REALLY NEEDS TO
8 VOTE NO ON ENDING THE HIRING FREEZE. RATHER THAN HIRING MORE
9 PROBATION OFFICERS, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO GENERALLY INVEST IN
10 YOUTH SAFETY AND WELLBEING. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN THROUGH
11 HIRING MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SURVEIL AND ABUSE YOUNG PEOPLE.
12 YOUTH ARE NOT BEING REHABILITATED. THEY ARE BEING IRREPARABLY
13 HARMED, AND HAVING THEIR LIVES DERAILED EVEN FURTHER. WE
14 CANNOT HIRE EVEN MORE PROBATION OFFICERS TO PERPETUATE THESE
15 SYSTEMATIC ISSUES. PROBATION IS SET TO RECEIVE \$35 MILLION
16 MORE IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY
17 RECEIVES OVER \$1 BILLION EACH YEAR IN TAXPAYER DOLLARS.
18 ADDITIONALLY, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WAS SUPPOSED TO RELEASE--

19
20 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

21 MODERATOR, WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICTORIA MACKEY, AND I AM
24 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 61 AND 63, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. IT IS
25 TIME FOR \$20. THE AVERAGE HOME HEALTHCARE WORKER HOURLY PAY IS

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1 EQUIVALENT TO TWO AND A HALF GALLONS OF GAS. WE HAVE TO WORK
2 APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS TO FILL UP OUR TANK. YOU CALL US
3 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, BUT FAST-FOOD WORKERS MAKE MORE MONEY THAN
4 WE DO. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE: FOR EVERY \$1 THAT YOU INVEST
5 IN HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS, THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
6 REIMBURSES YOU \$5, SO I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM HERE. WE NEED
7 OUR RAISE. WE NEED OUR RAISE. SO, I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO
8 PLEASE CONSIDER OUR WAGES AND OUR STANDARDS OF LIVING RIGHT
9 NOW, AND APPROVE OUR RAISE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

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13 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, RESPECTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
15 THANK GOD AND THIS COUNTRY THAT HAS BLESSED US WITH THIS
16 WONDERFUL I.H.S.S. PROGRAM. MY NAME IS ANABEL LUNA. I LIVE IN
17 POMONA. I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR HOME CARE WORKER UNION,
18 S.E.I.U. 2015, AND I AM PART OF THE BARGAINING TABLE TO REACH
19 AN AGREEMENT WITH YOU IN THIS STRUGGLE THAT HAS TAKEN US UP
20 UNTIL NINE MONTHS TILL THIS DAY. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME
21 TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU AND TELL YOU MY STORY. I AM THE
22 DAUGHTER OF AN 89-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN A WHEELCHAIR, WHO LIVES
23 WITH ME, AND HAS BEEN TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON MY CARE FOR 25
24 YEARS. THANK GOD SHE HAS BEEN RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE
25 I.H.S.S. PROGRAM FOR SEVEN YEARS. I AM THE WIFE OF A PERSON

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1 WHO HAS NOT BEEN WORKING FOR FOUR YEARS, DUE TO KNEE PROBLEMS,
2 AND WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SO I HAVE
3 TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME, TAKING CARE OF THREE OTHER PEOPLE
4 WHO ARE IN THE PROGRAM. BUT I STILL CAN'T AFFORD MY FINANCIAL
5 SITUATION, BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, THE COST OF LIVING HAS RISEN
6 DRASTICALLY.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DONALD HARLAN. I WOULD
9 LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 8, 11, 18, 20, 35, 36, AND A
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8, PROJECT HOMEKEY,
11 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF EIGHT PROPERTIES FOR PROJECT HOMEKEY.
12 I WOULD QUESTION THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTIES. DID PROJECT
13 HOMEKEY ACQUIRE THE PROPERTIES ILLEGALLY OR LEGALLY? WAS THE
14 PROPERTY OWNER PAID FOR THEIR REAL ESTATE UNDER THE
15 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES? AND I AM ALSO CONCERNED
16 ABOUT USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENTS.
17 I KNOW THEY ARE WATCHING PROJECT HOMEKEY PRETTY WELL, AND THEY
18 ARE PRETTY GOOD ABOUT NOT GIVING AWAY PROPERTIES THAT DON'T
19 BELONG TO THEM. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11: LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 SUPPORT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE TALENT PIPELINE CHALLENGE, AN
21 EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE PLEDGE. I WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST
22 THIS. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS DOESN'T INVITE EMPLOYEES FROM THE FEDERAL
24 GOVERNMENT INTO THE LOCAL PROGRAMS. THIS AGENDA ITEM FALSELY
25 CLAIMS SUPPORT, WHEN IN FACT IT MEANS THE OPPOSITE. AGENDA

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1 ITEM NUMBER 20: TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE TAX
2 COLLECTOR POWER TO SELL. I WOULD REJECT THIS ITEM. THIS IS A
3 REDUNDANT ITEM. THE TAX COLLECTOR ALWAYS HAS POWER TO SELL THE
4 PROPERTIES, BUT THIS-- I NOTICE A LOT OF THE PROPERTIES LISTED
5 UNDER THE SALE, BY THE TAX COLLECTOR, ARE VACANT PROPERTIES.
6 THEY DON'T HAVE CONTACT WITH THE OWNER. THERE'S A PROBLEM THAT
7 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE ILLEGALLY FILING ASSESSOR REPORTS
8 FOR PROPERTIES, THEN TAX-DEFAULTING THEM, AND THEN SELLING
9 THEM THEMSELVES. THAT'S A REAL PROBLEM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
10 AGENDA NUMBER 18 AND 20 ARE PART OF THIS PROBLEM. THERE'S NO
11 SUCH THING AS VACANT OR OPEN PROPERTY FOR L.A. COUNTY TO SELL.
12 EVERY PIECE OF PROPERTY IS OWNED BY SOMEBODY, SINCE CALIFORNIA
13 HAS BEEN INCORPORATED IN 1850. IF L.A. COUNTY DOESN'T KNOW WHO
14 THE PROPERTY BELONGS TO, IT'S NOT FOR THEM TO TRY AND SELL IT
15 OR TAX-DEFAULT IT. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 35: SALE OF SURPLUS REAL
16 PROPERTY IN UNINCORPORATED KAGEL CANYON. THIS IS A DECLARATION
17 OF VACANT LAND. THIS HAS BEEN MY PROPERTY SINCE 1977.
18 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS IS TRYING TO CLAIM PROPERTY FOR HERSELF
19 AGAIN. THIS IS MY PROPERTY. HILDA SOLIS DOESN'T DESERVE
20 ANYTHING OF MINE. YOU SHOULDN'T BE HANDING THEM PROPERTY.
21 THAT'S AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 35. VACATION OF PROPERTY--

22
23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HANNAH
24 CARPILLO, AND THIS MORNING I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 59, 63, AND
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE BEEN AN I.H.S.S. WORKER SINCE

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1 1981, AND I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. 2015. I AM ALSO A
2 PROUD MEMBER OF HAND IN HAND, WHICH IS THE DOMESTIC EMPLOYER
3 NETWORK. I WAS RAISED BY THE ARCHITECTS OF THE DISABILITY
4 RIGHTS MOVEMENT, PROVIDING PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO THE
5 MOVERS AND SHAKERS FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH
6 DISABILITIES, PARTICIPATING IN ACTIONS ACROSS THE STATE, AND
7 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. LAST MONTH, GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNED A BILL
8 ESTABLISHING A PATHWAY TO A MINIMUM WAGE OF \$22 AN HOUR FOR
9 FAST-FOOD WORKERS. MEANWHILE, THE MEN AND WOMEN, MOSTLY WOMEN
10 OF COLOR, WHO DO THE HARD WORK OF CARING FOR OUR ELDERLY AND
11 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, ARE MAKING \$16 AN HOUR.
12 IN ALAMEDA COUNTY, WE JUST WON A CONTRACT WITH A PATH TO \$20
13 AN HOUR, WITH THE SUPPORT OF CONSUMERS AND ALLIES FROM HAND IN
14 HAND, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LONG-TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES
15 FOR ALL GRASS-ROOTS COALITION. IT IS REALLY SHORTSIGHTED THAT
16 YOU ARE NOT FINDING A WAY TO DO THE SAME. THIS FIGHT IS NOT
17 OVER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THE STREETS AND THE OFFICES
18 OF OUR ELECTEDS UNTIL WE ARE PAID A LIVING WAGE FOR THE
19 ESSENTIAL WORK WE DO: KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND
20 OUT OF COSTLY-- AND OFTEN DEADLY-- INSTITUTIONS. OUR CLIENTS
21 DESERVE THE BEST CARE WE CAN PROVIDE, BUT WHEN WE CAN'T PAY
22 OUR BILLS, OR PUT HEALTHY FOOD IN OUR BELLIES, OR GET A GOOD
23 NIGHT'S SLEEP BECAUSE WE'RE WORKING TWO, THREE, FOUR JOBS, WE
24 CANNOT GIVE THAT BEST CARE. IT IS TIME FOR \$20 AN HOUR. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS STEPHANIE. THIS IS A GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. HELLO, LADIES: KUEHL, BARGER, MITCHELL, HAHN, AND
4 SOLIS. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK, AS YOU KNOW, AND MY MESSAGE
5 HASN'T CHANGED. PUT YOURSELF IN OUR SHOES. UNFORTUNATELY, I AM
6 NOT ONE OF THE BOARD. I AM A HOME CARE WORKER. I AM AN
7 EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 2015. AND A LIVABLE WAGE--
8 I NEED A LIVABLE WAGE TO PROVIDE FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. I
9 HAVE KIDS. HOME CARE IS THE BACKBONE OF THE ECONOMY. GOD
10 FORBID ONE OF YOU GUYS NEED THE PROGRAM DOWN THE LINE. YOU
11 WILL WANT WHOEVER IS PROVIDING CARE FOR YOU TO BE TREATED WITH
12 DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AM I RIGHT? OKAY. I WORK A GRAVEYARD
13 SHIFT AT A MENTAL HOSPITAL. THAT'S MY SECOND JOB. I JUST GOT
14 OFF OF WORK. I WENT TO WORK YESTERDAY AT 6:00 P.M., AND GOT
15 OFF AT 7:30. WELL, BECAUSE OF THIS AND MY JOB ASKING ME TO BE
16 HERE, I HAVEN'T GOT NO SLEEP. I AM JUST GETTING OFF ANOTHER
17 JOB TO BE HERE TO TALK TO YOU LADIES: LADIES OF COLOR, WOMEN
18 THAT I RESPECT. I MAKE SURE THAT I GET OUT IN MY COMMUNITIES.
19 WHEN PEOPLE WERE RUNNING THE POSITION THAT YOU GUYS ARE
20 RUNNING IN, I MADE SURE TO GET OUT AND LET THEM KNOW WHO YOU
21 GUYS ARE, AND EDUCATE THEM ON YOU GUYS. TREAT ME WITH RESPECT,
22 AND GIVE ME WHAT I AM ASKING FOR. THAT'S \$20 AN HOUR.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED: CHLOE STRANGE, ALBERTO

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1 RATANA, LINDA SHAW, POLLY ROCKWELL, AND MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-
2 JOHNSON. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKER,
3 PLEASE?

4

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

8

9 **MADELINE DI NONNO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MADELINE DI NONNO. I HAVE
10 A PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS A COMMISSIONER UNDER SUPERVISOR
11 SHEILA KUEHL. I AM SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 58.
12 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. I'M SPECIFICALLY
13 LOOKING AT THE POSITIONS THAT ARE IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET,
14 WHICH ARE CRITICAL FOR THE ARTS DEPARTMENT TO NOT ONLY DEPLOY
15 \$28 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS, BUT ALSO TO BE ABLE
16 TO MANAGE IT. SO, THERE'S AN ARTS COMMISSIONER MANAGER
17 POSITION, WHICH IS VERY ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAINING AND AMPLIFYING
18 THE WORK OF ALL OF US AS COMMISSIONERS, AND TO BE YOUR EYES
19 AND EARS BACK TO THE SUPERVISORS. AS AN ARTS COMMISSIONER, I
20 AM EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE TRANSFER OF THE N.A.I.C. TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH
22 OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT. I WOULD
23 ENTHUSIASTICALLY URGE YOU TO VOTE YES.

24

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CORINNE MANDELBAUM. I AM A
9 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10
10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
11 FOR YOUR MOTION TO BRING EYVIN HERNANDEZ HOME. AS YOU KNOW, HE
12 HAS BEEN WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED IN VENEZUELA FOR SIX MONTHS
13 NOW, UNDER DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE
14 ENTIRE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THIS MOTION, AS HIS FAMILY AND
15 COMMUNITY HAS FELT QUITE A BIT OF STRAIN IN HIS ABSENCE, AND
16 NEEDS HIM HOME SAFELY, SOON. I HOPE YOU WILL HEAR FROM HENRY
17 MARTINEZ, HIS BROTHER, TODAY, WHO IS TRYING TO GET BEFORE YOU
18 IN THE QUEUE. WE ARE ALL VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ALL THE PEOPLE
19 BEFORE YOU TODAY, BUT HENRY HAS THE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE OF
20 SPEAKING WITH EYVIN, WHO'S BEEN IMPRISONED OVER THE PAST SIX
21 MONTHS. YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT HOW HE HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL
22 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES, AS THE PUBLIC
23 DEFENDER, SUPPORTING THOUSANDS OF FOLKS IN NEED OF HELP HERE
24 IN LOS ANGELES. EYVIN IS A DOUBLE BRUIN. HE CAME HERE WHEN HE
25 WAS A CHILD FROM EL SALVADOR, AND HE MAJORED IN PHYSICS, AND

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1 THEN WENT TO U.C.L.A. LAW, BEFORE BECOMING A PUBLIC DEFENDER.
2 HE HAS BEEN A CRITICAL MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE
3 NEED HIM BACK HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR SUPPORT FOR
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TODAY WILL HOPEFULLY REACH THE
5 HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE U.S.--

6

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

9

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU
16 HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED, PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND
17 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
18 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

19

20 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

24

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS HANNAH KIMUNE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
6 SPEAK ON ISSUE NUMBER 10. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING. I
7 AM A FORMER CLASSMATE OF EYVIN HERNANDEZ AT U.C.L.A. LAW
8 SCHOOL, AND I WAS ABSOLUTELY BAFFLED TO HEAR THE NEWS THAT HE
9 WAS WRONGFULLY DETAINED IN VENEZUELA. HE HAS JUST BEEN AN
10 UPSTANDING CITIZEN AND DEFENDER OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN HIS
11 ROLE AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER, OVER THE LAST 15 OR SO YEARS, AND
12 TO HEAR THAT HE HAS BEEN DETAINED IS VERY SAD AND SHOCKING. I
13 STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER
14 10, AND SUBMIT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN, AS WELL AS OTHER
15 FOLKS IN D.C., TO JUST RAISE AWARENESS AND HELP BRING EYVIN
16 HOME TO HIS COMMUNITY, TO HIS FAMILY. HELP HIM DO THE WORK
17 THAT HE HAS BEEN TRAINED TO DO, AS AN ATTORNEY. AND SO I
18 STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND JUST WANTED TO
19 VOICE MY SUPPORT.

20

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

25

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

4

5 **BRITTANY RIVAS:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **BRITTANY RIVAS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. HELLO. MY NAME IS BRITTANY
10 RIVAS, AND I AM CALLING ON ITEM 41. ON BEHALF OF OUR WATER
11 L.A. COALITION [INAUDIBLE], WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR
12 THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM'S STORMWATER INVESTMENT PLAN. WE
13 ARE PROUD OF WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR, AND WE
14 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THAT SOME CONCERNS AND HOPES THAT
15 THE BOARD CAN PROVIDE CLEAR DIRECTION AS THE PROGRAM MOVES
16 FORWARD, INCLUDING ITS FIRST BIENNIAL REVIEW. WE ASK YOU TO
17 ADVOCATE FOR MORE SPECIFIC METRICS, TO ENSURE PRIORITY FOR
18 COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROJECTS THAT UTILIZE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
19 TO SPREAD MULTIPLE BENEFITS, PARTICULARLY IN HISTORICALLY
20 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. WE ARE ALSO DISMAYED THAT THE
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' COMMUNITY WORKFORCE
22 AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED, LEAVING TOO MANY
23 PROJECTS NOT YET COVERED BY THE EXPECTED [INAUDIBLE], AND SEEK
24 YOUR DIRECTION TO REALIZE THE GOAL OF GOOD GREEN JOBS AND
25 CAREER PATHWAYS. OUR WATER L.A. LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH

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1 YOU ON THIS, AND CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR THE SAFE CLEAN
2 WATER PROGRAM TO BE AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 TIME.

4

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 10, ABOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE
12 RELEASE OF EYVIN HERNANDEZ. CAN YOU HEAR ME? JUST WANT TO
13 CONFIRM.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. EYVIN HERNANDEZ HAS BEEN MY DEAR FRIEND FOR
18 OVER 25 YEARS. HE IS A LOYAL, SMART, AND CARING PERSON, WHO IS
19 VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING OTHERS. KNOWING HIS CHARACTER, I
20 KNOW HE IS 110% INNOCENT. HE WAS KIDNAPPED WHEN HE GOT TOO
21 CLOSE TO THE COLUMBIAN-VENEZUELAN BORDER, AND HE HAD NO
22 INTENTION OF CROSSING THE BORDER INTO VENEZUELA. ANY BOGUS
23 CLAIMS AGAINST HIM BY VENEZUELA IS SIMPLY TO HOLD HIM AS AN
24 AMERICAN HOSTAGE, SO THAT VENEZUELA CAN USE HIM AS A
25 BARGAINING CHIP AGAINST THE U.S. FOR POLITICAL REASONS. ON THE

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1 HEELS OF THIS PAST WEEKEND'S INTERNATIONAL NEWS THAT SEVEN
2 AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED BY VENEZUELA, WE WERE
3 COMPLETELY DEVASTATED TO LEARN THAT EYVIN WAS NOT ONE OF THE
4 AMERICAN HOSTAGES RELEASED. HE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT BEHIND. HE
5 SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN, AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS
6 SAFETY AND WELLBEING, ESPECIALLY BEING HELD IN INHUMANE
7 CONDITIONS, WITH LIMITED MEDICAL ACCESS. WE URGENTLY NEED MORE
8 HELP ADVOCATING FOR HIM. PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP JOIN US IN
9 SUPPORTING EYVIN HERNANDEZ, TO GET AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN
10 HIS RELEASE IN VENEZUELA. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. MODERATOR, WE WILL
13 NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THE HONORABLE RED CHIEF HUNT, NINTH CIRCUIT WINNER.
16 I'LL BE SPEAKING ON 59, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, OR 59, 63. IN 2007, HAHN, ROSENTHAL,
18 AND A LOT OF CONSTITUENTS FROM THE DISTRICT GOT THE
19 HOSPITALITY WORKERS \$15 AN HOUR IN 2007. NOW IT IS 2023. WE
20 NEED TO INCREASE THE WAGES FOR I.H.S.S. WORKERS RIGHT AWAY. I
21 DO APPROVE OF THAT, AND I HOPE YOU DO APPROVE OF THAT RIGHT
22 AWAY. BECAUSE AFTER GAS AT \$7 A GALLON, AND THEIR WAGES EQUALS
23 UP TO \$8 AN HOUR AFTER THEY PAY FOR GAS, SO WE REALLY NEED TO
24 WORK ON THAT AS A WHOLE. I MEAN, WHEN YOU GO TO THE GROCERY
25 STORE, EVERYTHING IS REALLY, REALLY EXPENSIVE, AND THINGS LIKE

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1 THAT, SO WE REALLY NEED TO WORK ON HELPING OURSELVES HELP
2 THEM. SO, I DO APPROVE OF THAT, IF YOU GUYS CAN GET THAT DONE.
3 \$20 AN HOUR IS LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE AFTER YOU TAKE OUT GAS
4 AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO, ACTUALLY, THEY ARE ACTUALLY ONLY
5 MAKING \$8 TO \$10 AN HOUR, WITH THE INCREASEMENT, AND THINGS
6 LIKE THAT. NOW, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS THE CRISIS FOR THE
7 HOMELESS PEOPLE. WE HAVE FAILED. IN 2005, WE FILED AN
8 INJUNCTION. CAROL SOBEL FILED AN INJUNCTION, AND WE STILL HAVE
9 NO SOLUTION TO THAT ANSWER. I THINK THAT IT IS TIME THAT WE
10 GET TOGETHER. ALL THE ROCKET SCIENTISTS HAVE NOT PROVED THAT
11 THEY CAN COMPLETE THE TASK, SO I THINK THAT WE SHOULD COME UP
12 WITH A VIABLE SOLUTION. AND MY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM-- IF
13 YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, YOU GOT A SOLUTION. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD
14 CALL FOR ONE-THIRD EMINENT DOMAIN OF ALL NEW PROPERTIES, SO
15 THAT WE CAN HOUSE THE HOMELESS PEOPLE. I THINK WE NEED TO GET
16 THAT DONE RIGHT AWAY. IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS. AND I TALKED TO
17 CAROL SOBEL, THE LADY WHO FILED THE INJUNCTION. WE NEED TO
18 REALLY WORK ON THAT AND GET SOMETHING DONE. 80 BEDS IS GOOD,
19 100 BEDS IS GOOD, BUT 25,000 TO 50,000 BEDS IS EVEN BETTER.
20 LET'S TACKLE THE SITUATION. I AM THE RED CHIEF HUNT. GO AHEAD
21 AND APPROVE THAT \$20 AN HOUR. LET'S GET THAT DONE, AND LET'S
22 MOVE ON. WE'VE COME A LONG WAYS, AND WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAYS
23 TO GO. LET'S GET THAT DONE TO \$20 AN HOUR. THANK YOU. THE RED
24 CHIEF HUNT.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS: ITEM FIVE,
2 SEVEN, EIGHT, 25, 1-D, AND ALL ITEMS THAT I SIGNED UP ON,
3 INCLUDING MY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. MS. DAVENPORT
4 AND MS. HARRISON, 42 U.S.C. 1983, PLEASE. SO, LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN, HONORABLE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY, I GRIEVE FOR YOU, FOR THE ABUSE OF SERVICES AND THE
7 POOR DEDICATION OF WHAT HOUSING IS ALL ABOUT. AND TO THOSE WHO
8 ARE THE HARDWORKING PEOPLE BEHIND ME, S.E.I.U., THE AMERICAN
9 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING THAT I AM SUPPORTING ON YOUR BEHALF,
10 BECAUSE IT IS MY MONEY TO SUPPORT YOU, THE AMERICAN DREAM, THE
11 AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR \$40 AN HOUR, NOT \$20. DUE TO INFLATION
12 AND THE COST OF LIVING, WE ARE FINDING OUT THAT YOUR
13 PRESIDENT, THE 46TH PRESIDENT, HAS LET YOU DOWN. AND I AM NOT
14 GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE 46TH PRESIDENT IN A NEGATIVE WAY, BUT
15 YOU DECIDE WHAT YOUR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT HAS DONE TO YOUR
16 COUNTRY, TO YOUR FELLOW MAN, AND TO THE PEOPLE, MEN AND WOMEN,
17 LIVING ON OUR STREETS TODAY. SO, I SAY TO YOU IN GOOD RESPECT,
18 I HOPE IT WORKS OUT FOR YOU. I AM CLOSE TO MY DEATH, AND I
19 LOOK FOR IT IN HONOR, BECAUSE AS AN ADVOCATE AND A STRONG
20 BELIEVER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT IS DOOMED, ALL I
21 CAN SAY IS GOODBYE TO ALL OF YOU. IT IS A SHAME THAT THE
22 AMERICAN PEOPLE OF AMERICA TODAY-- AFRICAN-AMERICAN, MINORITY,
23 HISPANICS, ASIAN-AMERICAN, AND THE REST OF US CAUCASIANS, LIKE
24 MYSELF-- HAVE TO BE THE PITIFUL EPITOME OF WHAT WE SEE TODAY
25 ON OUR STREETS. AND IT IS A DAMN SHAME THAT, IN THE SERVICE OF

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1 S.E.I.U. HOME CARE, WE CAN'T GET \$40 AN HOUR. WHEN I WORKED
2 FOR COUNTY U.S.C., BACK IN 1995, AS A C.N.A. TITLE 1, 2, AND
3 3, I NEVER RECEIVED AN INCREASE OF WAGES, SO I RESIGNED,
4 BECAUSE I WORKED TOO HARD AROUND A.I.D.S. PATIENTS TO BELIEVE
5 THAT AMERICA WAS GREAT, AND IT WAS TIME TO GET A NEW GIG. SO,
6 IN SUPPORT OF ALL MY ITEMS, I WANT TO READ INTO THE RECORD THE
7 REPORT NUMBER 183397 M.W.L., AND ALL THESE RECORDS THAT I AM
8 TURNING INTO THE RECORD TO YOU ATTORNEYS. READ IT. BRANDENBURG
9 V. OHIO, U.S. 395, 444 (1969), AND I WON'T SAY THOSE WORDS
10 THAT OFFEND YOU. BUT THIS IS AMERICA, AND I HAVE A
11 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DEFEND EVERY AMERICAN, AS I SAID.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-
15 JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, A MEMBER
16 OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 50, 63, AND
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE A
18 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET THAT CAN MOVE US CLOSER TO A CARE-FIRST
19 REALITY, AND I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT IS
20 ENCOURAGING ABOUT THAT BUDGET. IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT
21 WE ARE MOVING A.B. 109 DOLLARS INTO THE NECESSARY WORK OF
22 O.D.R. THAT IS ALSO INCREASING THE RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC
23 DEFENDERS AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS. YOU ALL KNOW WE
24 HAVE BEEN WORKING YEARS TO STOP THE REFLEXIVE ALLOCATION OF
25 A.B. 109 DOLLARS INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE

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1 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, WHICH IT DOES NOT NEED MORE
2 RESOURCES. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS CONTINUE TO DOUBLE DOWN ON
3 THAT, AND INVEST IN STRUCTURES, IN OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROGRAMS
4 THAT WORK. IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT WE ARE ALLOCATING TO
5 O.D.R. \$73 MILLION, SO WE CAN ADDRESS ITS DEFICIT, SO WE CAN
6 EXPAND ITS BEDS. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR, TIME
7 AND TIME AGAIN. AND SO WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT'S BEING
8 DONE TODAY TO ACTUALLY MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. WHAT REMAINS
9 CRITICAL, HOWEVER, IS A NEED TO EXPAND THE CARE WORKFORCE. IN
10 LIGHT OF THE VERY DANGEROUS EFFORTS TO DELEGITIMIZE THE CARE-
11 FIRST ROADMAP THAT WE SAW LAST WEEK, THE DANGEROUS CYNICISM
12 THAT DEEMS SOME OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE JAILS AS IRREDEEMABLE,
13 UNABLE TO BE WELL, OR TOO DANGEROUS, DESPITE THOSE MYTHS, WHAT
14 CLINICIANS TELL US IS THAT WHAT IS KEEPING US BACK FROM BEING
15 ABLE TO PULL OUR FOLKS OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY IS A LACK OF A
16 WORKFORCE THAT CAN GO IN AND STABILIZE OUR FOLKS; A LACK OF
17 PLACES TO GET PEOPLE WHERE THEY CAN HAVE BEDS, SO THEY CAN
18 REST AND BE BETTER. THAT IS A TYPE OF DIALOGUE WE NEED TO BE
19 INVESTED IN TODAY: EXPANDING THE WORKFORCE SO THEY CAN GET OUR
20 FOLKS OUT. IT SHOULD NOT BE LOST ON US THAT THE REASON SUCH A
21 DEBATE WAS ABLE TO TAKE PLACE LAST WEEK, BECAUSE THERE HAVE
22 BEEN A LACK OF COHESION AND COHERENCE AMONGST THE BOARD. WE
23 HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TO SET A
24 TIMELINE TO EXPAND O.D.R. BED CAPACITY AND IDENTIFY RESOURCES
25 WAS WATERED DOWN IN A VOTE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL. AND SO, AS YOU APPROVE A BUDGET TODAY, IT BEGS THE
2 QUESTION: CAN THIS BOARD MAINTAIN THE COHERENCE TO PREVENT THE
3 TYPES OF OPPORTUNISM AND CYNICISM THAT RESULTS IN MORE OF OUR
4 PEOPLE SUFFERING IN CAGES? WHAT IS DEEPLY CONCERNING ABOUT THE
5 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TODAY IS THEIR PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE
6 SHERIFF'S BUDGET BY \$228 MILLION FOR PATROL AND COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGE FUNCTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN BLACK AND BROWN
8 COMMUNITIES. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A DEPARTMENT THAT IS UNDER
9 FEDERAL SETTLEMENTS AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR RACIAL
10 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BLACK AND BROWN FOLKS, SPECIFICALLY IN
11 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. YOUR ALLOCATIONS TODAY WILL FUND A
12 DEPARTMENT WHO EVEN THE FEDERAL MONITOR HAS SAID NEVER
13 ANALYZES USE-OF-FORCE DATA, NEVER ATTEMPTS TO TRACK WHERE THE
14 DEPUTIES DRAW THEIR WEAPONS OR POINT THEM AT COMMUNITIES, DOES
15 NOT TAKE COMPLIANCE DEADLINES SERIOUSLY, IS FOCUSED ON
16 DISPROVING AND DISCOUNTING STATISTICAL DISPARITIES FOUND BY
17 THE MONITORS THEMSELVES. THAT'S WHAT YOUR \$228 MILLION WILL
18 BUY YOU TODAY, AND WE ASK YOU TO REALLOCATE THOSE DOLLARS INTO
19 WHAT WE HAVE ALL AGREED IS THE CONSENSUS: CARE FIRST, JAIL
20 LAST.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CHLOE, AND I AM DOING GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. I FINALLY HAVE A SAFE AND STABLE HOME. IT IS IN AN
24 R.V. PARK, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN NOTHING. I LOVE MY HOME. I
25 DON'T WANT TO LEAVE. BEFORE I MOVED HERE, WE HAD TO PARK OUR

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1 R.V. ON DIFFERENT PROPERTIES ALL THE TIME. IT WAS REALLY
2 SCARY. BUT NOW I LIKE WHERE I LIVE, AND I HOPE IT IS
3 PERMANENT. AND I CAN PLAY OUTSIDE WITH THE OTHER PARK KIDS,
4 AND IT IS EVEN SAFE TO PLAY AT NIGHT. YOU CAN'T FIND THAT
5 ANYWHERE ELSE, NOWADAYS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS LINDA, AND I LIVE IN AN R.V. PARK, AND
8 I AM IN A NICE AND STABLE SCHOOL, WHERE I HAVE NICE FRIENDS.
9 AND IF THEY KICK US OUT, I WON'T BE WITH THOSE FRIENDS
10 ANYMORE. AND IF I GO TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL, I WILL PLAY WITH
11 DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND I'D LIKE TO BE IN MY NEW SCHOOL. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED: MICHELLE REED, ERIN ADAM,
16 BILL WHITESIDE, RAY PIZARRO, AND WAYNE SPINDLER. MODERATOR,
17 MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

18

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS KRISTEN STUDDARD. I AM GOING TO BE
24 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 9, 50, 63, AND I'LL ALSO BE MAKING A GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. I ALSO JUST WANT TO START BY TALKING ABOUT

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1 LANGUAGE JUSTICE, AND JUST HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ALLOW PEOPLE
2 WHO NEED AN INTERPRETER TO HAVE THEIR INTERPRETER CONTINUE TO
3 TRANSLATE THEIR COMMENTS, ONCE THEY HAVE FINISHED SPEAKING.
4 SO, NUMBER 9: SUPPORTING THE PROGRAMMING AND TRANSITION OF
5 SECURE TRACK YOUTH TO CAMPUS KILPATRICK. AS HAS BEEN
6 MENTIONED, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN PROBATION
7 OFFICERS, AND WHEN WE HIRE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO WORK WITH
8 SECURE TRACK YOUTH, WE ARE MAKING THE RIGHT CALL, BECAUSE THEY
9 COME FROM OUTSIDE OF THE PROBATION SYSTEM. THEY HAVE LIVED
10 EXPERIENCE ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURE. THEY HAVE THE
11 SKILLS AND HAVE THE TRUST OF THE YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED
12 BY THE SYSTEM. WE SHOULD ALSO BE MOVING MORE YOUTH TO CAMP
13 KILPATRICK. SO FAR, ONLY SIX YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED
14 THERE. WE NEED TO MOVE MORE OF THEM, AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY
15 HAVE ACCESS TO THESE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND PROGRAMMING, SUCH
16 AS HEALING ARTS, VOCATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, COLLEGE CREDITS,
17 CONFLICT MEDIATION. SO, I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM.
18 WITH REGARDS TO NUMBER 50, RESCINDING THE JUVENILE
19 INSTITUTIONS SERVICES HIRING FREEZE, IT IS ABSOLUTELY
20 ESSENTIAL THAT EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THE BOARD SAY NO TO
21 HIRING MORE PROBATION OFFICERS. WE DO NOT NEED MORE PROBATION
22 OFFICERS, AND YOU KNOW WHO AGREES WITH THAT? THE PROBATION
23 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THEY VOTED YESTERDAY TO SAY THAT WE
24 SHOULD NOT LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE. LISTEN TO THEM. THEY KNOW
25 THAT PROBATION OFFICERS ALREADY HAVE OVER 2600 POSITIONS

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1 FILLED, NOT INCLUDING THE SUPPORT STAFF. WE DO HAVE MORE THAN
2 ENOUGH PEOPLE. WE DON'T NEED TO BE HIRING MORE PEOPLE. WE NEED
3 TO BE MAKING SURE THAT THE SYSTEM WORKS, AS IS. AND WE
4 SHOULDN'T BE INVESTING MORE IN PROBATION, TO BEGIN WITH. AND
5 THEN, WITH REGARD TO THE FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION, IT IS VERY
6 IMPORTANT THAT WE UTILIZE A.B. 109 FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF
7 DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND BOLSTERING THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND
8 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE INTENT OF
9 THE BILL ITSELF. A.B. 109 POPULATION IN THE JAILS IS STEADILY
10 DECREASING, YET WE DON'T SEE THIS REFLECTED IN THE FUNDING.
11 ONCE AGAIN, THE MAJORITY OF A.B. 109 FUNDS WILL GO TO THE BASE
12 FUNDING OF THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS. EVERY YEAR,
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECEIVES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
14 FROM A.B. 109 FUNDING. HOWEVER, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THAT
15 FUNDING IS CONTINUOUSLY SPENT ON THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION
16 DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE HEARD, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THAT ONE OF
17 THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DEPARTMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE IS THE
18 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. TRULY INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-
19 BASED DIVERSION IS NOT ONLY MORE EFFECTIVE, COST-WISE, BUT IT
20 WILL ALSO SAVE MORE LIVES THAN SPENDING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.
21 THE BUDGET IS WHERE WE SHOW WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE. THE
22 BUDGET IS WHERE WE SHOW WHAT WE FUND IS WHAT WE VALUE. AND
23 RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO BE FUNDING CARE, RATHER THAN
24 INCARCERATION.

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

3

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

7

8 **QUINN TANG:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS QUINN TANG. I AM SPEAKING
9 TODAY ON AGENDA ITEM 10. I WORK AS A SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY
10 COUNSEL WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL, BUT I AM
11 ACTUALLY CALLING IN ON MY PERSONAL CAPACITY, AS A FRIEND AND A
12 CLASSMATE TO MR. EYVIN HERNANDEZ. I FIRST MET EYVIN WHEN WE
13 WERE IN LAW SCHOOL, BACK IN 2002. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN KIND AND
14 CONSIDERATE, ALWAYS THOUGHTFUL TO OTHERS. AND IN LIGHT OF THAT
15 HE HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE AND CAREER TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY
16 AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, I THANK YOU,
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO SUPPORT
18 EYVIN'S RELEASE. IT IS A SMALL STEP IN AN ARDUOUS JOURNEY. I'M
19 SORRY. I AM GETTING EMOTIONAL, BECAUSE IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT
20 TIME FOR HIS FRIENDS AND HIS FAMILY. IT IS A SMALL STEP IN AN
21 ARDUOUS JOURNEY HOME FOR EYVIN, AND WE HOPE THIS ACTION WILL
22 HELP TO BRING HIM HOME SAFELY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND
23 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

24

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WILLIAM WATKINS. 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 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HI. MY NAME IS WILLIAM. CALL ME BILL--
7 BILL WATKINS-- ON 2, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I BELIEVE THAT'S
8 CORRECT. THAT IS JUST A-- A PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER WAS WHAT I
9 WANTED TO SPEAK TO. I WROTE ABOUT IT AND SENT THAT IN, BUT I
10 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY ONE THING. AND, MS. HILDA SOLIS, I
11 WOULD LIKE TO SAY HELLO TO MY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MY DISTRICT
12 1. U.S. GOVERNMENT, THIS LEVEL GOVERNMENT, COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
13 NO GOVERNMENT I KNOW HERE HAS EVER DEFINED THE TERM "HEALTH."
14 THE TERM "HEALTH," IF YOU WERE TO DEFINE IT LEGALLY, YOU'RE
15 GOING TO HEAD DOWN A ROAD OF WHAT IS PERSONAL, LIKE RELIGION.
16 GOVERNMENT STAYS OUT OF RELIGION. WE KNOW IT IS PERSONAL. THE
17 SAME IS WITH HEALTH. DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO WITH MY NOSE AND
18 MY MOUTH, PLEASE. STOP DOING THAT. I LOVE YOU GUYS. YOU ARE
19 GOING TOO FAR. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT GOES TOO FAR WHEN THEY
20 MANDATE THINGS. FEEL FREE TO RECOMMEND, BASED ON YOUR WESTERN
21 MEDICINE, GREAT "SCIENCE." YOU CAN ALWAYS RECOMMEND SOMETHING.
22 AS SOON AS YOU COME INTO MY LIVING ROOM, AND YOU GET PERSONAL
23 WITH ME ON THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT, LIKE MY PERSONAL
24 HEALTH, YOU HAVE CROSSED A LINE. I SAY THAT, HOPEFULLY, NOT
25 ANGRILY, BUT JUST A LITTLE BIT OF A, "HEY, PLEASE BACK OFF.

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1 STAY IN YOUR LANE." THANKS VERY MUCH. I WILL JUST QUIT RIGHT
2 THERE. GOD BLESS YOU GUYS. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK JOHNSON. PLEASE STATE
7 THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **MARK JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS MARK JOHNSON. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM
11 33. I AM A LABOR RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
12 CONSULTANT FOR M.L. JOHNSON, AND I AM ASKING THAT THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS POSTPONE THE AWARD OF THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. C.W.A.
14 ADMINISTRATION BID TO PARSONS, AS THERE WERE SEVERAL ERRORS.
15 I'M A SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, AND WAS ORIGINALLY SELECTED
16 FOR THIS CONTRACT, BUT THE COUNTY INCORRECTLY WITHDREW THE
17 AWARD WHEN THEY SAID THAT I DID NOT MEET THE STANDARD OF
18 HAVING WORKED ON A \$500 MILLION PROJECT. THIS WAS NOT TRUE, AS
19 THE COUNTY FAILED TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND CONTACT A RETIRED
20 AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS INFORMATION. THEY THEN DROPPED
21 THE QUALIFICATION TO \$100 MILLION, AND REBID THE CONTRACT, AND
22 IT WAS AWARDED TO PARSONS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW
23 THE COUNTY CAN AWARD THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT TO M.L. JOHNSON, A
24 SMALL BUSINESS, AND THEN DROP THE STANDARD TO \$100 MILLION,
25 AND AWARD IT TO A LARGE BUSINESS. ALSO, THE COUNTY DID NOT

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1 FOLLOW ITS OWN STANDARDS WHEN THEY ALLOWED A COUNTY EMPLOYEE,
2 WHO HAD AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH PARSONS, TO BE ONE OF THE
3 INTERVIEWERS ON THE SECOND BID. FINALLY, THE M.L. JOHNSON TEAM
4 WAS THE LOWEST BID, EQUALING OVER \$950,000 LESS COST THAN
5 PARSONS. I AM ASKING THAT YOU POSTPONE AWARDDING THE BID, AND
6 LOOK FURTHER INTO THE AWARD.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
12 THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
13 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I WILL ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS, AND I'LL ALSO
16 GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS A VERY
17 INTERESTING COMMENT JUST BEFORE ME, AND IT WAS VERY HARD,
18 BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN JUMPING AROUND IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT SO
19 ROBUSTLY BETWEEN GENERAL ITEMS, AS WELL AS THINGS THAT ARE
20 JUST UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION, AND ALSO THE SPECIFIC ITEMS,
21 LIKE WHAT THE MAN WAS TALKING ABOUT A MOMENT AGO, WHICH WAS AN
22 R.F.P. AND I JUST AM VERY CONCERNED, BECAUSE WE DO A LOT OF
23 SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENTS TO AVOID A FAIR AND LEVEL PLAYING
24 FIELD, AND THEN, WHEN WE DO SET OUT TO DO THAT, TO TAKE THE
25 BEST AND FAIREST OFFER, AND THERE'S OBJECTIONS, IT'S SQUELCHED

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1 INTO A TINY LITTLE WINDOW, LIKE A LITTLE PEEPHOLE, INSTEAD OF
2 WHAT SHOULD BE A REGULAR MEETING. AND THEN, TO BE FAIR, YOU
3 HAVE BEGUN MEETING WITH PEOPLE IN THE HALL, BUT IT'S MURKY,
4 BECAUSE I GUESS IT'S OPTIONAL, WHICH IS GOOD, BUT PEOPLE
5 SHOULD NOT BE HELD UP AT THE DOOR IF THEY DON'T WANT TO WEAR A
6 MASK. AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY ABOUT YOUR AGENDA.
7 WE'VE GOT-- YOU KNOW, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FIASCO HAS BEEN
8 GOING ON FOR SO LONG THAT PEOPLE ARE LOSING FAITH IN YOUR
9 ABILITY TO DEAL WITH IT. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL
10 CONSENT DECREES, BOTH AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND IN
11 CUSTODY OPERATIONS, WHICH IS-- YOU KNOW, YOU SEE SOME OF THE
12 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ALMOST A DECADE, AND WE ARE
13 BEGGING FOR A SOLUTION, AND YET IT SEEMS THAT THE ONLY WAY TO
14 GET TO A SOLUTION IS TO NOT SOLVE IT, AND TO FLOAT AROUND,
15 HOPELESSLY, AND THEN FLOOD THE ZONE WITH THE I.H.S.S. WORKERS,
16 WHO ABSOLUTELY NEED THE \$20. BUT WHY DO WE NEED TO HEAR 800
17 PEOPLE SAY IT, WHEN IT IS TRUE? JUST DO IT. STEP FORWARD. AND
18 KUDOS TO WHOEVER CAME UP WITH THE "STEP AWAY." THAT'S THE
19 LOCAL BRANDING FOR, "DON'T GET INVOLVED IN DUMDUM FIGHTS THAT
20 YOU CAN'T-- THERE'S NO BENEFIT." SO THAT'S HELPFUL TO THE
21 WHOLE SOCIETY. AND IF WE SPENT A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME WORKING
22 IN OUR D.C.F.S., WITH THOSE KINDS OF MEDIATION IDEAS, TO AVOID
23 THINGS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL, WE WOULD HAVE A LOT FEWER KIDS
24 IN CUSTODY, A LOT FEWER KIDS-- WHATEVER THEY CALL THEM, THAT
25 D.C.F.S. IS OVERSEEING. SO, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO,

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1 AND YET YOU ARE PHONING IT IN. SO, I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO
2 AGREE TO MEET REGULARLY. HOPEFULLY, YOU HAVE DONE THAT. YOU
3 SHOULD ANNOUNCE IT, IF IT IS TRUE, AND WE CAN GO OVER YOUR
4 PUBLIC COMMENT RULES. THEY MAKE NO SENSE, AND IT'S A DRAMATIC
5 REDUCTION FROM WHAT WAS ON THE BOOKS FOR YEARS. AND THE ONLY
6 REASON WHY YOU WOULDN'T HONOR THAT IS BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT
7 SCRUTINY. AND EVERYBODY DOES WANT SCRUTINY BECAUSE, JUST LIKE
8 THE MAN SAID, IT DIDN'T SEEM FAIR. THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS
9 SOMEBODY AT THE-- WHEREVER THE AGENCY THAT WAS GIVING THE
10 CONTRACT. THAT'S THE KIND OF STUFF THE PUBLIC WANTS. THAT'S
11 OUR PROCESS. WHEN WE SHINE THE LIGHTS ON THOSE THINGS, ALL THE
12 WRONGDOING KIND OF DRIES UP. AND IF WE ARE LUCKY, WE WILL GET
13 SOME RAIN, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. SO, WITH THAT...

14

15 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, OUR OFFICIAL 90 MINUTES HAS-- WE'VE
18 REACHED THAT: 11:12. WE HAVE REACHED OUR 90-MINUTE MARK. WHAT
19 I AM GOING TO DO, LIKE WE DID LAST WEEK, BECAUSE WE ARE JUST
20 REOPENING, AND PEOPLE ARE SHOWING UP, I AM GOING TO TAKE THE
21 CHAIR'S PRIVILEGE OF EXTENDING PUBLIC COMMENT BY 30 MINUTES
22 FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, AND I AM GOING TO ASK-- I KNOW
23 MANY OF YOU HAVE PREPARED STATEMENTS. I AM GOING TO ASK THAT
24 YOU LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO ONE MINUTE, SO WITHIN THIS 30-
25 MINUTE PERIOD, WE CAN GET THROUGH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

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1 BEFORE WE DO THAT, I WOULD JUST REMIND EVERYONE THAT IS HERE,
2 BECAUSE SEVERAL COMMENTS WERE MADE, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
3 KUEHL ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING, AS I SAID AT THE TOP
4 OF THE AGENDA. THEY ARE PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, SO THEY ARE
5 LISTENING AND WATCHING TO THE FULL BOARD PROCEEDINGS. SO,
6 AGAIN, AN ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES, AND I'M GOING TO ASK EVERYONE
7 TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO ONE MINUTE, PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH. FIRST WITNESS. OH, I'M SORRY. WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP TEN
9 MORE. GIVE ME-- I'M SORRY. ONE SECOND. LET US CALL TEN MORE
10 PEOPLE, SO THEY'LL BE QUEUED UP AND READY. PLEASE CALL THE
11 NEXT TEN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. JESSE DAVIS, ROBERT MACNEAL, JUDY
14 SANTIAGO, ANGELA GARDNER, LINDA MCKEEL, STUART SILVER, ALAN
15 GALLON, ARIANA GARLIN, LAUREN NATOLI, AND NANCY KALEV.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU MIND CALLING AN ATTENTIONAL
18 10? BECAUSE A NUMBER OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON THE LIST FOR
19 A WHILE. I THINK MAYBE THEY SIGNED UP, AND THEY'RE NOT HERE.
20 FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T SEE ASSEMBLYMAN ISAAC BRYAN IN THE ROOM.
21 SO, COULD WE CALL ANOTHER TEN, PLEASE?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES. ANTIGONE ROBINSON, ADRIANA HERNANDEZ, HERIBERTO
24 ARREDONDO, ARKAYLA TENNEY-HOWARD, CAROLE NATHANSON, JANINE

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1 ANGEL, BENI BENITEZ, PEDRO AGUILERA, MEGAN CASTILLO, AND
2 OLIVIA SHIELDS.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. REMINDING EVERYONE,
5 I AM ASKING FOR ONE MINUTE. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS ERIN, AND I AM DOING GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. SO, I'VE LIVED IN AN R.V. PARK IN SOLEDAD CANYON FOR
9 OVER FOUR YEARS, AND IT USED TO HAVE A BAD REPUTATION FOR
10 BEING RUN-DOWN, HAVING DRUG ADDICTS, ALL THAT STUFF. AND SINCE
11 THEN, THEY HAVE TURNED IT AROUND, MONUMENTALLY. AND BASICALLY,
12 THEY ARE TRYING TO KICK MORE THAN HALF OF US OUT. AND WE ARE
13 THE ONLY PARK THAT ACCEPTS R.V.S THAT ARE OVER TEN YEARS OLD,
14 AND THAT DOESN'T HAVE A STAY LIMIT AT THE PARK. SO, IF THEY
15 KICK PEOPLE OUT, EVERYBODY IS GOING TO LOSE THEIR R.V.S. YOU
16 CAN'T PARK THEM ON THE STREETS, LIKE YOU USED TO BE ABLE TO.
17 SO, A NUMBER OF THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO END UP HOMELESS,
18 INCLUDING MYSELF. MY R.V. IS OLDER THAN TEN YEARS OLD, SO I
19 WOULD BE ONE OF THEM. AND BEFORE I MOVED HERE, I WAS ON DRUGS.
20 I WAS SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALK. AND SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE, I
21 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND. SO, I DON'T WANT TO GO
22 BACK TO SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALK, OR LOSE MY HOME. I HAVE COME
23 A REALLY LONG WAY TO GET HERE. SO, THAT'S IT.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT. NEXT
2 WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR?

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HOLD ON ONE SECOND. YES, SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** I BELIEVE THOSE TWO YOUNG GIRLS, AS WELL AS THIS
9 WOMAN, SPOKE ABOUT THIS R.V. PARK. DO WE HAVE INFORMATION
10 ABOUT WHERE IT IS, AND COULD WE--

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HOW ABOUT WE ASK THAT SHE--

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** IT IS IN MY DISTRICT, AND I AM HAVING SOMEONE GO
15 OUT TO TALK TO THEM. IT'S IN SOLEDAD CANYON.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU.
22 NEXT WITNESS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THANK YOU. I HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE SAME
25 R.V. PARK, L.A. R.V. PARK. I AM A DISABLED VETERAN. I AM

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1 LIVING ON A LOWER INCOME. IT IS KIND OF TOUGH TO PAY FOR AN
2 APARTMENT. I HAVE AN R.V., AND THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.
3 IT IS A SAFE PLACE. AND I KNOW THAT KATHRYN BARGER HAS ALSO
4 SAID THAT SHE WAS LOOKING OUT FOR US, THAT SHE WAS GOING TO
5 TRY TO HELP US. AND, YOU KNOW, DO YOU WANT MORE HOMELESS
6 PEOPLE ON THE STREETS? BECAUSE THAT'S THE SIMPLE QUESTION.
7 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, AND THESE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN, WOMEN AND
8 CHILDREN, HARDWORKING PEOPLE, ARE GOING TO BE ON THE STREET IF
9 THIS GOES THROUGH. AND IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE SIGNATURE. THE
10 OWNER IS WILLING TO PUT UP TONS OF MONEY TO FIX THIS, ANY
11 PROBLEMS THAT THE STATE HAS WITH IT. IT IS ALL READY TO GO.
12 AND THIS WOULD BE A SIMPLE THING. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
13 HOMES. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING WITH-- THEY ARE GOING
14 TO SCHOOL. THE KIDS ARE GOING TO SCHOOL, AND IT WOULD BE AN
15 EASY THING TO FIX FOR YOU GUYS, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. AND
16 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS JESSE DAVIS. I AM HERE, ALSO, IN REGARDS
21 TO CALI LAKE CAMPGROUND. THREE YEARS AGO, MY WIFE PASSED AWAY
22 OF CANCER, AND IT LEFT ME ON ONE INCOME. I AM A DISABLED VET,
23 AND MY MOTOR HOME IS 20 YEARS OLD. I CAN'T GO TO ANOTHER PARK.
24 LIKE HE SAID, THE OWNERS ARE WILLING TO DUMP TONS OF MONEY AT
25 IT. THEY HAVE A PREAPPROVED OUT-OF-GROUND SEPTIC TANK; ABOVE-

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1 GROUND SEPTIC TANK. THAT WAS ONE OF THE CONCERNS, I
2 UNDERSTAND, IN REGARDS TO IF THERE WAS A FLOOD, IT WOULD WASH
3 SEWAGE. AND HE IS WILLING TO PUT IN THIS REALLY EXPENSIVE
4 PREAPPROVED SEPTIC SYSTEM, AND HE HAS TRIED TO FOLLOW ALL YOUR
5 WANTS AND WISHES, AND JUMP THROUGH HOOPS, AND... I DON'T KNOW.
6 BUT THE GROUP HAS MORE MONEY THAN GOD, AND, I MEAN, THEY CAN
7 AFFORD TO DO IT. JUST DON'T MAKE US GO ON THE STREET.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE YOU.
10 NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. ONE MINUTE.

11

12 **NANCY WONGVIPAT KALEV:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NANCY WONGVIPAT
13 KALEV. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I AM SPEAKING TO
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. MANY OF THE SUPERVISORS HAVE HEARD FROM MORE
15 THAN 100 DOCTORS AND OTHER PROVIDERS IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH NET.
16 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO THEIR VOICES. TODAY, I AM JOINED BY
17 100 OF MY COLLEAGUES FROM HEALTH NET, MANY OF THEM WHO COULD
18 NOT MAKE IT INTO THE ROOM, TO SHARE HOW WE PROVIDE GREAT CARE
19 FOR OUR MEMBERS, AND HOW WE HELP PROVIDERS GIVE GOOD-QUALITY
20 CARE. I HAVE WORKED AT HEALTH NET FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. THE
21 DECISION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES HAS
22 IMPLICATIONS BEYOND SERVICE DISRUPTION. I WORK ON THE MEDI-CAL
23 SYSTEMS OF CARE TEAM, HELPING DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT HEALTHCARE
24 PROGRAMS FOR OUR MEMBERS. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS DEVOTED MY ENTIRE
25 LIFE TO DOING PUBLIC HEALTH WORK, I UNDERSTAND OUR MEMBERS'

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1 NEEDS, AND KNOW THAT WE, THROUGH HEALTH NET, HAVE BEEN DOING
2 IMPACTFUL WORK THAT IS DIRECTLY HELPING OUR FAMILIES AND
3 COMMUNITIES. THE CALA.I.M. WORK THAT WE ARE DOING IS
4 TRANSFORMING OUR ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BY TRULY LOOKING AT
5 SYSTEMIC AND UPSTREAM FACTORS, ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY, AND
6 ADDRESSING WHOLE-PERSON CARE. EVERY DAY, I WORK TOWARDS MAKING
7 HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY, AND I
8 URGE YOU TO ASK THE STATE TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION, WHICH
9 WILL JEOPARDIZE ALL THE WORK--

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
12 PLEASE. ONE MINUTE.

13

14 **JANINE ANGEL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JANINE ANGEL, AND I HAVE
15 WORKED FOR HEALTH NET FOR 17 YEARS, AND I HAVE LIVED IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY MY WHOLE LIFE. I WORK ON A TEAM THAT HELPS
17 PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN LOS ANGELES, BY OVERSEEING SPECIFIC PLANS
18 AVAILABLE FOR FOLKS WITH BOTH MEDICARE AND MEDI-CAL, OUR CAL
19 MEDICONNECT PLANS. PART OF THE D.H.C.S. CALA.I.M. INITIATIVE
20 CAL MEDICONNECT PLANS ARE CHANGING TO MEDICARE/MEDI-CAL PLANS
21 IN 2023, WHERE A MEMBER IS ON A MEDICARE DUAL SPECIAL NEEDS
22 PLAN, AND ALSO OUR HEALTH NET MEDI-CAL PLAN. BECAUSE OF THIS
23 TRANSITION, I ASKED OUR MEMBERS DIRECTLY, AT OUR ENROLLEE
24 ADVISOREE COMMITTEES, WHAT THEY WERE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT.
25 THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN WAS HAVING TO CHANGE THEIR PROVIDERS,

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1 WHOM THEY HAVE DEVELOPED MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH, OVER
2 THE YEARS. BY ELIMINATING HEALTH NET AS A MEDI-CAL OPTION IN
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE STATE IS ASKING 1 MILLION PEOPLE TO
4 POTENTIALLY CHANGE THE DOCTORS OR THE WAY THEY ACCESS CARE.
5 34,000 MEMBERS, WHO ARE ON THE HEALTH NET MEDICARE MEDI-CAL
6 PLAN, WILL ALSO HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY THEY GET THEIR MEDICARE
7 BENEFITS. I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER TO--

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

11

12 **LAUREN NATOLI:** GOOD MORNING. I AM LAUREN NATOLI, FROM A.I.D.S.
13 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I AM SPEAKING ON 2, 59, 63, AND GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW DOES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR HEALTH
15 DEPUTIES DETERMINE WHICH ISSUES ARE ACTED UPON? IS IT BASED ON
16 COMMUNITY INTEREST? S.T.I.S ARE HIGHLY THREATENING TO THE
17 GENERAL PUBLIC, IF LEFT UNCHECKED. WE MUST USE LOCAL RESOURCES
18 TO STRENGTHEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN L.A. COUNTY.
19 IF NOT, OUR COMMUNITIES WILL ALWAYS BE VULNERABLE TO THE RAPID
20 SPREAD OF DISEASE. STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE HIT
21 WITH MULTIPLE OUTBREAKS AT ONCE, CURRENTLY, SO THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS MUST SCRUTINIZE EVERY LINE WITHIN THE BUDGET,
23 ENSURING THAT PRECIOUS DOLLARS ARE SPENT APPROPRIATELY. IF \$6
24 MILLION CAN BE USED THIS YEAR TO EXTEND THE SUMMER SWIM SEASON
25 AT L.A. COUNTY'S POOLS, THEN WHAT IS STANDING IN THE WAY OF

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1 ALLOCATING \$10 MILLION TOWARD S.T.D. TESTING, TREATMENT, AND
2 PREVENTION? WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT PUBLIC SPACES ARE
3 IMPORTANT, FUNDING PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PUBLIC HEALTH
4 OVER LEISURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

7

8 **HERIBERTO ARREDONDO JR.:** MY NAME IS HERIBERTO ARREDONDO JR.,
9 AND I AM A LIFE COACH WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I
10 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 9, AND OPPOSITION OF ITEM
11 49. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME. AS SOMEONE WHO
12 SPENT 30 YEARS INCARCERATED, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO INVEST IN
13 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS LIKE MYSELF. WHEN I WAS IN JUVENILE HALL
14 AND FACING THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY ACTIONS, I FELT ABANDONED
15 AND FULL OF ANXIETY. EVERYONE IN AUTHORITY ONLY CONDEMNED ME
16 AND PUNISHED ME. ME AND MY FRIEND, WILFREDO, WERE BLESSED TO
17 HAVE A MENTOR WHO VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME, AND WOULD VISIT US ON
18 SUNDAYS. HIS GUIDANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SUPPORT HELPED US TO
19 COPE WITH OUR INCARCERATION. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE
20 TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY JAIL, AND THEN PRISON. I WAS BLESSED
21 WITH A SECOND CHANCE, AND RELEASED FROM PRISON. WILFREDO WAS
22 UNABLE TO COPE WITH INCARCERATION, AND TRAGICALLY OVERDOSED
23 AND DIED WHILE INCARCERATED. I REMEMBER THE IMPACT OF HAVING
24 JAVIER MENTOR US, AND MY PERSONAL MISSION IS TO HAVE THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO GO INSIDE AND MENTOR THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE

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1 CURRENTLY INCARCERATED. WE NEED TO BRING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS
2 IN KILPATRICK AND BARRY J., NOW. FUNDING D.Y.D. IS THE ANSWER
3 TO THE PROBLEM PROBATION CREATED. KIDS LOCKED UP--

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOUR ONE MINUTE IS UP. THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AGAIN, I AM GOING TO SUGGEST, I KNOW
7 PEOPLE HAVE WRITTEN TESTIMONY. I WANT YOU TO MONITOR YOUR TIME
8 ON THE CLOCK, SO YOU CAN LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SPEAKING IN
9 OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT OF. NEXT WITNESS. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

10

11 **CAROLE NATHANSON:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CAROLE NATHANSON. I AM
12 A REGISTERED NURSE FOR HEALTH NET. I HAVE BEEN WITH THEM FOR
13 ABOUT EIGHT YEARS. I ACTUALLY MANAGED THE PALLIATIVE CARE
14 DEPARTMENT, WHERE WE TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE
15 POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF L.A.
16 COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THE CONTRACT
17 WITH HEALTH NET FOR MEDI-CAL. MY MEMBERS ARE ACTUALLY,
18 PROBABLY, SOME OF THE MOST FRAGILE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN L.A.
19 COUNTY. WE SERVICE THEM WHEREVER THEIR HOME MAY BE. THEY ARE
20 GOING THROUGH SOME OF THE TOUGHEST TIMES OF THEIR LIFE, AND WE
21 ARE TRYING TO KEEP THEM ENGAGED AND WELL CARED FOR AS THEY ARE
22 MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT THEIR FUTURE LOOKS LIKE. SO,
23 PLEASE RECONSIDER FOR US. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

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1

2 **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON,
3 WITH THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'VE COME TO ASK,
4 WHAT IS STANDING IN THE WAY OF ALLOCATING \$10 MILLION TOWARDS
5 S.T.D. TESTING, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION IN L.A. COUNTY? THE
6 PUBLIC DESERVES AN EXPLANATION. IS THE CONSISTENT UNDERFUNDING
7 OF S.T.D.S THE RESULT OF BIAS OR STIGMA? OR MAYBE YOU THINK
8 THAT S.T.D.S ARE THE WAGES OF SIN; THAT THOSE WHO BECOME
9 INFECTED WERE ASKING FOR IT WITH THEIR RISKY BEHAVIORS. IF
10 THAT'S THE CASE, WE URGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE INCREASING
11 NUMBERS OF BABIES BORN DEAD WITH SYPHILIS. SINCE 2016,
12 CONGENITAL SYPHILIS RATES HAVE RISEN BY 235%. DO THEY DESERVE
13 THIS? DO YOU FIND IT ACCEPTABLE THAT THE SYPHILIS RATES WILL
14 DOUBLE AGAIN IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS? IT IS YOUR
15 RESPONSIBILITY, AS THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS OF LAST RESORT, TO
16 STOP THIS. YOU HAVE THE TOOLS; PLEASE USE THEM. ALLOCATE \$10
17 MILLION FROM THE COUNTY BUDGET, AND TAKE A REAL STAND AGAINST
18 S.T.D.S. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. YOU HAVE ONE
21 MINUTE.

22

23 **PEDRO AGUILERA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
24 IS PEDRO AGUILERA, AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING A.I.D.S.
25 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. RECENTLY, DR. FERRER DISCUSSED ISSUES

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1 WITH CLINICAL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND THE POTENTIAL OF SHIFTING
2 AROUND MONEY FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 SERVICES, CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT
3 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WHY AREN'T THERE MORE EFFORTS
4 FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENSURE A LONG-TERM FUNDING
5 SOLUTION FOR THE GREAT WORK OUR COMMUNITY CLINICS PROVIDE?
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE BACKBONE IN REACHING
7 MARGINALIZED AND HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS OTHERWISE NOT REACHED
8 BY GOVERNMENT HEALTH SYSTEMS. THEY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY
9 CONNECTIONS, AND THE TRUST CANNOT BE UNDERVALUED. HOWEVER,
10 EVERY YEAR, WE ARE ASKED TO DO MORE AND MORE WITH LESS. WE
11 NEED \$10 MILLION NOW, NOT OVER FOUR YEARS, TO EFFECTIVELY
12 PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES WHO NEED IT MOST AGAINST S.T.D.S AND
13 NEW INFECTIONS TO COME. THANK YOU.

14
15 **ADRIANA HERNANDEZ:** HI. I'M ADRIANA HERNANDEZ, AND I'VE WORKED
16 AT HEALTH NET FOR EIGHT YEARS, AND I WORK AND LIVE IN L.A.
17 COUNTY. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY COMMENT IS
18 IN REGARDS TO THE ANNOUNCED INITIAL RESULTS MADE BY D.H.S.,
19 REGARDING MANAGED CARE PLAN PROCUREMENT, AND HOW IT WILL
20 AFFECT L.A. COUNTY. I WORK ON A TEAM THAT HELPS PRIMARY CARE
21 PHYSICIANS DELIVER BETTER CARE, BY GIVING THEM THE RESOURCES
22 AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF
23 L.A. COUNTY. TOGETHER WITH THESE PROVIDERS THAT WE
24 CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORT, WE WORK ON IMPROVING THE CARE DELIVERED
25 TO OUR MEMBERS, INCLUDING SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

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1 POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO BUILD THESE
2 PARTNERSHIPS, AND THAT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN JUST SWAP
3 OUT. CHANGING THIS WILL CAUSE REAL DISRUPTION WHEN SO MANY
4 DOCTORS, THEIR STAFF, AND PATIENTS, ARE STILL JUST STARTING TO
5 RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC. I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO BE A
6 VOICE FOR L.A., AND FOR YOU TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE TO
7 RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOU
10 CLARIFYING. A COUPLE OF WITNESSES SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY
11 HAD MADE THE DECISION, BUT IT REALLY WAS A DECISION MADE BY
12 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, NOT THE COUNTY. SO,
13 THANK YOU FOR THAT ACCURATE TESTIMONY. NEXT WITNESS. ONE
14 MINUTE.

15

16 **ARKAYLA TENNEY-HOWARD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ARKAYLA, AND I'M HERE
17 TO OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 49. AS A BLACK WOMAN, I'VE BEEN
18 CRIMINALIZED SINCE I WAS A KID. ANY MISTAKE I MADE THROUGHOUT
19 MY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WAS IMMEDIATELY MET WITH OVER-THE-TOP
20 AND UNFAIR PUNISHMENT. THAT SAME SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE IS
21 ALIVE AND WELL IN L.A. COUNTY TODAY, PUNISHING YOUNG BLACK AND
22 BROWN GIRLS FOR THINGS THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS GET THERAPY
23 AND SUPPORT FOR. THESE ARE THE SAME GIRLS YOU ARE SUBJECTING
24 TO PROBATION'S HARM. LOCKING YOUNG BLACK AND BROWN GIRLS IN
25 CAGES IS ALREADY HORRIFIC ENOUGH, BUT YOU'RE ALSO ALLOWING A

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1 TOXIC PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO HARM THEM AT EVERY TURN, PEPPER-
2 SPRAYING THEM, GROOMING THEM, SEXUAL ASSAULT, REFUSING TO GIVE
3 THEM MENSTRUAL SUPPLIES, AND I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT
4 THE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL PAIN YOU'RE PUTTING THEM
5 THROUGH. PROBATION HAS A CULTURE OF PROTECTING ITS OWN, NOT
6 KIDS. JUST GOOGLE "L.A. COUNTY PROBATION." YOU KNOW WHAT
7 YOU'RE GOING TO FIND. OR HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A PROBATION
8 OFFICER, WHO REFERS TO CHILDREN AS "CAREER CRIMINALS." OR TUNE
9 IN TO COUNTY CALLS, WHERE PROBATION OFFICERS SAY THAT PEPPER
10 SPRAY ONLY BURNS KIDS FOR A FEW MINUTES, SO IT'S OKAY. BEFORE
11 I END, I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD. HOW MANY MILLIONS
12 OF OUR DOLLARS ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND ON BREAKING OUR
13 CHILDREN, AND WHEN WILL YOU STAND BY YOUR COMMITMENT TO
14 SUPPORT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED? VOTE NO ON LIFTING THE
15 PROBATION HIRING FREEZE. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

18
19 **BENI BENITEZ:** MY NAME IS BENI BENITEZ, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
20 COALITION. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 49 AND 9. WE STRONGLY
21 OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 49. WE URGE ALL 5 OF YOU TO VOTE NO
22 ON LIFTING THE PROBATION HIRING FREEZE. JUVENILE PROBATION HAS
23 A BUDGET OF \$319 MILLION FOR SALARY AND BENEFITS. ON A GIVEN
24 DAY, 30 TO 50 STAFFS ARE CALLING OUT AT THE JUVENILE HALLS. IF
25 32% OF JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF ARE ON LEAVE, THAT MEANS THE

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1 BOARD IS SPENDING THE EQUIVALENT OF OVER \$100 MILLION PER YEAR
2 ON STAFF LEAVE, AND DOING NOTHING TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT
3 ACCOUNTABLE. YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE, AND WE CAN'T KEEP
4 DESTROYING THEM BY MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO, AND FULLY
5 FUNDING AND DEFENDING PROBATION EVERY TIME. WITH THAT BEING
6 SAID, WE SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, SUPPORTING THE
7 PROGRAMMING AND TRANSITION OF SECURE TRACK YOUTH TO CAMP
8 KILPATRICK. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ONE MINUTE.

11

12 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS OLIVIA
13 SHIELDS, WITH URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING
14 COALITION, COMMENTING ON ITEMS 9, 49, 63, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
15 COMMENT. L.A. COUNTY PROBATION IS THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT OF
16 ITS KIND IN THE NATION, WITH A DISGUSTINGLY BLOATED BUDGET OF
17 A BILLION DOLLARS. IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, PROBATION IS
18 SET TO RECEIVE \$35 MILLION MORE DOLLARS. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL
19 ADDITION TO PROBATION'S BUDGET IS MORE THAN THE ENTIRE BUDGET
20 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. IN WHAT WAY DOES THIS
21 REIMAGINE JUSTICE, AND PUT COMMUNITY FIRST? YOU ALL SHOULD BE
22 PRIORITIZING DOWNSIZING PROBATION, WHICH MEANS VOTING NO TO
23 LIFTING THE PROBATION HIRING FREEZE. PROBATION HAS ALREADY
24 BEEN ALLOWED TO HIRE 150 PEOPLE FOR JUVENILE HALLS, RATHER
25 THAN ADDRESSING THE FACT THAT PROBATION STAFF ARE SIMPLY NOT

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1 SHOWING UP. DO NOT BUILD UP A DEPARTMENT THAT MUST BE
2 ABOLISHED, AND DO NOT WASTE MORE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON THE
3 REPREHENSIBLE TREATMENT OF YOUTH IN CAMPS AND HALLS. REMEMBER
4 YOUR PROMISE TO CARE FIRST, AND FOCUS ON SOLIDIFYING AND
5 EXPANDING THE CREDIBLE MESSENGER PILOT AT CAMP KILPATRICK,
6 RATHER THAN HIRING MORE PROBATION OFFICERS. YOUTH ARE OUR
7 FUTURE, AND WE CAN'T KEEP DESTROYING THEM BY MAINTAINING THE
8 THE STATUS QUO, AND FULLY FUNDING PROBATION AT EVERY TURN. NO
9 TO LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE, AND YES TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

12

13 **MEGAN CASTILLO:** MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO, AND I AM THE
14 REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION COORDINATOR, AND I AM A LIFELONG
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
16 ITEMS 9 AND 63. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO MY
17 SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR UPLIFTING THE NEED
18 TO FUND INSTITUTIONS THAT WE KNOW ALREADY WORK, LIKE O.D.R.,
19 IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WHILE I AM PROUD TO
20 SEE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR O.D.R. THIS BUDGET CYCLE, I AM
21 INCREDIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUDGET AT LARGE. THE CURRENT
22 BUDGET IS A STATUS QUO, REGRESSIVE APPROACH TO CARE FIRST,
23 JAILS LAST, AND IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE
24 THAT COMMUNITIES HAVE TIRELESSLY FOUGHT FOR. THE PROPOSED \$228

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1 MILLION MORE FOR THE SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS
2 TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT--

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 THAT WAS ONE MINUTE. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. ONE MINUTE.

6

7 **NWACHUKWU ANAKWENZE:** YEAH. I'M A DOCTOR. GOOD MORNING,
8 SUPERVISORS. I'M DR. NWACHUKWU ANAKWENZE. I'M A MEDICAL
9 DOCTOR. I'M IN LOS ANGELES. I'M CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. OF GLOBAL
10 CARE. I'M IN CHARGE OF 4,000 MEDICAL DOCTORS THAT SERVE IN THE
11 INNER CITY, AND WE PROVIDE CARE FOR THE MEDI-CAL AND MEDICARE
12 PATIENTS FOR YEARS. THEIR LEADERS ARE DOCTORS, AND RESCINDING
13 AND REMOVING THE HEALTH NET CONTRACT IS, I WANTED TO LET YOU
14 KNOW, IS NOT A GOOD DECISION, BECAUSE I WORK IN THE CITY FOR
15 MORE THAN 40 YEARS. I'M A DOCTOR. PEOPLE LIKE ME, WE'VE BEEN
16 TAKING CARE OF THESE PATIENTS. YOU NEED TO RETAIN THEM. I'M
17 NOT TELLING YOU TO REMOVE THEM, BUT FOR BOTH OF THEM TO WORK
18 TOGETHER. BUT IT'S LIKE THEY'RE A STRATEGIC ASSET. IT'S LIKE A
19 MAN LOSING A BEAUTIFUL, GOOD WOMAN. THEY ARE VERY GOOD AT
20 DOING THIS, TAKING CARE OF POOR PEOPLE. A LOT OF HOSPITALS
21 WILL SUFFER. THEY PAY A LOT OF HOSPITALS WELL. CALIFORNIA
22 HOSPITAL, HOLLYWOOD PRES, THEY WILL SUFFER. THEY WILL LOSE A
23 LOT OF MONEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK WE NEED TO CALL SOME
2 ADDITIONAL NAMES, PLEASE. AND AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
3 11:45.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WILL ROSA CALVA-SONGCO, KENT MENDOZA, MARY
6 MCFADDEN, CARLOS OREANA, IVETTE ALÉ-FERLITO, MICHAEL DE LA
7 CUADRA, ANNA HERNANDEZ, SOFIA VENTURA CUES, ZOE ROSSEN, AND
8 DIPATOLIA PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

9

10 **ROSA CALVA-SONGCO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ROSA CALVA-SONGCO, HEALTH
11 NET EMPLOYEE OF 8 YEARS NOW, MAKING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
12 I WORK ON A TEAM THAT SERVES LOS ANGELES BY PROVIDING HEALTH
13 EDUCATION SERVICES TO MEDICAL MEMBERS AND HEALTHCARE
14 PROVIDERS, AT NO COST TO THEM. WE WORK HARD TO EDUCATE THEM ON
15 EVERYTHING, FROM HOW TO STOP SMOKING TO HOW TO PREVENT
16 DIABETES AND CANCER. BY ELIMINATING HEALTH NET AS AN OPTION IN
17 L.A. COUNTY, THE STATE IS ASKING 1 MILLION PEOPLE TO CHANGE
18 HOW THEY OBTAIN SERVICES. THIS CREATES MANY PROBLEMS,
19 INCLUDING CAUSING THEM CONFUSION ON HOW TO FIND PROGRAMS
20 AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND INTERRUPTING THEIR SERVICES; FOR
21 EXAMPLE, OUR ONE-YEAR-LONG DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM. OUR
22 RECENT POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONFIRMED THAT THE PANDEMIC
23 WAS A HUGE DISRUPTOR TO HOW PEOPLE SOUGHT HEALTH EDUCATION,
24 AND TO FINDING RECOMMENDED CARE, LIKE ROUTINE CANCER
25 SCREENINGS. PEOPLE AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE SLOWLY GETTING

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1 BACK ON TRACK. I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO ASK THE STATE TO
2 RECONSIDER THIS DECISION AFFECTING L.A. THIS IS A DISRUPTION
3 THAT CAN BE PREVENTED. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE,
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES. MY NAME IS MARY MCFADDEN, AND I'M IN DISTRICT 2
9 OF HOLLY MITCHELL. I HAVE A VACANT LOT THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE
10 SOLD THIS MONTH. THE PROBLEM IS THAT I NEVER HAD A HEARING. I
11 WAS NEVER GIVEN A HEARING BY THE CITY OF L.A. THEY'RE JUST
12 STEALING MY PROPERTY. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE THEY'VE
13 STOLEN PROPERTY FROM, IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, BUT THEY HAVE.
14 AND THERE WAS A BUNCH OF LIARS WHO SAID THAT I HAD A HEARING.
15 I NEVER HAD A HEARING. NEVER HAD THE BASIC HEARING AT ALL, AND
16 THEY JUST STOLE MY PROPERTY. NOW IT'S GOING UP FOR SALE. AND
17 IT'S VERY UNFAIR, BECAUSE I NEVER HAD A HEARING. YOU HAD
18 PEOPLE WHO LIE FROM THE CITY OF L.A., AND THEY GOT TOGETHER,
19 AND THEY JUST KEPT LYING ON ME, AND NOW THEY'RE STEALING MY
20 PROPERTY. I NEED HELP.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. IF YOU'D GO TO SEE ONE
23 OF THE CONSTITUENT SERVICES DEPUTIES IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM,
24 THEY WILL TAKE YOUR INFORMATION. NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE,
25 PLEASE.

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1

2 **IVETTE ALÉ-FERLITO:** IVETTE ALÉ-FERLITO, WITH JUSTICE L.A., A
3 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 9, 50, AND 63. WE'RE
4 GOING ON 3 YEARS SINCE I SPOKE ALONGSIDE SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
5 SOLIS, THE MORNING THE BOARD TOOK THE HISTORIC VOTE TO ADOPT
6 THE A.T.I. FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. WE BELIEVED IT WAS A
7 TURNING POINT TOWARDS A CARE-FIRST VISION. BUT IN THOSE 3
8 YEARS, YOU CONTINUED TO BE PRESENTED WITH WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN
9 APTLY CALLED THE STATUS QUO BUDGET. THERE ARE SOME POSITIVE
10 ADDITIONS-- MORE O.D.R. FUNDING-- ALTHOUGH I WAS VERY
11 DISAPPOINTED IN SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL, IN NOT SUPPORTING
12 HOLLY MITCHELL'S MOTION TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE.
13 BUT THESE ADDITIONS ARE ECLIPSED BY THE PROBATION AND SHERIFF
14 BUDGETS, AND FAIL TO EXPAND SERVICES AT RATE OF THE PROBLEM.
15 I'M A COMMISSIONER ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM,
16 APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I'VE SEEN SOME POSITIVE
17 CHANGES IN A.B. 109, BUT THE BASE FUNDING CONTINUES TO STAND
18 UNCHALLENGED. THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS FUNDING 3,000
19 JAIL BEDS IS NOT FOLLOWING PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY A.B. 109
20 POPULATIONS, WHICH HAS DRAMATICALLY DECREASED. CHALLENGE THE
21 BASE FUNDING.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

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1 **MICHAEL DE LA CUADRA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MICHAEL DE LA CUADRA.
2 I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, AND I AM COMMENTING ON NUMBER 9,
3 NUMBER 50, AND NUMBER 63. SO, FOR NUMBER 9, I AM IN EXTREME
4 SUPPORT OF THE CREDIBLE MESSENGER PILOT PROGRAM, AND
5 ENCOURAGING PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUTH IN
6 THEIR REHABILITATION AND THEIR HEALING. FOR NUMBER 50, I WANT
7 TO STRONGLY URGE NOT TO LIFT THE PROBATION HIRING FREEZE,
8 BECAUSE WE DO NOT NEED MORE PEOPLE HIRED INTO POSITIONS THAT
9 CONTINUE TO SURVEIL, POLICE, AND HARM PEOPLE. WE COULD BE
10 INVESTING THAT MONEY ELSEWHERE, LIKE INCREASING TO \$20 FOR THE
11 I.H.S.S. PEOPLE, FOR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMMING, AND
12 OVERALL JUST CHANGING THE L.A. COUNTY BUDGET ENTIRELY, WHICH
13 LEADS ME TO NUMBER 63. I'VE ALSO BEEN COMING TO THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS MEETINGS FOR YEARS, TRYING TO ENCOURAGE A CARE-
15 FIRST BUDGET, AND IT'S EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING TO HAVE TO
16 CONTINUE COMING BACK, AND SO JUST STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO
17 REINVEST MONEY IN THE AREAS THAT SUPPORT COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE.

20

21 **DIPA PATOLIA:** MY NAME IS DIPA PATOLIA, AND I'M SPEAKING ON
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M HERE TO URGE D.H.C.S. TO RECONSIDER THE
23 RECENT R.F.P. DECISION THAT WILL IMPACT A CRITICAL COMPONENT
24 OF LOS ANGELES MEMBERS' LIVES. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES,
25 AND I AM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF POPULATION HEALTH AT HEALTH

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1 NET, AND A CLINICAL PHARMACIST BY TRAINING, AND MY JOB IS TO
2 DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT INSIGHTFUL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS TO
3 MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY MEMBERS. I'M SPEAKING ON
4 BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE TIRELESSLY SERVED
5 LOS ANGELES MEMBERS FOR THE MAJORITY OF THEIR LIVES. AS A GAY
6 WOMAN OF COLOR, I AM COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
7 BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIERS THAT I, MYSELF, AND OUR
8 COMMUNITIES HAVE FACED. HEALTH NET STRIVES, EVERY SINGLE DAY,
9 TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND PROVIDE OPTIMAL PHYSICAL, SOCIAL,
10 AND MENTAL HEALTH TO OUR MEMBERS, UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND
11 THE L.G.B.T.Q. AND MINORITIES. I HAVE A TEAM OF MEMBER
12 CONNECTIONS THAT SERVICE MEMBERS IN THEIR HOMES, AND WE
13 IMPROVE CHRONIC CONDITIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. WE ARE PASSIONATE
14 TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT THAT WE PROVIDE TODAY TO
15 L.A. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. ONE MINUTE

18
19 **SPEAKER:** ZOE ROSSEN, FROM ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE
20 NETWORK, AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING. NO TO MORE HARM. NO TO MORE
21 PROBATION OFFICERS. YES TO CARE FIRST. YES TO ACCOUNTABILITY
22 THROUGH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, THROUGH CREDIBLE MESSENGERS,
23 FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT TEAMS. I'M GOING TO READ THE
24 WORDS OF REDDEN KUBAS, WHO PASSED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS 18TH
25 BIRTHDAY, BECAUSE HE EXPERIENCED ALL THIS VIOLENCE AND HARM WE

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1 ARE CAUSING. "TO OUR HEARTS DEPRIVED OF BASIC NEEDS, WE'LL DIE
2 FOR A STREET THAT MAKES US FEEL ALIVE, GIVES A BEAT. TO OUR
3 HEARTS DEPRIVED OF BASIC NEEDS, THE CORNER SO ALIVE IN THE
4 DAYTIME, THE REASON WHY I'M POOR, THE REASON WHY I MAKE MINE.
5 TOMORROW'S NOT PROMISED, SO WHY WASTE TIME? AT NIGHT, IT'S
6 ABANDONED. LOVE IS WHAT IS DEMANDED. LOVE IS WHAT IS DEMANDED.
7 TO OUR HEARTS DEPRIVED OF BASIC NEEDS.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'VE HIT 11:44, SO THE
10 PERSON HERE, YOU WILL BE OUR LAST WITNESS, AND YOU HAVE ONE
11 MINUTE.

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13 **KENT MENDOZA:** I'M SORRY. MY PHONE CLOSED ON ME. I DON'T EVEN
14 KNOW THE CODE ON THIS, BUT HELLO. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M
15 THE MANAGER OF ADVOCACY AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M
16 HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 9, AND ITEM NUMBER 49. FOR ITEM
17 9, I WANTED TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO DEFINITELY INVEST IN MORE
18 CREDIBLE MESSENGER MODELS AND THINGS THAT ACTUALLY WORK. WHEN
19 I WAS INCARCERATED IN BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, THAT'S
20 WHEN I FIRST RECEIVED MY FIRST MENTOR THAT FOLLOWED ME FROM
21 THAT DAY ON, MOVING FORWARD TO TODAY, BEING 29 YEARS OF AGE.
22 SO, ENSURING THAT WE HAVE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS IN BARRY J.
23 NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, IN KILPATRICK, AND ALL THESE OTHER
24 PLACES IS VERY CRUCIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
25 YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT THEY CAN MAKE IT,

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1 AND THEY COULD BE BETTER VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES, BY SEEING
2 OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE DONE THAT THEMSELVES. SO, DEFINITELY
3 INVEST IN CREDIBLE MESSENGERS. AND FOR ITEM NUMBER 49, WE NEED
4 TO REALLY ADDRESS THIS CHAOS THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HOUSING
5 CAMPS, OF STAFF NOT COMING IN TO WORK, SHOWING UP TO WORK. IF
6 I WOULD HAVE BEEN LATE TO WORK, OR NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK, I
7 WOULD'VE BEEN FIRED. SO WE NEED TO BE HELD, IN THIS
8 DEPARTMENT, ACCOUNTABLE. AND I'M SO SORRY WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT
9 OF TIME, AND I FEEL LIKE THIS PROCESS SUCKS, SO WE NEED TO
10 IMPROVE THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, OUR TIME FOR
13 PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. WE WANT TO THANK ALL THAT ADDRESSED
14 THE BOARD. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU
15 MAY STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA.
16 WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
17 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD.
18 AGAIN, THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
19 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
22 ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM 3, 5 THROUGH 7, 11 AND 12, 14 AND 15, 17
23 AND 18, 20 THROUGH 22, 24 THROUGH 47, 50 THROUGH 52, 53-A, 53-
24 B AS REVISED, 53-C AND D, 56, 1-D AND 2-D.

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

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL?

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

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
2 5-0.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL BEGIN TODAY WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL
5 BUDGET ITEMS, ITEMS 58 THROUGH 63, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 4, 8, 10,
6 13, THEN ITEMS 16, 23, 48, 49, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 53-E.
7 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL BEGIN WITH THE PRESENTATION, AND
8 THEN PRESENT EACH OF THE BUDGET ITEMS IN NUMERIC ORDER. IF MY
9 COLLEAGUES HAVE GENERAL COMMENTS, I ASK THAT YOU HOLD THEM
10 UNTIL WE GET TO ITEM 62, FOR YOUR GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
11 COMMENTS. AND AT THAT POINT, EACH BOARD MEMBER WILL HAVE AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS. IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC
13 QUESTIONS ON INDIVIDUAL SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM NUMBERS, WE CAN GO
14 BY ITEM NUMBER, BUT YOUR GENERAL COMMENTS SHOULD BE HELD TO
15 ITEM 62. OKAY? YOU CAN ASK GENERAL QUESTIONS IN YOUR GENERAL
16 COMMENT, BUT IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON THE INDIVIDUAL
17 ITEMS, WE CAN DO THAT INDIVIDUALLY. BUT YOUR GENERAL COMMENTS
18 AT THE END. OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, WILL
19 NOW PROVIDE A PRESENTATION, AND THEN INTRODUCE ITEM 58. MS.
20 DAVENPORT, FLOOR IS YOURS.

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL, AND GOOD
23 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE WITH
24 YOU THIS MORNING TO PRESENT MY OFFICE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
25 THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. AS

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1 YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE FINAL PHASE IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET
2 PROCESS, WHICH BEGAN BACK IN APRIL WITH THE RECOMMENDED
3 BUDGET, AND THEN CONTINUED IN JUNE, WITH YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL
4 OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET. SO, WHY ARE WE HERE AGAIN TODAY? TO
5 HELP ANSWER THAT QUESTION, AND TO HELP DEMYSTIFY WHAT SOME
6 TERM AS OUR COMPLEX BUDGET PROCESS, OUR COUNTYWIDE
7 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM HAS DEVELOPED ANOTHER SHORT ANIMATED VIDEO
8 THAT I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU BEFORE I BEGIN MY
9 PRESENTATION. CAN WE PLEASE CUE THE VIDEO?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WHO SAYS WE DON'T HAVE SEASONS IN SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA? AUTUMN MEANS BACK TO SCHOOL, FOOTBALL GAMES,
13 HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS, AND, OF COURSE, L.A. COUNTY'S
14 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. WELL, ABOUT THAT LAST ONE, THE
15 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MAY NOT BE THE MOST VISIBLE SIGN OF FALL
16 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT IT'S STILL A PRETTY IMPORTANT
17 MILESTONE ON OUR ANNUAL BUDGET CALENDAR. HERE'S WHY. ALL
18 JOURNEYS NEED A FINAL DESTINATION, AND FOR THE L.A. COUNTY
19 BUDGET PROCESS, THAT LAST STOP IS CALLED THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 BUDGET. WE START OUR JOURNEY BACK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
21 YEAR, WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS PUTTING IN THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS
22 TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AFTER A LOT OF ANALYSIS AND
23 FORECASTING, AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES
24 TO THE PUBLIC AND THE POLICY OBJECTIVES SET BY THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, THE C.E.O. PRESENTS A RECOMMENDED BUDGET TO THE

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1 BOARD IN THE SPRING, USUALLY IN APRIL. ONCE ADOPTED, THIS
2 BUDGET BECOMES THE SPENDING BLUEPRINT TO GET OUR BUDGET YEAR
3 STARTED. IT REPRESENTS OUR BEST ASSESSMENT, AT THE TIME, OF
4 HOW WE PLAN TO FUND VITAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. BUT IT'S
5 JUST THE STARTING POINT. IN JUNE, THE C.E.O. RETURNS TO THE
6 BOARD WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THAT REFLECT
7 EMERGING NEEDS FOR SERVICES OR CHANGES IN AVAILABLE FUNDING,
8 AS WELL AS INPUT FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS. ONCE APPROVED, THIS
9 UPDATED SPENDING PLAN BECOMES THE ADOPTED BUDGET. ALTHOUGH THE
10 ADOPTED BUDGET REFLECTS THE FINAL CHANGES MADE TO THE ORIGINAL
11 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IS DYNAMIC. NEW NEEDS
12 EMERGE, AND OUR REVENUE ESTIMATES CAN CHANGE, SOMETIMES
13 SIGNIFICANTLY. SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A CRYSTAL BALL TO HELP US
14 PREDICT THE FUTURE, WE NEED TO SCHEDULE ONE LAST BUDGET PHASE
15 IN THE FALL, TO ADDRESS FUNDING NEEDS, AND FINALIZE OUR
16 REVENUE ESTIMATES. THIS IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND IT
17 USUALLY GOES BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN OCTOBER. ONCE
18 APPROVED, IT BECOMES THE COUNTY'S FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET.
19 ALTHOUGH ADJUSTMENTS CAN HAPPEN YEAR ROUND, THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 BUDGET IS THE GRAND FINALE OF OUR BUDGET SEASON, THE LAST
21 OFFICIAL STOP ON OUR ANNUAL BUDGET JOURNEY; THAT IS, UNTIL THE
22 WHOLE PROCESS STARTS AGAIN IN THE NEW YEAR. FOR MORE
23 INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND THE COUNTY
24 BUDGET IN GENERAL, GO TO CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/BUDGET.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, FOR THAT
2 VIDEO. THAT VIDEO IS ON OUR WEBSITE, WHICH IS
3 CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV, ALONG WITH LOTS OF OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT
4 THE COUNTY BUDGET, AND IT REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY MY
5 OFFICE TO MAKE MORE ACCESSIBLE WHAT IS A COMPLEX, AND NOT
6 ALWAYS THE MOST INTERESTING, TOPIC FOR SOME. COULD WE PLEASE
7 HAVE THE POWERPOINT SLIDES, PLEASE? SO, AS YOUR BOARD OFTEN
8 NOTES, THE COUNTY'S BUDGET REFLECTS OUR VALUES. EVERY BUDGET
9 AND EVERY BUDGET PHASE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE YOUR
10 BOARD'S PRIORITIES AND VISION TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR OUR 10
11 MILLION RESIDENTS. THIS VISION OF TRANSFORMATIVE, SYSTEMIC
12 CHANGE WILL NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT, BUT IT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY
13 AND IMPROVING LIVES IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEMS, IN OUR HOUSING
14 SYSTEMS, AND IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT
15 SLIDE, PLEASE. AS THAT ANIMATED VIDEO EXPLAINED, THIS IS THE
16 FINAL PHASE OF OUR BUDGET CYCLE. IT'S NECESSARY BECAUSE WE NOW
17 HAVE A LOT MORE INFORMATION TO WORK WITH: INFORMATION ABOUT
18 STATE FUNDING, THE ALLOCATION OF THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
19 INVESTMENT DOLLARS, AND BETTER INSIGHT INTO THE LEVEL OF
20 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES WE CAN EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE. AND WE ALSO
21 HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE THOSE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS SHOULD
22 BE SPENT TO MEET OUR EMERGING NEEDS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
23 THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AT A GLANCE. THE BUDGET TOTALS \$44.6
24 BILLION, AND INCLUDES OVER 113,000 BUDGETED POSITIONS. SO,
25 THIS REPRESENTS A NEARLY \$5 BILLION INCREASE FROM THE JUNE

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1 ADOPTED BUDGET, AND AN ADDITIONAL 978 POSITIONS. I'LL TALK A
2 LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT CONSTITUTES THE \$5 BILLION
3 INCREASE. THE RECOMMENDATIONS I'M PRESENTING TODAY ARE
4 INTENDED TO UNDERScore OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR BOARD'S MOST
5 IMPORTANT PRIORITIES, AND TO FUEL AN EQUITY-FOCUSED, BETTER-
6 THAN-BEFORE RECOVERY. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING THIS BUDGET
7 PHASE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE SOME LONG-STANDING AND
8 CHALLENGING STRUCTURAL DEFICITS, AND TO FORTIFY COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENTS TO BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC, GOING FORWARD. GIVING
10 SLOWING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OTHER VULNERABILITIES, WE MAY FIND
11 OURSELVES IN A VERY DIFFERENT POSITION NEXT YEAR, SO WE
12 RECOMMEND TAKING THESE ACTIONS NOW, TO STRENGTHEN US FOR THE
13 FUTURE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, WHAT'S NEW IN
14 THIS PHASE? AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, HIGHER-THAN-EXPECTED
15 PROPERTY AND SALES TAX REVENUES GIVES US A CHANCE TO ADDRESS
16 SOME LONG-STANDING DEFICITS. AND I'VE LISTED THEM HERE ON THE
17 SLIDE. I WON'T GO THROUGH EACH OF THEM, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT
18 SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN PLAGUING US-- THE STRUCTURAL DEFICITS--
19 - FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO
20 RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD A PATH FORWARD TO SOLVING AND RESOLVING
21 THOSE STRUCTURAL DEFICITS. JUST A NOTE ABOUT THE L.A. COUNTY
22 LIBRARIES DEFICIT. IN THIS PHASE, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO TOTALLY
23 RESOLVE THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, BUT WE ARE RECOMMENDING \$12.5
24 MILLION IN FUNDING, AS A BIG FIRST STEP. THIS INCLUDES \$5
25 MILLION IN ONGOING FUNDING, AS WELL AS \$7.5 MILLION IN ONE-

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1 TIME BRIDGE FUNDING AGAINST A \$13.7 MILLION DEFICIT. MORE WORK
2 TO BE DONE IN THAT AREA, FOR SURE. HOWEVER, I'D ALSO LIKE TO
3 POINT OUT THAT RESOLUTION OF THESE STRUCTURAL DEFICITS STILL
4 LEAVES SIGNIFICANT DEFICITS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY
5 FAMILY. THAT INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
6 SERVICES. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE NEWSOM ADMINISTRATION
7 AND THE L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION FOR THE BRIDGE FUNDING THAT WE
8 RECEIVED FOR D.C.F.S., BUT WE KNOW THAT THOSE FUNDS ARE ONE
9 TIME, AS WELL AS IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WE ARE
10 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH, TO LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS TO RESOLVE THE
11 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, A
12 LITTLE BIT ABOUT CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. EARLIER, I MENTIONED
13 THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO BUILD A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST,
14 BASE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE THAT EMPHASIZES DIVERSION, PRETRIAL
15 RELEASE, AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY
16 AFTER INCARCERATION. ONE IMPORTANT STEP IN CONTINUING THE
17 MOMENTUM IS THE LAUNCH OF A NEW JUSTICE, CARE, AND
18 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT THIS FALL, WHICH WE CALL J.C.O.D.
19 J.C.O.D. WILL BRING MULTIPLE CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST INITIATIVES
20 TOGETHER UNDER ONE UMBRELLA, TO PROMOTE THE KIND OF
21 COLLABORATIVE AND COORDINATED APPROACH THAT MAKES SYSTEM
22 CHANGE POSSIBLE. THE BUDGET INCLUDES \$47.8 MILLION FOR THIS
23 LAUNCH. IN ADDITION, THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES
24 \$100 MILLION ALLOCATED TO CARRY OUT THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
25 INVESTMENT YEAR-2 SPENDING PLAN. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE

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1 \$100 MILLION PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED BY THE BOARD, BRINGING US TO
2 A TOTAL OF \$200 MILLION IN ONGOING CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
3 INVESTMENT FUNDING, ANNUALLY-- A COMMITMENT THAT WILL GROW
4 AGAIN NEXT YEAR. AND AS I PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, WE HAVE CLOSED
5 THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY,
6 A DEFICIT THAT HAS EXISTED VIRTUALLY SINCE ITS CREATION. WE'RE
7 ALSO RECOMMENDING NOT JUST CLOSING THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, BUT
8 EXPANDING SLOTS FOR THE OD&R HOUSING PROGRAM BY 750 SLOTS. SO,
9 GOING FROM 2,200 SLOTS TO 2,950 SLOTS. AND EVEN AS WE BUILD
10 AND REFORM OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM TO TRULY EMBRACE AND REFLECT
11 CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST, WE MUST STILL PROVIDE A CONSTITUTIONAL
12 AND APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF HUMANE CARE TO THOSE WHO REMAIN
13 INCARCERATED. THE LARGER NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
14 IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM HAS STRAINED OUR CAPACITY TO PROVIDE
15 TREATMENT, AND ALSO CREATED AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF
16 OVERCROWDING IN OUR INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, THAT WE ARE
17 WORKING DILIGENTLY TO ADDRESS. IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THIS
18 CRISIS, AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF
19 JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE MANDATES, AS WELL AS MANDATES FROM
20 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING FUNDING OVER
21 MULTIPLE YEARS TO DO A NUMBER OF THINGS: ONE, PROVIDE MORE
22 CLINICIANS AND STAFFING FOR CUSTODY; TWO, CREATE A MODERATE
23 OBSERVATION HOUSING UNIT; THREE, ESTABLISH A NEW PSYCHIATRIC
24 CARE UNIT; AND LASTLY, EXPAND MEDICATION-ASSISTED SUBSTANCE
25 ABUSE TREATMENT ACROSS OUR ENTIRE JAIL SYSTEM. I'LL TAKE THE

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1 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, A LITTLE BIT ABOUT FUND BALANCES. LIKE
2 ANY RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL STEWARD, L.A. COUNTY SOMETIMES
3 CLOSES OUT THE YEAR WITH UNSPENT MONEY, DUE TO SAVINGS, DUE TO
4 UNFORESEEN OR AFFORDABLE DELAYS IN PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION,
5 AND, IN GOOD TIMES, BETTER-THAN-EXPECTED REVENUES. THESE ARE
6 ALL CALLED FUND BALANCES. THOSE FUND BALANCES ARE TYPICALLY
7 CARRIED OVER INTO THE NEW BUDGET YEAR, BUT THIS YEAR, THEY ARE
8 HIGHER THAN USUAL, AND THAT'S DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS,
9 INCLUDING: PANDEMIC-DRIVEN LABOR AND MATERIAL SHORTAGES HAVE
10 SLOWED CONSTRUCTION ON MANY CAPITAL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE
11 AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$1
12 BILLION IN CARRYOVER FUNDS. ALSO, STRINGENT PROGRAM DESIGN
13 GUIDELINES ALSO SLOWED DEPLOYMENT OF OUR PHASE-1 A.R.P.
14 DOLLARS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS. THERE IS ABOUT A
15 TOTAL OF \$389 MILLION IN PROGRAMS MADE POSSIBLE BY A.R.P.A.,
16 WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WITH MORE TO
17 COME. ALSO, THERE IS THE EXTENSIVE LEAD TIME REQUIRED TO ROLL
18 OUT OUR NEW C.F.C.I. PROGRAMS. SO, THOSE ARE THREE FACTORS
19 RELATED TO FUND BALANCES THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMOUNT OF
20 FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THIS BUDGET PHASE. IN ADDITION TO FUND
21 BALANCES, THERE ARE SOME REVENUE ESTIMATES THAT INCREASED
22 BEYOND OUR ORIGINAL PROJECTIONS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, DUE TO
23 INFLATION, WE ARE EARNING HIGHER-THAN-ANTICIPATED INTEREST
24 RATES ON CASH DEPOSITS, AND WE ARE EXPECTING TO GENERATE AN
25 ADDITIONAL \$86 MILLION IN REVENUE. PROPERTY TAX REVENUES ARE

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1 NOW EXPECTED TO EXCEED OUR EARLIER PROJECTIONS BY
2 APPROXIMATELY \$129 MILLION. AND THEN THERE'S ADDITIONAL STATE
3 A.B. 109 REVENUES, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL
4 \$172 MILLION. IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT 100% OF THESE FUND
5 BALANCES AND REVENUES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO FULFILL UNMET
6 NEEDS, COUNTYWIDE. AND ALTHOUGH ALL OF THIS FUNDING IS BEING
7 RECOMMENDED TO BE ALLOCATED TO ADDRESS BOARD-DIRECTED
8 PRIORITIES AND KNOWN NEEDS, WE STILL HAVE ABOUT \$1.9 BILLION
9 IN NEEDS THAT REMAIN UNMET. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
10 KEY PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES. IN ADDITION TO THE JUSTICE
11 SYSTEM INVESTMENTS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE'RE ALSO
12 RECOMMENDING FUNDING TO DO A FEW OTHER THINGS: BOLSTER THE
13 COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS A CRITICAL BOARD
14 PRIORITY; ADDRESS POVERTY THAT FUELS HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER
15 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISADVANTAGES, THROUGH SUPPORT OF CALWORKS
16 FAMILIES; ALSO, KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND SECURE, AS
17 WELL AS FORTIFYING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ALONGSIDE REFORMS IN
18 MEDI-CAL, TO FOCUS ON WHOLE-PERSON CARE, AS WELL AS
19 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, THROUGH THE DEPLOYMENT OF
20 PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS. YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THESE
21 COMMITMENTS LISTED HERE, ALONG WITH THE AMOUNTS FUNDED. IN
22 ADDITION TO ADDRESSING SOME OF OUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS, THERE ARE
23 DOZENS OF RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS TO OTHER PROGRAMS AND
24 INITIATIVES, ALL OF WHICH MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN THE
25 DAY-TO-DAY LIVES OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. TO SHARE A FEW, OUR

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE: \$6 MILLION TO EXTEND THE SWIM SEASON
2 AT 23 COUNTY POOLS; \$1 MILLION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE
3 JUNIOR LIFEGUARD EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM; \$5 MILLION FOR PLANNED
4 PARENTHOOD TO SUPPORT OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON AVAILABLE
5 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE; \$4.6 MILLION FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT
6 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND
7 TRAINING RESOURCES; AND FINALLY, \$600,000 FOR LEGAL
8 REPRESENTATION FOR IMMIGRANTS AT RISK OF DEPORTATION. TAKE THE
9 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE. THE SUPPLEMENTAL
10 BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES ABOUT \$230 MILLION IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
11 PROJECTS TO BETTER SERVE COUNTY RESIDENTS. WHILE PROGRAMS AND
12 SERVICES REPRESENT A MORE IMMEDIATE USE OF COUNTY FUNDS,
13 SPENDING ON LONGER-TERM CAPITAL PROJECTS CAN BE ESSENTIAL TO
14 THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF THOSE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND THE
15 BOARD'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE. YOU CAN SEE THAT FROM THIS
16 SHORT LIST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS, WHICH INCLUDES RENOVATING
17 PROBATION FACILITIES TO SUPPORT A THERAPEUTIC, EDUCATION-
18 ORIENTED APPROACH THAT WILL BETTER SERVE OUR YOUTH, AND
19 IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY. OTHER PROJECTS RANGE FROM MAJOR
20 STORMWATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS, TO SMALLER, BUT NO LESS
21 CRITICAL, PROJECTS LIKE SUPPORTING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-
22 CORONER'S INFRASTRUCTURE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
23 SO, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
24 REPRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY; HOWEVER, THE ECONOMY,
25 OVERALL, IS STRUGGLING WITH SLOWER GROWTH AND HIGH INFLATION,

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1 AND IS VERY VOLATILE. THIS PUTS THE COUNTY AT RISK IN A NUMBER
2 OF WAYS, AND THIS WOULD NOT BE A BUDGET PRESENTATION IF I DID
3 NOT WAVE THE CAUTIONARY FLAG OF THE UNKNOWN FOR THE FUTURE.
4 SO, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A PROLONGED RECESSION THAT COULD
5 AFFECT OUR STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES IN COMING YEARS. OUR
6 OPERATING COSTS ARE LARGELY FIXED AT A HIGHER RATE, AS A
7 RESULT OF THE RECENT WAGE AND BENEFIT INCREASES FOR OUR VALUED
8 COUNTY WORKFORCE, AND WILL BE FIXED AS WE ADD FUNDING FOR THE
9 REMAINING CONTRACTS THAT WE ARE STILL NEGOTIATING. AND AS
10 MENTIONED EARLIER, DEFICITS STILL REMAIN IN KEY AREAS, SUCH AS
11 D.C.F.S. AND OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE BEEN
12 MADE AWARE OF CLAIMS OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION INVOLVING BOTH
13 D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION, GOING BACK MANY, MANY YEARS. THE
14 OUTCOMES OF THOSE CLAIMS AND LITIGATION WILL LIKELY NEGATIVELY
15 IMPACT THE COUNTY'S FINANCES DOWN THE ROAD. WE MUST ALSO
16 RECOGNIZE THAT THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23
17 INVOLVES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDING
18 THAT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO US IN FUTURE YEARS. THESE ARE
19 ONE-TIME FUNDS. THEY ARE HERE TODAY, AND WE WILL PUT THEM TO
20 GREAT USE, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE HERE TOMORROW. NEXT SLIDE,
21 PLEASE. LOOKING AHEAD. I MENTIONED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN
22 FEDERAL FUNDING. I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE BULK OF THE
23 \$975 MILLION IN TRANCHE-2 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, THAT
24 WAS JUST RECENTLY APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD, HAS NOT YET BEEN
25 PROGRAMMED INTO THE BUDGET. WE WILL BE BRINGING THAT BOARD

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1 LETTER FORWARD TO YOUR BOARD VERY SOON. SO, TO PARAPHRASE THE
2 MOVIE LINE MADE FAMOUS BY ONE OF OUR FORMER GOVERNORS, "WE'LL
3 BE BACK." BUT TODAY'S ACTION BY YOUR BOARD IS THE OFFICIAL
4 MILESTONE IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. WITH YOUR APPROVAL OF
5 THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WILL BECOME
6 THE COUNTY'S FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE '22-'23 FISCAL YEAR.
7 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND AS I CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION, AND
8 BEFORE I HAND IT BACK OVER TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I ALWAYS WANT
9 TO THANK YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN SETTING PRIORITIES
10 FOR THE COUNTY, AND FOR OUR DEPARTMENTS. I WANT TO THANK YOUR
11 BUDGET DEPUTIES FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
12 OFFICE. ALL OF THE CONVERSATIONS, TEXT MESSAGES, PHONE CALLS,
13 LAST-MINUTE MEETINGS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THEY INCLUDE
14 TAMI OMOTO-FRIAS, KIRK SHELTON, KOFI COASI, MAVE GIZA,
15 ANGELICA AYALA, CARLOS ARRIOLA CARR, AND MICHELLE VEGA. THIS
16 COLLABORATION GOES A LONG WAY IN MAKING THE BUDGET PROCESS
17 WORK EFFECTIVELY, TO THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS WHO RELY ON
18 US. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR BUDGET
19 AND FISCAL STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK IN DEVELOPING THE
20 BUDGET. IT TAKES ALL THEIR HARD WORK TO HELP US PULL THIS OFF,
21 EACH BUDGET PHASE, EVERY YEAR. AND FINALLY, I'D ALSO LIKE TO
22 THANK THE C.E.O. TEAM, WHICH INCLUDES THE BUDGET
23 CLASSIFICATION AND C.E.O. ANALYSTS AND MANAGERS, FOR THEIR
24 INCREDIBLY DETAILED ANALYSIS AND REPORTING THAT GOES ON BEHIND
25 THE SCENES, TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY

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1 AVAILABLE DOLLAR, AND MEETING A MYRIAD OF LEGAL AND TECHNICAL
2 REQUIREMENTS. AND I'D BE HAPPY TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS
3 THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. DAVENPORT.
6 ANYONE HAVE QUESTIONS ON ITEM 58, SPECIFICALLY? SEEING NONE,
7 IT'S BEFORE US TO RECEIVE AND FILE.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.
10 YEAH, JUST A CLARIFICATION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK FESIA FOR
11 THE PRESENTATION, BUT ON ONE OF HER SLIDES, 511, ON BULLET
12 NUMBER 2, SHE EXPLAINED THAT \$100 MILLION ON TOP OF \$100
13 MILLION ALLOCATED LAST FISCAL YEAR TO CARRY OUT THE CARE FIRST
14 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TWO-YEAR SPENDING PLAN. I JUST WANTED THE
15 PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S OUR MEASURE J. AND SOMETIMES
16 PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WE JUST WANTED THAT
17 CLARIFICATION, C.E.O., BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL
18 THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE THE MEASURE WAS FOUND
19 UNCONSTITUTIONAL, WE STILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE IMPORTANT
20 SUPPORT SERVICES THAT WE KNOW ARE MUCH NEEDED HERE IN THE
21 COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT?

24

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO, WE ARE IN YEAR 2 OF 3 OF OUR RAMP-UP
3 UNDER WHAT WAS FORMALLY KNOWN AS MEASURE J, WHICH IS NOW KNOWN
4 AS COMMUNITY CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, AND WE ARE
5 PROCEEDING ALONG AT A STEADY PACE TO GET TO OUR THIRD-YEAR
6 FULL ALLOCATION NEXT YEAR.

7

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

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, GUYS.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND SO,
13 AGAIN, WE ALL HAVE TO TRAIN OURSELVES BY THE NEW NAME,
14 C.F.C.I. C.F.C.I. SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AGAIN,
15 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM 58. WE'LL
16 NOW HEAR FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER. LET ME PUT MY GLASSES ON,
17 SO I CAN SEE. SO, WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER--
18 EXCUSE ME, MS. DAVENPORT-- ON ITEM 59; OUR C.E.O.

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO, AGENDA
21 ITEM NUMBER 59 IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET
22 ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. THIS IS A LARGELY
23 ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT THAT'S NECESSARY TO
24 CLOSE OUT THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET. I WOULD RECOMMEND
25 THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE THIS AGENDA ITEM.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 59 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE
4 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL?

24

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

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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
3 AGENDA ITEM 59, 5-0.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. DAVENPORT, WILL YOU
6 PRESENT ON ITEM 60?

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM
9 NUMBER 60 IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FINAL BUDGET
10 ADJUSTMENTS, ALSO FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. THESE 3 BUDGET AND
11 APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL
12 ADJUSTMENTS TO CLOSE OUT THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET FOR
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THERE ARE 3 RECOMMENDATIONS
14 BEING RECOMMENDED. THE FIRST ITEM IS THE YEAR-END BUDGET
15 ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THE SECOND
16 ITEM IS A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO REALLOCATE FUNDS WITHIN THE
17 MEASURE B SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AMONG THE 3 D.H.S. HOSPITALS.
18 AND THEN THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION IS AN APPROPRIATION
19 ADJUSTMENT TO FINE-TUNE THE LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES FOR THE
20 COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT CLINICS ENHANCEMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM,
21 THE QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM, AND MANAGED CARE RATE
22 SUPPLEMENT REVENUES AT THE VARIOUS D.H.S. FACILITIES. I WOULD
23 RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
24 60.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 60, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH
2 3, ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY MITCHELL, SECONDED BY... OH, I'M
3 SORRY. YEAH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I'M FINE, AND I'M GOING TO VOTE TO APPROVE
6 THIS. I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT I HAD HOPED THAT \$5
7 MILLION OF THESE MEASURE B FUNDS WOULD GO TO LONG BEACH'S
8 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND BIOTERRORISM, BECAUSE THAT'S
9 REALLY HOW THE VOTERS EXPECTED MEASURE B TO GO TO, BUT I AM
10 HAPPY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE GETTING \$1 MILLION OF ONGOING
11 FUNDS FOR MEASURE B. AND I ALSO AM GRATEFUL THAT WE'RE
12 APPROPRIATING \$1,000,500 TO OUR MOBILE STROKE UNIT, WHICH,
13 AGAIN, I THINK IS SUCH A LIFESAVING TOOL THAT CAN GET TO
14 RESIDENTS WHEN THEY MOST NEED IT, WHICH IS WHEN THEY'RE IN THE
15 THROES OF HAVING A STROKE. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON ITEM
18 60, SPECIFICALLY? SEEING NONE, MOVED BY MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
19 HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
20 ROLL.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 60, 1 THROUGH 3, ARE BEFORE YOU.
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

15 MITCHELL?

16

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

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

20 5-0.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT, ITEM 61, PLEASE.

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM

25 61 IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S BUDGET RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING

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1 THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON JUNE 27,
2 2022. THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES THE ACTUAL FUND BALANCE FOR
3 ALL BUDGETARY FUNDS SINCE THE ADOPTED BUDGET, INCLUDING
4 ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE
5 AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 61.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS ON 61? HEARING
8 NONE, ITEM 61 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 61 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
4 MITCHELL?

5

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

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
9 5-0.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'VE REACHED ITEM 62. WE'LL HEAR A
12 PRESENTATION FROM MS. DAVENPORT, AFTER WHICH WE'LL HEAR
13 COMMENTS FROM EACH SUPERVISOR. WE'VE SET UP A ROTATING ORDER,
14 AS IT COMES TO THE BUDGET, TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS THEIR
15 TIME TO SPEAK FIRST, AND TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH DISTRICT 2.
16 SO, MS. DAVENPORT?

17

18 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM
19 62 CONTAINS THE C.E.O.'S FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 SUPPLEMENTAL
20 BUDGET REQUEST THAT REFLECTS VARIOUS BUDGET CHANGES, AND
21 PROVIDES AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENTS. THERE
22 ARE 4 ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED BY OUR OFFICE. FIRST IS TO
23 ADOPT THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL
24 YEAR '22-'23 ADOPTED BUDGET. NEXT IS TO AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O.
25 TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89.3
2 MILLION, FOR A VARIETY OF HOUSING-RELATED PROGRAMS. THIRD IS A
3 REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD TO
4 EXECUTE A VARIETY OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES
5 AND ORGANIZATIONS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6.1 MILLION.
6 AND FINALLY IS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO EXECUTE A FUNDING
8 AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
9 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5.2 MILLION, FOR THE RESIDENTIAL
10 SERVICES PROGRAM. I'M AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THAT
11 YOU MAY HAVE, OR HAPPY TO RECEIVE COMMENTS THAT BOARD OFFICES
12 WOULD LIKE TO SHARE.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND LET ME FIRST
15 THANK YOU, MS. DAVENPORT, AND ECHO YOUR APPRECIATION FOR ALL
16 OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR OFFICE-- DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS WELL AS
17 SUPERVISORS' OFFICES-- WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY IN BRINGING
18 FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TODAY'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.
19 SO, I THANK YOU. THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HELPS US ADVANCE KEY
20 PRIORITIES WITH NUMEROUS PROGRAM INCREASES, WHICH ENABLES US
21 TO CONTINUE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I
22 REMAIN COMMITTED TO HAVING A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS OUR VALUES,
23 AND EQUITABLY REACHES OUR UNDERSERVED-- AND OFTEN HARDLY
24 SERVED-- COMMUNITIES. WE MUST FIND SOLUTIONS THAT FOSTER
25 RESILIENCE FOR OUR OVERLOOKED COMMUNITIES-- THOSE COMMUNITIES

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1 OF COLOR, AND THOSE HIT HARDEST BY TODAY'S NUMEROUS WAVES OF
2 ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY. MOVING FORWARD, EQUITY REALLY MUST
3 BECOME A KEY COMPONENT OF OUR COUNTY BUDGETING PROCESS. FOR
4 THE PAST YEAR, I'VE WORKED HARD TO ENCOURAGE US TO FUND
5 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NOW, AND TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO HELP
6 THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR CARE IN OUR
7 COUNTY JAILS. THIS IS AT THE HEART OF OUR SHARED VISION FOR
8 CARE FIRST. AND SO I WAS RELIEVED, FRANKLY, TO SEE THAT THE
9 '22-'23 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IS MAKING SOME OF THESE EQUITABLE
10 INVESTMENTS A PRIORITY. ONE CASE IN POINT, I'M HAPPY TO SEE
11 THAT WE HAVE ELIMINATED THE CURRENT STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, AND
12 INCREASED THE BED CAPACITY AT OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
13 REENTRY, BY INCREASING FROM 2,200 BEDS TO 2,950 BEDS. THAT
14 BRINGS US CLOSER TO WHAT I BELIEVE IS A VERY REASONABLE GOAL
15 OF HAVING 3,600 BEDS IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THE \$36 MILLION
16 AND 146 POSITIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
17 INTEGRATED CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDED IN TODAY'S
18 PRESENTATION IS ALSO GOOD NEWS. IT WILL HELP FILL THE GAPS IN
19 URGENT HEALTHCARE NEEDS NEEDED IN OUR JAILS. WE'VE ALL SAID
20 IT, AND I BELIEVE WE ALL BELIEVE, THAT WE'VE GOT TO MOVE AWAY
21 FROM OUR CURRENT CARCERAL SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE OUR ASPIRATIONS OF
22 CARE FIRST, AND INCREASED ALLOCATIONS IN SUPPLEMENTAL INTO THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT DO NOT MOVE US
24 ANY CLOSER TO CARE FIRST. WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE
25 TOUGH CHOICES, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CARE-FIRST ENVIRONMENT THAT

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1 I KNOW THAT WE ALL ENVISION AND STRIVE FOR. I ALSO RECOGNIZE
2 THE INVESTMENTS WE'VE MADE THIS YEAR IN THE PROGRAMS AT OUR
3 PARKS, INCLUDING SWIMMING PROGRAMS, RESOURCES FOR NEW PARKS,
4 AND PARKS AFTER DARK: A TRUE SPACE AND PLACE FOR REAL EQUITY
5 ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHERE EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO OUTDOOR SPACE
6 FOR RECREATION AND SWIMMING, AND JUST A SPACE TO BE. SO, THANK
7 YOU FOR PROVIDING THE POSITIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO STAND UP THE COUNTY'S
9 CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM, SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN
10 MOST HARMED BY MASS INCARCERATION AND OVER-POLICING CAN
11 ACTUALLY BENEFIT FIRST FROM LICENSING RECREATIONAL CANNABIS IN
12 OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. WE CREATED 4 NEW DEPARTMENTS
13 THIS YEAR. THAT WAS AMBITIOUS, TO SAY THE LEAST. AND THAT'S
14 BEEN A SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKING, SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
15 SET ALL 4 OF THESE DEPARTMENTS UP FOR TRUE SUCCESS. TO THAT
16 END, THEY MUST BE FUNDED AND STAFFED AT THE APPROPRIATE
17 LEVELS, TO ENSURE THAT EACH ONE CAN CARRY OUT ITS MISSION, AND
18 WE'LL CONTINUE TO WATCH CLOSELY THE PROGRESS OF THESE NEW
19 DEPARTMENTS. EACH DEPARTMENT IS LEADING KEY PRIORITIES THAT
20 ARE IMPORTANT TO THE SECOND-DISTRICT RESIDENTS THAT I
21 REPRESENT. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE
22 OF EFFECTIVELY LAUNCHING OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
23 OPPORTUNITY. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES AND
24 SUPPORT THEY NEED TO LAUNCH AND CONTINUE PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT
25 WORKERS AND BUSINESSES IN OUR COUNTY. I AM EXCITED TO SEE THE

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1 \$65 MILLION INVESTMENT IN DIGITAL EQUITY. I HOPE WE'LL
2 CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT IN THIS AREA, BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE
3 SUPPORT TO THE NEW OFFICE OF DIGITAL EQUITY, AND BY CONTINUING
4 TO SEEK STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING, OF WHICH THERE IS QUITE A
5 BIT AVAILABLE, TO ENSURE DIGITAL EQUITY IN ALL OF OUR
6 COMMUNITIES HAPPENS. HAPPY TO SEE THE \$1 MILLION IN
7 SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBOR, TO GET
8 US STARTED ON ESTABLISHING A NEW, EQUITY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO
9 DEVELOPING, ADMINISTERING, AND INVESTING IN THE MARINA DEL REY
10 COMMUNITY. THIS IS A NEW ADDITION TO THE SECOND DISTRICT,
11 FOLLOWING REDISTRICTING, AND I'M HAPPY TO REPRESENT THIS AREA
12 AND HELP LEAD ITS EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT. WE'RE GOING TO
13 CHALLENGE WHAT ALL OF US THINK ABOUT MARINA DEL REY, AS THE
14 PUBLIC ASSET THAT IT IS, AND IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT, WE
15 MUST FOCUS ON MAKING THIS A TRUE MARINA FOR ALL, NOT ONLY AS A
16 REVENUE-GENERATING ASSET. WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO DISTRICT
17 3.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY LIST SAYS THAT DISTRICT
20 1 COMES BEFORE ME. IS THAT INCORRECT?

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? I WAS MAKING AN
23 ASSUMPTION. I DIDN'T HAVE THE NOTE IN FRONT OF ME, AND I STAND
24 CORRECTED. FORGIVE ME, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU ARE NEXT.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
2 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WANT TO THANK, FIRST OF ALL, OUR
3 C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND I ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO THANK
4 HER TEAM, JOE NICCHITTA, MATT MCGLOIN, AS WELL AS HER ENTIRE
5 STAFF, WHO HELPED TO WORK WITH OUR STAFF ON THIS TREMENDOUS
6 BUDGET. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE AUDITOR-
7 CONTROLLER, ARLENE BARRERA, CONNIE YEE, AND THE A.C. TEAM, AS
8 WELL AS TO ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR STAFF. I KNOW
9 THAT IT TAKES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT AND TIME TO PUT A
10 BUDGET TOGETHER, SO I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.
11 AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO TEAM
12 SOLIS, WHO WORKED SO HARD TO HELP ME SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE
13 FIRST DISTRICT, INCLUDING MY BUDGET DEPUTY, TAMI OMOTO-FRIAS.
14 TODAY'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTS THE FINAL BUDGET WE
15 ADOPTED THIS PAST JUNE, BY ADDING AN ASTOUNDING \$5 BILLION AND
16 ALMOST 1,000 POSITIONS, SO THAT OUR CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IS NOW
17 \$44.6 BILLION, AND OVER 113,000 POSITIONS. THE COUNTY HAS
18 SUCCESSFULLY ENDURED THE PANDEMIC AND RECESSION, AND WHILE
19 THERE IS STILL SOME UNCERTAINTIES IN OUR FUTURE, NO ONE CAN
20 DISPUTE THAT THE COUNTY'S FISCAL OUTLOOK IS SOUND. THIS YEAR,
21 WE ARE ABLE TO ADDRESS LONG-STANDING STRUCTURAL DEFICITS FOR
22 DEPARTMENTS, AS WAS NOTED, SUCH AS THE LIBRARY AND OTHER
23 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT I HAVE CHAMPIONED, SUCH AS THE
24 L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM AND THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, SO
25 THAT VICTIMS OF CRIME, HATE CRIMES, ESPECIALLY OUR A.A.P.I.

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1 RESIDENTS, CAN REPORT THE CRIME AND RECEIVE COUNTY SUPPORT AND
2 TRAUMA SERVICES. I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE BUDGET
3 INCLUDES \$3.8 MILLION TO FULLY FUND THE L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM
4 WITH PERMANENT DOLLARS. I WAS ALSO HAPPY TO SEE \$75 MILLION
5 FOR THE UPCOMING NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY, OR KNOWN AS
6 N.O.F.A., FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN MY DISTRICT, I HAVE
7 HOUSING PROVIDERS READY TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS, AND I UNDERSTAND
8 THAT THERE'S ABOUT \$25.2 MILLION IN FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS, TO BUY, DEVELOP, PRESERVE
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO FUND COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS, AS WELL AS
11 TENANT PROTECTIONS AND SMALL MOM-AND-POP LANDLORD ASSISTANCE
12 PROGRAMS. OUR RESIDENTS, AS YOU KNOW, CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO
13 PAY RENT, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS THE SOLUTION TO PREVENT
14 PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, TO BEGIN WITH. THAT'S
15 WHY I CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING TO REPURPOSE OUR GREAT
16 COUNTY OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. CAMPUS. THE
17 PROJECT, AS YOU KNOW, CAN BRING OVER 600 UNITS OF MUCH-NEEDED
18 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE REGION, AND PROVIDE RELIEF TO THOSE
19 ON SKID ROW AND OTHER PARTS OF LOS ANGELES. GOVERNOR GAVIN
20 NEWSOM RECENTLY TWEETED OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT AFTER A
21 RECENT TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL. AND BECAUSE WE MUST BETTER SERVE
22 THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SKID ROW, I APPRECIATE
23 OUR C.E.O. FUNDING \$30 MILLION FOR BOTH PROGRAMS THAT I
24 AUTHORED: THE EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN, AND THE SKID ROW
25 ACTION PLAN, WHICH WILL INCREASE BEDS IN SKID ROW AND IN

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1 TREATMENT. AND I WAS PLEASED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER
2 INITIATIVES THAT I AUTHORED AND SUPPORTED, BECAUSE THEY ARE
3 IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT. AND I'M HAPPY TO
4 REPORT THAT THE LOS ANGELES NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION,
5 A JOINT COMMISSION WITH THE CITY OF L.A., WILL RECEIVE ONE NEW
6 STAFF MEMBER TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE PROGRAMMING, AS
7 WELL AS \$42,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDS TO CONTINUE LAND
8 ACKNOWLEDGMENT, A STATEMENT THAT RECOGNIZES AN AREA'S ORIGINAL
9 INHABITANTS, WHO HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY DISPOSSESSED OF THEIR
10 HOMELANDS. MOVING THIS WORK FORWARD, AS YOU KNOW, IS CRITICAL
11 IN AN EFFORT TO NOT CAUSE ADDITIONAL HARM THROUGH DELAYS OF
12 IMPLEMENTATION, AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE BUDGET ALSO
13 INCLUDES \$175,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE COUNTYWIDE
14 LANGUAGE ACCESS AND EQUITY PROGRAM, AS A PROMOTION EARLIER
15 THAT I INTRODUCED TO SUPPORT STRATEGIES THROUGH THE OFFICE OF
16 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, AND EQUITABLY SERVE OUR IMMIGRANT AND
17 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. WE MUST ENSURE WE REACH EVERYONE, SO
18 WE CAN SERVE EVERYONE ADEQUATELY. AND I WAS PLEASED THAT THE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET INCLUDED \$600,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM
20 THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, FOR THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND, WHICH
21 PROVIDES PEOPLE AT RISK OF DEPORTATION LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND
22 SERVICES THAT I HAVE LONG ADVOCATED FOR. AND BECAUSE WE HEARD
23 CLEARLY FROM THE FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS OF THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT'S VIOLENCE, I WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE FAMILY
25 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS

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1 FUNERAL EXPENSES, WILL BE FUNDED AT \$1.5 MILLION IN PERMANENT
2 FUNDING. AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE
3 IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND HOW IT HAS IMPACTED ACCESS
4 TO EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, ALL FACTORS THAT
5 CONTRIBUTE TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN THE COUNTY. I
6 APPRECIATE THE C.E.O. DEDICATING \$4.9 MILLION IN THE AMERICAN
7 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FOR THE DELETE DIVIDE PROGRAM, WHICH I
8 AUTHORED TO PROVIDE YOUTH WITH I.T. INTERNSHIPS AND
9 APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
10 PRIVATE COMPANIES THAT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES. AND BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT YOUTH, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,
12 FACE SO MANY BARRIERS, ESPECIALLY YOUTH EXISTING IN OUR FOSTER
13 AND IN OUR JUVENILE SYSTEMS, I APPRECIATE THE \$5.9 MILLION IN
14 ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT THAT I
15 AUTHORED FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. THIS WILL HELP PROVIDE
16 YOUTH WITH STABILITY, AND HELP THEM OVERCOME BARRIERS AS THEY
17 ENTER INTO ADULTHOOD, AND NAVIGATE THEIR OWN FINANCIAL
18 RESPONSIBILITIES. AND LASTLY, I WAS PLEASED TO SEE \$35,000 FOR
19 THE ANNUAL [INAUDIBLE] IN GRAND PARK, HELD EACH YEAR IN APRIL.
20 BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROGRAM EXPANDED AND FUNDED
21 PERMANENTLY. THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, AS YOU CAN SEE, IS THRIVING,
22 BUT FAR TOO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE STILL STRUGGLING. WE
23 NOW HAVE THE FUNDS TO MAKE REAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR LIVES,
24 AND WE MUST NOT DELAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH OF
25 YOU TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF THE GREAT COUNTY OF

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1 LOS ANGELES. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE JUST A FEW QUESTIONS FOR OUR
2 C.E.O., IF I MIGHT.

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

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. FOR FESIA, OUR C.E.O., FOR DECADES,
7 SKID ROW, AS YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN THE EPICENTER FOR
8 HOMELESSNESS, AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE FUNDING FOR BOTH THE
9 EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN AND THE SKID ROW ACTION PLAN IN
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, ESPECIALLY SINCE NOW, THROUGH
11 REDISTRICTING, I NOW REPRESENT THE ENTIRE SKID ROW AREA. WE
12 KNOW THAT THE RESIDENTS OF SKID ROW HAVE UNIQUE AND VERY
13 COMPLEX NEEDS. HOW CAN WE INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO
14 STREET MEDICINE SERVICES AS A PART OF THESE INITIATIVES?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION,
17 SUPERVISOR. SO, WE HAVE DEVELOPED, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR
18 PARTNERS, A SKID ROW ACTION PLAN, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY MAPPING
19 OUT OUR HEALTH SERVICES UNDER THAT PLAN THAT EXISTS IN SKID
20 ROW, WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINICS AND OTHER PROVIDERS IN SKID
21 ROW. THE IDEA HERE IS TO IDENTIFY GAPS, INCLUDING STREET
22 MEDICINE GAPS, AND THEN IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO FILL THEM.
23 D.H.S. HAS ALSO ADDED MORE NURSING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
24 STAFF, USING CALA.I.M. RESOURCES, PROVIDING THOSE RESOURCES TO
25 THE STAR CLINIC, WHICH IS ALSO LOCATED IN SKID ROW, TO DO SOME

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1 OF THE MORE COMPLEX CASE MANAGEMENT WITH CLIENTS THAT NEED
2 THOSE SERVICES. THERE ARE ALSO NEW D.H.S. MOBILE CLINICS
3 SERVING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHICH OFFICIALLY
4 STARTED PROVIDING SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, AND THEY ARE
5 SERVING CLIENTS IN SKID ROW. IN ADDITION, C.F.C.I. IS FUNDING
6 TWO OVERDOSE TEAMS IN SKID ROW THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO GO LIVE
7 IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. AND THEN ONE LAST THING. THE
8 HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MEDI-CAL
9 MANAGED CARE PLANS, L.A. CARE AND HEALTH NET, TO USE SPECIAL
10 FUNDING TO EXPAND STREET MEDICINE, AND TO CREATE MORE
11 CLINICAL, STREET-BASED ASSESSMENT TEAMS WHO CAN ASSESS
12 UNSHELTERED CLIENTS FOR THE LEVEL OF CARE NEEDED FOR HOUSING
13 NEEDS, FOR DAILY LIVING ACTIVITY NEEDS, AS WELL AS BOARD-AND-
14 CARE PLACEMENTS, AND TO ASSIST WITH APPROPRIATE HOUSING. SO,
15 ALL OF THOSE STRATEGIES TOGETHER, WE ARE LOOKING TO DOUBLE
16 DOWN ON THE NEEDS IN THE AREA OF SKID ROW, AS WELL AS OTHER
17 AREAS IN THE COUNTY, SUPERVISOR.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY
20 REMARKS, AND I WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O., AND ONCE AGAIN TO THE
21 ENTIRE COUNTY STAFF AND FAMILY, FOR ALL THE WORK THEY HAVE
22 DONE ON THE BUDGET. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I GUESS THAT WE
2 SORT OF FORGET THAT WHEN WE ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING REMOTE,
3 OUR PICTURE DOESN'T SHOW UP ANYWHERE, SO PEOPLE DON'T ACTUALLY
4 KNOW, AND I THANK YOU FOR REMINDING THEM THAT WE WERE ALSO
5 PRESENT DURING ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND HEARD AND SAW ALL
6 OF IT. I WANT TO JOIN EVERYBODY IN THANKING OUR C.E.O., FESIA
7 DAVENPORT, AND HER STAFF, FOR WHAT IS LITERALLY TIRELESS WORK-
8 - ALTHOUGH I THINK THAT'S THE WRONG WORD, BECAUSE I AM CERTAIN
9 THEY GET PLENTY TIRED-- BUT TO PRESENT THIS BUDGET TO US:
10 \$44.6 BILLION. I AM REALLY PLEASED THAT THE REVENUE AND THE
11 FUND BALANCE CAME IN SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THIS FISCAL YEAR,
12 BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO MAKE REAL INVESTMENTS IN
13 THIS BOARD'S PRIORITIES. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THIS IS
14 MY LAST BUDGET, AND IT IS A VERY DIFFERENT BUDGET FROM WHAT
15 HILDA AND I SAW IN JANUARY OF 2015, WHEN WE CAME ON THE BOARD,
16 AND THAT IS INTENTIONAL. THAT HAS TO DO WITH BOARD PRIORITIES.
17 THAT HAS TO DO WITH WHAT WE THINK IS A BETTER, MORE HUMANE WAY
18 TO APPROACH. AND SO I WANT TO EMPHASIZE A FEW THINGS IN THIS
19 BUDGET THAT REFLECT THE 8-YEAR GROWTH OF THOSE AREAS. PEOPLE
20 HAVE TALKED ABOUT NEW DEPARTMENTS AND NEW DEPARTMENTS AND NEW
21 DEPARTMENTS, AND EVERYBODY SAYS, "WHAT IS WITH ALL THESE NEW
22 DEPARTMENTS?" BUT I THINK, AS WE KNOW, AN ORGANIZATION CHART,
23 NO MATTER OF WHAT, REALLY HELPS EITHER PUT THE WORK FORWARD,
24 OR PLACE BARRIERS IN THE WAY OF THE WORK. AND WHAT WE HAVE
25 TRIED TO DO IS TO SIMPLIFY, TO UNIFY, IN MANY AREAS; TO TRY TO

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1 GET FOCUS ON OUR SPECIFIC PRIORITIES, BY BRINGING TOGETHER A
2 NUMBER OF DISPARATE AND SCATTERED PROGRAMS INTO NEW
3 DEPARTMENTS. I AM VERY VERY, VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES IMPLEMENTED WITH AN
5 INITIAL BUDGET OF \$60.8 MILLION, AND 31 POSITIONS. IT IS A
6 GREAT START. OBVIOUSLY, I HOPE THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. WILL
7 CONTINUE TO MAKE GREATER AND NECESSARY INVESTMENTS TO FULLY
8 FUND AND STAFF THIS NEW DEPARTMENT. I HOPE THAT THE TRANSITION
9 OF ADULT REENTRY INTO J.C.O.D. CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR.
10 OUR IDEA IN STARTING-- AND BELIEVE ME, I WAS HERE WHEN O.D.R.
11 WAS ESTABLISHED, AS WELL. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALL THE NON-
12 CARCERAL WORK POSSIBLE CAN BE TRANSFERRED INTO DEPARTMENTS
13 THAT REALLY FOCUS ON RECOVERY, ON REENTRY, ON REHABILITATION.
14 AND SO I AM ALSO PLEASED IN THE JUVENILE LAW AREA, TO SEE THE
15 INVESTMENT OF \$28 MILLION AND 17 POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TO BRING THE BUDGET UP TO \$53 MILLION
17 AND 39 POSITIONS. IT NEEDS TO GROW AND GROW, BECAUSE OUR YOUNG
18 PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE A SEAMLESS WAY OF MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH
19 OUR COUNTY SYSTEMS, AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAN HELP WITH SOME OF THAT, KEEPING PEOPLE
21 OUT OF OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES AND OUT OF OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE
22 SYSTEM, HELPING THEM, WHEN THEY COME OUT, TO REENTER. THE
23 BOARD MOTION IN 2015 ALSO REQUIRED 50% ADDITIONAL A.B. 109
24 FUNDS, THAT WERE RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF THE PRIOR YEAR'S
25 BUDGET, ALL GO TO O.D.R. SO, O.D.R. IS GETTING ALMOST \$60

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1 MILLION OF NEW, ONGOING ALLOCATION THIS FISCAL YEAR, WHICH
2 MEANS THE DEFICIT IS FINALLY RESOLVED, BUT ALSO ADDITIONAL
3 FUNDING TO EXPAND PROGRAMS AND CONTINUE DOING GREAT WORK. A
4 COUPLE OF SPEAKERS TALKED ABOUT THEIR PERCEPTION THAT WE HAD
5 SOME CONFLICT ABOUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH WE APPROACH
6 OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION, BUT I DON'T SEE IT AS
7 CONFLICT. I REALLY DON'T. I WAS IN ON HELPING O.D.R. GET
8 KICKED OFF, AND I AM STILL VERY SUPPORTIVE OF IT. I LIKE THIS
9 MONEY GOING TO THEM. THE FACT THAT WE ESTABLISHED A.T.I., AND
10 NOW J.C.O.D., ONLY ENHANCES OUR ABILITY TO WORK WITH THE
11 JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION. IT IS NOT A COMPETITION, BECAUSE
12 THERE'S STILL NOT ENOUGH TO DO IT ALL. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, I
13 BROUGHT THE MOTION TO PUT MEASURE J ON THE BALLOT, AND I AM
14 EXCITED TO SEE, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS INDICATED, WE DECIDED,
15 WHETHER IT WAS CONSTITUTIONAL OR NOT, WE WERE GOING TO DO IT.
16 BECAUSE WHEN WE DO IT, IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL. SO, WE ARE
17 PUTTING \$100 MILLION THESE FIRST THREE YEARS IN, WITH SOME
18 IDEA THAT THAT'S GOING TO GROW TO MEET THE GOAL THAT WE SET. I
19 LIKE THAT THERE'S A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF \$200 MILLION, SO FAR.
20 DIFFICULT TO SUDDENLY HAVE ENOUGH PROGRAMS TO FUND, SO I
21 UNDERSTAND WHY SOME WAS CARRYOVER, BUT I REALLY LOOK FORWARD
22 TO TRUE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, BECAUSE THIS IS AN ASPECT OF
23 PREVENTION AND HELP THAT IS SO IMPORTANT, AND ALSO HELPS OUR
24 COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE OFTEN SAID TO US, "ASK US. WE
25 KNOW HOW TO DO THIS. THESE ARE OUR PEOPLE, AND WE WILL HELP

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1 THEM TO REENTER SOCIETY, TO AVOID GOING TO JAIL. JUST GIVE US
2 SOME HELP." SO, HERE IS THE HELP. SPEAKING OF PREVENTION, I AM
3 REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION,
4 AN ASPECT REALLY DEAR TO MY HEART OVER MY SORT OF LIFETIME
5 CAREER, WILL BE GETTING ALMOST \$3.5 MILLION IN ONGOING N.C.C.
6 AND MEASURE B FUNDING, TO ELIMINATE THAT STRUCTURAL DEFICIT,
7 AND ALLOW THEM TO DO THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE'VE ENVISIONED
8 THAT THEY COULD DO, AGAIN, BY CENTRALIZING AND FOCUSING
9 SERVICES IN A PLACE. I AM ALSO VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE ONGOING
10 COMMITMENT OF OVER \$3 MILLION TO LEVEL SERVICES FOR OUR 29
11 COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS. THEY ARE DOING THE WORK ON
12 THE GROUND, AND THEY HAVE BEEN SINCE THE MID 1970'S. THEY ARE
13 THE ONES WHO UNDERSTOOD WHAT HEALING IS NEEDED, WHAT HELP IS
14 NEEDED, WHAT TRANSITION IS NEEDED. ADDITIONALLY, \$8 MILLION IN
15 ONE-TIME A.R.P. TRANCHE-ONE FUNDING WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUPPORT THEIR ARRAY OF INTIMATE PARTNER
17 VIOLENCE PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR D.V.S.S.
18 PROGRAMMING FOR OUR NON-CALWORKS CLIENTS. SO, IT IS MY HOPE
19 THAT ONGOING FUNDING IS IDENTIFIED FOR THIS WORK, BECAUSE
20 ANTI-VIOLENCE WORK IS SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PREVENTION
21 WORK. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND OUR CHAIR HAVE-- AND I ASSUME MY
22 OTHER COLLEAGUES-- TALK ABOUT HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I
23 WANT TO SAY, IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARENA, I REALLY FEEL
24 GOOD ABOUT IT, BECAUSE WE BROUGHT A MOTION IN 2015, MY FIRST
25 YEAR HERE, TO CREATE A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM BUDGET

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1 UNIT TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE WAS NOTHING
2 CONCENTRATED ON IT. ONE OF THE GREATEST WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN
3 PREVENT HOMELESSNESS IS TO HAVE AFFORDABLE RENTS. AND UNLESS
4 WE DID IT, AND BUILT IT, AND LIMITED THE RAISES, IT JUST
5 WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. THE GOAL WAS INCREMENTALLY TO INCREASE
6 THE POT TO EVENTUALLY GET TO \$100 MILLION, AND WE ARE NOW AT
7 \$70 MILLION, ONGOING. AND I ENCOURAGE OUR C.E.O., WHO I KNOW
8 IS ALSO DEVOTED TO GETTING US TO THAT \$100 MILLION IN ONGOING
9 DOLLARS, THIS IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST TOOLS. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
10 ALSO BEEN WORKING ON A FEW, IN THE THIRD, REALLY IMPORTANT
11 HOUSING CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WON'T BE FINISHED BEFORE I
12 LEAVE, BUT IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. WILL
13 CARRY THEM TO COMPLETION. ONE IS BRIDGE HOUSING AT THE WEST
14 L.A. ARMORY. THERE ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF UNITS THERE FOR
15 TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. THERE IS NOTHING ON THE
16 WHOLE WEST SIDE FOR THEM, AND WE FINALLY GOT THE FEDERAL
17 GOVERNMENT TO LET US DO THIS, SO I HOPE IT CAN BE CARRIED
18 ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. THE WEST L.A. CIVIC CENTER WILL BRING
19 NEARLY 1,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS TO WEST L.A. 40% OF THEM ARE
20 AFFORDABLE, AND THERE WILL ALSO BE COMMUNITY SERVICES. IT IS
21 WHERE THE OLD WEST L.A. COURTHOUSE USED TO BE. IT IS A GREAT
22 PROPERTY. IT IS REALLY COMING TOGETHER. AND I THANK YOU, MADAM
23 C.E.O., FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THAT PROJECT. I HOPE IT
24 CONTINUES. THE CREATION OF INTERIM HOUSING FOR TRANS WOMEN IN
25 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO US. THIS IS

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1 ONE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE WHOLE COUNTY--
2 SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE, SUBJECT TO HOMELESSNESS-- AND I THINK
3 THIS INTERIM HOUSING, SPECIFICALLY WITH SENSITIVE SERVICES, IS
4 VERY IMPORTANT. LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I BROUGHT A
5 MOTION TO MAKE STAY HOUSED L.A. A PERMANENT COUNTY PROGRAM,
6 ACHIEVING COUNTYWIDE UNIVERSAL ACCESS, WE HOPE, BY 2027, AND I
7 REALLY HOPE THAT THIS CONTINUES. IN THE AREA OF WORKFORCE
8 DEVELOPMENT, TALKING ABOUT NEW DEPARTMENTS, ONE OF THE THINGS
9 THAT WE TALKED ABOUT EARLY ON IN MY TENURE IS, YOU NEED TO BE
10 HEALTHY TO KEEP YOUR JOB. YOU NEED TO BE HOUSED TO KEEP YOUR
11 HEALTH, BUT YOU NEED A JOB TO KEEP YOUR HOUSING. SO, IT IS
12 KIND OF LIKE THE THREE-LEGGED STOOL ALL BEING RELATED. SO,
13 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
14 SERVICES TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. WE DO HAVE SOME
15 POPULATIONS THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON, BUT I REALLY WANT TO SEE
16 US HELP PEOPLE GET WORK. SO, IT IS REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE
17 SUPPORT KELLY IN BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND STAFF IN THIS
18 NEW DEPARTMENT, IN ORDER TO TRAIN AND PREPARE AND PLACE COUNTY
19 RESIDENTS, INCLUDING OUR OWN CLIENTS. WE HAVE GREAT PROGRAMS
20 THAT ARE EXPANDING FOR OUR OWN CLIENTS TO BE ABLE TO STAND ON
21 THEIR OWN TWO FEET. I AM ALSO PROUD TO SEE THE CONTINUED
22 EFFORTS AND INVESTMENT IN CREATING WORKFORCE AND OTHER
23 SUPPORTS AND TRAINING TO OUR WOMEN INCARCERATED IN C.R.D.F.
24 THIS JAIL-BASED JOB CENTER HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO GIVING WOMEN A
25 RANGE OF SUPPORTS THEY NEED WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED, AND REALLY

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1 GIVE A WARM HANDOFF TO EMPLOYMENT OR CAREER TRAINING
2 PROVIDERS. THIRDLY, THE ENVIRONMENT. WE DIDN'T HAVE, REALLY,
3 MUCH GOING FOR US IN THAT ARENA, AND WE HAVE PAID SO MUCH
4 ATTENTION. OF COURSE, CLIMATE CHANGE, IT IS LIKE, "HELLO? YOU
5 BETTER DO THIS." BUT SINCE WE ESTABLISHED THE CHIEF
6 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE IN 2016, IT'S BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF
7 THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, AND BECOMING
8 MORE RESILIENT IN THE FACE OF THAT CHANGE. AND, OF COURSE,
9 WE'VE ALWAYS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB MEETING ALL THOSE GOALS, THE
10 MOST AMBITIOUS SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IN THE COUNTRY. WE GET
11 INQUIRIES FROM STATES EVERY OTHER WEEK, IF THEY CAN COPY IT,
12 PLEASE. BUT IT IS CHRONICALLY UNDERSTAFFED. WE REALLY HAVE TO
13 PROVIDE THE FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED TO FURTHER THE CLIMATE
14 RESILIENCE INITIATIVE, ESTABLISH A CHIEF CLIMATE RESILIENCE
15 OFFICER, ALONG WITH STAFF AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHIEF
16 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE. FOURTHLY, THE ARTS. MY PREDECESSOR WAS
17 KIND OF THE ARTS GUY ON THE COUNCIL, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. YOU
18 PROBABLY REMEMBER HIM. AND I WAS REALLY PROUD TO TAKE UP THE
19 CUDGEL, AS THEY SAY. BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE
20 WAS ANOTHER NEW DEPARTMENT, AND A WAY OF SAYING, "THIS IS
21 IMPORTANT. IT NEEDS A DEPARTMENT." AND IT'S NOT JUST ARTS;
22 IT'S CULTURE. AND I THINK ALL FIVE OF US HAVE SEEN WHAT THAT
23 CAN MEAN IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS. I ALSO CO-AUTHORED TWO MOTIONS
24 TO REALLY BEEF UP-- ACTUALLY, DOUBLE-- THE ORGANIZATIONAL
25 GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH IS A GREAT PROGRAM TO GET MONEY OUT THE

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1 DOOR TO ACTUAL ARTS INSTITUTES, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, BUT ALSO
2 PEOPLE DOING OTHER KIND OF WORKS, WHERE THEY USE THE ARTS. THE
3 NEXT AREA, ONLY TWO REMAINING, BUT ONE OF THEM VERY IMPORTANT
4 TO ME. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU ARE THE ONLY GAY PERSON ON
5 SOMETHING, THEY ALL THINK, "WELL, SHE WILL BE-- SHE WILL DO
6 ALL THE GAY WORK." AND I AM REALLY GRATEFUL TO MY COLLEAGUES,
7 BECAUSE I NEVER, EVER HAD TO DO THAT ALONE. AND I KNOW THAT
8 THAT WORK WILL BE CARRIED ON, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+
9 PLUS YOUTH, AND ESPECIALLY FOR OUR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE. THEY
10 REALLY NEED OUR ATTENTION. BRANDON WAS VERY WELL AWARE, AND
11 VERY GOOD ABOUT THIS. BUT I HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL RETAIN
12 THAT AS A PRIORITY, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK THAT WE HAVE ALL
13 DONE TOGETHER. FINALLY, HEALTH. WE TALKED, ACTUALLY, FOR A
14 WHILE OVER THE YEARS ABOUT S.T.D.S, AND WHAT A SERIOUS PROBLEM
15 IT WAS, SO I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT WE HAVE ALLOCATED \$10
16 MILLION OVER FOUR YEARS TO ADDRESS THAT CHALLENGE. AND ALSO, I
17 WANT TO SAY I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE \$5 MILLION WE ARE
18 PUTTING IN TO SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
19 CORE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COMING YEARS. BECAUSE AS WE ALL SAW
20 TOGETHER-- ACTUALLY, A LITTLE BEFORE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL CAME
21 ON, BUT SHE WENT THROUGH IT IN THE SENATE-- YOU NEVER KNOW
22 WHAT IS COMING. AND WE WANT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
23 BE ABLE TO PIVOT, RESPOND, AND BE THERE, AND EVEN REALLY TO
24 FORECAST. SO THIS \$5 MILLION FOR THEIR CORE INFRASTRUCTURE IS
25 REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE.

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1 SO, LET ME SAY IN CLOSING, I HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE
2 PART OF THE EIGHT BUDGETS THAT I HAVE SEEN OVER MY TIME, AND
3 THANK OUR C.E.O., THANK SACHI HAMAI BEFORE HER, FOR ALL THE
4 WORK THAT IS DONE. THERE HAS BEEN AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION IN
5 THIS COUNTY, LITTLE BY LITTLE, AND I THINK IT MUST CONTINUE,
6 AND I THINK THAT IT REALLY HAS HELPED SO MANY OF OUR
7 RESIDENTS. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MADAM C.E.O.
8 THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND SHOUT-OUT TO OUR
13 COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR THIS BEING YOUR FINAL BUDGET.
14 I AM SURE YOU HAVE NOT ONLY SEEN, BUT HAVE BEEN THE LEADER, IN
15 SHAPING OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES TO GET US WHERE WE ARE TODAY, SO
16 THANKS TO YOU. AND THANK YOU, OF COURSE, TO FESIA AND YOUR
17 STAFF, YOUR ENTIRE STAFF'S HARD WORK, PRESENTING US WITH THIS
18 SUPPLEMENTAL, AND THEN GIVING US THIS ENTIRE BUDGET TO ADOPT.
19 AND I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO MY BUDGET DEPUTY, CARLOS
20 ARRIOLA. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS TAKEN THIS ON BY
21 HIMSELF, AND I THOUGHT YOU DID A GREAT JOB, CARLOS, AND I
22 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK. SOMETIMES, IT IS HARD TO
23 WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND EVERYTHING IN THIS MASSIVE \$44.6 BILLION
24 BUDGET, BUT TO LOOK AT YOUR PRESENTATION, AND TO SEE WHEN WE
25 BREAK IT DOWN AND SPELL OUT EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE SPENDING

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1 TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON, YOU CAN COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE
2 ARE INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE, WE ARE INVESTING IN PLACES IN OUR
3 COMMUNITIES THAT MATTER TO PEOPLE, AND WE ARE INVESTING IN
4 SOLUTIONS THAT ARE GOING TO PROVIDE FOR A FUTURE, TO MAKE LIFE
5 BETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. YOU TOUCHED, FESIA,
6 ON SO MANY IMPORTANT PARTS OF THIS BUDGET IN YOUR
7 PRESENTATION, AND SO HAVE MY COLLEAGUES, SO FAR, SO I JUST
8 WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW THAT WERE NEAR AND DEAR TO ME, AND
9 TO MY DISTRICT. I FIRST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU THAT WE'RE GOING
10 TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$12.5 MILLION GOING TO OUR COUNTY
11 LIBRARIES. SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS DEPEND ON OUR LIBRARIES,
12 REALLY, FOR MORE THAN JUST BOOKS. IT IS WHERE THEY DO THEIR
13 HOMEWORK. IT IS WHERE THEY ACCESS THE INTERNET. IT IS WHERE
14 THEY APPLY FOR JOBS. IT IS WHERE THEY GET CITIZENSHIP
15 RESOURCES. AND OUR LIBRARIES HAVE STRUGGLED WITH UNDERFUNDING
16 FOR A LONG TIME, AND I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MOVE IN THE
17 RIGHT DIRECTION, TO GET THEM RIGHTLY FUNDED. I AM ALSO GLAD TO
18 SEE THAT WE HAVE FUNDED TO EXTEND OUR COUNTY POOL SEASON HERE.
19 THAT'S BEEN A PRIORITY FOR SEVERAL OF US ON THE BOARD, AND IT
20 JUST DIDN'T MAKE SENSE THAT WE WERE CLOSING OUR COUNTY POOLS
21 IN AUGUST, JUST WHEN SUMMER ACTUALLY REALLY GOT GOING. AND
22 THIS WAS A GOOD YEAR TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE HAVING HOT WEATHER
23 WAY INTO OCTOBER. AND OUR COUNTY POOLS AREN'T JUST A PLACE
24 WHERE PEOPLE EXERCISE, ALTHOUGH THAT'S IMPORTANT, TOO, BUT I
25 DO THINK THEY ARE IMPORTANT PLACES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO COOL

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1 DOWN, SOMETIMES, DURING THESE HEATWAVES. AND LAST YEAR, I
2 BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION TO EXTEND THE POOL SEASON THROUGH
3 OCTOBER, AND THANK YOU, FESIA, THAT THIS BUDGET INCLUDES
4 FUNDING TO DO JUST THAT. ALSO, I GUESS, WHEN YOU EXTEND POOL
5 HOURS, WHEN YOU-- THE CHANGING DAYLIGHT MEANS THAT NOW
6 DARKNESS MIGHT BE THERE ON SOME OF THESE EXTENDED MONTHS, SO
7 WE HAD TO ADD MONEY TO INCLUDE LIGHTING, SO THAT, ACTUALLY, IT
8 WILL BE SAFE, AND PEOPLE CAN ENJOY. UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF
9 EXTENDING THE POOL SEASON, BUT THANKS FOR STEPPING UP. AND WE
10 NEED LIFEGUARDS, TOO, OBVIOUSLY, AND I KNOW THAT'S THE ISSUE.
11 AND I KNOW PART OF THIS BUDGET DOES HELP TO GIVE A \$1 MILLION
12 SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUR JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM, WHICH, AS YOU
13 KNOW, IS JUST SO IMPORTANT. AND IT IS MORE THAN JUST KIDS IN
14 THE SUMMER, LEARNING SOME OCEAN SKILLS AND LIFEGUARDING
15 SKILLS. OUR JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS ARE A PIPELINE FOR OUR COUNTY
16 LIFEGUARDS. I MEAN, IT IS LIKE EVERY TIME I MEET A COUNTY
17 LIFEGUARD, I ASK THEM, AND ALMOST EVERY ONE OF THEM STARTED IN
18 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS. SO, IT IS A GOOD COUNTY JOB. IT IS A GOOD
19 CAREER. MANY OF THEM SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIFE AS A COUNTY
20 LIFEGUARD, TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES, SENDING THEIR KIDS
21 TO SCHOOL. SO, JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS IS A GOOD PIPELINE, AND I
22 APPRECIATE THE \$1 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP. I DO THINK IT IS
23 IMPORTANT, AND I KNOW I HAVE MY BOARD'S SUPPORT ON THIS, THAT
24 WE REALLY NEED TO OUTREACH TO THE KIDS WHO KNOW ABOUT THE
25 JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM. IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS WHO GROW UP

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1 AT THE BEACH, RIGHT? WE HAVE A LOT OF RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE
2 COUNTY THAT NEED TO BE EXPOSED TO THIS, AND PUT THEM ON A
3 PATHWAY TO A GOOD CAREER. SO, HOPEFULLY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
4 FIND FUNDING TO REALLY GET THAT JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM FULLY
5 FUNDED, AND NOW THERE'S LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS OCEAN
6 LIFEGUARDS TO TRANSITION TO POOL LIFEGUARDS. APPARENTLY, THERE
7 WERE SOME BARRIERS THERE, SO IT ALL MAKES SENSE. THIS BUDGET
8 ALSO INCLUDES \$2.5 MILLION TO BUILD E.V. CHARGING STATIONS.
9 AND, YOU KNOW, I WAS LOOKING AT THAT AND THINKING, "WELL, HOW
10 MANY PEOPLE DOES THAT REALLY TOUCH? HOW MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS
11 REALLY HAVE ELECTRIC VEHICLES?" BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE
12 THINGS ABOUT THE FUTURE. BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS
13 PROBABLY ARE REALLY FEELING GAS PRICE ANXIETY RIGHT NOW, AND
14 LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE.
15 AND WE KNOW THAT, ON METRO, WE ARE PUTTING A LOT OF EFFORT
16 INTO ZERO-EMISSION LANES ON OUR FREEWAY SYSTEM. I DO KNOW
17 THERE'S MOVEMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL TO EVEN TALK ABOUT PHASING
18 OUT GAS-POWERED VEHICLES IN THE FUTURE. BUT I DO KNOW THAT A
19 LOT OF PEOPLE WERE HESITANT TO JUMP INTO THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
20 WORLD, BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T SURE ABOUT, "HOW DO YOU CHARGE
21 THEM UP? WHERE DO YOU CHARGE THEM UP? AM I GOING TO BE
22 STRANDED WITHOUT ANY JUICE SOMEWHERE?" SO, THIS IS A GOOD-- IT
23 IS KIND OF LIKE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE, RIGHT? WE
24 HAVE GOT THE STATIONS. MAYBE IT WILL INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO
25 PURCHASE ELECTRIC VEHICLES. THIS BUDGET, AS MANY HAVE SAID,

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1 REALLY DOES-- OUR CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST VISION JUST IS THE--
2 KIND OF THE GOLDEN THREAD THAT JUST WEAVES THROUGH THIS ENTIRE
3 BUDGET. WE ARE BUDGETING TO HIRE MORE THAN 70 NEW PUBLIC
4 DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND THEY ARE THE
5 CORNERSTONE OF A FAIR AND JUST SOCIETY, MAKING SURE THAT
6 EVERYONE GETS THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO LEGAL
7 REPRESENTATION, AND DOING WHAT THEY CAN, IF POSSIBLE, TO STEER
8 PEOPLE AWAY FROM INCARCERATION. BUDGET ALSO SHOWS A SHIFT IN
9 HOW THE COUNTY SPENDS OUR A.B. 109 FUNDS. THE PERCENTAGE OF
10 THE FUNDS GOING TO TREATMENT AND SERVICES HAS MORE THAN
11 TRIPLED SINCE 2011. WE ARE INVESTING IN SUBSTANCE USE
12 PROGRAMS, INTERIM HOUSING, PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE SERVICES,
13 VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AND YOUTH CENTERS. AND A LOT OF
14 THE CREDIT FOR THIS CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
15 REALIGNMENT TEAM, WHICH WAS EXPANDED BACK IN 2020 TO ADD MORE
16 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO GIVE THEIR INPUT ON HOW WE
17 SPEND THOSE FUNDS. I WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE
18 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR HARD WORK. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-
19 OUT TO MY FOURTH-DISTRICT APPOINTEE, JOSE OSUNA. YOU KNOW, I
20 HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION OF STEPPING UP HOW WE RESPOND TO MENTAL
21 HEALTH CRISIS, AND THIS BUDGET DOES THAT. MY FRIEND,
22 CONGRESSMEMBER TONY CARDENAS, WHO HAS BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR THE
23 9-8-8 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL,
24 TALKS ABOUT NEEDING SOMEONE TO CALL, SOMEONE TO RESPOND, AND
25 SOMEWHERE TO GO DURING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. AND THIS

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1 BUDGET, WE ARE DOING JUST THAT. WE ARE INVESTING IN OUR 9-8-8
2 CALL CENTERS THROUGH DIDI HIRSCH. WE ARE ADDING 34 POSITIONS
3 TO OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS. THESE ARE THE FOLKS
4 THAT ACTUALLY ROLL OUT TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED. AND WE ARE
5 INVESTING \$34 MILLION IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE
6 NETWORK, INCLUDING FUNDING FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE
7 CENTERS. THIS IS REALLY THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NEEDED TO
8 INVEST IN, SO THAT PEOPLE DO HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE TO CALLING 9-
9 1-1. THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR. WE KNOW,
10 SOMETIMES, 9-1-1 DOES NOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULTS AND
11 OUTCOME FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE HAVING A CRISIS. WANTED TO
12 TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE OUR YOUTH COMMISSION. THE
13 COMMISSIONERS ARE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE
14 WITH FOSTER CARE OR THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND ARE USING THEIR
15 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE TO HELP US MAKE THESE SYSTEMS BETTER. THIS
16 COMMISSION HAS GONE THROUGH A LOT, THESE LAST FEW MONTHS, AND
17 UNFORTUNATELY, LAST WEEK, THEY LOST ONE OF THEIR OWN
18 COMMISSIONERS. 25-YEAR-OLD ALEX FURTADO DIED, TRAGICALLY. AND
19 I KNOW ALL OF US HAVE A LOT OF COMPASSION FOR OUR
20 COMMISSIONERS, WHO ARE GRIEVING. I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS
21 ADJOURNING TODAY, BUT I AM PRETTY SURE SHE WOULD ACCEPT IT IF
22 WE ALL JOINED HER IN ADJOURNING FOR ALEX. BUT THE WORK THIS
23 YOUTH COMMISSION ARE SETTING OUT TO DO IS IMPORTANT, AND THIS
24 BUDGET-- THANK YOU, FESIA-- INCLUDES NEW FUNDING, SO THEY CAN
25 HIRE MORE FULL-TIME STAFF, AND GET THE CASE-MANAGEMENT

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1 SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM THEY DESIGN UP AND RUNNING. THANK YOU
2 FOR THE ATTENTION TO THAT COMMISSION, FESIA. AND FINALLY, THIS
3 BUDGET INCLUDES \$11.9 MILLION IN ONGOING STATE FUNDING FOR OUR
4 AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THOSE NEW
5 DEPARTMENTS THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL TALKED ABOUT IS SETTING UP,
6 AND OUR CHAIR TALKED ABOUT WHAT AN AGGRESSIVE THING THAT HAS
7 BEEN FOR US, TO SET UP NEW DEPARTMENTS. THIS WILL FUND 45 NEW
8 POSITIONS. IT WILL EXPAND THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
9 PROGRAM AND THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM, WHICH SUPPORTS OUR SENIORS
10 AT RISK OF OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND THE LAST COUNT
11 SHOWED WE HAVE MORE THAN 15,000 OLDER ADULTS EXPERIENCING
12 HOMELESSNESS. SO, AGAIN, THIS FUNDING IS PERFECT TIMING FOR US
13 TO STRENGTHEN OUR SAFETY NET UNDER OUR OLDER ADULTS. THIS
14 DEPARTMENT HAS SO MUCH POTENTIAL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
15 PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT HELPS PEOPLE GET FOOD, COMBAT SOCIAL
16 ISOLATION. IT IS GOING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR RESIDENTS AND
17 CAREGIVERS TO GET COUNTY SERVICES, LIKE OUR L.A. FOUND
18 PROGRAM, AND THIS IS REALLY AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO AS A
19 COUNTY: WE CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED US. AND I JUST WANTED TO
20 END-- SO, NOT PART OF THIS BUDGET, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK
21 TO OUR S.E.I.U. FRIENDS, OUR IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WHO
22 HAVE BEEN ASKING US FOR A LONG TIME, NOW, HOW WE CAN GIVE THEM
23 \$20 AN HOUR. AND I THINK, PROBABLY, ALL OF US AGREE THAT THAT
24 IS KIND OF THE BARE MINIMUM WHERE THEY SHOULD BE. I AM MOVED
25 BY THE WORK THAT THEY DO, ULTIMATELY, AND I HAVE HEARD SEVERAL

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1 OF MY COLLEAGUES SAY THIS: THEY ACTUALLY SAVE THE COUNTY
2 MONEY. WE WANT PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND BE CARED FOR.
3 IT WOULD BE SO MUCH MORE COST TO US, AND MORE DANGEROUS TO
4 THEM, TO BE IN CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES, AND OUR SKILLED
5 NURSING FACILITIES, AND HOSPITALS, THAT ULTIMATELY COST US
6 MORE MONEY. WE WANT PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES. I KNOW MY
7 DEAR, SWEET MOTHER, AND MY FATHER, BOTH GOT TO STAY AT HOME
8 TILL THE END, BECAUSE THEY HAD EXCELLENT IN-HOME HEALTHCARE,
9 AND IT MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE, TO MY
10 QUALITY OF LIFE. SO, WE ARE ON THEIR SIDE. WE GOT TO GET
11 THERE. I AM JUST GOING TO-- I KNOW IT IS NOT PART OF THE
12 BUDGET, BUT, FESIA, JUST BECAUSE WE HEARD SO MUCH PUBLIC
13 COMMENT TODAY, AND SO MANY PEOPLE ARE LISTENING TO THEIR
14 PLIGHT, CAN YOU-- YOU ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT "LANDING THAT DAMN
15 PLANE." CAN YOU AT LEAST GIVE US A SENSE OF HOW YOU THINK WE
16 CAN GET TO A PATHWAY? I KNOW WE ARE NOT NEGOTIATING THIS IN
17 PUBLIC. I AM NOT NEGOTIATING THIS. YOU ARE AT THE TABLE, BUT
18 IT IS HARD TO LOOK AT A \$44 BILLION BUDGET AND NOT THINK WE
19 WOULD HAVE ROOM TO HELP THESE WORKERS, WHO ARE REALLY DOING
20 GOD'S WORK.

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. LET ME START
23 OFF BY SAYING THAT I AM NOT UNSYMPATHETIC. MY OWN MOTHER
24 RECEIVED SERVICES FROM I.H.S.S., AND THAT IS WHAT ALLOWED HER
25 TO STAY IN HER HOME. AS WE KNOW, NEGOTIATIONS ARE ONGOING

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1 PROCESSES, AND THIS HAS BEEN A NEGOTIATING YEAR FOR ALL THE
2 COUNTY UNIONS, ALL 68 OF THEM. AND AS WE HAVE STARTED TO CLOSE
3 THE OTHER TABLES, WE HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE WE HAVE
4 LANDED FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23, AND WHAT
5 WE'RE GOING TO BE BETTER ABLE OR POSITIONED TO DO FOR '23-'24.
6 SO, WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
7 I.H.S.S. THE BOARD HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO
8 SEE SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT. AND WHAT THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS ARE, OR
9 WHAT THAT ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE, IS TO STILL BE DETERMINED.
10 SUPPORT FROM THE STATE WOULD BE HELPFUL. IT'S PROBABLY NOT A
11 FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT THE COUNTY CAN CARRY ON ITS OWN. IT IS
12 ALL A WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH
13 S.E.I.U., AND WE WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH I.H.S.S.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU, AND I JUST WANT TO BE ONE VOICE. I
16 CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES. I URGE YOU TO GET TO THAT
17 POINT. 90% OF THEM ARE WOMEN, AND AGAIN, IT IS HARD FOR US TO
18 TALK ON ONE SIDE OF OUR MOUTH ABOUT CARE FIRST, AND THEN NOT
19 GET TO THAT POINT WHERE WE CAN REALLY AGREE TO GIVE THEM WHAT
20 WE, I AM SURE, WE ALL BELIEVE THEY ARE MORE THAN WORTH: \$20 AN
21 HOUR. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
2 ASKING THAT, BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO QUESTION IT. BUT I ALSO,
3 AT SOME POINT, WOULD LIKE A CHEAT SHEET, BECAUSE SOMEONE
4 MENTIONED ABOUT THE STATE INTERVENTION MONEY THAT THEY
5 PROVIDE, BUT IT IS CAPPED. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO
6 UNDERSTAND HOW THE REVENUE STREAMS WORK, AND WHAT WE HAVE TO
7 DO, AND MAYBE THERE'S LEGISLATIVE FIXES. AND AGAIN, WE'RE NOT
8 GOING TO NEGOTIATE IT IN PUBLIC, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE
9 HELPFUL, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT, IN TERMS
10 OF WHAT THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION IS, IF WE DO THIS PAY RAISE
11 RIGHT NOW. AND TO YOUR POINT, WITH A \$44 BILLION BUDGET,
12 ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE INCREASE THAT WE DIDN'T
13 ANTICIPATE, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE TRANSPARENT,
14 AS IT RELATES TO THAT.

15
16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, WE CAN SET UP A BRIEFING
17 FOR EACH OF YOUR DEPUTIES, TO EXPLAIN THE STATE PARTICIPATION
18 RATE, AND THE POINT AT WHICH THE STATE HAS CAPPED ITS
19 PARTICIPATION.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. THANK YOU. AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK YOU,
22 FESIA, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE,
23 AND I AM LOOKING AT THEM RIGHT NOW-- BILL AND JOE. I GUESS WE
24 CAN GIVE JOE SOME CREDIT, TOO. BUT, TRULY, YOU ALL ARE
25 AMAZING. AND I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MICHELLE VEGA ON MY

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1 STAFF, AS WELL AS MY ENTIRE TEAM, WHO IS REALLY FOCUSED ON
2 WHAT THE FIFTH-DISTRICT PRIORITIES ARE, AND MADE SURE THAT
3 THEY WERE INCLUDED. AND FOR THE MOST PART, THE INTERESTING
4 THING IS, THE FIFTH-DISTRICT PRIORITIES MIRRORED WHAT THE
5 ENTIRE COUNTY NEEDS, AND SO I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK MICHELLE.
6 THE \$5 BILLION INCREASE IS A REMARKABLE JUMP FOR OUR ADOPTED
7 BUDGET. WITH THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING, WE ARE SEEING
8 CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE, WITH A GAIN OF
9 NEARLY 1,000 POSITIONS, BRINGING OUR TOTAL OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES
10 TO MORE THAN 113,000. I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO SEE A
11 BALANCED ALLOCATION FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM. THIS BUDGET
12 ALLOCATES 205 POSITIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH
13 INCLUDES TWO ADDITIONAL ACADEMY CLASSES. DURING THE ADOPTED
14 BUDGET PHASE EARLIER THIS YEAR, I STRONGLY ADVOCATED FOR THE
15 NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHERIFF'S ACADEMIES. IN
16 ADDITION TO THE TWO CLASSES ASKED FOR MONTHS AGO, WE ARE
17 GAINING TWO MORE CLASSES. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THESE
18 ACADEMIES, RUN BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
19 ALSO TRAIN OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE
20 COUNTY. WE HAVE HEARD-- AT LEAST, I KNOW I HAVE HEARD-- FROM
21 NUMEROUS CITIES IN MY DISTRICT THAT RELY ON OUR SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT ACADEMIES TO TRAIN THEIR OWN PEACE OFFICERS, AND
23 THE ADDITIONAL CLASSES APPROVED BY THE BOARD TODAY WILL HELP
24 SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE REGION.
25 AND AS THE C.E.O. MENTIONED, WE ARE SETTING ASIDE VITAL

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1 FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE
2 AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. \$149 MILLION IDENTIFIED IN BOTH THE
3 ONGOING AND ONE-TIME FUNDING WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED
4 RESOURCES TO INCREASE CLINICIANS AND CUSTODY STAFF IN OUR
5 JAILS, AND IN OUR INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. IT WILL ALSO HELP
6 US ESTABLISH A NEW PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE UNIT IN THE TWIN
7 TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. AS I STATED EARLIER, WE HAVE A
8 CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE INMATE
9 POPULATION, WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING THE CRITICAL HEALTH AND
10 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RUNS THE LARGEST
11 CHILD-- I AM SORRY. WE CAN ONLY DO THIS IF WE SET ASIDE THE
12 FUNDING NECESSARY, AND PRIORITIZE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO
13 PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CARE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. EVEN AS THE
14 COUNTY CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE REMARKABLE GROWTH IN REVENUE,
15 WE ARE STILL EXPERIENCING SHORTFALLS AND STRUCTURAL DEFICITS
16 IN SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS AND COUNTY PROGRAMMING. ONE OF THE
17 MOST CRUCIAL DEPARTMENTS THAT CONTINUES TO FACE BUDGETING
18 ISSUES IS OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS
19 CONSIDERED A SPECIAL DISTRICT, IT IS NOT TYPICALLY ELIGIBLE
20 FOR COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS. YET, THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
21 FIRE DEPARTMENT GO FAR BEYOND FIRE PROTECTION. MANY RESIDENTS
22 MAY NOT REALIZE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEIR WORK IS
23 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. WE CANNOT LET THIS ESSENTIAL
24 COUNTY FUNCTION CONTINUE IN DEBT. WE MUST LOOK FOR WAYS TO
25 PROVIDE FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THEIR ESSENTIAL SERVICES. AND ON A

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1 MORE POSITIVE NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
2 FOR HELPING TO ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE PARKS
3 AFTER DARK PROGRAM. I CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE VALUE OF
4 THIS PROGRAM IN SERVING AT-RISK AND UNDERSERVED CHILDREN,
5 YOUTH, AND ACTUALLY ADULTS, AS WELL. I APPRECIATE THE
6 ALLOCATING RESOURCES TOWARD OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM, WHERE I HAVE
7 SEEN FIRSTHAND THE VALUE THAT LIBRARY SERVICES AND RESOURCES
8 OFFER IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAD TO
9 PIVOT DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. CRISIS, AND TRULY WERE A VALUABLE
10 ASSET TO MANY THAT FELT THEY NEEDED THE SUPPORT AND THE
11 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE LIBRARIES PROVIDED WHILE
12 THEY WERE CLOSED. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING
13 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
14 SERVICES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RUNS THE LARGEST CHILD WELFARE
15 AGENCY IN THE NATION, YET THIS DEPARTMENT, TOO, IS FACING A
16 SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING SHORTFALL. WE NEED TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT
17 EXPAND AND IMPROVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS
18 OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH. THIS INCLUDES ENHANCING
19 PLACEMENT RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY SPECIALIZED RESOURCES SUCH AS
20 INTENSIVE-SERVICES FOSTER CARE, AND THE EXPANSION OF THE
21 PODSHARE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MORE HOUSING TO 18- TO 21-YEAR-
22 OLDS. I HOPE THAT IN FUTURE FUNDING, WE ARE ALSO ABLE TO
23 EXPAND PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE PROGRAMS TO KEEP FAMILIES
24 INTACT IN THE COMMUNITY, AND OUT OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.
25 THERE IS ALSO MANY ONE-TIME FUNDING NEEDS THAT WOULD PROVIDE

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1 VALUABLE SUPPORT FOR OUR SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS ON THE FRONT
2 LINES. THIS INCLUDES TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND TOOLS TO
3 ALLOW BETTER MATCHING OF CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS, AND
4 AUTOMATED SYSTEMS FOR COURT REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS. FUNDING TO
5 PROVIDE FOR THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR FOSTER
6 CARE SYSTEM, AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO SUPPORT THEM, SHOULD
7 BE ONE OF OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES DURING THE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET
8 DELIBERATIONS. THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REPRESENTS TRULY
9 REMARKABLE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY IN THIS COUNTY, AND I AM
10 GRATEFUL THAT WE CONTINUE TO SET ASIDE MONEY IN OUR RAINY-DAY
11 FUND. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL BUDGETING PRACTICE TO PROTECT
12 PROGRAM SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN OR
13 CATASTROPHE. FORTUNATELY, I HAVE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY LONG
14 ENOUGH TO SEE HOW WE HAVE WEATHERED RECESSIONS AND ECONOMIC
15 DECLINE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE THESE CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WE PUT
16 TOGETHER OUR BUDGETS AND CONTEMPLATE ONE-TIME VERSUS ONGOING
17 FUNDING, AS WE EXPAND PROGRAMS. AND YOU TOUCHED ON THAT,
18 FESIA. I'VE EXPRESSED CONCERNS THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THE
19 GROWTH, AND EVEN WITH SOME OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS
20 THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED, THE BOARD IS FUNDING ITEMS THAT ARE
21 NOT ONE-TIME FUNDING, BUT THAT REPRESENT ONGOING EXPENSES. I
22 FEAR THAT IN THE EVENT WE NEED TO DRAW FUNDING FROM THE RAINY-
23 DAY FUND, WE WILL BE FACED WITH HARD CHOICES TO EITHER
24 IMPLEMENT LAYOFFS OR CUT SERVICE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I
25 KNOW NONE OF US WANT TO DO. I ENCOURAGE US ALL TO KEEP THESE

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1 CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, AND MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY,
2 BECAUSE IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF IF, BUT IT MAY BE A QUESTION
3 OF WHEN. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. AND OUR
4 DEPARTMENTS TOWARD OUR SHARED GOALS OF SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE
5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NO FURTHER
8 COMMENTS, ITEM 62, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 4, ARE BEFORE US. MOVED
9 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. LET ME
10 CHANGE THE ORDER. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEING HER LAST BUDGET.
11 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
12 APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 62, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 4, ARE BEFORE
15 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

7 MITCHELL?

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

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

12 5-0.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. DAVENPORT, ITEM 63.

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16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 63 IS

17 THE FINAL ITEM OF THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

18 THIS IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION,

19 WHICH CONFIRMS THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO THE COUNTY BUDGET

20 FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23, FOR ALL ITEMS THAT WERE APPROVED

21 TODAY. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE THIS

22 ITEM.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS ON ITEM 63? SEEING NONE,
2 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO ADOPT THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 63 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL?

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

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
2 5-0.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN
5 HELD BY BOARD MEMBERS, ITEM NUMBER 4, HONORING A VISIONARY,
6 ROZ WYMAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'D
9 LIKE TO START OFF, FIRST, BY THANKING SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL
10 FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I AM NOT SURE IF
11 EVERYONE IS AWARE, BUT TODAY IS ROZ'S BIRTHDAY. AND I FOUND IT
12 SO FITTING TO INTRODUCE THIS MOTION TODAY, ON HER 92ND
13 BIRTHDAY. WOW. 92 YEARS YOUNG, STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL. I MET
14 ROZ'S FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS EARLIER THIS MORNING TO
15 CELEBRATE TODAY'S MOTION, BUT TO ALSO REFLECT ON HER
16 INCREDIBLE LEGACY. EVER SINCE ROZ WALKED OFF U.S.C. BACK IN
17 1952, WITH A DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND IN THE LOS
18 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE AGE OF 22-- OH, MY GOD--
19 THEN THE YOUNGEST ELECTED LEGISLATOR IN A MAJOR U.S. CITY IN
20 THE COUNTRY, ROZ HAS BEEN PIONEERING IN SO MANY WAYS, AND
21 CONTINUES TO BE A FORCE OF CHANGE, HELPING TO SHAPE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY TO WHAT IT IS TODAY. DURING THE 12
23 YEARS THAT ROZ SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL,
24 SHE PROPOSED AND PASSED A \$39.5 MILLION BOND TO CREATE PARKS,
25 PLAYGROUNDS, RECREATION CENTERS, AND BEACHES. SHE WAS THE

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1 FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE AS ACTING MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LOS
2 ANGELES. SHE SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT-- UNDERSCORE THIS-- SHE
3 BROUGHT THE DODGERS HERE. UNLIKE STORIES THAT YOU HAVE HEARD
4 OF EVERYONE TAKING CREDIT FOR IT, SHE IS THE REAL THING. SHE
5 DID IT. AND SHE HAD A MAJOR HAND IN MOVING THE LAKERS HERE, AS
6 WELL. ROZ ALTERED THE TRAJECTORY OF THE CITY AND THE
7 LANDSCAPE. SHE KNEW THAT BRINGING MAJOR-LEAGUE TEAMS WOULD
8 ACCELERATE THE GROWTH AND THE STATUS OF L.A., AND THAT
9 NURTURING THE ARTS AND BUILDING PARKS WOULD ALSO ENRICH THE
10 LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.
11 AND THAT IS WHY, WHEN DOROTHY CHANDLER WENT TO ROZ AND ASKED
12 HER TO SUPPORT BUILDING THE MUSIC CENTER, ROZ WAS EXCITED AND
13 THRILLED TO HELP. THAT IDEA SHE BROUGHT UP IN CONNECTING L.A.
14 CITY HALL TO GRAND AVENUE, THAT WAS HER IDEA, THROUGH A PARK
15 WHERE ALL ANGELENOS WOULD GATHER, AND THAT'S OUR GRAND PARK,
16 RIGHT NEXT TO THIS BUILDING. BUT THAT'S WHY, AFTER 60 YEARS,
17 ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT SHE HAS DONE HAVE BECOME A REALITY
18 FOR SO MANY OF US. BUT THIS IS WHY ROZ IS A VISIONARY WHO HAS
19 DREAMS THAT HAVE CHANGED THE CITY, AND THE COUNTY, AND THE
20 COUNTRY. I KNOW HER WELL, BECAUSE I SAW HER ALONGSIDE SENATOR
21 FEINSTEIN FOR MANY YEARS, WHEN I MET HER BACK IN 1992, WHEN
22 SENATOR FEINSTEIN RAN IN THE YEAR OF THE WOMEN. AND SOME OF US
23 RAN DURING THAT TIME, SHEILA, IF YOU RECALL. AND BARBARA BOXER
24 AND SHE WERE THERE, AND SO WAS ROZ. ROZ HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
25 EVERY EXCITING DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT THAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE

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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I WAS JUST HEARING STORIES FROM HER OWN
2 CHILDREN, TELLING US HOW EXCITING IT WAS FOR HER TO BE A PART
3 OF MANY FIRSTS, ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR-- NOT SUPERVISOR, THEN--
4 CONGRESSMEMBER PELOSI, WHEN SHE WAS FIRST JUST GETTING STARTED
5 IN HER AREA IN THE CONGRESS, TAKING OVER THAT SEAT. AND GUESS
6 WHO WAS NEXT TO HER-- ROZ WYMAN. HOW INCREDIBLE. SO I AM SO
7 EXCITED THAT, TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO SEE THAT, AS WE GATHER TO
8 CELEBRATE GRAND PARK, THAT WE ARE ALSO GOING TO CELEBRATE ROZ,
9 AND LOVE HER FOREVER, HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE GOING TO PAY
10 TRIBUTE AND PLACE A PLAQUE OVER BY THE FOUNTAIN, NEAR SACHI
11 HAMAI'S AREA, ALONG THE FOUNTAIN THERE, SO EVERYONE CAN SEE
12 THAT AS THEY WALK BY, TO KNOW THAT THIS WOMAN PIONEER, WHO WAS
13 THERE FOR SO MANY OF US, AND CONTINUES UP UNTIL, I THINK, THE
14 LAST YEAR AND COUPLE OF MONTHS. I REMEMBER HER CALLING ME AND
15 TELLING ME, "HILDA, I READ YOUR NEWSLETTER. I LOVE IT." WHO
16 CALLS YOU ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER? I WAS SO THRILLED TO ALWAYS
17 BE ABLE TO TALK TO HER, AND SO EXCITED. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO
18 THANK EVERYBODY IN HER FAMILY THAT HAS JUST REALLY BEEN
19 TOUCHED BY HER, BY HER LEADERSHIP, AND BY HER SOLIDARITY WITH
20 WOMEN. AND SHE IS SO PROUD OF ALL OF US, TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
21 KNOW EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT SITS ON THE
22 BOARD, AND HAVING HAD SOME PAST WITH US. SO, GOD BLESS YOU,
23 ROZ. WE LOVE YOU. SO, WITH THAT, I AM SURE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
24 YOU'LL WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, TOO.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I REALLY DO. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I
2 AM SO SORRY THAT I MISSED THE BREAKFAST, BUT I E-MAILED ROZ,
3 AND SAID, "HOW ABOUT A LUNCH OR A DINNER?" AND IT'S NOT
4 GENEROSITY. IT'S LIKE, SHE IS SUCH GREAT COMPANY. I MEAN, YOU
5 KNOW, I THINK THAT ALL OF US ON THE BOARD, AND THROUGHOUT OUR
6 LIVES, HAVE REALLY COME TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE THAT ONE
7 PERSON CAN MAKE. AND OFTEN, THE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
8 DOESN'T QUITE SUM IT UP. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU CAN THINK
9 SOMETHING UP, LIKE, "OH, I THINK THOSE BROOKLYN BUMS OUGHT TO
10 REALLY COME TO L.A., THEY BELONG HERE," AND MILLIONS OF US ARE
11 CUCKOO-BANANAS DODGERS FANS IN L.A, IT IS ROZ. AND SO IT'S NOT
12 JUST ABOUT THAT, ALTHOUGH I THINK IT IS INTERESTING. I THINK
13 SHE MUST BE THE ONLY NONPLAYER/NONMANAGER THAT ACTUALLY HAD A
14 BOBBLEHEAD MADE FOR HER BY THE DODGERS, WHICH IS SUCH A GREAT
15 THING. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, THE WORK THAT
16 ROZ HAS DONE IN THE TWO AREAS THAT YOU HIGHLIGHTED. HER
17 SERVICE ON THE CITY COUNCIL WAS EXTRAORDINARY IN ITS VISION
18 AND IN ITS SCOPE, IN THINKING ABOUT THE ARTS, AND THINKING
19 ABOUT WHAT THE CITY COULD DO. AND WHENEVER YOU GO SOMEWHERE,
20 AND YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT ONE PERSON KIND OF THOUGHT UP, YOU
21 THINK-- YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, YOU KNOW, THAT THEY WERE THE
22 ONES THAT DID IT. SO, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO PUT HER
23 NAME ON THIS VERY PUBLIC AND VERY IMPORTANT PLACE. BUT THE
24 OTHER THING IS HER CONSTANT DEVOTION TO SEEING WOMEN WHO WOULD
25 MAKE A DIFFERENCE ELECTED. IT WAS IMPASSIONED. IT WAS FOCUSED.

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1 IT MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. I MEAN, YOU CAN
2 ASK ANYONE: THE SPEAKER-- THAT IS, OF CONGRESS-- AND SENATOR
3 FEINSTEIN, AS YOU MENTIONED, AND SO MANY OTHERS. SO I WANT TO
4 ADD MY PERSONAL THANKS. ROZ, I HOPE YOU ARE WATCHING THIS. I
5 IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE, OR MAYBE YOU ARE SITTING RIGHT OUT
6 FRONT, LISTENING. I LOVE YOU, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE
7 WORK YOU DID, FOR THE HEART YOU PUT INTO IT, FOR THE EXAMPLE
8 YOU SET FOR ALL OF US IN ELECTED OFFICE, FOR YOUR
9 HARDHEADEDNESS, WHICH IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF GETTING
10 ANYTHING DONE; HARDHEADEDNESS WITH HEART. AND I'M SURE
11 SOMEWHERE THERE'S COURAGE AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF FROM "THE
12 WIZARD OF OZ," BECAUSE THAT'S JUST YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN THE
13 WIZARDESS OF OZ. SO, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE, AND
14 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS
15 WITH YOU. IT IS REALLY FUN, AND REALLY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU,
16 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THANK YOU TO
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS VERY
22 APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION FOR ROZ WYMAN, TO NAME THE FOUNTAIN
23 OVERLOOK IN GRAND PARK AS THE ROZ WYMAN COURT. AND I JUST
24 THINK THAT'S SO APPROPRIATE. IT JUST DOES KIND OF FEEL LIKE,
25 ROZ, YOU HAVE BEEN HOLDING COURT FOR SO LONG, AND PEOPLE COME

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1 TO YOU. THEY GO TO YOU FOR YOUR ADVICE AND YOUR WISDOM, AND
2 STARTING, AGAIN, WITH THAT INCREDIBLE CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION TO
3 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL WHEN YOU WERE ONLY 22 YEARS OLD.
4 I THINK, SITTING ON THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH ALL
5 FIVE WOMEN, IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE, I AM SURE, THE SCRUTINY
6 THAT YOU GOT AT THAT POINT, BOTH FOR BEING A WOMAN, AND BOTH
7 FOR BEING SO YOUNG, ON THAT LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. YOU
8 PROBABLY HAD A LOT OF THOSE GUYS WHO WEREN'T QUITE SURE WHAT
9 TO MAKE OF YOU, AND MAYBE DIDN'T EVEN GIVE YOU THE RESPECT
10 THAT YOU DESERVE. BUT THE FACT THAT, AS A COUNCILWOMAN, YOU,
11 AND ALONG WITH MY DAD, KENNY HAHN, DID GO AND SEEK OUT THE
12 DODGERS, AND BRING THEM BACK TO LOS ANGELES. AND WHAT A THRILL
13 THAT WAS FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK EVERYBODY AT THAT
14 TIME WANTED A MAJOR-LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM, AND PROBABLY WOULD
15 HAVE TAKEN ANY TEAM, BUT THE FACT THAT WE GOT THE DODGERS WAS
16 JUST SOMETHING THAT I THINK, EVEN TO THIS DAY, PEOPLE ARE
17 THRILLED. AND I HAVE BEEN TO A COUPLE OF THOSE DODGER GAMES,
18 AND I GOT TO SIT WITH YOU, AND IT IS TRUE: YOU HOLD COURT.
19 PEOPLE COME DURING THE ENTIRE GAME TO SAY HELLO TO YOU.
20 PLAYERS SAY HELLO TO YOU. OF COURSE, YOUR GOOD FRIEND, TOMMY
21 LASORDA, BEFORE HE PASSED, WOULD ALWAYS MAKE THE EFFORT TO SAY
22 HELLO TO YOU AT THE GAMES. YOUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR CALIFORNIA
23 DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS SO VISIONARY, OF COURSE, IN THE 1960
24 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, WHERE JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS GETTING THE
25 NOMINATION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TO BE THE PRESIDENT. YOU

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1 FINAGLED WITH HIS BROTHER, BOBBY, TO DO SOMETHING THAT WAS
2 VERY UNUSUAL, VERY VISIONARY, NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE, TO WORK
3 WITH THE KENNEDYS TO HAVE HIM GIVE HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
4 OUTDOORS IN THE LOS ANGELES COLISEUM. NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.
5 THE CONVENTION WAS BEING HELD NEXT DOOR IN THE OLD SPORTS
6 ARENA, BUT NO ONE HAD EVER GIVEN THEIR SPEECH OUTDOORS IN SUCH
7 A VENUE, AND ROZ THOUGHT IT WOULD BE-- JUST THE OPTICS WOULD
8 BE SO INCREDIBLE. AND, OF COURSE, THE STADIUM WAS FILLED, AND
9 IT WAS ONE OF HIS GREAT SPEECHES. THE COLISEUM HAS A PLAQUE
10 MEMORIALIZING HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, AND THAT WAS ALL BECAUSE
11 OF YOU, ROZ. AND I WAS SO PLEASED TO SERVE WITH YOU ON THE
12 COLISEUM COMMISSION, AND WAS ALSO SO HAPPY TO BE THE ONE THAT,
13 WITH FULL APPROVAL BY ALL THE COMMISSIONERS AT THE COLISEUM
14 COMMISSION, TO HONOR YOU WITH YOUR OWN PLAQUE IN THE COURT OF
15 HONOR; ANOTHER COURT, COURT OF HONOR. THOSE COLUMNS THAT
16 SURROUND THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, YOU HAVE YOUR
17 PLAQUE THERE. SO, FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, BOTH AT THIS ROZ
18 WYMAN COURT IN OUR GRAND PARK, AS WELL AS THE COLISEUM, THE
19 MEMORIAL COLISEUM, GENERATIONS TO COME WILL KNOW ROZ WYMAN.
20 AND IF THEY DON'T, THEY WILL LOOK YOU UP, AND THEY'LL SEE WHAT
21 AN INCREDIBLE WOMAN YOU HAVE BEEN. YOU HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY
22 LIVES, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE TOUCHED MINE, AS WELL. A BIG HAPPY
23 BIRTHDAY TO YOU, ROZ. A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AND I HOPE FOR
24 MANY MORE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND WHILE I HAVE NOT HAD THE HONOR OF
4 WORKING WITH ROZ, EVERY TIME HER NAME IS MENTIONED, PEOPLE
5 THAT HAVE WORKED WITH HER OR KNOW HER LIGHT UP. JUST HER
6 REPUTATION IS ONE OF A HARD WORKER, AMAZING FRIEND. AND,
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I THINK YOU REFLECTED THAT IN YOUR COMMENTS.
8 AND SO IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, SHE HAS
9 BEEN PASSIONATE ABOUT REALLY BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. WHEN
10 SHE WAS A STUDENT AT L.A. HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ADVOCATED FOR LUNCH
11 MIXERS AND SCHOOL DANCES, AND THEN WENT ON TO PLAN CAMPUS
12 EVENTS WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT AT U.S.C. AND IN PUBLIC SERVICE,
13 SHE BROUGHT CONSTITUENTS TOGETHER AT THE MUSIC CENTER, DODGER
14 STADIUM-- I THINK SHE IS THE NUMBER-ONE FAN-- LOCAL PARKS, AND
15 AT THE MANY FAITH-BASED EFFORTS SHE HAS ADVOCATED FOR. AND
16 NOW, WHEN PEOPLE VISIT GRAND PARK, WHICH IS TRULY A GREAT
17 COUNTY ASSET, I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW, WHEN IT WAS
18 BEING WORKED ON, WAS A VISION TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND
19 HER GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF TOGETHERNESS WILL CARRY ON, AS THIS
20 IS DEDICATED ON HER BEHALF. THE VISION OF GRAND PARK HAS
21 ALWAYS BEEN A GATHERING PLACE FOR PEOPLE OF EVERY BACKGROUND,
22 BELIEF, AND AGE TO FEEL WELCOMED. AND IF YOU WALK THROUGH IT,
23 YOU FEEL THAT WAY. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT MOTIVATED ROZ
24 THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. I BELIEVE THAT SHE BELIEVED THAT ALL
25 SHOULD BE WELCOME, AND THAT WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER. AND SO I

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1 WILL VOTE YES ON THIS, BECAUSE I REALLY DO BELIEVE THIS IS A
2 FITTING TRIBUTE TO SOMEONE THAT, WHILE I DON'T KNOW
3 PERSONALLY, I KNOW BY REPUTATION, AND I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE
4 MORE DESERVING OF HAVING THIS DEDICATED ON HER BEHALF. THANK
5 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I WILL VERY BRIEFLY ADD
8 MY TWO CENTS AND JOIN YOU ALL AS MEMBERS OF THE ROZ WYMAN FAN
9 CLUB. I HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ROZ. I WAS
10 INTRODUCED TO HER BY MY THEN-SPEAKER-- I WAS IN THE ASSEMBLY--
11 JOHN PEREZ, AT A DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION. AND IF YOU
12 THINK IT IS A PARTY SITTING NEXT TO ROZ AT A DODGERS GAME,
13 IMAGINE SITTING IN BETWEEN A SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND ROZ
14 WYMAN. I FELT LIKE IT WAS A TENNIS MATCH, GOING BACK AND
15 FORTH, LISTENING TO THEM TALK AND TELL STORIES, AND ALL THE
16 OTHERS COMING AROUND, PAYING HOMAGE. MY FAVORITE ROZ WYMAN
17 STORY IS, AS A 22-YEAR-OLD, BEING ELECTED TO L.A. CITY
18 COUNCIL, BUT BEING PREGNANT AND GIVING BIRTH AS A SITTING
19 MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. AND ROZ CAN-- NO ONE CAN TELL THE
20 STORY LIKE SHE CAN, ABOUT BEING IN ACTIVE LABOR IN THE MIDDLE
21 OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AND REFUSING TO LEAVE UNTIL SHE
22 COULD RAISE HER POINT AND CAST HER VOTE, AT WHICH TIME THEY
23 LITERALLY TOOK HER OUT ON A STRETCHER, BECAUSE I THINK HER
24 MALE COLLEAGUES WERE AFRAID THAT SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE WHEN THAT
25 VERY SPECIAL MOMENT WOULD ARRIVE. SO, I TIP MY HAT AS A WOMAN

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1 IN PUBLIC OFFICE, WHO UNDERSTOOD THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN
2 FAMILY, BUT ALSO TOOK HER LEADERSHIP AND HER REPRESENTATION OF
3 HER DISTRICT SO PERSONALLY AND DEEPLY THAT SHE WANTED TO MAKE
4 SURE THAT HER CONSTITUENTS WERE REPRESENTED ON THAT VERY
5 IMPORTANT VOTE, FROM HER PERSPECTIVE. SO, I AM THRILLED TO BE
6 ABLE TO LEND MY VOICE IN SUPPORT OF THIS NAMING OPPORTUNITY
7 FOR ROZ, BASED ON WHAT SHE HAS MEANT TO EVERY ANGELENO, AND
8 SPECIFICALLY WHAT SHE HAS MEANT AS A ROLE MODEL AND EXAMPLE TO
9 WOMEN WHO SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE. SO, IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER
10 COMMENTS, ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. WE WILL HAVE IT MOVED BY
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE
12 THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, AND BEFORE I CAST MY VOTE, I WANT TO SHARE A
17 CUPCAKE THAT I GOT WITH HER NAME ON IT, AND IT LOOKS LIKE A
18 DODGER-BLUE CUPCAKE. SO, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROZ, AND AYE. YES, WE
19 SUPPORT YOU. AYE VOTE. YES.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE, AND ANOTHER HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROZ. AYE, AYE,
24 AYE.

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

10 MITCHELL?

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

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14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

15 5-0.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND

18 CONGRATULATIONS. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 8, TRANSFER OF

19 OWNERSHIP OF EIGHT PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH HOMEKEY ROUND

20 1, AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR REHABILITATION, WHICH I HELD. THE

21 ONSET OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, OVER TWO YEARS AGO NOW,

22 ALLOWED GOVERNMENT TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES IN A UNIQUE AND

23 DIFFERENT WAY, AND ONE OF THOSE PROGRAMS IS PROJECT HOMEKEY,

24 THAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM ANNOUNCED IN JULY OF 2020. HERE AT THE

25 COUNTY, WE INVESTED \$108 MILLION FROM PROJECT HOMEKEY ROUND 1,

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1 IN TEN PROPERTIES, WHICH HAVE PROVIDED TEMPORARY HOUSING AND
2 SERVICES, TO DATE, TO NEARLY 1500 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
3 HOMELESSNESS. PROJECT HOMEKEY FOCUSED ON A STRATEGY THAT SOME
4 LOCAL HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON, WHICH
5 IS BUYING EXISTING HOTELS AND MOTELS, AND CONVERTING THEM INTO
6 INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING. I WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO THIS
7 MODEL WHEN I LED A SENATE DELEGATION TO THE STATE OF UTAH
8 ABOUT 12, 13 YEARS AGO, AND I SAW FIRSTHAND WHAT MULTIPLE
9 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, IN CONCERT WITH PRIVATE SECTOR, COULD DO
10 IN MODIFYING MEDIUM AND SMALL MOTELS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.
11 SO I AM REALLY THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO SEE IT HAPPEN NOW IN MY
12 OWN HOME COUNTY, AND ON A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL. THIS STRATEGY
13 ALLOWS US TO MAKE THE NECESSARY UPGRADES TO EXISTING
14 INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROVIDE DIGNIFIED PERMANENT HOUSING. SO,
15 TODAY, WE ARE TAKING ACTION ON EIGHT OF THE TEN SITES THAT THE
16 COUNTY PURCHASED TO TRANSFORM FROM INTERIM TO PERMANENT
17 HOUSING SITES, AND INVEST , \$148.8 MILLION OF THE AMERICAN
18 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FOR THESE RENOVATIONS. I UNDERSTAND AND
19 SHARE IN THE CONCERN OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CURRENT
20 PARTICIPANTS LIVING AT THE SITES DURING THE RENOVATION AND
21 TRANSITION. THE MOTION INSTRUCTS THE C.E.O.'S HOMELESS
22 INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A RELOCATION PLAN FOR THE
23 CURRENT RESIDENTS, WHO ARE CURRENTLY LIVING AT THE EIGHT
24 PROPERTIES, WITHIN 30 DAYS. AND BY THE END OF DECEMBER, THE
25 BOARD WILL RECEIVE A SCHEDULE FOR THE CONVERSION, INCLUDING

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1 CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES AND THE TIMELINE TO LEASE UP THE SITES
2 ONCE THEY BECOME OPERATIONAL. THIS ACTION WILL ADD 612
3 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS TO THE COUNTY'S HOUSING
4 STOCK, GETTING AT A FRACTION OF THE COST IF WERE TO BUILD 612
5 BRAND-NEW UNITS, AND GETS US CLOSER TO THE TARGET OF HAVING 5
6 PERMANENT HOUSING OPTIONS FOR EVERY ONE TEMPORARY HOUSING
7 OPTION. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR AGREEING TO
8 CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, AND I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU, IF
9 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT.
10 I'M SORRY.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING
13 TO CO-AUTHOR THIS. IN 2020, THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR
14 GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO ACQUIRE 10 MOTELS THROUGH
15 PROJECT HOMEKEY, AND IT WAS SUCH AN INNOVATIVE NEW PROGRAM TO
16 ACQUIRE MOTELS, HOTELS, TRANSFORMING THEM, EVENTUALLY, INTO
17 APARTMENTS. AND I'M HAPPY THAT, EVEN IN MY DISTRICT, WE WERE
18 ABLE TO ACQUIRE 5 PROJECT HOMEKEY SITES, WHICH BROUGHT OVER
19 500 ROOMS JUST TO THE 4TH DISTRICT. AND FOR OVER A YEAR, WE'VE
20 BEEN USING THESE SITES AS TEMPORARY HOUSING, SERVING OVER 1500
21 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND SO NOW WE'RE AT THE NEXT
22 STAGE, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY DOES. WE'RE
23 GOING TO BE APPROVING, IF WE ALL VOTE FOR THIS, OVER \$100
24 MILLION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS, AND TRANSFERRING 8 OF
25 THE SITES TO NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS, WHO WILL CONVERT THESE

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1 SITES INTO APARTMENTS THAT WILL HAVE STAFF ON SITE TO SUPPORT
2 THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THOSE PROPERTIES DON'T BELONG TO YOU! YOU'VE GOT
5 DEALS WITH REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPERS TO BUILD A HOTEL, AND THEN
6 YOU [EXPLETIVE] BUST THEM OUT AND [INAUDIBLE].

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SIR, YOUR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR IS GOING
9 TO REQUIRE THAT WE REMOVE YOU FROM THE BUILDING.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THOSE PROPERTIES DON'T BELONG TO YOU!

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THIS IS YOUR FIRST WARNING.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THEY'RE GOING TO ARREST YOU CRIMINALS!

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I'M GOING TO LEAVE.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PLEASE DO, NOW. PLEASE REMOVE HIM FROM
20 THE HALL. YOU ARE COMPLETELY DISRUPTING OUR MEETING. YOU'RE
21 GOING TO BE REMOVED. YOU'RE GOING TO BE REMOVED. YOU'RE GOING
22 TO BE REMOVED.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** CLEAN YOU [EXPLETIVE] CRIMINALS OUT OF HERE!

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO BE REMOVED, NOW.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A POLITICAL CRISIS! THERE'S AN ECONOMIC
4 CRISIS!

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE, AND WE'RE GOING
7 TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** AND IT ALL COULD BE TRACED BACK TO YOU [EXPLETIVE]
10 CROOKS RIGHT [EXPLETIVE] HERE! [INAUDIBLE] WHEN IS THE ARMY
11 GOING TO [EXPLETIVE] SHOW UP AND CLEAN YOU [EXPLETIVE]
12 MONSTERS OUT OF HERE?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. SO, NOW WE'RE AT THE NEXT STAGE, AND--

15

16 **SPEAKER:** NONE OF THOSE [EXPLETIVE] HOTELS BELONG TO YOU!

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** WE'RE GOING TO TRANSFER THESE SITES-- I KNOW. IT
19 DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO KEEP TALKING.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** [EXPLETIVE] CROOKS!

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** IT'S TAKING THEM A LONG TIME TO--

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THIS IS A REASON TO CELEBRATE 612 UNITS,
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SO PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR COMMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, WE'RE GOING TO TRANSFER 8 OF THESE SITES TO OUR
5 NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS, WHO WILL CONVERT THESE SITES INTO
6 APARTMENTS, AND THE SUPPORTIVE PART OF THIS WILL BE ON-SITE
7 STAFF, SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THESE RESIDENTS. BUT BEFORE
8 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE
9 OCCUPYING THESE SITES, CURRENTLY. AND I KNOW YOU TALKED ABOUT
10 THE REPORT-BACK THAT IS GOING TO GIVE US THE RELOCATION PLAN,
11 BUT I JUST WANTED TO HEAR FROM CHERI. WE HAVE 500 PEOPLE,
12 APPARENTLY, LIVING AT THESE 8 SITES, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING
13 WITH US TODAY, CHERI. YOU'RE OUR DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS
14 INITIATIVE. AND IT'S NOT JUST ME THAT'S CONCERNED. I'M GETTING
15 FEEDBACK FROM SOME OF THE RESIDENTS, ACTUALLY, WHO BEGIN TO
16 HEAR THINGS, BUT AREN'T REALLY SURE, AND THEY'RE FEELING A
17 LITTLE ANXIOUS. I'VE HAD SOME FOLKS IN LONG BEACH,
18 PARTICULARLY, REACH OUT TO ME, AND ALSO A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED
19 ABOUT THE TIMELINE AND HOW THIS WORKS. HONESTLY, WE ALWAYS
20 FEEL LIKE WE'RE DESPERATE FOR PLACES TO PUT PEOPLE, THOSE THAT
21 WE'RE TRYING TO GET OFF THE STREET, SO I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE
22 WOULD FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE 500
23 PLACES RIGHT NOW TO TEMPORARILY HOUSE THESE FOLKS. HOW CAN YOU
24 CONVINCE US THAT THAT IS POSSIBLE?

25

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1 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY, AND FOR YOUR QUESTION.
3 WE SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO US THAT
4 NOBODY EXIT ANY OF OUR HOMEKEY SITES INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND WE
5 HAVE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT THEY DON'T.
6 THE FIRST PIECE IS THAT THE CONSTRUCTION IS GOING TO BE
7 OCCURRING OVER THE 8 DIFFERENT SITES IN A STAGGERED WAY, SO IT
8 WILL BE STARTING BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND JULY OF 2023, SO THAT
9 WILL GIVE US 6 MONTHS IN WHICH TO HAVE RELOCATION PLANS FOR
10 ALL OF THOSE CLIENTS. MANY OF THE CLIENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN
11 THE SITES ACTUALLY ARE ALREADY MATCHED TO A PERMANENT HOUSING
12 EXIT, AND SO WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW IS HELPING THEM FIND
13 A LANDLORD WHO WILL LEASE TO THEM, OR HELPING THEM WITH THEIR
14 LEASE AGREEMENTS AND MOVE-IN ARRANGEMENTS, SO WE'LL CONTINUE
15 TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING RIGHT NOW, WHO ARE
16 CURRENTLY IN THOSE SITES. WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO MATCH PEOPLE
17 WHO ARE IN THE SITES TO EXISTING PERMANENT HOUSING
18 OPPORTUNITIES, EITHER OUR TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES OR OUR
19 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND SO WE'LL CONTINUE THAT
20 PERMANENT HOUSING MATCHING, SO THAT WE CAN MATCH AS MANY
21 PEOPLE AS THEY'RE EXITING. THEY'RE GOING INTO THEIR PERMANENT
22 UNIT, AND THEY'RE HOME. FOR ANYBODY THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO
23 MATCH DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THEY WILL ALL BE OFFERED--
24 AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THEM VERY CLOSELY TO SUPPORT THEM
25 TO TRANSITION TO ANOTHER INTERIM HOUSING SITE. WE'LL BE

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1 LOOKING TO SUPPORT THEM WITH AN INTERIM HOUSING SITE THAT IS
2 IN THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOOSING, AND ALSO TO CONTINUE TO
3 MATCH THEM TO THEIR PERMANENT HOUSING OPTION, AS SOON AS IT
4 BECOMES AVAILABLE.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I MEAN, THAT'S A VERY AGGRESSIVE PLAN, BUT
7 AGAIN, AS OUR CHAIR STATED, PART OF THIS MOTION IS GETTING
8 THIS VERY DETAILED RELOCATION PLAN. I MEAN, 500 PEOPLE IS A
9 LOT. BUT I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO REALLY WANT TO SEE ONE FOR ONE,
10 AND REALLY FOLLOWING EACH ONE OF THEM TILL THEY LAND. WE
11 CERTAINLY DON'T WANT ANY OF THEM TO FALL BACK ON THE STREETS.
12 THAT WOULD JUST BE SO COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO WHAT WE'RE TRYING
13 TO DO HERE. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS SOMEBODY ASKED ME, BECAUSE
14 I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT THE WHOLE CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE, AND
15 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REALLY WANT TO WALK US THROUGH ALL THAT,
16 BUT I'VE HAD SOMEONE SAY, "WHY, INSTEAD OF JUST RELOCATING ALL
17 OF THEM, WAS THERE EVER AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE TO REMODEL
18 THESE UNITS FLOOR BY FLOOR, SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DISPLACE
19 500?" YOU COULD... A FEW, AND THEN REDO THAT FLOOR, AND BRING
20 THEM BACK, AND GO FLOOR BY FLOOR. WAS THAT EVER EXPLORED?

21

22 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH. THAT'S A REALLY GREAT QUESTION, AND IT
23 IS SOMETHING THAT WE EXPLORED. WHAT WE LEARNED, AS WE LOOKED
24 INTO THAT, IS THAT LIVING IN AN ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITE CAN
25 BE PRETTY DISRUPTIVE FOR THE TENANTS. AND SO THERE'S THE

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1 NOISE, THERE'S THE DUST, THERE'S THE INTERRUPTION OF
2 UTILITIES, SO IT'S NOT THE MOST HEALTHY, HEALING PLACE TO LIVE
3 WHILE THERE'S ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **CHERI TODOROFF:** SO, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CERTAINLY
8 CONSIDERED. WE ALSO LOOKED AT IT AND DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD
9 INCREASE THE TIMELINE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, AND IT WOULD ALSO
10 INCREASE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION. BECAUSE WE ARE SEEKING TO
11 MATCH CLIENTS TO PERMANENT HOUSING, MANY WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE
12 FROM THE SITES THAT THEY'RE IN INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, SO THEY
13 WOULDN'T NECESSARILY STILL-- THEY'D BE READY TO MOVE DURING
14 THIS PERIOD OF TIME THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING, ANYWAYS. AND
15 WE'LL STILL BE ACTIVELY TRYING TO MATCH PEOPLE TO PERMANENT
16 HOUSING EXITS, EVEN DURING THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION. SO, WE
17 ULTIMATELY DETERMINED THAT IT WASN'T IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
18 THE CLIENTS THAT WE WERE SERVING TO TRY AND DO CONSTRUCTION
19 WHILE THEY WERE ON SITE.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** GREAT. SO YOU EXPLORED IT, AND IT'S NOT REALLY
22 FEASIBLE. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND LISTENING TO YOU TALK, THOSE
23 WHO ARE CURRENTLY THERE, BY THE TIME IT'S DONE, THEY MIGHT
24 HAVE FOUND OTHER PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH IS
25 PROBABLY WHAT YOU'RE AIMING TO DO. SO, ALL THE PEOPLE THERE

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1 AREN'T JUST GOING TO GO SOMEWHERE, AND THEN COME BACK WHEN
2 THESE UNITS BECOME APARTMENTS. IS THAT SORT OF WHAT YOU'RE
3 SAYING?

4

5 **CHERI TODOROFF:** SO, WHAT WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN IS, AS MANY
6 PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, WHEN THEY'RE EXITING, THEY'RE GOING TO
7 THEIR PERMANENT HOME. IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO THEIR PERMANENT
8 HOME, WE WOULD WANT THEM TO BE MATCHED TO A RESOURCE, AND
9 SUPPORT THEM TO GETTING TO THEIR PERMANENT HOME. BUT
10 REGARDLESS, EVERYBODY WILL BE OFFERED AN INTERIM OR PERMANENT
11 HOUSING OPPORTUNITY. DURING THE TIME THAT IT IS UNDER
12 CONSTRUCTION, WE'LL CONTINUE TO BE MATCHING ANY CLIENTS WHO
13 WERE ON THAT SITE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE AT, AT THAT
14 POINT IN TIME, AND IT'S ALSO TO BE AN OPTION FOR CLIENTS WHO
15 MAY HAVE BEEN AT THAT SITE AS AN INTERIM HOUSING SITE TO BE
16 CONSIDERED FOR PERMANENT HOUSING THERE, IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN
17 MATCHED TO A PERMANENT HOUSING OPPORTUNITY YET.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, OVERALL, I MEAN, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT
20 PROGRAM FOR US TO BE INVOLVED IN. I THINK IT MAKES A LOT OF
21 SENSE. AND I KNOW, IN THE FUTURE, WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE
22 LOOKING TO DO MORE OF THESE. BUT I AM REALLY GOING TO WATCH
23 THIS CAREFULLY, TO REALLY SEE HOW THIS WORKS, AND HOW WE MAKE
24 SURE THAT WE DON'T DISPLACE ANYBODY IN THIS PROCESS. I KNOW WE
25 DO THINGS FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE, BUT I CERTAINLY-- AND I

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1 KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WOULD SHARE THAT. WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO
2 SUFFER BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS BIG IDEA, SO WE'LL BE WATCHING.
3 THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, ALSO,
8 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS REALLY
9 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MOTION. I'M HAPPY THAT WE ARE CLOSING THE
10 GAP BY USING HOMEKEY PROJECTS, AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO
11 SEE AT LEAST TWO HOMEKEY PROJECTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,
12 AND THAT'S GOING TO PUT UP ABOUT 200 UNITS THAT WE NEED OUT IN
13 BALDWIN PARK AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
14 OF MY DISTRICT. I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK GOVERNOR GAVIN
15 NEWSOM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND BOLDNESS IN TAKING THIS ON AND
16 HELPING THE COUNTIES OUT, AND ALSO WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT JOE
17 BIDEN, THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS, BY HELPING US
18 TO MAKE THESE CONVERSIONS. BUT I KNOW WE ARE LAGGING, BECAUSE
19 WE ACTUALLY HAVE A GAP. I THINK OUR REGION NEEDS AROUND 20,000
20 MORE P.S.H. UNITS, SO WE HAVE TO WORK NIMBLY. AND I'M HOPEFUL
21 THAT, IN THE THIRD TRANCHE OF FUNDING THAT COMES THROUGH, THAT
22 WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET MORE CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO
23 PARTICIPATE. BECAUSE THIS IS A PROVEN PROGRAM. IT DOES WORK.
24 WE'VE GRADUATED FROM ROOMKEY TO HOMEKEY, AND NOW WE NEED TO
25 TAKE THAT OTHER STEP, AND HAVE MORE OF OUR PARTNERS IN OTHER

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1 CITIES-- NOT JUST THE CITY OF L.A., BUT ALL CITIES THAT CAN
2 TAKE THIS LEAP-- TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY, AND TO WORK WITH
3 CHERI TODOROFF AND AND THE H.I. INITIATIVE, THE HOUSING
4 INITIATIVE, AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR PARTNERS. SO,
5 CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD, AND WE CAN TACKLE
6 THIS PROBLEM TOGETHER. SO, I EXPECT TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION
7 WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
10 OR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE, ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US. I
11 WILL MOVE IT, ASK THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SECOND TO APPROVE THE
12 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 8 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

18 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

22 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
6 MITCHELL?

7

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

9

10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
11 5-0.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 10, SUPPORTING THE RELEASE OF EYVIN
14 HERNANDEZ, WHICH I HELD. THE DETAINMENT OF MR. HERNANDEZ, ONE
15 OF OUR VERY OWN DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS, IS DEEPLY CONCERNING.
16 MR. HERNANDEZ HAS BEEN A PUBLIC DEFENDER IN THE COUNTY FOR
17 OVER 15 YEARS, WHERE HE WORKED TO ENSURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND
18 FAIRNESS FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
19 HE'S GIVEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF HIMSELF TO HIS WORK, AND
20 FROM THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT MY OFFICE RECEIVED FROM PEOPLE
21 ASKING THAT WE HELP HIM, IT'S CLEAR THAT HE IS WELL LOVED AND
22 MISSED BY HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE
23 COUNTY. WITH THE CLOSING OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CARACAS,
24 AMERICANS LIKE MR. HERNANDEZ, WHO ARE DETAINED IN VENEZUELA,
25 ARE PLACED AT A DISADVANTAGE IN THEIR CASES. MR. HERNANDEZ HAS

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1 BEEN IN PRISON SINCE MARCH OF THIS YEAR, AND WAS ONLY GRANTED
2 HIS FIRST HEARING IN AUGUST. I BRING THIS MOTION TODAY,
3 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE SHED LIGHT ON THE
4 SITUATION, AND PUBLICLY URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
5 INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER URGENTLY, AND DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR
6 POWER TO ENSURE MR. HERNANDEZ'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE, WHICH IS
7 WHAT HE FIGHTS FOR EVERY DAY IN HIS DAY JOB HERE IN L.A.
8 COUNTY, AND HIS WELLBEING. TIME IS CLEARLY OF THE ESSENCE. I'D
9 LIKE TO-- WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO OUR
10 PUBLIC DEFENDER, RICARDO GARCIA, TO PROVIDE US A LITTLE MORE
11 INSIGHT INTO WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN THIS CASE. MR. GARCIA?

12

13 **RICARDO GARCIA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR,
14 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS YOU'VE MENTIONED, I AM
15 RICARDO GARCIA, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
16 AND IT REALLY IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON THIS
17 MOTION. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IS A
18 BEACON FOR CLIENT-CENTERED PROTECTION OF THE 6TH AMENDMENT AND
19 THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE. IT IS DETRIMENTAL THAT MR.
20 HERNANDEZ, ONE OF OUR OWN GUARDIANS OF THESE FUNDAMENTAL AND
21 IMPORTANT RIGHTS, IS INCARCERATED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY; IN
22 PARTICULAR, ONE PLAGUED WITH THE INTERNAL CHAOS AND DANGERS
23 FACED IN VENEZUELA, MAKING THIS SITUATION SO MUCH MORE
24 PRESSING AND DANGEROUS FOR MR. HERNANDEZ. I TRULY APPRECIATE
25 MADAM CHAIR'S MOTION, AND THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF YOUR

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1 BOARD. YOUR BOARD'S ADVOCACY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR
2 RESIDENTS EMBODIES WHAT WE STAND FOR AS PUBLIC DEFENDERS, WHAT
3 MR. HERNANDEZ STANDS FOR AS A DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER. YOUR
4 BOARD CONSISTENTLY AND FORCEFULLY ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE, AND
5 SPEAKS OUT AGAINST INJUSTICE, WHICH IS WHAT THIS LETTER DOES:
6 SPEAKS OUT AGAINST INJUSTICE, AND ASKS FOR OUR FEDERAL
7 GOVERNMENT TO DO THE SAME. YOUR BOARD'S ACTIONS CONSISTENTLY
8 REMIND US OF WHAT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SAID: "INJUSTICE
9 ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE." AND I THINK THAT
10 IS TRUE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT NATION WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. I'M
11 GRATEFUL SO MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE AND ACROSS LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY ARE WORKING TO SECURE MR. HERNANDEZ'S RELEASE.
13 IN PARTICULAR, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT MR. HABENS, WHO HAS
14 TAKEN IT PERSONALLY UPON HIM, AS A DEEP AND PERSONAL FRIEND OF
15 MR. HERNANDEZ, TO LEAD ON BEHALF OF MR. HERNANDEZ'S FAMILY AND
16 OUR OFFICE IN THIS ENDEAVOR. I KNOW HIS LOVED ONES PRAY DAILY
17 THAT THEY WILL SOON BE REUNITED WITH HIM. ON BEHALF OF MR.
18 HERNANDEZ, HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES, AND ON BEHALF
19 OF MY DEPARTMENT, WE THANK YOUR BOARD FOR THE AWARENESS, CALL
20 TO ACTION, AND COMPASSION THIS MOTION REPRESENTS. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY
23 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THANK YOU TO
2 YOU, RICARDO, FOR BEING HERE TODAY, AND THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING
4 THAT WE DO. FIRST OF ALL, OUR L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS ARE
5 SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT WE DO IN THE COUNTY, TO REALLY
6 SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND TO FIND MR. HERNANDEZ NOW IN
7 A SITUATION WHERE I'M SURE HE FEELS VULNERABLE, AND POSSIBLY
8 EVEN FEARFUL, IN TERMS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING. SO, I'M REALLY
9 HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS. DO YOU, AT THIS POINT, HAVE WAYS TO
10 COMMUNICATE WITH MR. HERNANDEZ?

11

12 **RICARDO GARCIA:** THERE HAS BEEN SOME COMMUNICATION WITH MR.
13 HERNANDEZ FOR HIS FAMILY, PARTICULARLY HIS BROTHER AND MR.
14 HABENS, BUT AGAIN, THAT IS VERY LIMITED IN LIGHT OF WHERE HE'S
15 BEING HELD, AND UNPREDICTABLE. SO HIS FAMILY, WHILE HAVING
16 SOME NEWS, I THINK THE DESPERATION AND FEAR THEY REALLY HAVE
17 FOR HIS WELLBEING GROWS EVERY SINGLE MOMENT THAT HE IS BEING
18 HELD IN THAT INSTITUTION.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, AND I JUST-- AGAIN, I HOPE THERE IS A WAY
21 THAT HE WOULD KNOW, OF COURSE, HOW MUCH HIS COUNTY FAMILY IS
22 WORRIED ABOUT HIM, AND THINKING ABOUT HIM, AND WILLING TO DO
23 WHATEVER WE CAN TO SUPPORT HIS RELEASE. I JUST FINISHED
24 WATCHING THE H.B.O. DOCUMENTARY ON THE HOSTAGES DURING THE--
25 IN TEHRAN, AND IT WAS INTERESTING THERE. THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE

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1 THAT THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS THINKING ABOUT THEM, AND KIND OF
2 HAD THE YELLOW RIBBONS OUT. THEY WERE SO ISOLATED THAT THEY
3 WERE NOT AWARE THAT PEOPLE WERE CARING ABOUT THEM, AND I KNOW
4 THAT'S PART OF THE ISOLATION AND DESPERATION. SO WE DO HOPE,
5 BESIDES THIS LETTER, THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME WAY THAT HIS
6 FAMILY, PARTICULARLY, KNOWS THAT HIS COUNTY FAMILY IS NOT
7 FORGETTING HIM FOR ONE MOMENT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **RICARDO GARCIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL, FOR
14 BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND THEN THANK YOU FOR ALERTING THE
15 BOARD TO WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH MR. HERNANDEZ. AND I ECHO WHAT
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, BUT MY QUESTION WAS, IS THERE ANYTHING
17 WE CAN DO FOR THE FAMILY? BECAUSE HE'S BEEN GONE FOR 6 MONTHS?

18

19 **RICARDO GARCIA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AND WE'RE GOING TO BE FIGHTING TO HELP ON THAT
22 END, BUT IS THERE ANYTHING ON THE FAMILY'S END THAT MAYBE THIS
23 COUNTY CAN DO? IF THERE IS, WOULD YOU LET US KNOW?

24

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1 **RICARDO GARCIA:** I WILL, AND I APPRECIATE THAT OFFER. I'M
2 CONFIDENT THAT, AFTER TODAY, THEY WILL BE VERY EXCITED TO KNOW
3 THAT THE BOARD IS SUPPORTING NOT ONLY THEIR SON, BUT THEM,
4 DIRECTLY.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE, GIVEN THE FACT
7 THAT THEY'RE PROBABLY FEELING VERY HELPLESS RIGHT NOW, AND SO
8 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO SUPPORT IN ANY WAY WE CAN.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,
12 ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, ASK THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN
13 SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1

2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL?

8

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

10

11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
12 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 13, ENSURING THE
15 COUNTY'S REPRESENTATION ON THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE BOARD OF
16 DIRECTORS, WHICH I HELD. I HELD THIS ITEM, COLLEAGUES, WHICH
17 DEALS WITH MAKING AN APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE TO THE CLEAN
18 POWER ALLIANCE, BECAUSE I REALLY THOUGHT WE NEEDED TO BE CLEAR
19 AND UP-FRONT ABOUT OUR TYPICAL PROCESS AROUND APPOINTMENTS,
20 AND REALLY HOW THIS MOTION CIRCUMVENTS THAT. MOTION FOR
21 APPOINTMENT TO THE CLEAN POWER LINES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE
22 CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UPON ASSUMING THEIR ROLE AS
23 CHAIR. IN THAT INSTANCE, THIS PAST DECEMBER, I APPOINTED GARY
24 GERO AS OUR ALTERNATE TO THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE, AND I
25 BELIEVE WE SHOULD AFFORD THE NEXT CHAIR THE SAME DEFERENCE

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1 WHEN THEY ASSUME THEIR ROLE IN DECEMBER. THIS MOTION BEFORE US
2 TODAY CIRCUMVENTS THAT PROCESS THAT OUR BOARD HAS SET OUR FOR
3 MANY, MANY YEARS, IN WHICH THE CHAIR MAKES APPOINTMENTS TO
4 FILL THE VARIOUS BOARD SEATS AND VACANCIES, WHICH INCLUDES THE
5 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE. I THINK IT'S ALSO PREMATURE TO FILL A
6 SEAT THAT'S BEEN HISTORICALLY FILLED BY THE PERMANENT CHIEF
7 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, WHEN WE HAVE NOT STARTED OUR SEARCH
8 PROCESS TO FILL THAT POSITION. YOU ALL WILL REMEMBER THAT GARY
9 LEFT, I BELIEVE, IN MAY. SO, THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL
10 PROPOSED NOMINEE. IN FACT, MS. KAMPALATH HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF
11 MY APPOINTEES TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. SO, AGAIN, IT'S
12 ABOUT THE PROCESS, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ALLOW THE INCOMING
13 CHAIR, AFFORD THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS
14 THE CHAIRS HAVE MADE ALL THE TIME. OUR COUNTY HAS DEMONSTRATED
15 SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES ON A NATIONAL
16 SCALE, AND WE HAVE ONE OF THE BOLDEST COMMUNITY-CENTERED
17 COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLANS. WE'VE MADE HUGE STRIDES, AND WE
18 STAND TO DRAW DOWN MILLIONS IN FEDERAL AND STATE CLIMATE
19 DOLLARS, SO THIS LEADERSHIP POSITION REALLY DESERVES A
20 THOUGHTFUL PROCESS. SO TODAY, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE CONTINUE
21 THIS APPOINTMENT FOR THE ALTERNATE SEAT THAT HAS BEEN VACANT
22 SINCE MAY, AND WE SHOULD DEFER TO OUR INCOMING CHAIR OF THE
23 BOARD, AS HAS BEEN OUR PRACTICE, WHILE WE START THE HIRING
24 PROCESS FOR OUR NEW CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. SUPERVISOR
25 KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU BET I WOULD. I KNOW THE CHAIR IS NOT AWARE OF
3 THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER, AND THE LONG DISCUSSION THAT WE
4 HAD ON THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE BOARD AT OUR LAST BOARD
5 MEETING, ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR. THE CLEAN POWER
6 ALLIANCE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATES IN
7 THE COUNTRY. WE SERVE MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE, PROVIDING
8 GREEN POWER AS AN ALTERNATE TO EDISON. THERE ARE 37
9 REPRESENTATIVES FROM CITIES ON THIS BOARD, AND TWO
10 REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTIES: MYSELF AND LINDA PARKS. I AM
11 LEAVING, LINDA PARKS IS LEAVING, AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE UP FOR RE-ELECTION IN CHALLENGED
13 ELECTIONS. THERE WAS A REAL CONCERN ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN,
14 IN TERMS OF THIS BOARD THAT HAS TO GO ON MAKING DECISIONS FOR
15 A VERY LARGE ELECTRIC COMPANY. WE ARE THE BOARD OF A VERY
16 LARGE ELECTRIC COMPANY, AND DECISIONS ARE MADE AT EVERY BOARD
17 MEETING. THERE WAS A CONCERN AMONG THE CITIES, PRIMARILY,
18 ABOUT A CONTINUANCE OF REPRESENTATION, AND WHAT THEIR VARIOUS
19 ELECTIONS MIGHT DO. SO THERE WAS A REQUEST ADOPTED BY THE
20 BOARD THAT EACH OF OUR ENTITIES DO OUR BEST TO APPOINT ONE OF
21 THE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF-- NOT SOMEONE IN AN ELECTED
22 OFFICE-- AS THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE. AND AS YOU ALL KNOW,
23 COLLEAGUES, I'M THE APPOINTEE, HAVING ACTUALLY BROUGHT THE
24 MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE, AS WELL AS THE
25 CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, AND A SECOND OF US IS THE FIRST

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1 ALTERNATE. BUT IN THE EVENT THAT NEITHER THE MEMBER, MYSELF,
2 OR THE FIRST ALTERNATE CAN ATTEND, THEN GARY GERO WAS CALLED
3 UPON TO ATTEND. AND WHEN HE LEFT, IT LEFT AN INSTANT SORT OF
4 PROBLEM FOR A C.P.A. SO, THIS WAS CERTAINLY NOT MEANT TO
5 CIRCUMVENT ANY PERCEIVED POWER BY THE CHAIR. ANYONE KNOWS THAT
6 THE CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS CAN BE OVERRIDDEN BY THE BOARD,
7 BECAUSE THREE PEOPLE ON THE BOARD CAN MAKE THE RULE. WE
8 DELEGATE TO THE CHAIR THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT
9 APPOINTMENTS, BUT THAT CANNOT CIRCUMVENT THE BOARD. SO,
10 FRANKLY, I THOUGHT, IN THIS EVENT, WHERE IT WAS MORE CRITICAL
11 TO DO THIS FASTER THAN WE HAVE A NEW CHAIR, THAT THIS WAS THE
12 BEST WAY TO DO IT. IF THE CHAIR FEELS DISSED, I CERTAINLY
13 APOLOGIZE, BUT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO ADOPT TODAY. I
14 WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES NOT TO CONTINUE THIS, BUT RATHER TO
15 VOTE FOR THIS APPOINTMENT. THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER IS
16 OUR SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERSON, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, RITA
17 WOULD WORK WITH GARY STRAIGHT ALONG FROM THE INCEPTION OF
18 C.P.A., UNDERSTANDING WHAT IT IS WE DO, AND SHE IS THE MOST
19 QUALIFIED PERSON TO DO THIS. I MEAN, IT'S ONLY A SECOND
20 ALTERNATE, YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'LL ATTEND VERY MUCH,
21 BUT IT'S STILL AN IMPORTANT THING TO HAVE SORT OF AT THE
22 READY, AND IT FULFILLS WHAT THE BOARD OF C.P.A. ASKED US ALL
23 TO DO: TO TRY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERYTHING DOESN'T FALL
24 APART BECAUSE OF OUR FALL ELECTIONS. SO, I WOULD ASK MY
25 COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I WOULD ASK ANYONE ELSE

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1 THAT MIGHT WANT TO TALK ABOUT RITA AND HER QUALIFICATIONS, OR
2 ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE THE CHAIR FEEL SECURE ABOUT IT. THANK
3 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND LET ME CLARIFY,
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL: I DIDN'T FEEL DISSED IN THE LEAST, IN THAT
7 I WILL NOT BE CHAIR NEXT YEAR. WHAT I WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO WAS
8 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROCESS FOR A CHAIR, AND SUGGEST THAT THE
9 INCOMING CHAIR BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE
10 APPOINTMENT. SO IT'S NOT ABOUT DISSING ME. IT'S ABOUT HONORING
11 THE PROCESS FOR THE INCOMING CHAIR, AND ALLOWING THEM TO BE
12 EMPOWERED TO MAKE THE DECISION. SO...

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THIS TAKES THE POWER AWAY FROM
15 THE INCOMING CHAIR, IF THE BOARD DOESN'T OBJECT. AND REMEMBER,
16 WE ADOPT ALL OF THE APPOINTMENTS ON THE BOARD. SO, THE CHAIR
17 PROPOSES, AND WE DISPOSE. AND SO ANY OBJECTION THAT WE MIGHT
18 HAVE TO THE CHAIR SAYING, "NO, I WANT SOMEBODY ELSE," WOULD BE
19 RAISED THEN. THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING C.P.A. ASKED US TO DO IN
20 A MUCH MORE ALACRITOUS FASHION.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO I'M FINE WITH THAT, ALTHOUGH LET
23 ME JUST CLARIFY: THIS IS THE SECOND ALTERNATE. THIS IS
24 OCTOBER, AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DECEMBER, SO WE'RE TALKING
25 ABOUT TWO MORE MEETINGS FOR A SEAT THAT HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE

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1 MAY. THAT'S FINE. WHAT I WOULD REQUEST, IF THE MOTION IS GOING
2 TO MOVE FORWARD, THAT WE ARE REALLY CLEAR, AND THAT WE COMMIT
3 TO DO A SEARCH TO FILL THE POSITION THAT'S BEEN VACANT SINCE
4 MAY, THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. I DON'T WANT THE
5 APPOINTMENT OF THIS PERSON TO THEN LEAD TO A FOREGONE
6 CONCLUSION THAT THIS PERSON IS GOING TO BECOME OUR CHIEF
7 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. I THINK THAT POSITION IS SO CRITICALLY
8 IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY THAT WE SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE THE
9 FLEXIBILITY TO DO A SEARCH FOR THE POSITION. SO I'M OKAY WITH
10 MOVING THIS FORWARD IF OTHER MEMBERS ARE, AS WELL-- I DON'T
11 SEE ANY HANDS RAISED-- IF WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE WILL
12 ACTUALLY DO A SEARCH TO FILL THAT POSITION. THE APPOINTMENT IS
13 TYPICALLY THE PERSON WHO HOLDS THAT POSITION, SO I DON'T WANT
14 THE APPOINTMENT IMMEDIATELY TO MEET THE NEED, AS YOU'VE
15 EXPRESSED, TO PRECLUDE US FROM DOING A SEARCH.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT
18 THINGS.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'M CLEAR.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** RITA IS, AS I KNOW YOU KNOW-- THIS DOESN'T BIND US
23 TO ANYTHING ABOUT RITA. AND I DO NOT AGREE TO DOING A SEARCH.
24 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD GENERALLY DECIDES ON ITS OWN.
25 THIS IS NOT EVEN A DEPARTMENT HEAD. THIS IS AN APPOINTMENT

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1 GENERALLY MADE BY FESIA. AND SO THE BOARD DOES NOT DIG THAT
2 DEEP INTO FESIA'S APPOINTMENTS. HOWEVER, I PERSONALLY CAN'T
3 THINK OF ANYONE BETTER. I THINK SHE SHOULD BE MADE PERMANENT,
4 BUT THAT'S GOING TO BE UP TO THE BOARD. THIS DOESN'T HAVE
5 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT. BUT I ABSOLUTELY DON'T AGREE TO A
6 SEARCH, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A WASTE OF OUR TIME, PERSONALLY,
7 GIVEN WE HAVE THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON ALREADY IN THE INTERIM
8 POSITION, AND I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONSIDER
9 WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT TO MAKE HER PERMANENT. THAT HAS
10 NOTHING TO DO WITH C.P.A., AT THIS MOMENT.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE, AND I THINK DOING A SEARCH
13 DOESN'T PRECLUDE RITA FROM RECEIVING THE APPOINTMENT. IT
14 MERELY GIVES THE BOARD OPTIONS TO REALLY GO THROUGH A
15 THOUGHTFUL, DELIBERATIVE PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHO THE BEST
16 PERSON IS TO FILL THAT POSITION. SO, AS LONG AS WE'RE CLEAR
17 THAT THIS APPOINTMENT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MAKE HER THE
18 PERMANENT CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM
19 OTHER BOARD MEMBERS. SINCE IT REALLY IS A PROCESS BY WHICH
20 WE'RE CIRCUMVENTING THE POWER OF THE NEXT CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO
21 HEAR FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE WE TAKE IT UP FOR A VOTE.
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M FINE WITH DOING
25 THIS. I DON'T MIND CIRCUMVENTING THE PROCESS SOMETIMES, WHEN

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1 THE SITUATION DICTATES IT, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL SORT
2 OF LAID OUT WHY, MAYBE, IN THIS SITUATION, IT DOES, AND SO I'M
3 ACTUALLY GOING TO SUPPORT RITA BEING APPOINTED HERE. IN TERMS
4 OF THE OVERALL SEARCH, I MEAN, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I
5 USUALLY ADVOCATE FOR WHEN WE'RE LOOKING TO FILL POSITIONS. I'M
6 ALWAYS SAYING, "LET'S SEE WHO'S THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST OUT
7 THERE." BUT I ALSO SOMETIMES LAND ON-- SOMETIMES, THE BEST AND
8 THE BRIGHTEST ARE RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTY BACKYARD. AND
9 WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT WE KIND OF SEPARATE THAT A LITTLE
10 BIT, AND THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING I WOULD THINK THAT-- WAITING
11 FOR THE NEW THIRD DISTRICT TO COME IN. AND USUALLY, I LIKE IT--
12 - AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE USUALLY DO IT, BUT WHAT I PREFER IS
13 TO SORT OF TRY SOMEBODY OUT, SEE HOW IT WORKS, SORT OF-- I
14 DON'T WANT TO USE THE WORD "ON PROBATION," BUT SEE HOW THEY
15 FIT, AND THEN IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE US FROM DOING A SEARCH, BUT
16 I THINK THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE WOULD WANT TO EXPLORE DOWN
17 THE ROAD A BIT, MAYBE 6 MONTHS, WITH A NEW SUPERVISOR IN THE
18 THIRD DISTRICT TO SAY, "NOW IS THE TIME." MAYBE IF THIS DIDN'T
19 WORK OUT, OR WE FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE OUT THERE THAT
20 WOULD WORK BETTER, THEN WE'D DO THE SEARCH. BUT I THINK I
21 WOULD LIKE TO SEPARATE THAT, BECAUSE THEN I THINK THAT GIVES
22 RITA A LITTLE BIT MORE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT FROM THIS BOARD
23 IN DOING THE ROLE THAT I THINK WE EXPECT HER TO DO.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
2 LET ME JUST MAKE ONE CLARIFICATION. SHE IS NOT IN-- THE
3 POSITION IS NOT HOUSED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER. IT'S HOUSED IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SO, CELIA WOULD
5 BE MAKING THE DECISION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NOT FESIA, JUST TO
6 CLARIFY.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. I THINK THAT YOU
9 CAN'T SEE HILDA RAISE HER HAND, BUT...

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YEAH, I KEEP-- YEAH, I SENT A TEXT, BUT-
12 -

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, GO AHEAD.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, NOW I SEE TWO HILDAS. OKAY. YEAH. SO, FIRST
17 OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING THE
18 MOTION BEFORE US TODAY, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
19 US TO MOVE SWIFTLY RIGHT NOW, IF THERE IS A VACANCY FOR THIS
20 PARTICULAR ALTERNATE POSITION. AND I HAVE COME TO KNOW DR.
21 RITA KAMPALATH. I'M SORRY. I'M NOT PRONOUNCING IT CORRECTLY,
22 BUT I KNOW OF YOUR WORK. YOU'VE WORKED WITH MY STAFF. YOU'VE
23 DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYBODY MORE SUITED TO
24 HELP DEFEND WHAT THE COUNTY'S BEEN UP AGAINST SINCE 2017,
25 SINCE WE CREATED THE C.P.A. AND IT HAS TAKEN A LOT OF TIME,

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1 AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK ALL OF US MAY NOT HAVE BEEN
2 FULLY AWARE OF, OF THE TOTALITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE C.P.A.
3 AND GARY DID A GREAT JOB FOR US, THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER,
4 AND WE KNOW IT HAS TO GROW. WE NEED TO HAVE A LOT MORE
5 SUPPORT, AND WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH MANY, MANY CITIES
6 THAT HAVE ALREADY JOINED. AND WE NEED-- MANY OF US, IN OUR
7 CAPACITY AS BOARD MEMBERS, ACTUALLY WENT OUT AND HELPED TO GET
8 MORE OF OUR CITIES INVOLVED IN THIS, AND IT WASN'T AN EASY
9 THING TO DO. SO, I DO BELIEVE THAT RITA IS QUALIFIED TO TAKE
10 OVER THIS POSITION, FOR NOW. I GET AND UNDERSTAND THAT SHE'S
11 IN AN ACTING ROLE RIGHT NOW, AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE
12 GOING TO HEAR FROM THE E.O. AND FROM STAFF, TO HEAR ABOUT
13 WHERE WE'LL GO, IN TERMS OF LANDING ON A PERMANENT POSITION.
14 BUT AT THE TIME, I FEEL THAT SHE'S VERY WELL QUALIFIED. SHE
15 KNOWS THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY,
16 SHE KNOWS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, SHE KNOWS ABOUT HOW TO LISTEN
17 TO OUR DIFFERENT, DISPARATE COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED
18 BY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES, AND I THINK THAT WE
19 SHOULDN'T DELAY IT. SO, I TEND TO SUPPORT THE MOTION MOVING
20 FORWARD, AND WE CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THE PROCESS FOR
21 FINDING A PERMANENT POSITION, AS WE HAVE DONE AND UNDERTAKEN
22 FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS. SO, AT THIS POINT, MADAM CHAIR, I'D
23 LIKE TO CONTINUE TO MOVE THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND JUST FOR
2 CLARIFICATION, I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE
3 MOTION. WE'LL BRING IT UP FOR A VOTE IN A MOMENT. AND AGAIN,
4 IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY CURRENT POSITION AS CHAIR, BUT IN
5 MY EFFORT TO HONOR THE INCOMING CHAIR, AND TO EMPOWER THEM TO
6 MAKE ALL OF THE APPOINTMENTS, AS I DEEMED THE RULES TO ALLOW.
7 I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WITH A VOTE OF 3, THIS BOARD CAN
8 UNDO ANYTHING. I DID NOT EXPERIENCE THAT, NOR DID I WITNESS
9 IT, IN MY FIRST YEAR HERE. SO JUST TO CLARIFY, IT'S ABOUT
10 TRANSPARENCY AND CONSISTENCY WITH OUR PROCESS. SO WITH THAT,
11 SEEING NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE
13 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL?

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'LL BE ABSTAINING.

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINS. MOTION
12 CARRIES, 4-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 16, SUPPORTING DIGITAL
15 EQUITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
16 BARGER. SUPERVISOR?

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME PULL IT UP. SO,
19 I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION
20 WITH ME. AS WE ALL KNOW, CREATING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE,
21 RELIABLE, AND FAST BROADBAND SERVICE IS AN ESSENTIAL POLICY TO
22 HELP OUR COMMUNITIES BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. THE FUNDING
23 THAT IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
24 LEVELS IS A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY THAT WE MUST
25 MAXIMIZE, AND ENSURE RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE 88 CITIES AND

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1 UNINCORPORATED AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTY ACCESS THESE CRITICAL
2 RESOURCES AND THE DOLLARS THAT GO WITH THEM. THE COUNTY MUST
3 BE SITUATED TO DRAW DOWN AS MANY DOLLARS AS POSSIBLE INTO THE
4 REGION, TO HELP EXPAND RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE BROADBAND ACCESS
5 TO OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. STUDENTS, FAMILY, AND
6 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE UNDERSERVED URBAN AREA OF
7 L.A. COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO THE UNSERVED RURAL PARTS, CONTINUE
8 TO LAG BEHIND IN REAPING THE BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH
9 BROADBAND ACCESS. ACCORDING TO THE 2021 REPORT FROM DELOITTE,
10 HAD THERE BEEN 10% POINT INCREASE OF BROADBAND PENETRATION IN
11 2016, NATIONALLY, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF
12 269,000 JOBS. FURTHER ANALYSIS FOUND NOT ONLY A STRONG
13 CORRELATION BETWEEN BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND JOBS, BUT ALSO
14 A CORRELATION WITH BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND THE G.D.P.
15 GROWTH. MOREOVER, A MARCH 2021 STUDY IN THE "JOURNAL OF HUMAN
16 RIGHTS AND SOCIAL WORK" NOTES, AMERICANS WHO ARE OTHERWISE
17 LESS LIKELY TO USE THE INTERNET, SUCH AS THOSE WITH LOWER
18 LEVELS IN INCOME OR EDUCATION, CONFRONT AN EVEN LARGER
19 DISADVANTAGE WHEN LIVING IN A RURAL AREA. ACCORDING TO DATA
20 COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION
21 ADMINISTRATION, ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF RACE OR ETHNICITY,
22 WERE LESS LIKELY TO USE THE INTERNET WHEN LIVING IN RURAL
23 AREAS. HOWEVER, CERTAIN GROUPS FACED A PARTICULARLY LARGE
24 DIGITAL DIVIDE. I'M ESPECIALLY CONCERNED FOR YOUNGER RESIDENTS
25 OF GENERATION Z AND GENERATION ALPHA. UNLIKE THEIR PEERS, WHO

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1 ARE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE DIGITAL NATIVES, THOSE
2 WITHOUT ACCESS TO BROADBAND WILL BE AT A LIFELONG
3 DISADVANTAGE, IMPACTING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS, EMPLOYMENT
4 OPPORTUNITIES, AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING. FOR OLDER
5 RESIDENTS IN SERVICE DESERTS, ACCESS TO BROADBAND-UTILIZED
6 TELEHEALTH CAN REDUCE THE HEALTH DISPARITIES FOR THOSE WHO
7 HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE. WE KNOW THAT UNINCORPORATED
8 COMMUNITIES AND CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ARE NOT ALL THE
9 SAME. THUS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED
10 REGIONS MUST BE ENGAGED AND ADVOCATED FOR THROUGHOUT THIS
11 PROCESS. FOR THOSE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO ARE INTERESTED
12 IN PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY'S DIGITAL EQUITY EFFORTS, WE
13 MUST PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER AND PURSUE PILOTS,
14 WHEN THEY MAY NOT EVEN HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES THAT OUR
15 LARGER AND MORE AFFLUENT CITIES OFFER. I ONCE AGAIN REITERATE
16 THE NEED TO BE INCLUSIVE, AND PROACTIVELY ENCOURAGE THE
17 PARTICIPATION OF ALL OUR CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
18 WHO ARE INTERESTED TO ADVOCATE FOR THE TRUE NEEDS FOR
19 EQUITABLE BROADBAND ACCESS, COUNTYWIDE. DIGITAL EQUITY AND
20 ACCESS IS A HIGHLY COMPLICATED AND COMPLEX POLICY ISSUE,
21 SOMETHING THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, I CONTINUE TO TRY TO LEARN AND
22 WRAP MY BRAIN AROUND. AND MUCH LIKE THE TECHNOLOGY WE ARE
23 TRYING TO PROVIDE, IT IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING. WE MUST CONTINUE
24 TO COLLABORATE AT ALL LEVELS, AND ENGAGE ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO
25 LEVERAGE THE EXPERTISE, TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE, AND

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1 INNOVATION, TO DEPLOY THE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
2 REFLECTS CURRENT NEEDS, AS WELL AS THE FUTURE OF BROADBAND
3 ACCESS. WITH THE POTENTIAL OF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY,
4 WE MUST ENSURE WE ARE DEPLOYING 21ST-CENTURY TECHNOLOGY THAT
5 ACKNOWLEDGES WHERE BROADBAND, CELLULAR, AND INFORMATION
6 TECHNOLOGY ARE HEADING. AND THAT IS WHY I BROUGHT THIS MOTION
7 FORWARD. AND AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR CO-
8 AUTHORIZING IT.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 BARGER, FOR YOUR VISION ON THIS, AND FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN
14 YOU IN THIS MOTION. I.S.D.'S COMMUNITY BROADBAND NETWORK
15 PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED BY THIS BOARD TO BRING ACCESS TO
16 RELIABLE INTERNET TO SOME OF OUR HIGHEST-NEED COMMUNITIES.
17 I.S.D. HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED A FEW SAMPLE AREAS THAT, THANKS
18 TO EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE CITY OF L.A., THEY CAN
19 QUICKLY DEPLOY. AND I DO RECOGNIZE THAT THOSE SAMPLE LOCATIONS
20 ARE AMONGST SOME OF THE HIGHEST NEED, BUT I'M CONCERNED THAT
21 IF WE GO FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM AS DESIGNED, THERE WOULD BE
22 COMMUNITIES IN MY DISTRICT THAT WOULD BE LEFT BEHIND, AS A
23 PART OF THIS PILOT PROGRAM. AND THE LACK OF INTERNET ACCESS,
24 AND DIGITAL INEQUITY, IS A PROBLEM ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY,
25 AS YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IN SOUTHEAST L.A., FOR

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1 EXAMPLE, CITIES OF CUDAHY, HUNTINGTON PARK, BELL, BELL
2 GARDENS, MAYWOOD, JUST TO NAME A FEW, ARE SOME OF THE AREAS OF
3 HIGHEST NEED FOR INTERNET ACCESS, YET THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED
4 IN THE SAMPLE AREAS. I JUST INHERITED THOSE FROM YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE
6 GREAT NEEDS IN SOUTHEAST L.A., AND HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN
7 LEADERSHIP, SO I HOPE YOU'LL SUPPORT THE IDEA OF NOT LEAVING
8 THEM BEHIND, JUST EVEN IN THIS PILOT PROGRAM. THOSE CITIES ARE
9 READY TO WORK WITH US, BY THE WAY, TO BRING RELIABLE INTERNET
10 TO THE RESIDENTS. AND I KNOW WE ALL WANT TO BRING ACCESS TO
11 FAST, RELIABLE INTERNET TO EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTY, IF
12 POSSIBLE. BUT WITH THIS MOTION, WE ASK THAT A PART OF THIS
13 PILOT PROGRAM, WE IDENTIFY A PROJECT IN EACH DISTRICT, TO
14 ENSURE MORE WIDESPREAD COVERAGE AND ACCESS, IMMEDIATELY.
15 COLLEAGUES, EACH OF OUR DISTRICTS ARE SO UNIQUE, AND WE'VE
16 SEEN HOW DIGITAL INEQUITY HAS PLAYED A ROLE IN THESE LAST FEW
17 YEARS. LET'S FIND A WAY TO TOUCH AS MANY COMMUNITIES AS
18 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER AND HAHN'S MOTION FOR DIGITAL EQUITY. WE EACH HAVE VERY
24 UNIQUE DISTRICTS, AND MANY IN OUR DISTRICT ARE UNDERSERVED AND
25 NEED BROADBAND NOW. WE SAW THAT VERY CLEARLY DURING THE

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1 PANDEMIC. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY TO GET
2 THESE WORK ORDERS DONE, SO WE DON'T DELAY THE PROCESS TO GET
3 STARTED, BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY BEHIND. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF
4 THE AUTHOR WOULD CONSIDER TO REDUCE THE REPORT-BACK FROM 90
5 DAYS TO 30 DAYS, AS PER MY MOTION LAST YEAR, TO ACCELERATE
6 DIGITAL EQUITY. WE MADE A COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES TO
7 PROVIDE AFFORDABLE, HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND SERVICES AS SOON AS
8 POSSIBLE. SO, I HAVE A FULL INTENT AND COMMITMENT TO TRY TO
9 SEE THAT THROUGH, AND I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THIS FRIENDLY
10 AMENDMENT. I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO ITEM
11 16: "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMEND THE
12 FIRST SENTENCE OF THE FIRST DIRECTIVE TO READ, 'DIRECT THE
13 DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEWLY
14 ESTABLISHED COUNTY DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY TO REPORT BACK
15 TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN 30 DAYS WITH AN EQUITABLE PROCESS
16 TO ENSURE THAT PILOT BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE
17 INTRODUCED IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.'" THANK YOU, MADAM
18 CHAIR, AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE AMENDMENT.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. WE'LL-- SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21
22 **SUP. HAHN:** ABSOLUTELY. THAT WAS PRETTY FRIENDLY.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I, TOO,
25 HAVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT LANGUAGE. I THINK THAT'S BEEN SHARED

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1 WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I KNOW YOU HAVE
2 A COPY OF IT IN FRONT OF YOU NOW. AND IT'S REALLY BECAUSE OUR
3 COUNTY'S WORK TO CLOSE THIS DIGITAL DIVIDE IS DEEPLY, DEEPLY
4 PERSONAL AND RELEVANT TO THE CONSTITUENTS I REPRESENT. OVER
5 20% OF OUR RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION IN THE
6 SECOND DISTRICT; 20% DISTRICT-WIDE, ON AVERAGE. AND IF WE ARE
7 TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY, WE REALLY HAVE TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE
8 ACCESS TO EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, CAREER ADVANCEMENT, AND MUCH
9 OF WHICH IS NOW, OF COURSE, DONE ONLINE. SO I REALLY WANT TO
10 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT HOW WE PRIORITIZE. WE
11 COMMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, WHEN WE HAD THE MOTION, AND WE
12 CREATED THE NEW DIRECTIVE DIGITAL EQUITY THROUGH THE
13 INTERGOVERNMENTAL BROADBAND COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WE KNOW
14 THAT THAT PERSON WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE
15 ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR DEPARTMENT, CITIES, COUNCILS OF
16 GOVERNMENT, AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES TO MOST QUICKLY
17 DEPLOY BROADBAND TO EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTY. SO, THIS IS
18 THE ISSUE I WANT TO ADDRESS WITH THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE. \$65
19 BILLION IN FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE
20 THROUGH THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW, AND THE VAST
21 MAJORITY OF THIS FUNDING IS FOR OUR RURAL, UNDERSERVED
22 COMMUNITIES-- AREAS THAT DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE ANY SERVICE.
23 MOST OF THESE AREAS ARE IN NORTH L.A. COUNTY. AND IN FACT, ON
24 SEPTEMBER 22ND, \$502 MILLION OF FUNDING WAS AWARDED THROUGH
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S RECONNECT PROGRAM, EXCLUSIVELY

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1 FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES. SO, THEREFORE, I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE
2 FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVE 1, AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL
3 DIRECTIVE, WHICH WILL BE DIRECTIVE 4. SO, THE NEW LANGUAGE IN
4 DIRECTIVE 1 IS AS FOLLOWS: "WE WOULD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF
5 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED COUNTY
6 DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL EQUITY TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN
7 WRITING IN 30 DAYS"-- BASED ON WHAT SOLIS JUST SAID; I'LL
8 UPDATE THAT-- "WITH AN EQUITABLE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT PILOT
9 BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE INTRODUCED IN EACH
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT"-- HERE WAS THE NEW LANGUAGE-- "AND
11 WITH A PLAN TO IDENTIFY AND EXPAND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE
12 COUNTY FOR RURAL BROADBAND IN UNSERVED COMMUNITIES, BY
13 LEVERAGING FUNDING AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL THAT IS
14 BEING RELEASED AS PART OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW."
15 THE NEW DIRECTIVE 4 WOULD READ, "TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICE'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
17 DIVISION TO SEEK FEDERAL AND STATE RESOURCES FOR RURAL
18 BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 30
19 DAYS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO LEVERAGE THE FEDERAL DOLLARS." I
20 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, SINCE WE'VE GOT THIS OPPORTUNITY
21 WITH THESE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT ARE TARGETING RURAL
22 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, THAT WE GO THERE FIRST.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** HOW ARE WE DEFINING "RURAL"?
25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SAY IT ONE MORE TIME?

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** HOW ARE WE DEFINING "RURAL" COMMUNITIES?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION. HOW ARE
6 YOU DEFINING IT IN YOUR MOTION? I'M SURE THE FEDERAL LAW
7 PROBABLY HAS A DEFINITION.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** I DEFINE IT, "WHEN I SEE IT, I KNOW IT," BECAUSE
10 I KNOW THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I MEAN, YOU'VE GOT PARTS OF ACTON-
11 AGUA DULCE. ACTON, YOU'VE GOT THIS TOWN. BUT THEN, IF YOU GO
12 OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN, IT BECOMES VERY RURAL, VERY ISOLATED. I
13 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROPER DEFINITION IS FOR "RURAL," BUT I'M
14 VIEWING RURAL, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH COUNTY, AS LAKE LOS
15 ANGELES, LAKE HUGHES, ACTON-AGUA DULCE.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERN IF THE
18 BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW'S DEFINITION OF "RURAL" IS
19 DIFFERENT THAN YOURS?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. BECAUSE, I MEAN, I WOULD THINK, JUST IN MY
24 DISTRICT, I WOULD THINK CATALINA ISLAND, THERE WAS--

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT, TO ME, WOULD BE CONSIDERED RURAL.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW WE WERE DEFINING IT;
4 IF ALL RURAL, OR IT WAS JUST IN YOUR DISTRICT.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I MEAN, IT IS A GOOD QUESTION. AND I'M NOT
7 BEING FACETIOUS WHEN I SAY, "WHEN I SEE IT, I KNOW IT."

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, AGAIN, THE GOAL OF THE LANGUAGE IS
10 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GOING AFTER THESE NEW FUNDS, THE VAST
11 MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE TARGETING, I THINK, THE COMMUNITIES THAT
12 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND SO, ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THE
13 PROPOSED AMENDMENT?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS
18 ON THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE, ITEM 16, AS AMENDED BY-- JUST TO
19 BE CLEAR, AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY SOLIS AND MITCHELL, WHICH
20 HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. SO ITEM 16, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US.
21 MOVED BY BARGER, SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE
22 CALL THE ROLL.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 16, AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

16 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

17 MITCHELL?

18

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

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

22 5-0.

23

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 23, REPORT ON EMERGENCY
2 MOBILITY OPTIONS IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WHICH WAS HELD BY
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT,
6 AND ESPECIALLY THE CREWS AND THE BOOTS ON THE GROUND THAT WERE
7 VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING FIRST RESPONDERS TO CASTAIC, SO
8 THAT THEY COULD PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES' LIVES AND PROPERTY
9 DURING THE ROUTE FIRE, AND FOR THE ONGOING WORK WITH CALTRANS,
10 C.H.P., AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS. I KNOW THAT THOSE ON THE FRONT
11 LINES ALWAYS RESPOND AND COME THROUGH FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, AS
12 THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY TO HELP REOPEN LAKE HUGHES ROAD AND THE
13 RIDGE ROUTE ROAD THIS PAST WEEKEND, WHICH WERE BOTH DAMAGED
14 DURING THE INCIDENT. SO, I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR OUR
15 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR PESTRELLA. MOVING ON TO THE REPORT THAT
16 YOU PUT TOGETHER, I SEE YOU ARE RECONVENING THE I-5 TASK
17 FORCE. SO, MY OFFICE WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THE MEETING, SO I
18 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MEETING MINUTES TO SEE WHAT WAS
19 DISCUSSED. WERE MEMBERS OF THE CASTAIC TOWN COUNCIL OR
20 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS INVITED TO THIS MEETING? AND I WOULD
21 IMAGINE THAT THEIR FEEDBACK WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ALIGN THE
22 WORKING GROUP'S VISION AND ACTION PLAN.

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU. ALL THE SUPERVISORS,
25 MARK PESTRELLA, PUBLIC WORKS. SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE

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1 QUESTION. IN FACT, I RECONVENED THE PRINCIPALS AND ADDED THE
2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC COUNCIL, HOLLY SCHROEDER, TO THE
3 GROUP, AND HAVE INVITED AND CONFIRMED WITH YOUR STAFF THAT
4 THEY WOULD BE A MEMBER OF THAT TASK FORCE. THE ORIGINAL
5 MEETING WAS TO GET STARTED ON THE FIRST REPORT WE HAD BACK,
6 AND TO START THE OBJECTIVES. WE CERTAINLY NEED TO INCLUDE
7 VOICES FROM COMMUNITY IN THE INTERAGENCY, AND THEY WILL BE
8 INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT INTERAGENCY COUNCIL.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I'M FORMALLY REQUESTING THE TOWN COUNCILS,
11 BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT WERE DIRECTLY IMPACTED. AND
12 BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS NOTED, IN THE
13 AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE AND FREEWAY CLOSURES, THAT NAVIGATION
14 APPS SENT DRIVERS ONTO LOCAL ROADS. MY STAFF MET WITH
15 REPRESENTATIVES FROM WAZE LAST WEEK, WHO INDICATED THAT THEY
16 HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO COORDINATE
17 DIRECTLY WITH THEIR TEAMS TO REROUTE DRIVERS DURING INCIDENTS,
18 SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW IF MY COLLEAGUES WERE AWARE OF; I WAS
19 NOT. ONE SUCH PROGRAM IS CALLED WAZE FOR CITIES. ARE YOU AWARE
20 OF THIS PROGRAM, AND IF NOT, WHAT HAVE YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
21 THESE COMPANIES LED TO, IN TERMS OF INCIDENT RESPONSE?

22

23 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE ARE AWARE OF
24 THOSE PROGRAMS, AND HAVE A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE
25 COMPANIES. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM SINCE THE BEGINNING

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1 OF THOSE APPS BEING ONLINE, TO ORIGINALLY REROUTE PEOPLE OUT
2 OF COMMUNITIES. AND THE SAME THING APPLIES HERE, WHERE WE HAVE
3 AN EMERGENCY WORKING WITH WAZE AND OTHER COMPANIES, SO THEY DO
4 NOT ROUTE PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY WHEN WE HAVE A MAJOR
5 EVENT. AND WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT DURING THIS INCIDENT, AS
6 WELL.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE THAT,
9 BECAUSE THAT EXACERBATED WHAT WAS A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT
10 SITUATION UP THERE. AND THEN, REGARDING THE TWO SIGNAL
11 PROJECTS, THESE WERE RECOMMENDED IN JULY OF 2019; HOWEVER, YOU
12 INDICATED IT WILL TAKE NEARLY 4 YEARS TO BUILD THEM. AND I'M
13 JUST GOING ON MY EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR A FORMER SUPERVISOR,
14 WHO WOULD BRING IN MOTIONS, AND IT WOULD GET DONE. IN MY
15 EXPERIENCE, SIGNALS WERE TYPICALLY BUILT IN ABOUT 12 MONTHS.
16 EVEN WITH 6 MONTHS FOR PROCUREMENT, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT
17 INCREASE. I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE ARE AN ADDITIONAL 8 OTHER
18 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECTS IN DESIGN OR DEVELOPMENT IN MY
19 DISTRICT, WHICH ARE ALSO DELAYED. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO
20 UNDERSTAND, WHAT IS GOING ON?

21

22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH, SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS
23 HAPPENING ON THAT FRONT, AND MANY OF THE OFFICES HAVE SUFFERED
24 THE SAME DELAYS THAT YOU'RE MENTIONING, SUPERVISOR. WITH
25 RESPECT TO THE TWO SIGNALS IN THIS AREA, WE EXPECT TO DELIVER

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1 THOSE EARLY NEXT YEAR. AND HOW WE'RE ABLE TO DELIVER THEM
2 EARLY IS, WE'RE ATTACKING THE PROCESS FOR INVESTIGATIONS THAT
3 JUSTIFY A SIGNAL, WHICH IS--

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, IT SHOULDN'T TAKE-- I MEAN, YOU SHOULD BE
6 PROACTIVE. IN FOUR YEARS, MARK? AND THESE ARE SAFETY THINGS.
7 AND MY FRUSTRATION IS, AS A RESULT OF THE 5 FREEWAY AND ALL
8 THAT HAPPENED UP THERE, IT REALLY SHED LIGHT ON SOME OF THE
9 DEFICIENCIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE.

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, IT SHED A LOT OF LIGHT FOR ME,
12 SUPERVISOR, AND THE TURNOVER THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE DEPARTMENT,
13 WITH RESPECT TO EXPERTISE, THE DELAY THAT OCCURS DUE TO THAT,
14 THE ESCALATION OF PRICES IN THE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS THAT
15 ARE NECESSARY TO PUT THESE THINGS INTO PLACE, HAVE REALLY
16 TAKEN A HOLD; ALMOST 25% INCREASE IN ESCALATION COST. AND THEN
17 JUST LABOR; THE LABOR MARKET AND THE CONSULTANTS THAT ARE
18 AVAILABLE TO US, TO ACTUALLY DELIVER ON THIS. WE'RE ATTACKING
19 ALL OF THOSE AT THE SAME TIME. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING
20 IS BUYING MATERIALS UP FRONT. SO, THE TWO SIGNALS THAT YOU
21 CURRENTLY HAVE DUE TO YOU ON THIS CORRIDOR, WE'RE BUYING THE
22 MATERIALS ACTUALLY UP FRONT, SO WE CAN ATTACK THE ESCALATION
23 COST, AND THEN MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CONTRACT TO GET IT DONE
24 IN AN EXPEDITED WAY. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT MY EXPECTATION THAT WE
25 HAVE TO ACCELERATE THIS WAY EACH TIME WE NEED A SIGNAL, AND

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1 YOUR EXPECTATION THAT WE COULD DO IT WITHIN A YEAR IS THE SAME
2 EXPECTATION I HAVE.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, YEAH, BECAUSE, I MEAN, MY EXPECTATION IS WHAT
5 WAS HAPPENING? AND FOR SOME REASON-- YOU KNOW, I GET THE
6 SUPPLY CHAIN IMPACT, BUT 4 YEARS? FROM 12 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS
7 JUST SEEMS A LITTLE... I QUESTION THAT. BUT WITH RESPECT TO
8 SEGMENT 1 OF THE OLD ROAD PROJECT, I SEE THAT YOUR REPORT,
9 ONCE AGAIN, DID NOT INCLUDE A COST ESTIMATE OR SCHEDULE. WHEN
10 SHOULD WE ANTICIPATE THIS INFORMATION? THE REASON WHY I KEEP
11 PUSHING YOU ON THIS IS, WITH THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW
12 FUNDS TO FINANCE THIS WORK, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. I MEAN, WE
13 ARE BUILDING AN INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST, AND ASIDE FROM HIRING
14 AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO PUT IT TOGETHER, I KEEP ASKING, WHEN
15 ARE WE GOING TO GET THAT?

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SO, THE COST ESTIMATE, I HAVE A FRESH COST
18 ESTIMATE. REMIND EVERYONE THAT COST ESTIMATES-- THE BEST COST
19 ESTIMATES ARE WHEN WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA ABOUT WHAT THE SCOPE
20 OF THE PROJECT IS. WE TYPICALLY GET OUR BEST COST ESTIMATES AT
21 60% DESIGN PLANS. WE GAVE YOU, SUPERVISOR, AN ESTIMATE MORE
22 THAN A YEAR AGO, THAT WE CONTINUE TO REPEAT TO YOU. AND IT'S
23 ON ME THAT WE DIDN'T REFRESH YOU ON THAT ESTIMATE. I WANT TO
24 TAKE THAT, AND THAT IS SOMETHING I MISSED. THE COST ESTIMATE,
25 SUPERVISOR, IS IN OUR SHOP. IT'S PRELIMINARY. BY OCTOBER 7TH,

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1 I'M GOING TO HAVE A SOLID COST ESTIMATE, WHICH INVOLVES TWO
2 PEER REVIEWS OF THE COST ESTIMATE, AND OUR OWN STAFF GOING
3 THROUGH TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING SOLID WE
4 CAN COUNT ON, AS WE GO FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, BY THE END OF THIS WEEK?

7

8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** ALL RIGHT. I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT, BECAUSE,
11 AGAIN, THE OLD ROAD IS A PROJECT THAT I KEEP PUSHING, AND I
12 KNOW THAT AMY BODEK HELPED IDENTIFY SOME THINGS. SO, I WOULD
13 ASK THAT YOU WORK WITH REGIONAL PLANNING, AS WELL, AND GET
14 THEIR INSIGHT IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN REALLY LEVERAGE WHAT IS
15 GOING ON. SO, I BRING THIS FORWARD RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THE
16 DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE THAT THESE ARE TWO OF MY HIGHEST-
17 PRIORITY COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS.
18 THIS IS NOTHING NEW. WE HAVE ALSO KNOWN THAT FULLY FUNDING
19 THEM WOULD BE VERY CHALLENGING, AND I OWN THAT. I DO NOT FEEL
20 THE DEPARTMENT IS MOVING AGGRESSIVELY ENOUGH TO POSITION THEM
21 FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, SO PERHAPS IT IS A GENERAL AVERSION
22 TO RISK, WHICH I AM EXTREMELY COGNIZANT OF, AS A STEWARD OF
23 THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY, SO I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO OVEREXTEND
24 YOURSELF. BUT WE CANNOT BE SO RISK-AVERSE THAT IT INHIBITS US
25 FROM RAPIDLY DEVELOPING PRIORITY PROJECTS. I THINK THAT MY

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1 EXPERIENCE AS METRO BOARD MEMBER-- AND ACTUALLY, ALL OF US ON
2 METRO BOARD-- AND MANY OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE
3 AGGRESSIVELY MOVED THROUGH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WHILE THEY
4 IDENTIFY FULL FUNDING. IS THAT CORRECT, SUPERVISOR HAHN? THE
5 SANTA ANA-- OKAY. THE POINT BEING THAT THEY KEEP MOVING THE
6 BALL DOWN THE FIELD, AND POSITION PROJECTS FOR FUNDING
7 OPPORTUNITIES, AND OFTEN, THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL. BECAUSE YOU ARE
8 GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AREN'T YOU. WEST SANTA ANA. FINALLY,
9 MY STAFF ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 21ST CASTAIC TOWN COUNCIL
10 MEETING, AND HEARD DIRECTLY FROM THE COMMUNITY ON THE
11 CHALLENGES FACED DURING THIS EVENT. ONE OF THE CRITICAL ISSUES
12 IS THE LACK OF RESOURCES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PERFORM
13 TRAFFIC CONTROL. THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND MOBILITY NEEDS
14 OF OUR COMMUNITIES NEED BETTER LONG-TERM PLANNING, INNOVATIVE
15 APPROACHES TO FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS, AND WILL REQUIRE GREATER
16 ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED
17 TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON THESE PRIORITIES. SO I THINK THAT,
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAD A MOTION RELATED TO THE FATAL
19 COLLISION IN YOUR DISTRICT, THAT ASKED THE C.E.O. TO EXPLORE
20 CENTRALIZING ALL TRANSPORTATION-RELATED FUNCTIONS IN THE
21 COUNTY. AND THIS REPORT MAKES CLEAR THAT MOTION WAS ON THE
22 RIGHT TRACK, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT IT, AND I THINK THAT
23 WE DO NEED TO DO MORE. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THE
24 NUMBERS, THE END OF THIS WEEK, AND WORKING WITH YOU TO MOVE
25 THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD ANY OTHER MEMBERS LIKE
3 TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ITEM 23? HEARING NONE, IT'S BEFORE US.
4 THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH
5 WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEM 48, REPORT ON THE EXPANSION OF THE
6 FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL AND ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR
7 COMMERCIAL SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN, WHICH WAS HELD BY
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO
11 ASK MICHELLE GUYMON TO BEGIN THIS ITEM BY ACTUALLY GIVING US,
12 BRIEFLY, THAT REPORT. BUT I THINK WE HAVE ALL SEEN MICHELLE
13 DOING THESE REPORTS WITH OUR FINE GROUP WORKING ON THIS. SHE'S
14 THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD TRAFFICKING UNIT IN PROBATION. BUT
15 IT WILL ALSO BE THE LAST TIME THAT MICHELLE PRESENTS THIS
16 REPORT TO US, AS SHE'S RETIRING IN JANUARY. SO, HOPEFULLY,
17 AFTER SHE PRESENTS THE REPORT, AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS-
18 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS-- I'D LIKE TO VERY BRIEFLY PRESENT,
19 VIRTUALLY, A 5-SIGNATURE SCROLL THAT WE PREPARED FOR HER,
20 WHICH I THINK IS ALREADY IN HER HANDS, AND JUST TO SAY 3 OR 4
21 NICE THINGS ABOUT HER, BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
22 IN THIS ARENA. SO, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, IF I MIGHT ASK
23 MICHELLE TO GIVE US HER FINAL REPORT, NOT THE FINAL REPORT, ON
24 THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL AND SERVICES FOR OUR C.S.E.C.
25 KIDS. IF MICHELLE IS HERE OR ON-- THERE SHE IS. HELLO!

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1

2 **MICHELLE GUYMON:** YES, I'M HERE. THANK YOU. AND, ACTUALLY,
3 BEFORE I GIVE SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ABOUT THE REPORT, I DO WANT
4 TO SAY JUST A COUPLE OF WORDS, SINCE THIS IS MY LAST REPORT.
5 12 YEARS AGO, I...

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** I ALWAYS SAY, JUST GO AHEAD AND CRY. WE'LL LISTEN.

8

9 **MICHELL GUYMON:** TWELVE YEARS AGO, I STARTED THIS JOURNEY IN
10 SERVING AND SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH IMPACTED BY COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
11 EXPLOITATION, AND IT'S REALLY BEEN ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY
12 CAREER. EARLY ON, ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES AND I TRAVELED TO TEXAS
13 AND MET A DETECTIVE THERE, WHO HAD JUST STARTED A CHILD
14 TRAFFICKING UNIT, OR A UNIT THERE. AND AS WE LEFT TEXAS TO
15 COME BACK TO LOS ANGELES, HE SAID, "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
16 THINGS YOU CAN DO IS GET YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN
17 THE WORK, BECAUSE YOU WILL NEED CHAMPIONS ALONG THE WAY." AND
18 AT THAT TIME, EARLY ON, HAD NO IDEA WHAT THAT MEANT. IN 2012
19 IS WHEN WE REALLY STARTED TO BRING THIS TO THE BOARD. AND AT
20 THAT TIME, THE BOARD SAID YES. AND I KNOW, IN L.A. COUNTY,
21 THAT THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAPPEN ALL THE TIME, AND
22 THERE'S A LOT GOING ON. BUT THE BOARD DIDN'T SAY, "NOT TODAY,
23 WE DON'T HAVE TIME," BUT THE BOARD SAID YES, AND HAS CONTINUED
24 TO SAY YES, OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. AND I APPRECIATE THAT,
25 BECAUSE IT'S REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN

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1 ABLE TO DO IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH I KNOW ALL OF US ARE REALLY
2 PROUD OF. AND I JUST APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT EVERYONE HAS
3 GIVEN THROUGH THAT TIME. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
4 CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES OF EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICES--
5 ELISE, KELVIN, LISA, MARAL, AND MONICA-- BECAUSE THEY HAVE
6 REALLY BEEN SUPPORTIVE AND HELPED US MOVE THE WORK FORWARD.
7 ALSO, TO MY I.L.T. PARTNERS, WHO ARE HERE TODAY. I HAVE HAD AN
8 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A LOT OF DIFFERENT PARTNERS THROUGH
9 D.C.F.S. AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, AND
10 IT'S REALLY BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU AND YOUR
11 PARTNERSHIP, AND THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER. AND
12 ALSO, A QUICK SHOUT-OUT TO FESIA. I REMEMBER OUR VERY FIRST
13 MEETING WE HAD, IN 2012. IT WAS FESIA AND I, AND A COUPLE OF
14 THE SURVIVORS AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE, AND WHEN SHE WAS WITH
15 D.C.F.S., AND REALLY KIND OF STARTED THE WORK, SO I APPRECIATE
16 THAT PARTNERSHIP FROM THE BEGINNING. SO, JUST A COUPLE OF
17 QUICK THINGS ABOUT THE I.L.T. REPORT. FIRST OFF, REGARDING THE
18 SAFE YOUTH ZONE, YOU WILL SEE THAT WE PUT IN THE REPORT THAT
19 THE MAJORITY OF PHASE-ONE AGENCIES ARE WELL INTO
20 IMPLEMENTATION. OUR PHASE-TWO AGENCIES, D.P.S.S. AND THE FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT, ARE ALSO MOVING AHEAD AS PLANNED. I KNOW THEY HAVE
22 GOT SOME THINGS GOING ON. I WILL SAY THAT WE HAD OUR FIRST
23 YOUTH GO INTO A FIRE DEPARTMENT A FEW MONTHS AGO, SEEKING
24 SAFETY, AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACTED DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
25 SERVICES, AND HEALTH SERVICES CONTACTED THE HOTLINE. AND WE

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1 HAD A LITTLE SCURRYING AROUND TO GET THINGS DONE, BUT THAT WAS
2 PRETTY HOPEFUL, BECAUSE REALLY, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS
3 MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE PLACES AND SAFE PEOPLE,
4 ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, AND THINGS LIKE THAT,
5 WHEN THEY ARE SEEKING SAFETY. REGARDING A MOTION THAT HAPPENED
6 IN JANUARY, I THINK IT WAS THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT? NOT
7 QUITE SURE ON THAT, BUT REGARDING THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING SOCIAL
8 MEDIA TOOLKIT AND INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN, C.E.O. CONTRACTS
9 RELEASED THE WORK ORDER SOLICITATION LAST FRIDAY, WITH
10 APPLICATIONS OR PROPOSALS COMING BACK TOWARDS THE END OF THIS
11 MONTH, IN OCTOBER. SO THAT'S MOVING FORWARD NICELY, AND WE
12 SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ON TOP OF THAT RATHER QUICKLY. AND THEN
13 THE LAST THING JUST TO MENTION, THAT WE MADE A RECOMMENDATION
14 FOR THE I.L.T. TO BE KIND OF CONSOLIDATED INTO THE COUNTY
15 C.S.E.C. STEERING COMMITTEE. IT'S BEEN, OVER THE PAST FIVE OR
16 SIX YEARS, TWO DIFFERENT COMMITTEES RUNNING KIND OF SIDE BY
17 SIDE. STEERING COMMITTEE IS A MUCH LARGER COLLECTIVE OF COUNTY
18 AGENCIES AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND, YOU KNOW, AND ALSO
19 MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO, INSTEAD OF DOING THE I.L.T. REPORT
20 THREE TIMES A YEAR, DOING IT TWICE, LIKE IN APRIL AND OCTOBER.
21 YOU KNOW, IT IS GREAT TO REPORT, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME
22 WE WRITE ONE, WE ARE READY TO WRITE ONE AGAIN, AND JUST TO
23 GIVE US SOME SPACE IN BETWEEN, TO KIND OF GET INITIATIVES
24 DONE, AND THINGS, MOVING FORWARD. SO, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE
25 OF OUR-- THAT WAS KIND OF OUR RECOMMENDATION, TO LOOK AT THAT.

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1 AND THEN THE NEXT REPORT WOULD BE IN APRIL, AND IT WOULD BE
2 D.C.F.S. WHO WOULD BE KIND OF AUTHORIZING THAT REPORT. SO, I
3 THINK THAT'S IT FOR ME, AND THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MICHELLE. MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY,
6 PERHAPS WE COULD ASK IF ANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY
7 QUESTIONS. I THINK HILDA IS RAISING HER HAND, IF YOU CAN'T SEE
8 HER, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S NO QUESTION, JUST-- I WILL SPEAK AFTER YOU,
11 SHEILA.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS TO MICHELLE,
14 BEFORE I PRAISE HER?

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** JUST GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I
17 WILL CALL ON EVERYBODY ELSE IN ORDER, SO YOU GO AHEAD.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, MA'AM. THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
20 WELL, I THINK YOU ALREADY, MICHELLE, HOPEFULLY HAVE THE
21 SCROLL, BECAUSE WE TRIED TO GET IT TO YOU, PHYSICALLY, AND IT
22 IS JUST SORT OF AN EMBLEM OF OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU. I KNOW THAT
23 YOU STARTED YOUR CAREER IN THE COUNTY IN 1989. WE ARE TALKING
24 33 YEARS WITH L.A. COUNTY. AND AFTER A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS,
25 YOU ARE LEAVING THE COUNTY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD

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1 TRAFFICKING UNIT IN PROBATION. WHAT PEOPLE GENERALLY DO NOT
2 KNOW IS YOU ACTUALLY ARE GENERALLY CREDITED WITH THE FORMATION
3 OF THIS SPECIALIZED UNIT, BUT IT WAS THE FIRST PROBATION
4 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE A SPECIALIZED UNIT SOLELY
5 DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL
6 WELLBEING OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH WHO ARE THEMSELVES VICTIMS
7 OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. AND YOU HAVE BEEN A
8 FREQUENT AND SOUGHT-AFTER PRESENTER AND TRAINER, SEEN AS A
9 FOREMOST AUTHORITY IN THIS AREA: PUBLIC POLICY, PREVENTION,
10 AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH, INCLUDING NEVER LETTING
11 US FORGET THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS, AND SHOULD NOT
12 BE ARRESTED. AND I REMEMBER THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT SHERIFF
13 MCDONNELL DID, TO ENGAGE EVERYBODY TO GET ON BOARD WITH THAT
14 CONCEPT. YOU HAVE UNFAILINGLY AND VERY GRACIOUSLY EXTENDED
15 YOUR WIDE-RANGING EXPERIENCE AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO ALL OF YOUR
16 COLLEAGUES, AND I HOPE YOU KNOW YOU HAVE EARNED THEIR RESPECT,
17 THEIR ADMIRATION, AND REALLY, IN THIS AREA, THEIR GRATITUDE;
18 AND NOT JUST YOUR COLLEAGUES, BUT ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
19 HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR WORK. SO, FOR ALL THESE REASONS AND
20 MORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
21 HEREBY OFFICIALLY, THROUGH THIS SCROLL, CONGRATULATES AND
22 COMMENDS YOU FOR YOUR UNPARALLELED PUBLIC SERVICE, AND EXTEND
23 OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A REWARDING AND WELL-DESERVED
24 RETIREMENT. CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR HOW IT IS. BACK TO YOU, MADAM
25 CHAIR.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HOLDING THIS REPORT. AS ALWAYS,
6 MICHELLE, YOUR REPORT HOLDS SUCH INCREDIBLE INFORMATION, WHICH
7 WE KNOW DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COLLABORATION
8 ACROSS OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. BUT I THINK WHAT IS MORE
9 APPARENT TO ME, READING THROUGH THE REPORT, IS YOUR PASSION
10 AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS WORK. AND YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT,
11 TIME AND TIME AGAIN. SINCE 1989, YOU HAVE POURED ALL OF YOUR
12 HEART AND SOUL INTO THIS WORK. YOU ARE THE DEFINITION OF A
13 TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT. AND I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE FIELD
14 FIRSTHAND, WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH WHO ARE AT RISK OF SEXUAL
15 EXPLOITATION, LISTENING TO THEM, INCORPORATING THEIR VIEWS
16 INTO THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE, WHICH TO ME SIGNIFIES JUST HOW
17 MUCH YOU CARE: YOU LISTEN, AND THEN YOU PUT IT TO ACTION. AND
18 I KNOW THAT DURING THE TIME WE WORKED, BACK IN 2017, YOU
19 HELPED ME PUT TOGETHER ONE OF OUR FIRST POMONA HUMAN
20 TRAFFICKING FORUMS. AND BOY, OH, BOY, THE CITY AND OTHER
21 PEOPLE WERE IN DENIAL: "IT DOESN'T EXIST THERE." AND WE SAID,
22 "NO, WE HAVE TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER," AND YOU HELPED US WITH
23 THAT ENDEAVOR. AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT, BECAUSE THE
24 PRESENTATIONS MADE BY TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS-- SOME VERY YOUNG
25 WOMEN AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS-- WAS SO COMPELLING, I DON'T

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1 THINK ANYBODY HAD A DRY EYE IN THAT ROOM. AND I FELT SO PROUD
2 OF THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. SO, I AM GOING TO MISS YOU.
3 ULTIMATELY, I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE
4 BECAUSE OF ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND WE NEED TO
5 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS THAT YOU PUT IN PLACE HERE AT
6 THE COUNTY. SO, I HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT. MY
7 STAFF AND I WILL MISS YOU, AND LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO
8 THAT WE CAN IMPROVE UPON, BASED ON EVERYTHING THAT YOU GAVE--
9 YOUR HEART, YOUR SOUL, AND IN SPANISH, WE SAY "CORAZON." THANK
10 YOU SO MUCH, AND GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MEAN, MICHELLE, I ACTUALLY-- I CAN'T
15 IMAGINE YOU NOT BEING PART OF THIS. I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WOULD
16 TAKE C.S.E.C. VICTIMS TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND LET THEM TELL
17 THEIR STORIES, BECAUSE WHO BETTER TO REALLY EDUCATE THAN THOSE
18 THAT HAVE HAD TO LIVE THROUGH THE ORDEALS? BUT I THINK MY
19 TAKEAWAY FROM THAT WAS THE TRUST THAT THEY HAVE IN YOU, AND
20 HAD IN YOU. AND YOU AND I, AND YOU ALL KNOW, TRUST IS LACKING
21 AMONGST C.S.E.C. VICTIMS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN LET DOWN TIME
22 AND TIME AGAIN BY THOSE THAT SAY THEY CARE ABOUT THEM, OR "WE
23 LOVE YOU," ONLY TO VICTIMIZE THEM. AND YOU TAUGHT PATIENCE,
24 UNDERSTANDING, COMPASSION, NOT JUDGING, BECAUSE THEY AREN'T
25 THROWAWAYS. THESE ARE SOMEONE'S MOTHER, THEY ARE SOMEONE'S

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1 DAUGHTER, OR SON. THE FACT THAT YOU GREW UP IN OUR PROBATION
2 DEPARTMENT, AND FOUND THIS AS YOUR CALLING, IS-- I DON'T WANT
3 TO SAY IT IS REMARKABLE, BECAUSE I AM SURE THERE ARE MANY LIKE
4 YOU OUT THERE, IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, WOULD DO THE SAME.
5 BUT YOU DID IT, AND TO WATCH WHAT YOU HAVE DONE HAS BEEN AN
6 HONOR FOR ME. BECAUSE I WAS A STAFFER, SO I GOT TO SEE IT FROM
7 A STAFF LEVEL, BUT I ALSO SAW IT FROM THE LEVEL OF BEING AN
8 ELECTED OFFICIAL. AND I KNOW THE COMMITMENT FROM D.C.F.S., AND
9 I KNOW THE COMMITMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WORKING
10 WITH YOU, COLLABORATING. COLLABORATING. AND SO I AM VERY HAPPY
11 FOR YOU IN YOUR RETIREMENT, BECAUSE IT IS WELL DESERVED. BUT
12 PLEASE KNOW THAT-- AND I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID-- YOU'RE
13 A PUBLIC SERVANT. YOU TOOK PUBLIC SERVICE TO A WHOLE NEW
14 LEVEL. AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND I HOPE THAT OUR COUNTY
15 FAMILY, ALL THOSE THAT ARE ON THE FRONT LINE, DOING THE WORK,
16 REALIZE THAT THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE YOU DID MAKE
17 A DIFFERENCE. SO, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE.

18
19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20
21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND FIRST OF ALL, THANK
22 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM, SO THAT WE COULD
23 ALL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE MICHELLE GUYMON, AND THE
24 WORK OF THE INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT FOCUSES ON THE
25 COUNTY'S C.S.E.C. AND I KNOW MY PREDECESSOR, DON KNABE, WAS

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1 VERY INVOLVED, AND CERTAINLY PRIORITIZED THIS IN HIS TIME AS
2 OUR COUNTY SUPERVISOR. AND I THINK IT IS VERY INTERESTING THAT
3 HE, OF COURSE, HAD THE BRILLIANT VISION OF THE SAFE SURRENDER
4 PROGRAM: THAT PEOPLE COULD BRING THEIR BABIES TO ONE OF OUR
5 FIRE STATIONS. AND SO, HOW INTERESTING THAT, BECAUSE OF OUR
6 WORK TO PROVIDE OUR COUNTY FACILITIES AS A PLACE THAT YOU
7 MENTIONED, THAT WE HAD SOMEONE THAT CAME TO ONE OF OUR FIRE
8 STATIONS. SO, REALLY, WE'RE KIND OF THE CIRCLE OF LIFE HERE,
9 BECAUSE OF THE CARE AND THE VISION OF THE BOARD, BUT REALLY
10 BECAUSE OF YOU, MICHELLE, AND YOUR TEAM. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
11 YOUR DRIVE AND YOUR PASSION HAS REALLY MADE THE DIFFERENCE
12 WITH THIS PROGRAM. AND MANY TIMES, WE TALK ABOUT SILOS THAT
13 EXIST WITHIN THE COUNTY. BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, THE PARTNERSHIP
14 BETWEEN THE INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM THAT IS LED BY
15 PROBATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND
16 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES, HAS
17 REALLY MOVED THIS FORWARD, AND MOVED MOUNTAINS AND SAVED THE
18 LIVES OF SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE
19 HAS IMPACTED SO MANY, AND WILL LEAVE AN IMPACT FOR GENERATIONS
20 TO COME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP, AND HAS BEEN
21 SAID, YOUR PATIENCE, YOUR DEDICATION. I AM PRETTY SURE THIS
22 WORK HAS BEEN, AT TIMES, OVERWHELMING FOR YOU, AND I AM SURE
23 THE YEARS THAT YOU HAVE INTERNALIZED MUCH OF THE WORK HAS MADE
24 YOU VERY READY TO RETIRE. AND WE THANK YOU, AND WE WISH YOU
25 THE BEST IN YOUR RETIREMENT.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE WRAP, I WANTED TO KNOW IF
3 THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS THAT OTHERS ON THE INTEGRATED
4 LEADERSHIP TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ABOUT THE REPORT. I JUST
5 WANT TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT
8 MICHELLE, TOO, BECAUSE, AS HER PARTNER, WE'VE JUST REALLY SEEN
9 SUCH TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP BY MICHELLE.
10 AND I KNOW SHE'S BEEN AN AMAZING MENTOR TO ME, SO I ALWAYS
11 FIND IT TO BE AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO WORK ALONGSIDE HER. SO,
12 THANK YOU, MICHELLE. SHE'S PUT A LOT OF BLOOD, SWEAT, AND
13 TEARS INTO HER WORK. SO, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THAT. MICHELLE HAS BEEN... BACK
16 IN 2012, 2013, WE WERE JUST GETTING THIS STARTED, AND THERE
17 WAS NO BUDGET FOR THOSE. IT WAS JUST, "WE ARE GOING TO DO
18 THIS." AND YOU HAD TO GET ALL THESE DEPARTMENTS-- COUNTY
19 DEPARTMENTS-- TOGETHER, THAT ALL HAVE COMPETING INTERESTS,
20 EGOS, AND ET CETERA, AND GET THEM ALL TOGETHER AND WORKING ON
21 THE SAME THING, AND YOU DID IT. AND I AM STILL AMAZED AT HOW
22 YOU DID IT. IT IS PHENOMENAL. AND COUNTRIES-- I'M SORRY,
23 POLICE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ALWAYS ASK ME HOW WE
24 DO IT, AND HOW WE SET UP THE PROGRAM, AND I REFER THEM TO
25 MICHELLE, BECAUSE SHE IS JUST THAT GOOD. SHE IS THE BEST.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SOME OF MY TEXTS ARE
3 DELAYED, SO I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ARE TEXTING ABOUT THIS ITEM.
4 DID SHE SPEAK ALREADY? SHE DID. OKAY. THANK YOU. KUDOS. I WANT
5 TO TIP MY HAT, AND JUST SAY YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE GIFT TODAY,
6 BY SHARING THE STORY ABOUT THE FIRE STATION. YOU MAY NOT
7 REMEMBER, BUT I REMEMBER YOU WHEN L.A. COUNTY WAS THE ONLY
8 ENTITY THAT STOOD BY ME AS A STATE SENATOR WHEN I CARRIED THE
9 BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE PROSTITUTION FOR CHILD VICTIMS, WHEN
10 EVERY STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION, FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
11 STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION TO THE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, NONE OF
12 THEM COULD HAVE THE VISION OF YOUR INTEGRATED TEAM. THEY ALL
13 FELT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT CHILDREN, CHILD VICTIMS OF
14 EXPLOITATION, WAS TO ARREST THEM. THERE WAS NO VISION ABOUT
15 THE KIND OF PROGRAM THAT L.A. COUNTY BROUGHT FORWARD. SO, FOR
16 ME, THIS IS TRULY A FULL-CIRCLE MOMENT TO HEAR, IN THAT ONE
17 INSTANCE, THAT WE HAVE CHANGED THE CULTURE; THAT YOU DON'T
18 JUST HAVE TO BE ARRESTED AND BE CHARGED WITH A CRIME YOU CAN'T
19 BE CHARGED WITH, IF YOU ARE A CHILD IN THE FIRST PLACE. BUT
20 THAT WAS A HARD, HARD BATTLE TO FIGHT, AND A HARD CULTURE
21 SHIFT TO CREATE. AND IT WAS THE ACTIONS OF THE L.A. COUNTY
22 BOARD WAS THE ONLY ENTITY, IN THE EARLY DAYS, THAT STOOD WITH
23 THE SACRAMENTO C.S.E.C. SURVIVORS AND ASSOCIATION, WHO SAID,
24 "IT IS TIME TO STOP CRIMINALIZING VICTIMS OF CHILD
25 EXPLOITATION." AND SO I WANT TO COMMEND YOUR WORK, ACKNOWLEDGE

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1 THAT YOU WERE AT THE FOREFRONT, YOUR WHOLE TEAM, OF CREATING
2 THAT CULTURE SHIFT. AND WE SEE IT STATEWIDE, AND I AM PROUD TO
3 BE HERE AT THE COUNTY THAT HAD THE VISION EARLY ON, AND AGAIN
4 COMMEND YOU ON YOUR COLLECTIVE WORK-- YOUR CONTINUED
5 COLLECTIVE WORK THAT WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE AFTER MICHELLE
6 RETIRES, AS YOU WOULD FULLY WANT US TO. SO, I CONGRATULATE YOU
7 ON YOUR SERVICE, AND AGAIN, CONTINUE SUPPORT TO THE LEADERSHIP
8 TEAM FOR ONGOING SUPPORT OF FAR TOO MANY VICTIMS, STILL, IN
9 L.A. COUNTY. SO, WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY.

10 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 48 IS BEFORE US. THE REPORT IS
11 RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE
12 ORDER. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU. ITEM 49, TO
13 RESCIND THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS SERVICES HIRING FREEZE,
14 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LAST WEEK, WE HAD AN IN-
17 DEPTH CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CURRENT HIRING FREEZE ON THE
18 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS; PROBABLY ONE OF
19 OUR BETTER DEBATES, AND ABILITY TO HAVE SOME REAL BACK-AND-
20 FORTH, SINCE IT WAS OUR FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING. AT THE END OF
21 THAT DISCUSSION, I ASKED THE C.E.O. TO COME BACK TO US WITH AN
22 ALTERNATIVE OPTION TO THE HIRING FREEZE, THAT WILL KEEP THE
23 ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE HIRING FREEZE, BUT WILL ALSO ALLOW
24 THE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE URGENT STAFFING NEEDS, AND HIRE
25 PEOPLE MORE QUICKLY. WE ALL RECEIVED A WRITTEN REPORT

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1 YESTERDAY, SO I WAS GOING TO ASK, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM
2 CHAIR, FESIA TO GIVE US A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE ALTERNATIVE
3 OPTION THAT SHE IS RECOMMENDING.

4

5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS, SO WE DID ISSUE OUR REPORT YESTERDAY. WE DID
7 ISSUE IT RATHER LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, SO I APPRECIATE THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
9 WE CALL OUT IN THE REPORT ARE THE ORIGINAL REASONS FOR THE
10 HIRING FREEZE THAT I'D LIKE TO JUST TOUCH ON BRIEFLY TODAY.
11 SO, THERE IS THE REPORT ORDERED BY THE BOARD, CONDUCTED BY THE
12 HAYWARD BURNS INSTITUTE. WE CALL IT THE BURNS REPORT. THAT
13 REPORT WAS CALLING OUT THE PARADIGM SHIFT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE
14 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WHAT THE COUNTY COULD AND SHOULD BE DOING
15 TO MOVE AWAY FROM, LET'S SAY, A PROSECUTORIAL MODEL FOR
16 JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO A MORE CARE-BASED MODEL. THAT REPORT
17 CONTAINED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TWO OF THE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE TO, ONE, MOVE PROBATION FUNCTIONS AND
19 ASSOCIATED STAFFING OUT OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT INTO A
20 YET-TO-BE-ESTABLISHED DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND
21 THEN, ONE OF THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO OTHERWISE FREE
22 UP RESOURCES TO RESOURCE AND FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
23 DEVELOPMENT. AFTER THAT REPORT WAS ISSUED, THERE WERE TWO
24 DEVELOPMENTS. ONE, COUNTY COUNSEL ISSUED A MEMO AFTER BEING
25 ASKED TO RESEARCH THE ISSUE, WHEREIN THEY OPINED THAT THE

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1 PROBATION FUNCTIONS IN QUESTION, THAT THE BURNS REPORT
2 RECOMMENDED BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT, COULD NOT BE
3 TRANSFERRED AS SUCH WITHOUT A CHANGE IN A LAW. AND THE SECOND
4 THING THAT HAPPENED IS THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WAS
5 ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED ON JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR; JULY 1ST, 2022.
6 AND SO I PROVIDE THAT BACKGROUND TO GROUND THE CONVERSATION IN
7 WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE, WHAT WERE THE RECOMMENDATIONS
8 FROM THE BURNS REPORT, AND THEN WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE
9 HIRING FREEZE THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
10 LAST YEAR, IN OCTOBER OF 2021. SO, THE HIRING FREEZE WAS
11 IMPOSED TO HELP SUPPORT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
12 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BURNS REPORT. IN TERMS OF THE
13 QUESTION ON THE TABLE RAISED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S
14 REQUEST TO RESCIND THE HIRING FREEZE, ONE QUESTION IS, IS
15 THERE A WAY TO MEET THE ORIGINAL GOALS OF THE HIRING FREEZE,
16 WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT MORE FLEXIBILITY
17 IN HIRING? AND SO WE HAVE PROPOSED IN THE WRITTEN REPORT WHAT
18 WE CALL AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION. THAT OPTION IS THIS. I AM GOING
19 TO GIVE THE SUMMARY, AND THEN I WILL GO INTO A LITTLE BIT MORE
20 DETAIL. THE OPTION IS TO FREEZE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET
21 IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON THE JUVENILE SIDE, AND THAT
22 WILL EQUATE TO A CERTAIN NUMBER OF POSITIONS. THAT WOULD HAVE
23 THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE OVERALL NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT
24 THE DEPARTMENT COULD HIRE ON. AND THEN, IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT,
25 THE OTHER PIECE IS TO THEN RESCIND THE HIRING FREEZE RELATIVE

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1 TO THE REMAINING VACANCIES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE.
2 WHAT THAT WOULD ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE IS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE
3 ABLE TO HIRE ON A REDUCED NUMBER OF POSITIONS, BUT THEY
4 WOULDN'T HAVE TO COME TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO SEEK WHAT WE
5 CALL AN EXCEPTION. SO, THAT IS THE OPTION THAT WE PRESENTED IN
6 OUR REPORT. THERE IS ANOTHER PIECE TO THAT, BUT THAT'S THE
7 GENERAL OVERVIEW, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE STAFFING
10 ANALYSIS AS PART OF THIS, AS WELL?

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. SO, ONE OF THE OTHER, I THINK,
13 IMPORTANT COMPONENTS WAS, AT THE TIME THE HIRING FREEZE WAS
14 IMPLEMENTED, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAD EMBARKED UPON A STAFFING
15 ANALYSIS. SO, JUST TO PROVIDE A LITTLE CONTEXT, SO THERE WAS A
16 STAFFING ANALYSIS CONDUCTED FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, ON
17 THE JUVENILE SIDE, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND IT IS NOT JUST A
18 FORMULA THAT JUST SAYS, "HERE IS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT YOU
19 NEED PRESENT AT A CAMP OR A HALL." WHAT IT ATTEMPTS TO DO IS
20 TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE NUANCES RELATED TO STAFFING,
21 ESSENTIALLY A 24-HOUR OPERATION, SO IT HAS A RELIEF FACTOR,
22 AND IT TRIES TO ACCOUNT FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ON VACATION, AND
23 CALL OUT SICK, AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. THAT STAFFING
24 ANALYSIS THAT WAS COMPLETED UNDER A PRIOR ADMINISTRATION WAS
25 ACTUALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY

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1 STAFF MOVEMENT AND THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN CAMPS. OVER THE
2 YEARS, I THINK THE STAFFING ANALYSIS FELL OUT OF USE, AND SO
3 LAST OCTOBER, WE TOLD THE BOARD THAT WE WOULD RESURRECT THAT
4 STAFFING ANALYSIS, UPDATE IT, ET CETERA. SO, THERE ARE THREE
5 PARTS TO THE STAFFING ANALYSIS. IT IS THE HALLS, THE CAMPS,
6 AND THE FIELD SERVICES. WE HAVE COMPLETED THE ANALYSIS ON THE
7 CAMPS. WE ARE NEAR COMPLETION OF THE STAFFING ANALYSIS ON THE
8 HALLS, AND THE CAMPS ARE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME.
9 BUT THE REASON WHY THAT'S IMPORTANT IS, THE STAFFING ANALYSIS
10 HELPS US UNDERSTAND THE NUMBER OF STAFF THAT YOU WILL NEED AT
11 A PARTICULAR LOCATION OR A FACILITY.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR THAT EXPLANATION. AND,
14 COLLEAGUES, I THINK THE OPTION OF FREEZING \$15 MILLION IN THE
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, WHICH EQUALS AROUND 150
16 POSITIONS, CAN GIVE US THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS. WE KNOW WE
17 HAVE A STAFFING CRISIS IN THE HALLS. OUR PROBATION CHIEF HAS
18 DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS. AND THAT
19 CRISIS AFFECTS BOTH THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL AS OUR PROBATION
20 OFFICERS. SO, I THINK THAT OUR DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO
21 HIRE QUICKLY, WHICH IS WHY THEY ARE ASKING US TO REMOVE THE
22 HIRING FREEZE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
23 WE DON'T SIMPLY LET THE DEPARTMENT BALLOON UP IN SIZE, SINCE
24 WE ARE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND
25 SINCE OUR JUVENILE POPULATION CONTINUES TO SHRINK, WHICH IS

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1 WHY THE C.E.O. IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A STAFFING ANALYSIS: TO
2 SEE HOW MANY STAFF WE ACTUALLY NEED. SO, I BELIEVE THAT THIS
3 OPTION OF FREEZING PART OF THEIR BUDGET WILL LET US DO BOTH
4 THINGS: ALLOW A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO
5 FILL THEIR VACANT POSITIONS QUICKLY, BUT ALSO LIMIT THE NUMBER
6 OF POSITIONS THAT THEY CAN FILL. I KNOW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
7 CONCERNED THAT THIS WOULD ALLOW THE PROBATION TO HIRE WILLY-
8 NILLY, AND HAVE NO ACCOUNTABILITY WITH WHO THEY HIRE AND WHERE
9 THEY PUT PEOPLE, BUT THIS FROZEN \$15 MILLION WILL BE TIED TO
10 SPECIFIC POSITIONS, SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO JUST HIRE ALL THE
11 POSITIONS THEY WANT. BUT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HIRE AND PROMOTE
12 TO QUICKLY STAFF UP WHERE THEY NEED IT. WE HEARD FROM A LOT OF
13 PUBLIC COMMENT, WHO SOMEHOW FEEL THAT NOT LIFTING THE HIRING
14 FREEZE WILL HAVE SOME SORT OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM BAKED
15 INTO IT WITH OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I THINK THESE ARE TWO
16 DIFFERENT THINGS. I ABSOLUTELY THINK WE SHOULD HOLD THE
17 PROBATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE THERE
18 IS SOME REFORM TO BE MADE. I ABSOLUTELY THINK OUR UNION AND
19 OUR MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO GET TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE LONG-TERM
20 PROBLEMS IN OUR DEPARTMENT. BUT I DON'T SEE LIFTING OR KEEPING
21 THE HIRING FREEZE AS NECESSARILY BEING MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE OF
22 US DOING WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN THE DEPARTMENT. I JUST THINK
23 THIS MAKES IT MORE EFFICIENT, AND I THINK IT GIVES THE HEAD OF
24 THAT DEPARTMENT THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR
25 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE IN OUR CARE, AS WELL AS OUR

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1 PROBATION OFFICERS. AND ALSO, KEY IS THE FROZEN \$15 MILLION
2 WILL BE USED FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN THE
3 FUTURE, WHICH WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE HIRING FREEZE IN THE
4 FIRST PLACE. SO THIS ACTUALLY, I THINK, DOES BOTH THINGS
5 BETTER. SO, I AM GOING TO READ IN A MOTION, MADAM CHAIR, TO
6 RESCIND THE HIRING FREEZE, BUT REPLACE IT WITH A BUDGET
7 FREEZE. "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 RESCIND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS
9 SERVICES HIRING FREEZE, AND IN ITS PLACE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S ALTERNATIVE OPTION, PRESENTED IN THE
11 OCTOBER 3RD, 2022, REPORT-BACK, BY FREEZING \$15 MILLION IN
12 APPROPRIATION WITHIN PROBATION'S JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS
13 SERVICES BUDGET UNIT, THUS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF VACANT
14 POSITIONS PROBATION COULD FILL WHEN HIRING NEW STAFF, BUT
15 ALLOWING THEM TO HIRE ON ITS REMAINING VACANCIES WITHOUT
16 SEEKING EXCEPTIONS FROM THE C.E.O."

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL SECOND IT.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** QUESTIONS MEMBERS HAVE? I'VE GOT
23 QUESTIONS.

24
25 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO GO
5 OVER THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST PRESENTED. AND I
6 LIKE THE FACT THAT YOU SAID "BUDGET FREEZE," BECAUSE I REALLY
7 DON'T THINK WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED, NECESSARILY, BY THE C.E.O.
8 IS LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE, BECAUSE I DO THINK WE SHOULD
9 NEVER GIVE UP OUR AUTHORITY OR CONTROL OVER PROBATION,
10 INCLUDING WHAT HAPPENS THERE. THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY. SO,
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WANT TO ASK IF YOU WOULD ACCEPT, MAYBE, A
12 MODIFICATION-- A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, HOPEFULLY, THAT YOU MIGHT
13 ACCEPT. AND I'D LIKE TO PUT THIS FORWARD AFTER YOUR AMENDMENT,
14 TO SAY, "TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN
15 WRITING AND IN PERSON EVERY SIX WEEKS, AND TO THE PROBATION
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HIRES." IS
17 THAT SOMETHING YOU CAN ACCEPT?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, LET ME GET THIS CLEAR. SO, WE WOULD STILL
20 CONTINUE TO-- WE WOULD LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE, FREEZE THE \$15
21 MILLION IN APPROPRIATION IN THEIR BUDGET, AND LET THE CHIEF
22 HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY, JUST FOR THE REMAINING VACANCIES TO
23 HIRE, BUT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT ON THOSE HIRES,
24 REGULARLY; NOT TO GET PERMISSION, BUT JUST TO UNDERSTAND WHAT
25 EXACTLY THOSE HIRES ARE, SO WE CAN KEEP TABS ON IT?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I THINK WHATEVER INFORMATION WE GET IS GOING
3 TO INFORM ANY CHANGES THAT I WOULD WANT TO MAKE, IF I DON'T
4 THINK THAT THEY ARE HAPPENING IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER. AND I
5 AGAIN JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE, I WOULD PREFER THAT WE SAY
6 "BUDGET FREEZE," AS OPPOSED TO "LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE,"
7 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHERE I AM GOING ON THIS.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT, ALSO, BECAUSE
10 WHEN YOU JUST VERBALLY-- YOU SAID, "LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE,"
11 BUT YOUR AMENDMENT SAYS YOU WANT TO "RESCIND THE PROBATION
12 DEPARTMENT'S HIRING FREEZE IN ITS PLACE, AND MOVE FORWARD WITH
13 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ALTERNATIVE." SO, YOU ARE-- SO,
14 YOUR AMENDMENT SAYS YOU WANT TO LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** CORRECT, BUT REPLACE IT.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT THEN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THEN, IS JUST SIMPLY
19 ASKING THAT EVERY SIX WEEKS, WE GET A REPORT ON THE STATUS?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, I DON'T TOTALLY AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO
24 RESCIND THE FREEZE. I THINK THE WAY THAT THE C.E.O. EXPLAINED
25 IT TO ME, WHEN WE MET THIS WEEK, WAS THAT THESE WOULD BE OTHER

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1 MEASURES-- CHECKS AND BALANCES. SO, YES, WE ARE ALLOWING FOR
2 CERTAIN POSITIONS TO GO THROUGH, BUT THAT WE WOULD ALSO STILL
3 RETAIN SOME POWER THROUGH THE C.E.O., AND I STILL THINK IT IS
4 IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. SO, I WOULD WANT
5 THAT REPORT TO COME TO US, AND TO ALSO SHARE IT WITH THE
6 CIVILIAN-- I MEAN, WITH THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.
7 BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HIRING UP, MAYBE, 200,
8 400 PEOPLE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY,
9 MAYBE, HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR. WHAT IF WE FIND THAT
10 SOMETHING REALLY CHANGES? I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT WE DO HAVE
11 THOSE OTHER POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT. AND I
12 THINK WE'VE GOT A LOT ON OUR PLATE, AND I WANT TO BE VERY
13 CAUTIOUS.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, JUST TO CLARIFY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU LIKE THE
16 PROCESS RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS KEEPING THE HIRING FREEZE IN
17 PLACE, AND MAKING THE CHIEF ASK FOR EVERY SINGLE POSITION,
18 WHICH, BY THE WAY, THE C.E.O., AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, HAS
19 BEEN GRANTING THAT, SO IT'S KIND OF BEEN HAPPENING THAT WAY. I
20 JUST THINK THIS C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION IS BETTER, BECAUSE IT
21 FREEZES \$15 MILLION OF THE BUDGET WE CAN USE FOR THE YOUTH
22 DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN GIVES THE CHIEF THE FLEXIBILITY.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** DOES SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAVE IT IN WRITING, OR IS
2 SHE JUST THINKING OUT LOUD? I AM STILL NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT
3 YOU ARE REQUESTING, IF YOU ARE REQUESTING--

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE ARE SENDING IT AROUND RIGHT NOW. I'M SORRY,
6 BECAUSE I WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS AS WE WERE THINKING ABOUT
7 THIS. AND TO BE HONEST-- YEAH. ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, THE C.E.O.,
8 WHAT SHE DESCRIBED TO ME THIS WEEK WAS THAT THERE WOULD STILL
9 BE MEASUREMENTS. I MEAN, THERE WOULD STILL BE SOME OVERSIGHT.
10 SO IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE ARE SAYING, "OKAY, YOU CAN GO AND
11 HIRE 408 OR 500 PROBATION OFFICERS, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE
12 ABLE TO KNOW WHAT QUALIFICATIONS, WHO THEY ARE, WHAT IS REALLY
13 HAPPENING." I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KNOW IF
14 I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS, BECAUSE I FEEL THAT WE DO HAVE AN
15 OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR PROBATION
16 CHIEF, WHO I UNDERSTAND IS TRYING TO DO HIS VERY BEST. WE KNOW
17 HIS CHALLENGES. I HAVE NO ISSUE WITH THAT, BUT LET'S TRY TO DO
18 IT IN A MANNER THAT IS GOING TO BE FAIR TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
19 ENTRUSTED IN OUR CARE, NUMBER ONE, AND THEN ALSO TO MAKE SURE
20 THAT WE HAVE GOOD PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE PROMOTED OR
21 BROUGHT ON. AND I REALLY WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT, SO I'M NOT
22 SAYING TIGHTEN IT UP SO MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD GET IN THE QUEUE, PLEASE?

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HOLD ON ONE SECOND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LET ME MAKE A CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE WE
3 HEARD YOU READ IN SOME LANGUAGE, WHICH I AM GOING TO ASK THAT
4 WE HOLD IN SPECIALS, SO WE HAVE TIME TO GET IT IN WRITING,
5 BECAUSE I AM HEARING FROM COLLEAGUES HERE THAT THEY ARE NOT
6 100% CLEAR ON WHAT YOU ARE-- SO IF YOU'D SEND IT TO US, WE
7 WILL TAKE IT UP IN SPECIALS. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, I
8 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU, SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS, SUPERVISOR HAHN'S AMENDMENT, BECAUSE THE OPENING
10 SENTENCE SAYS SHE IS RESCINDING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S
11 HIRING FREEZE. SO, WHAT I HAVE HEARD YOU SAY IS, YOU ARE
12 TALKING AGAINST THE RESCINDING OF THE HIRING FREEZE, SO I WANT
13 TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS WHAT'S IN THE MOTION
14 SHE JUST READ IN. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE IT IN FRONT
15 OF YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** I HAVE IT. I DO HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME, BUT WHAT
18 SHE IS SAYING IS, RESCIND THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS SERVING
19 HIRING FREEZE BY FREEZING \$15 MILLION IN APPROPRIATIONS--
20 OKAY, I UNDERSTAND THAT-- AND MOVING FORWARD WITH THE C.E.O.'S
21 ALTERNATIVE OPTION, WHICH, FOR ME, THE WAY IT WAS EXPLAINED TO
22 ME, IS NOT JUST A BLANKET UPLIFTING OF THE FREEZE, BECAUSE WE
23 REALLY SHOULD, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE, CHECKS AND BALANCES,
24 AND SHE, OUR C.E.O., SHOULD BE DOING THAT.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, BASICALLY, COLLEAGUES, YES. SO, THE MOTION
4 BEFORE US, THE ITEM, 49, IS A BOARD LETTER FROM THE PROBATION
5 DEPARTMENT TO RESCIND THE HIRING FREEZE. LAST WEEK, WE TALKED
6 ABOUT THAT, AND OUR C.E.O. SAYS THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT
7 WOULD ACCOMPLISH TWO THINGS, SUPERVISORS. ONE, WE'LL FREEZE
8 THEIR BUDGET, WHICH EQUALS ABOUT 150 POSITIONS. WE WILL ALSO
9 GIVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO THE CHIEF TO HIRE AND FILL THE
10 VACANCIES, TO FILL THE STAFFING CRISIS THAT WE HAVE,
11 CURRENTLY. SO, THE ALTERNATIVE IS OUR C.E.O.'S IDEA. SO, MY
12 MOTION IS TO-- YES, IF WE JUST HAD 49, I WOULD HAVE VOTED YES,
13 TO LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE. BUT NOW I AM SAYING, LIFT THE
14 HIRING FREEZE, REPLACE IT AT THE SAME, EXACT MOMENT, WITH THIS
15 ALTERNATIVE THAT I BELIEVE GIVES US WHAT WE WANT. I WOULD BE
16 HAPPY TO ACCEPT THIS AMENDMENT THAT, IF WE DO THAT, WE GET AN
17 EVERY-SIX-WEEK REPORT FROM OUR C.E.O. ON WHAT THOSE HIRES ARE,
18 SO WE CAN LOOK AT IT. I AM NOT SURE-- WHICH I AM FINE WITH
19 THAT.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M FINE. I MEAN, I GUESS I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT--
22 I MEAN, BECAUSE, REALLY, THE MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT IN,
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IS ADOPTING THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ALL
24 RIGHT, THAT WE TALKED ABOUT. AND THEN, WHEN I HEARD SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS, I THOUGHT SHE WAS REJECTING THAT, BUT NOW, WHEN I SEE

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1 IT IN WRITING, IT IS SIMPLY ASKING FOR EVERY SIX WEEKS TO GET
2 A REPORT, WHICH, QUITE FRANKLY, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN WE WERE
3 FACING BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, WHEN WE WOULD GET BIMONTHLY REPORTS
4 ON HIRING IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, WHICH I DON'T THINK IS A BAD
5 THING. IT IS KIND OF A HEALTHY THING FOR US TO BE AWARE OF
6 WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR DEPARTMENTS, SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S A
7 PROBLEM.

8

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE THE
12 DISCUSSION. I HAVE HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATE THAT SHE
13 DOES NOT SUPPORT LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE, AND NEITHER DO I.
14 I MEAN, I WAS JUST STUNNED AT A DEPARTMENT WHERE YOU HAVE TO
15 GIVE PEOPLE A BONUS TO SHOW UP TO WORK. I MEAN, GETTING THAT
16 MEMO, RECENTLY, WAS... OKAY, STUNNING. ALSO, I HEARD MY
17 COLLEAGUES REFER TO THE C.E.O.'S REPORT AS A RECOMMENDATION. I
18 NEVER UNDERSTOOD IT AS A RECOMMENDATION. I BELIEVE THE C.E.O.
19 WAS ASKED FOR SOME ALTERNATIVE, AND IDENTIFIED FREEZING FUNDS
20 INSTEAD OF FREEZING POSITIONS. AND THAT, I THINK, IS WHAT THE
21 REPORT WAS, BUT I DIDN'T SEE ANYWHERE IN IT THAT THE C.E.O.
22 WAS RECOMMENDING THIS. I THOUGHT-- PERHAPS, FESIA, YOU MIGHT
23 CLARIFY IF THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM YOU, OR IF YOU WERE
24 RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FOR AN ALTERNATIVE.

25

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF
2 THOSE DELICATE QUESTIONS, BUT WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, AT THE END
3 OF THE DAY, IT IS A RECOMMENDATION. WE WERE ASKED TO COME
4 BACK, AND COME BACK WITH A RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST TO LIFT THE
5 HIRING FREEZE.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. SO, I GUESS I-- LIFTING OR NOT LIFTING THE
8 HIRING FREEZE IS THE KIND OF POLICY QUESTION THAT YOU WOULD
9 NOT SAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, BUT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND A BUDGET
10 FREEZE. I AM WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT SEEMS LIKE A REALLY
11 SMALL AMOUNT OF THEIR BUDGET, TO TALK ABOUT \$15 MILLION, TO
12 SAY, "OKAY, THIS LITTLE PIECE YOU CAN'T SPEND, BECAUSE WE ARE
13 LOOKING AT TRANSFERRING IT OVER." IN MY MIND, IT WAS NOT JUST
14 ABOUT WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NEEDED, AND
15 TRANSFERRING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF POSITIONS, BUT THAT THIS
16 DEPARTMENT-- IT JUST LOOKS SORT OF STRANGELY OUT OF CONTROL,
17 WHERE PEOPLE WERE NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK. AND SO, IF WE LIFT A
18 HIRING FREEZE WITHOUT ANY OVERSIGHT BY THE C.E.O., THEN WE'RE
19 COMPLETELY AT THE MERCY OF PEOPLE SAYING, "I AM NOT COMING TO
20 WORK. YOU HAVE TO HIRE SOMEONE TO REPLACE ME, BUT YOU HAVE TO
21 KEEP ME ON THE PAYROLL, AS WELL." AND THAT, I FIND VERY
22 TROUBLING. SO, I UNDERSTAND THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE
23 TRYING TO FIND KIND OF A GOOD WAY TO GO ABOUT THIS, BUT I
24 STILL PREFER THE HIRING FREEZE. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A
25 REPORT ON WHO HAS BEEN HIRED WITH THE C.E.O.'S APPROVAL, AND I

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1 HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FREEZING THAT SMALL PART OF THEIR BUDGET
2 SO THAT IT CAN'T BE SPENT, WHICH IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE
3 ANYWAY, AND IT WILL HAVE TO BE USED IN D.Y.D., BUT I CAN'T
4 SUPPORT THE NEW MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF
7 QUESTIONS-- HOPEFULLY, IT WON'T MAKE IT MORE CONFUSING-- FOR
8 MS. DAVENPORT, JUST TO GET CLARIFICATION ON THE \$15 MILLION
9 AMOUNT THAT SHE BROUGHT FORWARD AS A RECOMMENDATION. SO, WHEN
10 I HEAR THAT THE STAFF ANALYSIS IS NEAR COMPLETION ON THE
11 HALLS-- WE HAVE NOT FINISHED THAT-- I AM NOT QUITE CLEAR WHERE
12 THE \$15 MILLION AMOUNT CAME FROM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
13 JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS SERVICES BUDGET UNIT CLOSED WITH OVER
14 \$37 MILLION IN UNSPENT FUNDS LAST YEAR, EVEN AFTER PROBATION
15 REQUESTED TO TRANSFER \$7.5 MILLION OUT FROM SALARIES AND
16 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. SO, HELP ME UNDERSTAND HOW YOU LANDED ON
17 \$15 MILLION.

18

19 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO, SUPERVISOR, THAT'S A GREAT
20 QUESTION, AND BASICALLY, WE NEEDED A PLACE TO START. AND SO
21 THE NUMBER IS, FOR OUR PURPOSES, DIRECTIONALLY CORRECT. THE
22 WAY THAT WE INTEND TO TRUE-UP THAT NUMBER IS THROUGH THE
23 STAFFING ANALYSIS, WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY.
24 AND SO, ONCE WE START LOOKING AT THAT STAFFING ANALYSIS, AND
25 GOING THROUGH EACH LOCATION-- YOU HAVE TOO MANY STAFF HERE--

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1 WE ARE ABLE TO THEN KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER THAT THEY WOULD NEED
2 AT ANY LOCATION. AND IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL-- IF THEY HAVE
3 MORE STAFF THAN IS NEEDED AT A PARTICULAR LOCATION, THEN WE
4 MIGHT BE TALKING ABOUT TRANSFERS. IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH STAFF
5 AT A PARTICULAR LOCATION, WE MIGHT BE TALKING ABOUT TRANSFERS.
6 BUT ULTIMATELY, IT WILL SPEAK TO THEIR ABILITY TO HIRE. SO, IF
7 THEY-- I'M JUST GOING TO USE AN EXAMPLE. IF THERE IS A CAMP,
8 AND LET'S SAY THE ANALYSIS SAYS THEY NEED 20 PEOPLE, AND THEY
9 HAVE 19, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY HAVE 200 VACANCIES, BECAUSE
10 THEY SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO HIRE ONE. SO THE 20 MILLION IS
11 OUR STARTING PLACE. WE WANT TO USE THE STAFFING ANALYSIS TO
12 DETERMINE BY WHAT AMOUNT, IF ANY, THAT \$15 MILLION WOULD GROW.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, "DIRECTIONALLY CORRECT" IS AN
15 INTERESTING TERM. SO, YOU ARE SAYING THAT IT COULD BE MORE, IT
16 COULD BE LESS, AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR ANALYSIS?

17

18 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** WE ACTUALLY-- WELL, WE THINK THAT
19 IT'S GOING TO BE MORE, BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** QUANTIFY THAT YET. AND SO THAT BASICALLY
22 IS MY CONCERNS: THAT WE ARE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE A
23 RECOMMENDATION THAT IS NOT BASED ON A QUANTIFIED NEED FOR
24 ADDITIONAL STAFF, "A," LIKE NUMBER; "B," THE PROBATION
25 DEPARTMENT, AS I UNDERSTOOD IT IN OUR DEBATE LAST WEEK, HASN'T

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1 FINISHED HIRING THE 150 STAFF THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN
2 AUTHORIZED TO HIRE; "C," WE UNDERSTOOD LAST WEEK THAT THERE
3 ISN'T, ON THE C.E.O.'S END, ANY GREAT DELAY IN WHEN THEY COME
4 FORWARD WITH STAFF TO HIRE, THAT THERE'S AN EFFICIENT PROCESS
5 BY WHICH THEY ARE APPROVED. SO, I AM NOT QUITE CLEAR ABOUT THE
6 PROBLEM WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE FOR. WHAT I DO UNDERSTAND
7 IS THAT IF THE \$15 MILLION IS ALLOCATED, THAT THAT COULD
8 CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROBATION TO HIRE UP TO 400 NEW
9 STAFF, WHICH, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IS A PROBLEM. AND I JUST--
10 WITH THE LACK OF DATA, DATA WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET FROM
11 PROBATION, THE FACT THAT YOUR STAFFING ANALYSIS IS INCOMPLETE,
12 I ALSO WOULD NOT BE COMFORTABLE LIFTING THE FREEZE, EVEN IN
13 THE CONTEXT OF A \$15 MILLION ALLOCATION, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW
14 IF \$15 MILLION IS REALLY WHAT WE NEED. IF IT IS DIRECTIONALLY
15 CORRECT, AND YOU THINK THERE'S MORE, I'M NOT SURE HOW WE
16 LANDED ON 15 AS OPPOSED TO MORE. AGAIN, NOT CLEAR ABOUT THE
17 PROBLEM WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE FOR. THEY HAVE BEEN
18 AUTHORIZED 150, 150 HAVEN'T BEEN HIRED, AND THE PROCESS THAT
19 WE CURRENTLY HAVE, THAT ALLOWS THEM TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY
20 WITH THE C.E.O., TO GET NEW POSITIONS AS NEEDED, IS WORKING,
21 SO WHY NOT CONTINUE? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. WELL, HONESTLY, AGAIN, THIS IS THE
24 C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION. IT WAS HER REPORT WHERE WE GOT THE
25 LANGUAGE AND THE NUMBERS. I THINK IT IS A BETTER WAY TO MOVE

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1 FORWARD. I BELIEVE IT DOES HELP TO SOLVE A PROBLEM. AND I
2 THINK, WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENT, WHICH I AM HAPPY TO
3 ACCEPT, ACTUALLY, IN MY OPINION, GIVES US MORE OVERSIGHT THAN
4 THE HIRING FREEZE PROCESS. THAT WAS REALLY BETWEEN THE C.E.O.
5 AND THE CHIEF. IT NEVER REALLY GOT TO OUR LEVEL TO HAVE ANY
6 KIND OF OVERSIGHT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENT ACTUALLY GIVES
7 US A REGULAR LOOK AT THE HIRES, AND GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY IF
8 WE WANT TO MAKE SOME CHANGES. AND I REMEMBER, SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS, WHEN WE USED TO GET, EVEN SINCE I HAVE BEEN A
10 SUPERVISOR, SOME REGULAR UPDATES ON DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS
11 HIRING EVEN PROMOTIONS, AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE WE HAVE THAT
12 LEVEL ANYMORE. I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENT GIVES THIS
13 NEW PROCESS BETTER OVERSIGHT. SO, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD CALL
14 FOR THE QUESTION.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I SEE THE...

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HANG ON ONE SECOND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
21 MS. DAVENPORT HAS HER MIC ON, SO DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND?

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** NO, I LEFT IT ON.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OH, SHE DIDN'T. OKAY. I DO HAVE ONE
2 FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, AND BECAUSE I AM CHAIR, I TRY TO WAIT TILL
3 THE END. SO, I KNOW YOU'VE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION, BUT I HOPE
4 YOU WOULD ALLOW ME TO ASK MY ONE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION OF MS.
5 DAVENPORT? THANK YOU. BUT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I HEAR YOU.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I WANTED TO ASK OUR C.E.O., GIVEN THE REPORT
9 THAT WAS ISSUED ON OCTOBER THE 3RD, ON PAGE THREE-- I THINK IT
10 IS THE LAST PARAGRAPH-- PROBATION, IT SAYS HERE, HAS ABOUT 578
11 EXISTING VACANCIES IN THE JUVENILE SERVICES BRANCH, WHICH
12 INCREASES WITH REGULAR ATTRITION. FREEZING ABOUT 150 OF THOSE
13 POSITIONS WILL ALLOW PROBATION TO HIRE ONTO 428 VACANCIES. SO,
14 IF-- AS YOU SAID, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NOT EVEN FULFILLED
15 THOSE 150. SO, YOU KNOW, I CAN'T FIND IT IN MY HEART TO SAY,
16 "LIFT THE FREEZE," WHEN WE'RE NOT DOING WELL NOW, AND I FEEL
17 THAT JUST ALLOWING IT IS NOT GOING TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF
18 OVERSIGHT THAT I WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH. SO, I DON'T
19 THINK MY AMENDMENT'S GOING TO HELP IT IN THE WAY THAT I WOULD
20 INTERPRET IT, AND THAT'S WHY I WENT BACK TO, I DON'T BELIEVE--
21 I DON'T WANT TO SAY, "LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE," BECAUSE IF IT
22 IS REALLY FREEZING THE BUDGET, THEN WE OUGHT TO BE THINKING
23 ABOUT WHAT "BUDGET" MEANS, IN TERMS OF HIRING UP 428 PEOPLE.
24 AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THAT COST IS TO OUR C.E.O. WHAT IS
25 THE COST OF THOSE POSITIONS? DO WE HAVE THAT AVAILABLE?

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1

2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T HAVE
3 THAT INFORMATION AT MY FINGERTIPS. I THINK THERE'S AN
4 IMPORTANT OBSERVATION TO BE MADE, AS PART OF THIS
5 CONVERSATION. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO MY PARTNERS AT
6 PROBATION, I THINK, DESPITE THEIR BEST EFFORTS, THEY WOULD BE
7 VERY HARD PRESSED TO HIRE 428 STAFF, PROBABLY, EVEN WITHIN A
8 YEAR. I THINK THAT'S ONE POINT. I THINK THE SECOND POINT IS,
9 THE HOPE IS THAT THE STAFFING ANALYSIS WILL BE COMPLETED,
10 PROBABLY, EVEN BEFORE THEY HIRE UP THE 150, ALTHOUGH I AM NOT
11 EXACTLY SURE WHERE YOU ARE, SO THE IDEA THAT THEY WOULD BE
12 ABLE TO HIRE THE 428 VACANCIES, THAT'S POSSIBLE, BUT IS NOT
13 LIKELY.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO SAY, I DON'T
16 THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO SAY, "LIFT THE HIRING"-- OR, "RESCIND
17 THE HIRING FREEZE," BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT GOES BACK TO, WE'RE NOT
18 EVEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE AMOUNT THAT'S ALREADY BEEN
19 APPROVED BY YOU. AND I WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE
20 THAT-- THAT YOU, AS OUR C.E.O., HAVE MORE OVERSIGHT ON THAT.
21 AND I AM NOT SAYING IMPEDE IT, BUT MAKE SURE THAT IT IS ON THE
22 RIGHT TRACK, AND THAT'S NOT THE ASSURANCES THAT I AM FEELING
23 WE ARE GOING TO GET, IF WE JUST AUTOMATICALLY SAY, "RESCIND
24 THE HIRING FREEZE." AND THAT'S MY CONCERN, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE
25 ONLY HAVE 500 YOUTH IN OUR CARE, AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT 428

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1 POSITIONS. I MEAN, WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH THIS, IF WE ARE
2 REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE CHANGING OUT SOME OF THOSE POSITIONS
3 INTO THE NEW DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, ARE YOU WITHDRAWING YOUR AMENDMENT? ARE YOU
6 WITHDRAWING YOUR AMENDMENT, THEN?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** I BELIEVE SO, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT-- YEAH,
9 IT'S NOT-- YEAH, THEN YOU GO BACK TO THE MOTION. I'M SORRY,
10 MADAM CHAIR. I'LL HAVE TO WITHDRAW MY-- BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
11 IT ADDRESSES MY CONCERN.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, I HAVE A QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE
16 CHIEF. REALISTICALLY, HOW MANY VACANCIES CAN YOU FILL? BECAUSE
17 I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT QUESTION, SO I APPRECIATE YOU
18 COMMENTING ON THAT, FESIA. BETWEEN NOW AND THE C.E.O.'S
19 ANALYSIS BEING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER, HOW MANY DO YOU
20 REALISTICALLY THINK YOU CAN HIRE?

21

22 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
23 THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. LET ME JUST SAY THAT IT IS VERY
24 COMPETITIVE. OUT OF 267 CANDIDATES THAT WE HAVE GOING THROUGH
25 THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, 35 ARE CURRENTLY IN PSYCH/MED. IF THEY

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1 PASS THE PSYCH/MED, THEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET HIRED IN THE
2 NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE HAVE FOUR THAT ACTUALLY COMPLETED
3 EVERYTHING. THEY ARE READY TO START NOW. SO, YOU ARE TALKING
4 ABOUT BETWEEN NOW AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WE ARE GOING TO
5 BE ABLE TO HIRE POSSIBLY 40, FOLLOWED BY 80.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, KNOWING THAT, COULD WE REVISIT THIS IN
8 NOVEMBER? I MEAN, YOU ARE GOING TO BE HIRING BETWEEN NOW AND
9 NOVEMBER, CORRECT?

10

11 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, IN ESSENCE, THOSE POSITIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
14 APPROVED. SO, IF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION WENT THROUGH TODAY,
15 YOU WOULD STILL BE GETTING ABOUT 40 BY NOVEMBER. IT'S NOT
16 GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE NUMBER THAT YOU CURRENTLY
17 HAVE IN THE QUEUE. CORRECT?

18

19 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, COULD WE REVISIT THIS IN NOVEMBER OR
22 DECEMBER, AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT OF THE HIRING FREEZE?
23 BECAUSE IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE, RIGHT NOW, IT'S NOT GOING TO
24 HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON YOUR ABILITY TO HIRE.

25

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1 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** CORRECT. RIGHT NOW, WITH THE APPROVAL
2 OF THE 150, WE ARE ABLE TO WORK THAT NUMBER TO GET PEOPLE
3 THROUGH, BUT WE NEED MORE THAN THE 240 THAT WERE APPROVED,
4 INITIALLY.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT, SO IT'S NOT. IT'S NOT GOING TO IMPACT. YOU
7 ARE HIRING, AND YOU'RE FILLING THOSE VACANCIES.

8

9 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** YES. IT'S GOING TO BE ONGOING.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WOULD ASK, MAYBE, THAT WE
12 REVISIT THIS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S FINE. I MEAN, THAT'S FINE.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THERE ISN'T AN APPETITE.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I HEAR YOU. THERE'S NOT AN APPETITE. I MEAN,
19 THOUGH, HONESTLY, I FEEL LIKE OUR HIRING FREEZE IS A BIT OF A
20 FARCE.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** IT DEPENDS ON WHICH DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, EVERY TIME WE TALK ABOUT A HARD HIRING FREEZE
25 OR A SOFT HIRING FREEZE, BASICALLY, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT

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1 EVERY HIRE THE CHIEF HAS WANTED TO MAKE, HE HAS GOTTEN, EVEN
2 WITH THE HIRING FREEZE. SO IT JUST FEELS LIKE IT'S A BIT OF A
3 FARCE, AND I FELT LIKE A MORE TRANSPARENT WAY TO DO THIS WOULD
4 BE TO FREEZE PART OF THE BUDGET, SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE OUR
5 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAD THE RESOURCES, WHICH IS PART
6 OF OUR CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST INITIATIVE. BUT I CAN FEEL
7 THERE'S NOT A LOT OF APPETITE TODAY TO DO THIS, SO I THINK YOU
8 MAKE A GOOD POINT. LET'S CONTINUE IT.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL HIRING, SO I KNOW THAT THE
11 COMMENTS WERE MADE THAT, YOU KNOW, "DON'T HIRE MORE STAFF."
12 THEY ARE BEING HIRED. THIS IS MORE OF A FORMALITY, TO LIFT IT,
13 SO I WOULD ARGUE THAT MAYBE IT IS JUST-- WE REVISIT THIS. PUT
14 SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, WE WANT TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM? WE
17 WANT TO CONTINUE ITEM 49?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE IT--

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** INDEFINITELY.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** OH, NO. I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE IT TO THE SECOND
24 MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** WOW. OKAY. YOU'RE A VISIONARY.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET THE DATE?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** IF NOTHING ELSE, FOR AN UPDATE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. I'M FINE WITH THAT.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, ITEM 49 WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL
10 NOVEMBER 15TH. AND WE NEED TO TAKE A VOTE ON THAT? YES,
11 BECAUSE WE'VE HAD THIS FULL DISCUSSION. AND SO THE MOTION
12 BEFORE US IS TO CONTINUE ITEM 49 TO NOVEMBER 15TH. MOVED BY
13 BARGER, SECONDED BY HAHN. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THE MOTION TO CONTINUE THE BOARD LETTER
16 UNTIL NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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3 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

8 MITCHELL?

9

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

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION TO

13 CONTINUE CARRIES, 5-0.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 53-E, RESOLVING THE TRANSITION OF
16 THE RESIDENTIAL FRANCHISE IN ALTADENA AND KINNELOA MESA, WHICH
17 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I KNOW, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA, YOU'RE
20 GOING TO BE SICK OF HEARING FROM ME, BUT THESE ARE ITEMS THAT
21 OBVIOUSLY ARE AT A CRITICAL PEAK RIGHT NOW. AS THE LOCAL
22 GOVERNMENT WITH DIRECT REPRESENTATION FOR THE UNINCORPORATED
23 AREAS OF THE COUNTY, ONE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IS PROVIDING
24 MUNICIPAL SERVICES, INCLUDING WASTE HAULING. IN MANY
25 COMMUNITIES, THIS IS DONE THROUGH A CLOSED RESIDENTIAL

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1 FRANCHISE SYSTEM, WHERE THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 WORKS PUTS OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, AND GOES THROUGH A
3 COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS. THIS PROCESS GENERALLY BRINGS IN
4 COMPETITIVE BIDS AND CONTRACTS FOR WASTE-HAULING SERVICES.
5 HOWEVER, THIS PROCESS TYPICALLY BEGINS WITH ROBUST OUTREACH
6 AND NOTIFICATION OF IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, TO ENSURE THAT THE
7 PRECURED SERVICE MEETS THEIR NEEDS. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF
8 WEEK, THE RESIDENTS OF ALTADENA AND KINNELOA MESA HAVE BEEN
9 SUBJECTED TO A POORLY PLANNED-- AND I AM BEING KIND-- AND
10 EXECUTED TRANSFER OF SERVICE BETWEEN WASTE HAULERS. THIS
11 INCLUDES A LACK OF OUTREACH TO THE TOWN COUNCIL BEFORE THE BID
12 PROCESS WAS COMPLETED, LACK OF NOTIFICATION TO RESIDENTS ABOUT
13 THE CHANGE OF SERVICE, A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY ON THE CHANGES
14 IN SERVICE LEVELS RELATED TO COST, AND AN ABSOLUTELY, I MEAN,
15 DISASTROUS TRANSITION BETWEEN THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT
16 PROVIDERS. AND IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
17 PANDEMIC FORCED US TO ALTER THE WAY THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS
18 OPERATE AND ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES. WHILE I CAN ACCEPT
19 THAT THE PANDEMIC CREATED DIFFICULTIES, IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE
20 TO ACCEPT THAT THINGS CHANGED SO MUCH THAT WE FUMBLERD THIS
21 ROLLOUT SO BADLY. MY STAFF HAS BEEN FIELDING DOZENS OF E-MAILS
22 AND PHONE CALLS ON A DAILY BASIS FROM ANGRY RESIDENTS WHO FIND
23 THEMSELVES IN TERRIBLE SITUATIONS. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU
24 TO LOOK AT SOCIAL MEDIA, BECAUSE YOU WOULD NOT BE PROUD TO BE
25 THE DIRECTOR OF YOUR DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW, WHEN YOU SEE WHAT

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1 PEOPLE ARE WRITING ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS. AS A TRANSITION BETWEEN
2 PROVIDERS OCCURRED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, RESIDENTS
3 EXPRESSED INCREDIBLE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING THEMSELVES WITH--
4 OR, I'M SORRY. THEY FOUND THEMSELVES WITH TOO MANY WASTE BINS,
5 TOO FEW WASTE BINS, OR WITHOUT WASTE BINS AT ALL. IN SOME
6 CASES, THE STREETS WERE LINED, AND I SAW PICTURES WITH WASTE
7 BINS FROM BOTH PROVIDERS, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO NAVIGATE THE
8 STREETS. IN OTHER CASES, RESIDENTS DID NOT RECEIVE THEIR
9 REGULAR PICKUP, AND HAD OVERFLOWING WASTE BINS IN AREAS WHERE
10 WE TRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT BEARS AND WILDLIFE, AND WE
11 ENCOURAGE THEM TO PUT THEIR WASTE AWAY. SENIORS AND THOSE WITH
12 ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES REACHED OUT TO OUR OFFICE TO NOTE THAT
13 THEY WERE UNABLE TO SECURE ROLLOUT SERVICES WITH THE NEW
14 PROVIDER, UNIVERSAL WASTE SYSTEMS. IN ADDITION, MANY NOTED AN
15 INABILITY TO REACH UNIVERSAL WASTE SYSTEMS TO RESOLVE THE
16 ISSUES, AND EVEN FURTHER DIFFICULTY DEALING WITH CUSTOMER
17 SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES THAT WERE NOT VERY HELPFUL OR
18 UNDERSTANDING. AND THEN THEY CALLED US. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE
19 ISSUES WITH THE TRANSITION LIE WITH THE PREVIOUS PROVIDER,
20 ATHENS, AND THE NEW HAULER, UNIVERSAL WASTE SYSTEMS, THE BUCK
21 STOPS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHO'S OVERSEEN THIS
22 PROGRAM FOR YEARS. THIS COMES ON THE HEELS OF YOU SENDING
23 STAFF UP TO KAGEL CANYON, AND WHEN KAGEL CANYON RESIDENTS GOT
24 UPSET, YOUR STAFF MEMBER TOLD THEM TO CALL THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS IF THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT. OKAY? SO, CONSIDERING WHAT

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1 A CATASTROPHE THIS HAS BEEN, ON TOP OF THAT-- AND BY THE WAY,
2 THEY DID CALL US, AND THAT'S HOW I FOUND OUT-- I WANT TO MAKE
3 SURE THAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE OF THIS ISSUE, AND THAT
4 PUBLIC WORKS IMMEDIATELY DEVELOP A PLAN TO REMEDIATE WHAT IS
5 HAPPENING. AND I WILL TELL YOU, IF ONE CONTRACT COMES BEFORE
6 THIS BOARD FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT, FOR TRASH HAULING, I WILL
7 NOT ONLY VOTE NO, I WILL CALL YOU BACK UP AGAIN AND EXPLAIN
8 WHY. I AM BEYOND OUTRAGED, MARK. I'M EMBARRASSED. I'M
9 EMBARRASSED, AS A SUPERVISOR. THE UNINCORPORATED AREA-- WE ARE
10 THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE UNINCORPORATED. AND
11 WHEN I BROUGHT THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION, I'M PROMISED IT'S GOING
12 TO GET BETTER, AND THEN IT GETS WORSE. AND ATHENS IS TRYING TO
13 RECTIFY, AND WE'VE TALKED TO ATHENS. I'M GOING STRAIGHT NOW,
14 AND I DON'T KNOW UNIVERSAL. SO FAR, I'M NOT REALLY IMPRESSED
15 WITH THEM. BUT ATHENS IS AT LEAST TRYING TO FIX IT. SO I HOPE
16 THAT YOU WILL HEAR THIS LOUD AND CLEAR, BUT I HELD THIS MORE
17 TO PUT MY COLLEAGUES ON ATTENTION THAT IF IT'S HAPPENING IN
18 YOUR DISTRICT, MAKE SURE THE ROLLOUT IS WELL PLANNED. SO, I
19 DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING, OR IF THERE'S ANYTHING
20 TO REALLY SAY.

21
22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, SUPERVISOR. I'M NOT
23 PROUD OF HOW THIS WAS ROLLED OUT. PUBLIC WORKS WILL MAKE A
24 DIFFERENCE IN THIS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 53 IS
2 BEFORE US.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** I'LL MOVE IT.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY
7 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 53 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL?

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

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6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
7 5-0.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
10 HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ARE
11 THERE ANY SPECIALS TO BE PRESENTED TODAY?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN I JUST ENTER SOMETHING FOR THE RECORD? WE HAD
14 SOME INDIVIDUALS AND TWO CHILDREN COME BEFORE US REGARDING THE
15 CALI LAKE R.V. PARK IN AGUA DULCE, AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU
16 KNOW THAT MY OFFICE HAS AND CONTINUES TO ENGAGE WITH BOTH THE
17 ASSEMBLY MEMBER, AS WELL AS A STATE SENATOR, ABOUT THIS ISSUE,
18 BECAUSE AS IT TURNS OUT, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT
19 OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS THE LEAD ON AND IS
20 PUSHING THIS, AND WE'RE PUSHING THEM TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND
21 ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROPERTY OWNERS IN NEED. SO, WE ARE TRYING
22 TO WORK WITH THEM. IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED STORY, BUT THE
23 PRIMARY ISSUE IS BETWEEN THE OWNER OF THE R.V. PARK AND THE
24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING THEIR HOUSING PERMIT, IS
25 REALLY WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO. SO WE ARE ON TOP OF IT, BUT I

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1 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO BE AN EASY FIX, BECAUSE THEY'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE, AND WE'RE
3 TRYING TO NAVIGATE THE STATE SYSTEM. SO, I JUST WANTED TO LET
4 YOU KNOW.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE IT. ANY OTHER SPECIALS? YEAH,
7 RIGHT. ANY OTHER SPECIALS? AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
8 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. TONY JOHN
13 NEVAREZ. DR. TONY JOHN NEVAREZ, AGE 84, PASSED AWAY AUGUST
14 28TH OF THIS YEAR, IN HIS HOME IN SAN GABRIEL, WHERE HE
15 RESIDED FOR THE PAST 47 YEARS. I KNEW DR. TONY NEVAREZ,
16 PERSONALLY. HE WAS A PROUD GRADUATE OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL,
17 EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CALIFORNIA STATE
18 UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND U.C.L.A., WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS
19 DOCTORATE. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AT RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
20 THAT'S WHERE I MET HIM WHEN I WAS ELECTED, BACK IN 1985. HE
21 WAS THEN A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE. HE MOVED
22 UP THE EDUCATIONAL CHAIN TO DEPARTMENT CHAIR, TO DEAN, AND
23 THEN VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS. HE RETIRED IN THE
24 YEAR 2000. DR. NEVAREZ IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DELIA, OF 56
25 YEARS, ALONG WITH HIS STEPDAUGHTER DELCINE JOHNSON; DAUGHTERS

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1 DARLENE NEVAREZ HERNANDEZ AND TONI NEVAREZ (TOOTSIE); 7
2 GRANDCHILDREN, VICENTE LOPEZ, DELONDRA MESA, DONOVAN JOHNSON,
3 ANTHONY JOHN NEVAREZ, TREVIN JOSEPH NEVAREZ, THOMAS JAVIER
4 CERVANTES, AND MIRANDA HERNANDEZ; AND 3 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,
5 AARON JOHNSON, JUDE WILLIAMS, AND VICTORIA ARANDA LOPEZ. I
6 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
7 OF ALEX FURTADO. ALEX FURTADO WAS TAKEN FROM US TOO SOON ON
8 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2022, AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 24. ALEX
9 SERVED AS AN INAUGURAL COMMISSIONER ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 YOUTH COMMISSION, AS THE FIRST-DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE. ALEX
11 WAS INCREDIBLY COMMITTED TO HIS WORK ON THE YOUTH COMMISSION,
12 WORKING ALONGSIDE HIS COLLEAGUES AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
13 THE COMMISSION, TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH WITH LIVED
14 EXPERIENCE. IN HIS ROLE, ALEX ADVOCATED FOR GUARANTEED INCOME
15 FOR YOUTH, IMPROVED HOUSING ACCESS FOR THOSE LEAVING THE
16 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND BETTER SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE
17 INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. HE ALSO SERVED AS A BOARD
18 MEMBER FOR THE L.A. CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD FOR THE LOS
19 ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, A MEMBER OF THE HOMELESS
20 YOUTH FORUM FOR LOS ANGELES, AND YOUTH ACTION BOARD
21 COORDINATOR AT L.A.H.S.A. ALEX WAS A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR WITH
22 SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH, WHERE HE SUPPORTED YOUTH EMPOWERMENT,
23 AND ADVOCATED FOR YOUTH WHO EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. TO ADD
24 TO HIS MANY ROLES, ALEX WAS VERY INVESTED IN CALIFORNIA YOUTH
25 CONNECTION, MAKING CHANGE UP AND DOWN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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1 HE ATTENDED CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE, WHERE HE
2 WAS A PASSIONATE E.O.P. RESILIENT SCHOLAR, AND HELD MANY
3 POSITIONS AT C.S.U.N. TO HELP STUDENTS NAVIGATE COLLEGE LIFE.
4 ALEX SHARED WHAT INSPIRED HIM IN HIS ADVOCACY, AND THAT WAS
5 BEING ABLE TO USE THE PLATFORM HE HAS TO NOT ONLY SHARE HIS
6 STORY, BUT THE STORIES AND NEEDS OF OTHERS. ALEX WENT ON TO
7 SAY, "I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE AND ITEMS BEING DISCUSSED IN SPACES
8 DESERVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, AS WELL. BEING ABLE TO PRESENT AS
9 AN ADVOCATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE, FOR WHATEVER REASON,
10 ALSO INSPIRES MY ADVOCACY." HE SAID HIS SUPERPOWER WAS
11 COMMUNICATION, WHICH I KNOW HIS COLLEAGUES AGREE WAS TRUE,
12 AMONG HIS MANY OTHER SUPERPOWERS, TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER
13 PLACE. ALEX WROTE SEVERAL ARTICLES, INCLUDING ONE IN THE
14 "IMPRINT," TITLED "LESSEN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT
15 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING," MAKING THE COMPELLING POINT TO RECONSIDER
16 CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ASSESSING THE HOUSING, AND DRAWING ON
17 HIS OWN EXPERIENCE. ALEX WAS A LOVER OF MUSIC, A FIERCE
18 ADVOCATE, A CARING FRIEND, AND A YOUNG MAN WHO INSPIRED MANY
19 FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. I BELIEVE ALL MEMBERS WANT TO JOIN ME
20 ON THIS ADJOURNMENT.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YES, IF YOU WOULD ADD
23 US ALL, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT CONCLUDES MY
2 ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TWO
7 ADJOURNMENTS. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
8 HONOR OF CANDY WILLIAMS, WHO DIED ON THE LAST DAY OF AUGUST.
9 SHE STUDIED FINANCE AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LATER WORKED AS A
10 BUDGET ANALYST FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY. BUT WHEN SHE SETTLED IN THE
11 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, SHE BECAME COMMITTED TO SERVING HER
12 COMMUNITY. SHE FORMED THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION "EMPOWERED
13 GIFTS," AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKED TO LIBERATE UNDERSERVED
14 AND UNREPRESENTED WOMEN FROM THE SHACKLES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE,
15 HOMELESSNESS, AND OTHER SOCIOECONOMIC HARDSHIPS. SHE WAS A
16 MEMBER OF THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, SERVED AS ITS
17 TREASURER. AND IN 2021, CANDY WAS AWARDED THE DREAM CHARGER
18 NONPROFIT AWARD, AND GRANTED ACCEPTANCE INTO THE U.S.C. PRICE
19 SCHOOL'S MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
20 HER HUSBAND MICHAEL, HER SON SPENCER, HER SISTER NICOLE, AND
21 HER BROTHER SHELDON. AND, COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF MADAM WU.
23 RESTAURATEUR SYLVIA WU DIED ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, AND WE ALL KNEW
24 HER, AND HER RESTAURANT, AND HER FOOD. HER VERY FAMOUS
25 RESTAURANT, MADAM WU'S GARDEN, DREW HOLLYWOOD'S BIGGEST STARS

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1 FOR OVER 40 YEARS. THE RESTAURANT OPENED IN 1959. IT WAS KNOWN
2 FOR ITS CUISINE AND ITS DECOR AS MUCH AS FOR ITS ELEGANT HOST,
3 AND WAS FREQUENTED BY LIZ TAYLOR, FRANK SINATRA, ROBERT
4 REDFORD, PAUL NEWMAN, SO MANY MORE. IT WAS REALLY FUN TO WALK
5 IN AND SEE WHO WERE IN THE BACK BOOTHS. BUT IT WAS MADAM WU
6 HERSELF WHO WAS ALWAYS THE STAR ATTRACTION. SHE DRIFTED FROM
7 TABLE TO TABLE. SHE HUDDLED WITH HER CHEFS. SHE GRABBED THE
8 PHONE AND TOOK TAKEOUT ORDERS. A SHANGHAI NATIVE, MADAM WU WAS
9 DETERMINED TO BREAK THE MOLD WITH HER RESTAURANT, SERVING MORE
10 AUTHENTIC CHINESE FOOD, AND ACTUALLY OPENING THE DOORS FOR THE
11 DIVERSE FOOD SCENE WE NOW ENJOY IN L.A. SHE ALSO WROTE
12 COOKBOOKS, APPEARED REGULARLY ON TELEVISION, BECAME VERY
13 ACTIVE WITH CHARITY WORK, PARTICULARLY AT CITY OF HOPE CANCER
14 CENTER, AFTER HER DAUGHTER, LORETTA, DIED OF BREAST CANCER AT
15 THE AGE OF 34. MADAM WU WAS SURVIVED BY HER SONS GEORGE AND
16 PATRICK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST F.Y.I., I WAS JUST TELLING
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN, HER SON, PATRICK WU-- PAT WU-- WAS IN COUNTY
20 COUNSEL AND RETIRED, WHAT, TWO YEARS AGO? YEAH, SO HE'S PART
21 OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. YEAH. CAN WE ALL BE ON THAT, BY THE WAY?

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE
2 QUITE WONDERFUL.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
11 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT BRANDIN, WHO WAS A
12 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE WAS ONLY 74 WHEN HE PASSED
13 AWAY. ROBERT WAS THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SAN PEDRO
14 DEMOCRATIC CLUB, AND WAS A TERRIFIC LEADER IN OUR COMMUNITY.
15 HE RAN MANY LOCAL AND NATIONAL PHONE BANKS FOR EVERY ELECTION,
16 WITH INDIVISIBLE SAN PEDRO, A GROUP THAT HE ORGANIZED WITH
17 LOCAL VOLUNTEERS, AND MOSTLY HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS. IN 2008,
18 ROBERT AND HIS TEAM WERE VERY PROUD TO HAVE ORGANIZED THE
19 PHONE BANK FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA, WHICH LOGGED THE MOST CALLS IN
20 THE COUNTRY. BUT I WAS THE BENEFICIARY OF MANY OF THOSE
21 STUDENT PHONE BANKS, EVERY TIME I RAN FOR OFFICE. AND HE WOULD
22 HOLD THEM IN THE LOCAL BAGEL STORE AFTER THE STORE HAD CLOSED
23 AT NIGHT, AND THERE WOULD BE ALL THESE HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS
24 WITH THEIR PHONES, PHONE-BANKING. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT'S
25 SUCH A GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE, PHONE-BANKING. IT HAS BEEN A

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1 PART OF EVERY GREAT ELECTION, FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.
2 ROBERT WAS THE ONE THAT GOT STUDENTS INTERESTED IN POLITICS,
3 INTERESTED IN CIVIC DUTY, INTERESTED IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AND
4 WHO GOT ELECTED TO OFFICE BY ORGANIZING THESE PHONE BANKS. HE
5 LOVED TO PLAY THE GUITAR. HE WAS A MENTOR. HE WAS A DEAR
6 FRIEND TO MANY IN THE COMMUNITY. I CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF
7 THOSE. HE WILL BE MISSED, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN. HE IS SURVIVED
8 BY HIS WIFE, VESNA, HIS TWO CHILDREN, AND HIS TWO
9 GRANDCHILDREN. REST IN PEACE, ROBERT. ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY ROBERTO TOMAS "TITO"
11 URANGA. TITO URANGA, SON OF LONG BEACH COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTO
12 URANGA, AND FORMER LONG BEACH COUNCILMEMBER TONIA REYES
13 URANGA, PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, AT THE YOUNG
14 AGE OF 34. IN OCTOBER OF 2020, HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4
15 OF A VERY RARE AND AGGRESSIVE CANCER. TITO HAD AN
16 EXTRAORDINARILY KIND AND GENEROUS HEART, WITH A PASSION FOR
17 MUSIC, CINEMA, AND BARBECUING. HIS GREATEST JOY WAS BEING A
18 FATHER TO HIS ONLY CHILD, AND THE URANGA FAMILY'S FIRST
19 GRANDCHILD, SIX-YEAR-OLD TOMMY. TITO WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
20 HIS UNIQUE CHARISMA THAT MADE EVERYONE HE MET FEEL CONNECTED
21 TO HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ADRIENNE, AND SON THOMAS;
22 HIS PARENTS, ROBERTO AND TONIA REYES URANGA; AND SIBLINGS,
23 ROSALINDA (HER SPOUSE, STEVEN) OLIVA, AND EMILIANO URANGA. I
24 KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR THE PAST
25 FEW YEARS FOR ROBERTO AND TONIA, AND OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

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1 ARE WITH BOTH OF THEM NOW, AS THEY GRIEVE THEIR LOSS. THANK
2 YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
7 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF DON BREMNER, LONGTIME
8 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. SINCE
9 JOINING THE SIERRA CLUB IN 1984, HE SERVED, AND OFTEN CHAIRED,
10 ENTITIES SUCH AS THE PASADENA GROUP, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
11 TASK FORCE, THE FOREST TASK FORCE, THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE,
12 THE CHAPTER ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE ARROYO SECO
13 FOUNDATION. IN 2009, IN RESPONSE TO THE DISASTROUS STATION
14 FIRE, HE COFOUNDED THE SIERRA CLUB SAN GABRIEL'S TRAIL CREW,
15 SUBSEQUENTLY LEADING OR PARTICIPATING IN MANY WORK PARTIES TO
16 RESTORE AND MAINTAIN TRAILS WITHIN THE BURN AREA. FOR THAT
17 WORK, AND FOR REVITALIZING THE FOREST TASK FORCE, THE CHAPTER
18 PRESENTED DON WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 2016.
19 HIS OTHER CHAPTER AWARDS INCLUDED CONSERVATION SERVICE AWARD
20 IN 2003, SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD IN 2007, WELDON HEALD
21 CONSERVATION AWARD IN 2008, AND THE LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD IN
22 2019. DON WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF ROBERT EDWARD HANSEN JR., A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
24 NATIVE, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 60. HE WAS BORN
25 ON JULY 4TH, 1962, TO DR. ROBERT HANSEN AND TO LINDA HANSEN, A

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1 FORMER SCHOOLTEACHER AND A TALENTED INTERIOR DESIGNER. ROBERT
2 ATTENDED GLENDALE ACADEMY, AND THEN FLINTRIDGE PREP, A
3 TRADITION THAT CONTINUED WITH BOTH BOYS, BOBBY AND JAY. HE
4 WOULD LATER GO ON TO ATTEND PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE IN NAPA
5 VALLEY, AND LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY IN RIVERSIDE. AFTER COLLEGE,
6 HE SERVED WITH ARMY INTELLIGENCE AT FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA. IN
7 1992, ROBERT EARNED HIS DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY AT THE
8 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND BECAME A LIFELONG
9 TROJAN. HE ESTABLISHED HIS DENTAL OFFICE IN PASADENA, WHERE HE
10 PRACTICED FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HE MARRIED LESLIE ELIZABETH
11 FISHBEIN IN 1996, AND THEY RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR 26TH
12 ANNIVERSARY, EARLIER THIS YEAR. ROBERT IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
13 BETH, THEIR SONS BOBBY AND JERRY, SISTER KIRSTEN, MOTHER LINDA
14 HANSEN, FATHER DR. BOB HANSEN, AND HIS IN-LAWS, GERALD AND
15 MILLICENT FISHBEIN, AND MARK FISHBEIN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN
16 IN MEMORY OF DAVID LACEY, RETIRED DISTRICT ATTORNEY
17 INVESTIGATIVE AUDITOR, WHO PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 5TH AFTER A
18 COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER. DAVID GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES,
19 AND GRADUATED FROM CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL. HE WOULD LATER GO ON
20 TO EARN HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM
21 CAL STATE LOS ANGELES, AND IN THE YEAR 2000, HE RECEIVED HIS
22 LICENSE AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. BEFORE HE JOINED THE
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DAVID SPENT HIS TIME AS AN AUDITOR
24 FOR VARIOUS FIRMS. IN 2004, HE BEGAN HIS TENURE WITH THE
25 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND WAS PRIMARILY ASSIGNED TO COMPLEX

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1 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CASES. HIS ASSIGNED CASES WERE KNOWN TO
2 BE SUBSTANTIAL, OFTEN INVOLVING MULTIPLE SUSPECTS AND VICTIMS.
3 SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE CASES INCLUDED PROSECUTING AN OFFICE
4 MANAGER WHO EMBEZZLED \$1.6 MILLION FROM A LAW FIRM, A
5 CAREGIVER WHO MISAPPROPRIATED \$600,000 FROM AN ELDERLY VICTIM,
6 AS WELL AS A COMPLEX AUTO INSURANCE FRAUD SCHEME THAT REQUIRED
7 HIM TO AUDIT A SYSTEM THAT PROCESSED \$3 MILLION, MONTHLY.
8 DAVID WAS MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT PROTECTING THE ELDERLY FROM
9 FINANCIAL FRAUD. ASIDE FROM HIS WORK, DAVID WAS KNOWN AS BEING
10 A JOYOUS, PRINCIPLED MAN, AND A TRUE GENTLEMAN. HE WAS ALSO A
11 MAN OF FAITH, WHOSE DEVOTION NEVER WAVERED, EVEN IN SICKNESS,
12 AS HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY
13 ALL THOSE WHO HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING HIM. DAVID IS
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY, HIS DAUGHTER APRIL, AND HIS SON KAREEM.
16 YEAH, DAVID LACEY. YES. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF BLANCA ESTELA TORRES, A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, WHO PASSED AWAY
19 UNEXPECTEDLY ON SEPTEMBER 24TH. AFTER RECEIVING HER
20 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AND HER LAW
21 DEGREE FROM STANFORD, ESTELA JOINED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 PUBLIC DEFENDER TEAM IN 2004. SHE WAS A HUMBLE, DILIGENT,
23 TENACIOUS, AND COMPASSIONATE ADVOCATE, WHO SPENT MUCH OF HER
24 CAREER IN THE EASTERN REGION COURT ASSIGNMENTS OF WEST COVINA,
25 EL MONTE, AND MOST RECENTLY POMONA. SHE WAS PROMOTED TO THE

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1 POSITION OF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER IV IN MAY OF 2022. ESTELLA
2 WAS ALSO A DEVOTED MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, WITH A SPIRITUAL
3 SOUL. THOSE WHO KNEW HER BEST, LOVED HER QUIRKY SENSE OF
4 HUMOR, AND SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A DEAR FRIEND BY ALL
5 THOSE WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH HER. FURTHERMORE, SHE'LL BE
6 MISSED FOR HER HUMILITY, PATIENCE, AND DEDICATION TO THE
7 CLIENTS SHE DEFENDED THROUGHOUT HER CAREER. ESTELA IS SURVIVED
8 BY HER TWO CHILDREN, SANTOS HERRERA AND VICTORIA GUERRA. THOSE
9 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU SAY JACKIE LACEY'S
14 HUSBAND PASSED AWAY? I'M SORRY, I WAS DISTRACTED. DID WE ALL
15 JOIN INTO THAT, OR MIGHT WE?

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. I KNOW JACKIE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.

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

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:**, OKAY, THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ACTION. BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY TEAM, WHO HELP SUPPORT ALL FLOOR OPERATIONS, OUR STAFF WHO SUPPORT US, AS WELL AS THE STAFF WHO MAKES SURE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO THE TESTIMONY PROCESS, BOTH TELEPHONIC AND IN PERSON, SO THANKS TO YOU ALL. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; ITEM NUMBER CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NUMBER CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2022

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

9
10 Chiquita Canyon, LLC v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los
11 Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS171262. (22-
12 3632)

13
14 **County Counsel's request to continue this item for two**
15 **weeks was revised to continue for one week to October 11,**
16 **2022.**

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19 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING**
20 **LITIGATION**

21 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
22 54956.9)

23
24 Chiquita Canyon, LLC v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los
25 Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS173299. (22-
26 3633)

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28 **County Counsel's request to continue this item for two**
29 **weeks was revised to continue for one week to October 11,**
30 **2022.**

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33 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED**
34 **LITIGATION**

35 (Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
36 54956.9)

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1 Initiation of litigation (one case). (22-3634)

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3 **No reportable action was taken.**

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6 CS-4. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
7 (Government Code Section 54957)

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9 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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11 **No reportable action was taken.**

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13 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
14 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

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

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

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28 **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 October 4, 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 12th day of October 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

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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