THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, ON PAGE 206

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. SOLIS: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO WHEN I HAVE THIS SCREEN UP SO I CAN SEE YOUR MICS, I CAN'T SEE THEM. SO, SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS TO LET ME KNOW IF SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS ON BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THEM ON ANY SCREEN.

SUP. SOLIS: I'M HERE. HI. I'M HERE. HI. GOOD MORNING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: JUST BECAUSE OF THE SCREEN I HAVE ALLOWS ME TO SEE THE MICROPHONES THAT HERE, AND SO THEN I DON'T SEE THEM.

SUP. SOLIS: I JUST TURNED MINE ON.

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SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: IS THERE -- WHEN THEY SPEAK, GOT YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: THAT'S WHY PEOPLE IN THE HEARING ROOM KEEP ASKING IF WE'RE HERE, BUT WE'RE HERE.

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OKAY.

SUP. SOLIS:: THE CITY OF L.A. IS DOING THE SAME THING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WELL --

SUP. HAHN: LET'S NOT COMPARE OURSELVES --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YEAH, LET'S NOT. SO, AGAIN --

SUP. KUEHL: WE'RE NOT DOING THE SAME THING THEY'RE DOING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EVERYONE, AND WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HERE IN ATTENDANCE IN THE BOARD HEARING ROOM. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT WITH SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS JOINING US REMOTELY.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL, AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST US IN TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS. I WILL TAKE THE LIBERTY, IF IT'S OKAY WITH MY COLLEAGUES HERE, TO LEAD US AS WE SALUTE OUR PLEDGE -- AS WE SALUTE OUR FLAG AND RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF EVERYONE WOULD PLEASE JOIN ME AS WE STAND. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG -- [NO AUDIO] EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER 1. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS AS NECESSARY ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION. ON SET MATTER -- ON SET MATTER 2, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE THREE, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6. ON ITEM 5, THIS ITEM IS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR DUE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPEAL, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 5, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 7 THROUGH 27. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 22, 23, AND 24,

SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 22, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 28 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM 33, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 35, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2022. ON PAGE 36, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 47B, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 37, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 41, SEPARATE MATTERS. ON ITEM 57, IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT SONGHAI ARMSTEAD TO THE POSITION OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF $296,681, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022. ON ITEM 59, IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL FINANCING AUTHORITY RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY REFUNDING BONDS ON A TAX EXEMPT BASIS WITH A PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $25,465,000. ON PAGE 42, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 43, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 44, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL FINANCING AUTHORITY. ITEM 1R IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL FINANCING AUTHORITY RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY REFUNDING BONDS ON A TAX EXEMPT BASIS WITH A PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED

$25,465,000. ON PAGE 45, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM C.S.-2 IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES AND THE ITEMS BEING TAKEN OFF CALENDAR THROUGH C.S.-2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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

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

SPEAKER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE

REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW GOING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6. AGAIN, WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC HEAR ITEMS, AGENDA

ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL OF THE ITEMS, EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS UNTIL THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING OR UNTIL THE 90 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS

THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU'LL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES DOWN AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DON'T TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD ROOM, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING 10 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

MODERATOR: WILL DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, RACHEL LEWIS, RED CHIEF HUNT, HORELIA DURAGEE, CORINA MASSIAS, ROOZBEH FARAHANIPOUR, ROSA ANDERSON, PATRICIA SANTANA, MARIA IGLESIAS, SANDRA RODRIGUEZ PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

DIEGO RODRIGUEZ: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 24 AND PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER CRITICALLY TIMELY MOTION. I SERVE AS C.O.O. OF ALMA. ALMA IS A SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH, PARENTING CLASSES, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE PARTNER WITH OVER 100 SCHOOLS ACROSS FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR OVER A DECADE, ALMA HAS PROVIDED SUBSTANCE USE PRESENTATION PRESENTATIONS, GROUPS, AND CLASSES AT LOCAL SCHOOLS THROUGH [INDISCERNIBLE] WEEKS, THE BOYLE HEIGHTS COALITION FOR A SAFE AND DRUG FREE COMMUNITY, AND OTHER YOUTH FOCUSED SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION EFFORTS. WE ARE PAINFULLY AWAY OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN. IN 2020, THE OVERDOSE RATE FOR YOUTH HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED. CHILDREN ARE BEING TARGETED THROUGH KID-FRIENDLY PACKAGING, COLORFUL AND VISUALLY ENTICING PILLS, AND OTHER STRATEGIES BY DRUG-MAKERS. IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, A DOZEN YOUTH, WHO HAD BEEN TAKING SUBSTANCES THAT CONTAINED FENTANYL, OVERDOSED. EXPERTS AGREE THAT

FENTANYL IS THE DEADLIEST DRUG THREAT FACING THIS COUNTRY. THE COUNTY MUST ACT NOW TO EMPOWER AND EQUIP SCHOOLS, THEIR STUDENTS, AND PARENTS WITH THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO PREVENT THESE OVERDOSES. THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION SO OUR SCHOOLS ARE PREPARED WITH THE GUIDANCE AND LIFESAVING RESOURCES THEY NEED TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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

DENISE JARAMILLO: GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 24 AND ALSO PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS INTRODUCED, MY NAME IS DENISE JARAMILLO. I'M SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HERE IN ALHAMBRA, WE SERVE OVER 15,000 STUDENTS, GRADES K THROUGH 12, WITHIN THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SINCERE THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND TIMELY MOTION. OVER AND OVER AGAIN, OUR SCHOOLS HAVE PROVEN TO

BE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL VEHICLES FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH A VARIETY OF CHALLENGES AND CRISES. AND HERE WE ARE ONCE AGAIN FACING A LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION FOR SOME OF OUR VERY PRECIOUS STUDENTS. IT'S A FRIGHTENING REALITY THAT SINCE 2020 THE OVERDOSE RATE FOR YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED. IN FACT, IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS ALONE, IT APPEARS THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 12 REPORTED OVERDOSES OF YOUTH WITHIN OUR COUNTY, ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN ILLICIT SUBSTANCES THAT CONTAINED FENTANYL. AS A COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, WE NEED TO ACT NOW AND PROVIDE OUR SCHOOLS, OUR STUDENTS, AND THEIR PARENTS WITH THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO PREVENT THESE OVERDOSES. HERE IN ALHAMBRA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LIKE OTHER DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE TO THE FENTANYL CRISIS THAT'S PLAGUING OUR CHILDREN. THIS RESPONSE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL INCLUDE EDUCATION, AND TRAINING, AND COUNSELING, AND EVEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL INTERVENTION, BUT THAT SAID, AS AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LIKE ALHAMBRA, WE SIMPLY CAN'T DO IT ALONE. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF OUR LARGER COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN. SO, THAT'S WHY I SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS THE THIS WILL ALLOW ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS TO BE PREPARED --

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

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

ANTHONY ARENAS: HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

ANTHONY ARENAS: YES. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 8, 17, 47B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 8, HIRING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO WORK WITH SECURE TRACK YOUTH IS THE RIGHT CALL. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE FOLKS OUTSIDE OF THE PUNITIVE PROBATION SYSTEM WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE WHO ARE ROOTED IN COMMUNITY AND CULTURE EQUIPPING THEM WITH THE SKILLS, RELIABILITY, AND TRUSTWORTHINESS TO WORK WITH SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH. CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE MENTORS AND PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR YOUTH THROUGH RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, HELPING YOUTH GROW IN THEIR OWN STRENGTHS, AND SUPPORTING YOUTH SELF-REALIZATION. I'M ALSO CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 17. THE METRO SYSTEM HAS BEEN BURDENED TO

SUPPORT THE BURDEN OF A COUNTY THAT HAS UTTERLY FAILED TO ADDRESS THE SHOCKING NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO LACK SHELTER AND HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. ALTHOUGH THIS MOTION IS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, IT IS NOT A SOLUTION THAT ADDRESSES THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. THE COUNTY ULTIMATELY NEEDS TO PROVIDE MORE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN ORDER TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED AND UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS THE PROVEN SOLUTION TO ENDING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS. AND I HOPE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUES TO REAFFIRM THE COMMITMENT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. BY INCREASING PERMANENT HOUSING. AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF 47B AS WELL. SO EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF NALOXONE IS A CRITICAL STEP IN ADDRESSING THE OVERDOSE CRISIS. MAKING IT AVAILABLE AT COUNTY LIBRARIES AND TRAINING STAFF IN ADMINISTERING IT WILL SAVE DOZENS IF NOT HUNDREDS OF LIVES. IT'S EASILY ADMINISTERED AND HAS NO -- HAS NO ADVERSE EFFECTS, EVEN IF GIVEN TO SOMEONE WITHOUT DRUGS IN THEIR SYSTEM, MAKING IT A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO COUNTER THE INCREASING AMOUNT OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IN L.A. PROVIDING INCREASED NALOXONE ACCESS IS AN IMMEDIATE WAY TO SAVE LIVES, BUT THE COUNTY CANNOT ONLY RESPOND TO PROBLEMS. THE COUNTY ALSO HAS TO TAKE PREVENTIVE AND LONG TERM APPROACHES TO SOLVING THIS CRISIS. ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, HOUSING, AND HEALTH CARE, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND DRUG ADDICTION COUNSELING, IS ESSENTIAL IN PREVENTING OVERDOSES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN. FOR GENERAL

COMMENT, JUST WANT TO SAY FOR HOUSING JUSTICE, TO STOP THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION, MANY PEOPLE NEED HOUSING TO STABILIZE AFTER RELEASE AND FOR THE LONG TERM. SO HOUSING IS SAFETY. THE COUNTY KEEPS LOOKING FOR SHORTCUTS AND IMAGINARY QUICK FIXES TO THE HOUSING CRISIS, BUT WE NEED BROADER HOUSING ACCESS, INCLUDING SUCCESSFUL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING MODELS FOR DIVERSION, AFFORDABLE AND EXCESSIVE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

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

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

MELISSA CHINCHIA: HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

MELISSA CHINCHIA: OKAY, GREAT. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS MENTIONED, MY NAME IS MELISSA CHINCHIA, I'M A RESEARCHER AT U.C.L.A. MY RESEARCH FOCUSES ON HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH A SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON VETERAN AND LATINO HOMELESSNESS. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THROUGH MY WORK ON LATINO HOMELESSNESS, I HAVE STRIVED

TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF HOW THE HOUSING CRISIS IS IMPACTING LATINO HOUSEHOLDS AND THE CHALLENGES OUR COMMUNITY FACES CONNECTING TO AND RECEIVING ADEQUATE HOMELESS SERVICES. THE 26% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED LATINOS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 2020 IS STAGGERING. WE OFTEN KNOW THAT LATINOS ARE NOT READILY ACCESSING INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCES. AND IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY ASSESS HOW GAPS IN ITS OWN SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS CAN RESULT IN INCREASED NUMBERS OF LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ALSO TO IDENTIFY WHAT BARRIERS CURRENTLY EXIST IN OUR SYSTEMS THAT MAY BE PREVENTING LATINOS FROM ACCESSING HOMELESS SERVICES. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF EQUITY AND ENSURING THAT OUR SYSTEMS WORK FOR ALL ANGELENOS. TODAY, I'M INCREDIBLY THANKFUL FOR SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF LATINOS WHO ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS ITEM 23, AND THIS IS A CRITICAL NEXT STEP. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

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

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

BELINDA BRESNAHAN: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BELINDA CAMPOS BRESNAHAN, AND I'M WITH THE L.A.C.+U.S.D. MEDICAL FOUNDATION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE WELLNESS LOS ANGELES. I RESIDE IN DISTRICT 5 AND WORK IN DISTRICT 1. THE REASON WHY THIS TOPIC IS VERY IMPORTANT IS ITEM 24, I HAVE WORKED IN ALL THE DISTRICTS THAT THE SUPERVISORS HOLD WITH YOUNG YOUTH, AND IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST OVER 12 REPORTED OVERDOSES OF YOUTH WHO HAVE TAKEN SUBSTANCES THAT CONTAINED FENTANYL. IT HURTS MY SOUL TO SEE A NEW STUDENT ON THE NEWS THAT PASSES AWAY EVERY TIME. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY AS BELINDA CAMPOS, NOT AS A PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER, BUT I'M SPEAKING TO YOU AS BELINDA CAMPOS, THE WIFE, THE MOM, THE SISTER, AND A MENTOR THAT HAS MENTORED OVER 70 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO GET INTO COLLEGE. WE NEED MORE EDUCATION. WE NEED MORE UNITY. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. WE MUST ACT NOW TO EMPOWER SCHOOLS, TO EMPOWER OUR COUNTY PARTNERS TO BRING UNITY TO FACE THIS TOPIC. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING ALL YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION SO OUR SCHOOLS ARE PREPARED WITH GUIDANCE AND LIFESAVING RESOURCES NEEDED TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. FROM BOYLE HEIGHTS TO SANTA CLARITA TO LONG BEACH, EVERYWHERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE DEFINITELY NEED THIS. I'M TIRED OF SEEING YOUTH DIE BECAUSE OF THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: IN-PERSON. I WILL SPEAK TO ITEMS 18, 23, AND 33. ON ITEM 2, IT'S NOT TIME TO POSTPONE THE REPORTS FROM D.P.H. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON. I'M GLAD 18 IS FOR SUPERVISOR HAHN. I MEAN IF POLIO [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT IT WILL BE ALSO VERY GOOD IF WE TEST THE SEWER TO SEE HOW MUCH POLIO IS THERE, AND SO ON, WHICH BECAUSE IN NEW YORK IS ONE OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE FOUND OUT. AND ON 23, IT'S NOT TO HAVE IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, BUT I THINK IT SHOULD BE FOR EVERYBODY. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE LATINO, BLACK, OR PURPLE, ANYWAY, YOU KNOW. 33 IS A BIG ISSUE. IT'S A DEPARTMENTAL MATTER OF HEALTH RIGHT NOW. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE AN EMPHASIS TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS BECAUSE, IN L.A. COUNTY RIGHT NOW, MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT GOOD. I'M NOT SEEING A LOT OF ACTION IN THAT DIRECTION. SO I WAS GLAD TO SEE 33. ANYWAY, CONTINUE ON THE ROAD TO REOPEN. THE C.D.C. IS CLEAR OF NOT WEARING MASKS EVEN FOR MEDICAL OFFICES, SO I THINK SEE OF YOU STILL HAVE MASKS. I THINK YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THE C.D.C. GUIDELINE BECAUSE MASKS ARE NOT REALLY EFFECTIVE. SO, NICE SEEING YOU AGAIN, AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OPEN MEETINGS BECAUSE I INTEND TO COME BACK AND BE HERE AND TALK TO YOU. HAVE A NICE WEEK.

RACHEL LEWIS: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RACHEL LEWIS, AND I REPRESENT S.E.I.U. 2015. I'M A PROUD HOME CARE PROVIDER. I'M SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. I'D LIKE TO GIVE SOME APPRECIATION IN MY COMMENT IN REGARD TO HILDA SOLIS. I'M IN HER DISTRICT, THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. I WANT TO THANK HER AS WELL AS JANICE HAHN. I'M NOT IN YOUR AREA OR DISTRICT, BUT YOU LADIES HAVE SHOWN GREAT INDEPENDENCE. YOU HAVE SPOKEN UP ON BEHALF OF HOME CARE PROVIDERS, AND I APPRECIATE THAT SO MUCH. IT'S VERY HARD FOR US TO COME DOWN HERE ALL THE TIME ASKING YOU TO UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATIONS WHEN WE KNOW THAT YOU DO, WHEN YOU SPEAK IT OUT IN YOUR OWN VOICES. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I TRULY APPRECIATE YOU.

AURILIA HORAGEE: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING TO ALL OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR DIFFERENT DISTRICTS. I AM VERY NERVOUS AS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I SPEAK IN PUBLIC. AND I DO APOLOGIZE, MY NAME IS AURILIA HORAGEE. I'M VERY NERVOUS. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SPEAKING, BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WE SPEAK AND WE COME HERE BECAUSE WE TAKE -- WE THE CARETAKERS TAKE CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS. I DON'T TAKE CARE OF A FAMILY MEMBER. I TAKE CARE OF OTHER PEOPLE. I'M HERE BECAUSE, WELL, WE'RE SAVING A LOT OF MONEY TO THE STATE. AND THE STATE IS QUITE RICH. AND WE'RE TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE THAT

THEY -- THEY DESERVE DIGNITY. AND SO DO WE. WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO GIVE US $20? MY FEET HURT. EVERYTHING IS GOING UP. AND WHEN IS IT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE IT TO US? ONCE WE DESERVE $30? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPE THIS TOUCHES YOUR HEART. IT COULD BE BAD ADMINISTRATION. I'M NOT SURE. THANK YOU.

CORINA MASSIAS: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS. MY NAME IS CORINA MASSIAS, CAREGIVER BOTH OF MY PARENTS AND MY GREAT AUNT AND A PROUD MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. 2015. I STAND HERE TODAY FOR THE MANY CAREGIVERS THAT RESIDE IN OUR DISTRICTS, ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS, AND FOR THE MANY THAT I REPRESENT IN THE CITY OF HANINO PARK. ON OCTOBER 4TH, I WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS THAT WAS ARRESTED THAT PARTICIPATED IN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE. THIS IS HOW PASSIONATE I FEEL OF THE IMPORTANCE TO GIVE CAREGIVERS A PATH TO $20. CAREGIVERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF LONG TERM HEALTHCARE, AND IF WE DON'T INVEST IN THE CAREGIVING SECTOR, THEN WE WILL SEE OUR MOST VULNERABLE IN THIS COUNTY AND IN THIS STATE SUFFER. I KNOW HOW COMPLICATED A BUDGET CAN BE. I KNOW HOW COMPLICATED IT CAN GET TO GET TO A STABLE BUDGET, BUT WHEN AN ACTION IS RIGHT, THERE'S ALWAYS A WILL, AND THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY. IT'S TIME FOR $20 FOR CAREGIVERS. IT'S TIME TO STAND FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS HERE IN THIS COUNTY THAT CARE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND ARE IN NEED OF THIS HELP. THANK YOU.

ROSEANNE DREESON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROSEANNE DREESON, AND I LIVE IN SOUTH GATE. SO JANICE HAHN IS MY COUNCILWOMAN. I'M A SINGLE PARENT OF TWO ADULT TEENS. ONE BEING MY DAUGHTER, AMANDA, WHO WAS BORN WITH MALFORMATION OF THE CORPUS CALLOSUM. SHE ALSO HAS CEREBRAL PALSY, SCOLIOSIS, AND SHE'S NONVERBAL, A MENTALITY OF A 1-YEAR-OLD. I BASICALLY HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING FOR HER, FROM CHANGING HER DIAPERS, FEEDING HER, MAKING SURE SHE GETS AROUND WITHOUT FALLING SINCE SHE HAS HISTORY OF EPILEPSY. SHE TAKES MEDICATIONS TWICE A DAY. MY DAILY TASKS INCLUDE MAKING HER BREAKFAST, GETTING HER UP, DRESSING HER, MAKING SURE SHE TAKES HER MEDICATION, BATHING HER SO SHE WON'T GET A RASH. I NEVER IMAGINED I WOULD HAVE TO CARE FOR MY OWN DAUGHTER WHEN I DECIDED TO BECOME A MOM. I WORK IN CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DATA ENTRY FOR WORKERS' COMP AND PERSONAL INJURIES FOR EIGHT YEARS, BUT I LOVE BEING A CAREGIVER. THAT MY DAUGHTER IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF WITH LOVE, COMPASSION, AND DIGNITY. I BELIEVE THAT $20 WOULD HELP US BE LESS STRESSFUL ABOUT PAYING OUR BILLS AND MAKING SURE THAT I DON'T -- THAT I CAN AFFORD MOVING OUT SINCE I GOT A NOTICE TO MOVE OUT ON THE END OF THIS YEAR.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WILL CORINA MASSIAS, KARINA MORALES, MARIA MANAGLAN, BENANITA OBIANOS, SYLVIA MENDEZ PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKERS?

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU'LL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MELISSA SAED. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MELISSA SAED: GOOD MORNING. I'M CALLING REGARDING ITEM 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS YOU KNOW, MY NAME IS MELISSA SAED, AND I'M A PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A. UNIVERSITY. I'M CALLING TO THANK, FIRST OF ALL, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO ARE PROTESTING FOR THE RIGHTS IN IRAN. MAHSA AMINI DEATH HAS SPARKED A WAVE OF PROTESTS UNLIKE ANY WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR COUNTRY. COUNTLESS IRANIANS LED BY WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, AND UNFORTUNATELY THEY ARE ENCOUNTERING BRUTAL AND VIOLENT APPROACH BY MORALITY AND REVOLUTIONARY POLICE. THE GIRLS AND UNDERAGE GIRLS ARE BEING RAPED, BITTEN, KILLED, AND PUT IN THE PRISON. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TAKING TO THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES TO SUPPORT IRANIAN PROTESTERS. THIS BOARD MUST SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE BRAVE WOMEN AND GIRLS IN IRAN AND AROUND THE WORLD. WITH THE GOVERNMENT CRACKING DOWN ON THE PROTESTERS AND LIMITING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, THIS MOTION WILL HELP TO SHOW

THE IRANIANS THAT WE ARE WITH THEM. I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS MOTION. AND I TRULY APPRECIATE YOU. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

ZEKE SANDOVAL: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ZEKE SANDOVAL ON BEHALF OF P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, IN FAVOR OF ITEM 23. OUR TEAMS WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS TRANSITION OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE ALL BETTER OFF WHEN WE PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE CONCERNING JUMP IN LATINO HOMELESSNESS, AS DOCUMENTED BY THE MOST RECENT POINT IN TIME COUNT, MAKES THAT WORK ALL THE MORE URGENT. WE KNOW FROM OUR DAILY WORK THAT ANY SUCCESSFUL APPROACH TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS MUST CENTER ON EQUITY AND JUSTICE. SO, WE'RE GRATEFUL TO SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR SUPPORTING. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE MOTION ARE A STRONG START, ESPECIALLY EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S EXISTING HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS. WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THE COUNTY INVEST MORE IN ENFORCING THE LANDLORD-TENANT PROTECTION THIS BOARD HAS COURAGEOUSLY PASSED, WITH A SPECIAL

FOCUS TOWARD CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE TENANT EDUCATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

STEPHANIE SERRANO: HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE SERRANO, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24 AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24. I'M ON THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION. IT'S ABSOLUTELY APPALLING THE AMOUNT OF FENTANYL OVERDOSES, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT WILL STOP ANY TIME SOON. SO WE REALLY NEED TO BE PROACTIVE IN PROVIDING COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS TOOLS TO BE BETTER PREPARED THROUGH EDUCATION AS WELL AS ANY TYPE OF RESOURCES TO PROTECT LIVES AT THE SCHOOL SITES. I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION AND ALL THE ADVOCACY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AND SO, I REALLY URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SPEAK ON A PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A MEMBER OF A BOARD OF EDUCATION, AS COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, MENTAL HEALTH IS SUPER IMPORTANT. ONE THING THAT MOST DISTRICTS DO, THEY HAVE

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO REFER STUDENTS TO THEM. UNFORTUNATELY, WE REFER MANY, MANY STUDENTS TO THEM, BUT THERE'S A GAP BETWEEN BEING REFERRED AND RECEIVING SERVICES. IT IS PROVEN THAT ONCE STUDENTS GO HOME, THE CHANCE OF THEM RECEIVING SERVICES DECREASES GREATLY. RECENTLY, WE GOT A GRANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE ON-SITE THERAPY SERVICES AT LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL. IT HAS BEEN REALLY HELPFUL. STUDENTS CAN WALK IN DIRECTLY AT ANY POINT, WHETHER THEY'RE IN CRISIS OR NOT, TO SPEAK WITH A THERAPIST. ALL OF THOSE CASES ARE MAXED OUT, AND WE'RE ASKING FOR MORE WORKERS BECAUSE OF SUCH A GREAT NEED. I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS SIMILAR TYPE OF INTERVENTION AT ALL HIGH SCHOOLS WITH A PLAN TO SUPPORT THEIR FEEDER SCHOOLS. THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS --

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: I'LL COMMENT ON 1, 9, 57, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. NUMBER 1, THE AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDING, CONSIDERING

THE C.E.O. HAS NOT FUNDED THE STRUCTURAL DEFICITS, YOU'RE ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL, AND DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF IS A DESPERATION. NONE OF THE SUPERVISORS HAVE THE COURAGE TO TELL THE PEOPLE WHO COME UP THAT SAY WE WANT MONEY, WE WANT MONEY, OR CHANGE THEIR MONEY, AND GUESS WHAT? THERE IS NO MONEY. HAVE THE COURAGE TO TELL THESE PEOPLE THERE'S NO MONEY. NUMBER 9, WE COME UP WITH THIS TERM, POVERTY. WAR ON POVERTY WAS IN 1965, AND TUESDAY, WE'RE 57 YEARS OUT, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE HAVE PUT A DENT IN IT. AND I REALLY LOVE THE LATINA WOMEN WHO TOOK THE BOARD TO TASK LAST WEEK ON THE -- INVITING POVERTY ACROSS OUR SOUTHERN BORDER. IN THE GENERAL COMMENT, FOX NEWS NANCY GRACE HOSTED A DISTINGUISHED PANEL ON PUBLIC SAFETY. ONE PERSON MENTIONED INCARCERATION, THAT WE INCARCERATE MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. FACT, IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE, THERE IS NO COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST STUCK ON STUPID. PLEASE REMOVE THAT HIDEOUS CLOTH FROM THE SCREEN. AND ALSO, AS FAR AS THE FENTANYL SITUATION, EVERYBODY BE CRYING AND EVERYWHERE, FOLKS, THERE IS NO CURE FOR BEING STUPID. IF YOU COME UP WITH A CURE FOR STUPID, PLEASE LET -- WE COULD CURE SO MANY THINGS WITH ADDRESSING THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SEAN VAN DYVER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SEAN VAN DYVER: HELLO, THIS IS SEAN VAN DYVER FROM AFGHAN EVAC. I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS -- ITEM 22 AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD. SUPPORTING IRANIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS FIGHTING A FASCIST REGIME AND DEMANDING CHANGE IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT I THINK COMPORTS WITH LOS ANGELES VALUES. I KNOW THAT, AS A VETERAN, IT COMPORTS WITH MY VALUES. AND SEEING THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT FOLKS ARE DOING AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY STANDING WITH THESE WOMEN, IT HAS BEEN JUST ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE. AND I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE THAT L.A. IS LEADING FROM THE FRONT ON THIS. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. PLEASE SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 22 AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

RED CHIEF HUNT: THE HONORABLE NINTH CIRCUIT WINNER, RED CHIEF HUNT IS IN ATTENDANCE. I'M GOING TO TALKING ABOUT 43, 17, AND 7, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEGINNING WITH 43B AND 24, I, TOO, HAD A NEPHEW WHO DIED FROM FENTANYL. SO, I KNOW THE

IMPORTANCE OF GETTING NARCAN IN THE SCHOOLS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S SO TERRIBLE THAT OUR KIDS ARE TURNING TO SUCH DRUGS THAT WILL KILL THEM INSTANTLY. WE NEED BATHROOM ATTENDANTS. WE NEED. COUNSELORS. WE NEED EVERYTHING TO SUPPORT THOSE KIDS TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THROUGH. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PASSAGE AS A WHOLE, ALL KIDS FROM, YOU KNOW, FROM AGE 1 TO 18, HAS A RIGHT TO PASSAGE TO GET THROUGH SCHOOL. SO THANK YOU GUYS FOR PROVIDING A SOLUTION FOR THAT. THEN I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE HOMELESS SITUATION, NUMBER 17. I'VE BEEN THROUGH THREE HOMELESS PROGRAMS, AND I'M FINDING IT DIFFICULT FOR TRANSPARENCY -- FROM TRANSPARENCY COMING DOWN FROM THE STATE TO THE COUNTY TO OUR VENDORS. OUR VENDORS HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING FOR HOUSING FOR HEALTH. JANICE HAHN, I PUT IT IN A LETTER TO YOU BECAUSE MY MEDICAL STUFF IS IN YOUR DISTRICT. HOLLY MITCHELL, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, AS WELL. WE NEED TO GET A HOLD ON THIS, AND WE NEED TO GET CONTROL OF THIS BECAUSE OUR VENDORS NEED TO HAVE TRANSPARENCY, WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T GET CERTAIN MEDICAL THINGS DONE BECAUSE THERE'S NO TRANSPARENCY. I TALKED TO VICTOR, AND I TALKED TO JANICE HAHN'S OFFICE ABOUT THIS, BUT IT'S TIME TO HAVE A SIT-DOWN AND FOCUSED MEETING WITH THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND LET'S GET IT DONE CORRECTLY SO IT WON'T BECOME A PROBLEM. AND THEN AGAIN, LIKE I SAID, UNTIL WE GET A HOLD ON THIS HOMELESS ISSUE, YOU KNOW, I FEEL THAT WE NEED TO CLAIM ONE-THIRD

EMINENT DOMAIN ON ALL NEW STRUCTURES SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE THE VOUCHERS FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ELIMINATE THE CRISIS. PLEASE FOLLOW ME. WE HAVE THE ROCKET SCIENTISTS TRYING TO DO IT, BUT NOBODY GOT IT DONE. IN 2005, CAROL SOBEL FILED AN INJUNCTION, AND WE STILL HAVE 68,000 PEOPLE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED. WE GAVE BACK $150 MILLION, WHICH DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. LET'S TACKLE THE SITUATION. LET'S WORK WITH THE PEOPLE THAT UNDERSTAND THE CRISIS OR HAS BEEN THROUGH THE CRISIS BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE WITH THE M.B.A.'S ARE NOT GETTING THE JOB DONE. LIKE I SAID, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH JANICE HAHN AND HOLLY MITCHELL ON THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU, THE HONORABLE RED CHIEF HUNT, 9TH CIRCUIT WINNER. THANK YOU AGAIN.

PATRICIA SANTANA: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICIA SANTANA, I'M ONE OF THE MEMBERS HERE THAT REPRESENTS REGION 1 OF HILDA SOLIS. AND TODAY, I FEEL THAT I HAVE LACK OF REPRESENTATION. I DON'T SEE HILDA SOLIS HERE. I SEE HER IN A SCREEN, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE HERE TO REPRESENT US AND TO HEAR US. WE -- LAST WEEK, WE CAME AND PROVIDED YOU WITH 25,000 PETITIONS. WE'RE NO LONGER ASKING. WE'RE DEMANDING -- WE'RE DEMANDING YOU DO SOMETHING. OUR COMMUNITY IS HUNGRY. THEY'RE HUNGRY FOR JUSTICE. THEY'RE HUNGRY FOR FOOD. THEY'RE

HUNGRY FOR BETTER WAGES. PLEASE, WE WANT TO EAT JUST LIKE ALL OF YOU. WE NEED THIS CONTRACT TO CLOSE. YOU HAVE US HERE FOR A YEAR DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY. WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE TO DO? IT'S TIME FOR $20 AN HOUR. WE'RE ALL HERE FOR $20 AN HOUR. PLEASE, WITH MY HEART IN MY HAND, WE'RE ASKING YOU. THANK YOU.

ALHAMIA GOVIAN: MY NAME IS ALHAMIA GOVIAN. WE'RE HERE FOR 22, 12, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT ITEM 22, BUT EXPECT, AS AN IRANIAN, EXPECT MORE STRONGER APPROACH TO WHAT IS THIS ITEM. AS AN IRANIAN, WE EXPECT TO STOP ANY KIND OF NEGOTIATION WITH BRUTAL REGIME. AS ONE INVOLVED IN 1999 STUDENT UPRISING, I CAN ECHO THE VOICE OF NOT ONLY WOMEN IN IRAN BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION, EVEN YOUNG CHILDREN, WHO ARE DEMANDING REGIME CHANGE. IT'S WOMEN SHOUTING IN THE STREETS IN THE CITIES OF IRAN FOR DECADES, INCLUDING DURING THE SO-CALLED GREEN MOVEMENT IN 2009, WHICH WAS IGNORED BY OUR POLICYMAKERS AND INSTEAD LED TO ANOTHER DIRECTION. SINCE THEN, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED, INCLUDING 32 CHILDREN, AND DOZENS DETAINED AND TORTURED AND RAPED. NOW THE WORLD MUST HEAR THEM. IN 2009, PEOPLE WERE SHOUTING, "OBAMA, ARE YOU WITH US OR WITH THEM?" TODAY, THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING IT SEEMS THE SMELL OF OIL DOESN'T LET THE WORLD FEEL THE SMELL OF OUR BLOOD SHEDDING IN THE STREETS OF IRAN.

ROOZBEH FARAHANIPOUR: GOOD MORNING. ROOZBEH FARAHANIPOUR. NOW, I'M SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF WEST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M SPEAKING ON NUMBER 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CONSIDERING SUPPORTING THE MOVEMENT IN IRAN. I WAS ACTIVE IN IRAN ON STUDENT UPRISING IN 1999. I WAS DETAINED AND TORTURED, A VICTIM OF TORTURE WITH THE THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN. WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST THIS REGIME. I CAME HERE 22 YEARS AGO AS A POLITICAL ASYLUM. I HAD A FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE HOW THIS BRUTAL REGIME KILLING THE PEOPLE AND TORTURE THE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS AND IN IRAN. I DEMAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS REPRESENTING THE LARGEST IRANIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF IRAN, TO STAND WITH IRANIAN PEOPLE IN IRAN AND DEMAND REGIME CHANGE AND ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION TO NOT DO ANY NEGOTIATION WITH IRAN. DON'T GET ENGAGED WITH IRAN DEAL AT ALL. AND ASKING FOR THE REGIME CHANGE AND SUPPORT THE IRANIAN PEOPLE IN THE STREETS. THE MOVEMENT OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE AND WOMEN IN IRAN HAS NOT STARTED JUST NOW. THIS IS A 44-YEAR FIGHT AGAINST THE BRUTAL REGIME IN IRAN. AND THE PEOPLE OF IRAN IN THE STREETS OF IRAN, THEY ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNTIL THEY OVERTHROW THIS REGIME AND ACHIEVING THE DEMOCRACY IN IRAN. THANK YOU AGAIN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO PUT THIS MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

SEVEDA MENDEZ: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: MY NAME IS SEVEDA MENDEZ. I BELONG TO THE LARGEST UNION OF HOME CARE WORKERS. I'M ALSO PART OF THE 5TH DISTRICT. I AM AN ACTIVE VOTER. AND I NOTICE WHAT THE REPRESENTATIVES ARE DOING FOR US. IN THIS MOMENT, IT'S NOT TIME TO WAIT. THE WAGE WE HAVE RIGHT NOW OF $16 AN HOUR ISN'T ENOUGH WITH THE INFLATION AND THE RECESSION THAT IS ACTIVE, BUT YOU DON'T SAY IT. IT'S SOMETHING NEEDED FOR US. AND I'M TALKING TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS. THAT WE GET THE SIGNATURE ON THAT CONTRACT FOR $20 AN HOUR IN WHICH WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BECAUSE WE ARE FRONT LINE WORKERS. DURING THE PANDEMIC AND NOW AS WELL. AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY OUR RENT. YOU KNOW IT. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU. EVERYTHING IS GOING UP CONSTANTLY. IT'S SOMETHING HUMANE WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. IT'S NOT GIVEN TO US. IT'S A RIGHT.

SPEAKER: WILL ALBERTO ARILANDO, MICHELLE RED, PAZ VELAZQUEZ, KENT MENDOZA, WILLIE MOORE, AND PAUL ROCKWELL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKER?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DARREN KNOWLES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND

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

DARREN KNOWLES: GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DARREN KNOWLES. I'M THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE SERVE APPROXIMATELY 21,000 STUDENTS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 24 AND PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS PROACTIVE MOTION AND ALSO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CONSIDERING THE ITEM. SOME OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MOTION. FENTANYL OVERDOSE IS A SERIOUS CONCERN FOR OUR FAMILIES HERE IN POMONA. APPROVAL OF ITEM NUMBER 24 WILL SIMPLY HELP SAVE LIVES, OUR STUDENTS LIVES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO THIS SERIOUS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE MITCHELL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

JULIE MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 24 AND PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. AS WAS ANNOUNCED, MY NAME IS DR. JULIE MITCHELL, AND I'M THE PROUD SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A T.K. THROUGH 12 SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING APPROXIMATELY 13,000 STUDENTS IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION FOR ITEM NUMBER 24 TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY A STUDENT OVERDOSE, WE WELCOME AND NEED THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO BEST ADDRESS THE CURRENT FENTANYL CRISIS. ITEM 24 WILL STRENGTHEN OUR EFFORTS TO BE SERVER OUR SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY DUE TO TRAGIC LOSS DUE TO OVERDOSE. I ASK THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS ON THIS MOTION PROVIDING OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES WITH THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AND LIFESAVING AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EMANUEL ESTRADA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

EMMANUEL ESTRADA: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMMANUEL ESTRADA. I'M THE MAYOR OF BALDWIN PARK. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 23. A 26% INCREASE IN LATINO HOMELESSNESS IS CONCERNING, YET COMES AS NO SURPRISE. MANY WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE OF COLOR KEPT THEIR ECONOMY AND REGION GOING THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, ENDANGERING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. MANY LATINO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT ABLE TO HOLD ONTO THEIR JOB DUE CERTAIN INDUSTIRES FAILING OR SIMPLY CLOSING DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND OTHERS ARE SIMPLY AGING AND UNABLE TO KEEP WORKING. AND THEIR FIXED INCOMES DON'T ALLOW THEM TO KEEP UP WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. LATINO FAMILIES ARE KNOWN TO STICK TOGETHER, AND THEY LIVE IN MULTI-GENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLDS. 26% IS TOO HIGH, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, IT MAY NOT BE HIGH ENOUGH TO BE ACCURATE. AS REGIONAL LEADERS, WE MUST MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON DEMOGRAPHICS AND MEANS OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT ITEM 23 AND CONTINUE THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION AROUND HOMELESSNESS AND THE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR LATINO COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAZRAD HUSSANI. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

MAZRAD HUSSANI: GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MAZRAD HUSSANIMAZRAD HUSSANI. AND I'M WORKING ON [INDISCERNIBLE] VICE PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO ARE PROTESTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS IN IRAN. MAHSA AMINI'S DEATH HAS SPARKED A WAVE OF PROTESTS UNLIKE WE'VE SEEN IN IRAN. PROTESTERS LED BY IRANIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE DEMANDING THAT THE REGIONAL PROMISES OF THE 1979 IRANIAN REVOLUTION, FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND JUSTICE, BE FULFILLED. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TAKING TO THE STREETS OF L.A. TO SUPPORT IRANIAN PROTESTERS. THIS BOARD PLEASE JUST SHOWED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE BRAVE WOMEN AND GIRLS OF IRAN AND AROUND THE WORLD. WITH THE GOVERNMENT CRACKING DOWN ON THE PROTESTERS AND LIMITING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, THIS MOTION WILL HELP TO SHOW THE IRANIANS THAT WE ARE WITH THEM AND SAVE THEIR LIVES. PLEASE, NO NEGOTIATION WITH IRAN, WITH I MEAN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC, NOT IRAN BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT REPRESENTING IRAN FOR IRANIANS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I REALLY BEG YOU AND PLEAD YOU TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICKY DIAZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

NICKY DIAZ: GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NICKY DIAZ. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 19, 23, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR TO INVEST IN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, INVEST IN HOMES AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE, AND KEEP MORE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY LATINO ANGELENOS, FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS BY INCLUDING HIGHER WAGES FOR HOME CARE PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY BUDGET. I'M AN IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CONSUMER. I HUMBLY REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY OF DISABLED ADULTS THAT HAVE SEVERE DISABILITIES WHO DO NOT DEPEND ON FAMILY BUT ARE RELIANT ON COMMUNITY PROVIDERS THROUGH I.H.S.S. GETTING OUR CARE NEEDS MET IS CRITICAL TO OUR ABILITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND PURSUE DREAMS, DESIRES, AND GOALS. I'M A WIDOW WHO LOST HER HUSBAND IN 2017 AFTER 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. HE WAS MY PRIMARY CAREGIVER, AND NOW I'M MY OWN ADVOCATE FOR MY INDEPENDENCE, BUT THIS DOES NOT COME WITHOUT STRUGGLE. WE NEED MORE FUNDING FOR I.H.S.S. TO INVEST IN EARNED LIVING WAGE FOR CARE GIVERS. I'VE BEEN IN FEAR OF BEING PLACED INTO A FACILITY WHEN I CAN'T FIND AND KEEP PROVIDERS. I LOST TWO PROVIDERS JUST THIS YEAR. YOU HAVE PROPOSED INVESTING IN A STUDY ON THE STATE PARKS SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. I URGE YOU TO PRIORITIZE INVESTING IN HOME CARE AND OTHER

COMMUNITY-BASED CARE OPTIONS, NOT INSTITUTIONALIZATION. THESE SERVICES MUST PROTECT MY CIVIL RIGHTS AND MY HUMAN RIGHTS. I RECENTLY STARTED SCHOOL AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH, AND IF I DO NOT HAVE DAILY CARE TO ASSURE THAT I'M FED, TOILETED, DRESSED, AND IN FRONT OF MY COMPUTER TO GO TO SCHOOL, THEN I MAY HAVE TO FORFEIT MY EDUCATION. WHEN MY CAREGIVERS KNOW THAT THEIR WAGES WILL ALLOW THEM TO THRIVE, THEN I HAVE A CAREGIVER THAT GIVES THE BEST OF THEIR COMPASSION. THIS CREATES A MUTUALLY RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP. WHEN WAGES ARE THIS LOW, THIS LEADS SOME CAREGIVERS, INCLUDING THREE OF MY OWN FORMER, TO FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS. THE COUNTY SHOULD INCLUDE LOW I.H.S.S. WAGES IN THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSES OF HIGHER RATES OF HOMELESSNESS FOR LATINOS IN L.A. HOW IS THE DISABLED, VULNERABLE COMMUNITY TO BE SAFE IN OUR OWN HOMES WHEN WE ARE LEFT TO HIRE DISTRESSED PROVIDERS. TO SOLVE THIS, WE NEED AN IMMEDIATE RAISE IN HOME CARE WAGES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND EVERYONE, I DESERVE TO BE TREATED AS A PERSON NOT A PATIENT. I DESERVE TO BE TREATED AS AN EMPLOYER NOT A BURDEN. I DESERVE TO BE TREATED AS A VIABLE HUMAN THAT PLAYS A PRODUCTIVE ROLE IN MY SOCIETY. INVEST IN US BY RAISING I.H.S.S. WAGES TO $20 AN HOUR. ALSO, I URGE YOU AND FORMALLY INVITE YOU TO COME INTO MY HOME AND GET A REALISTIC VISUAL OF WHAT WE GO THROUGH IN A CONSUMER/PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

SANDRA RODRIGUEZ: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SANDRA RODRIGUEZ, AND I'M A PROVIDER FOR THE PROGRAM I.H.S.S. I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF MY HUSBAND FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS. HE'S A PERSON THAT LOST HIS VISION. BUT SINCE I GET A LIMITED AMOUNT OF HOURS, I HAVE TO WORK WITH OTHER PEOPLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET NOW THAT THE SITUATION IS SO DIFFICULT NOWADAYS. AND SO, THIS IS WHY WE'RE ASKING YOU HERE TODAY, ASKING YOU TO PLEASE JUST FILL YOUR HEART AND ALLOW US OR GIVE US THIS $20 AN HOUR SO THAT WE CAN LIVE LIFE WITH DIGNITY AND TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET MONTHLY, BUY OUR FOOD AND WHAT WE NEED. AND I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION PERFECTLY FINE. THIS IS A RIGHT THAT WE HAVE. AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US. I'M SURE THAT THIS $20 WILL COME TRUE.

MARIANNE J. MANALAN: GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME? THANK YOU. I'M MARIANNE J. MANALAN. I'M A FAMILY CAREGIVER FOR A LONG TIME, SINCE MY MOTHER HAD A MASSIVE STROKE. SHE HAD IMPACTION OF THE CEREBELLUM. AT THAT TIME, I WAS WITH L.A.U.S.D., AND I WAS OFFERED TO WORK BECAUSE I RECEIVED BLUE SLIP, NOT THE PINK SLIP, BUT THE BLUE SLIP FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT, BUT I DECIDED TO TAKE CARE OF MY MOM BECAUSE OF THIS STROKE. SHE WAS PLACED IN A FACILITY WHERE SHE SAID WHEN WE WERE VISITING, "I STAY

HERE. I LIVE HERE. I DIE HERE." SO I FELT -- I KNOW YOU HAVE ALSO PARENTS, YOU HAVE RELATIVES, BUT I DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT THE BLUE SLIP AS A PARENT DIRECTOR, BUT I DECIDED TO TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY. AT THE TIME, THEY SAID TO TAKE TRAINING, AND I DID FROM $9, AND NOW $20, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO HAVE IT.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

DENBINITA BALLANOS: I AM DENBINITA BALLANOS. AND I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 30 YEARS NOW. I SPENT MY TIME SERVING AMERICA, AND I KNOW THAT, AT MY SENIOR YEARS, SHE WILL TAKE CARE OF ME. AND NOW, I HAVE MY CHILD, I HAVE MY DAUGHTER, MARIANNE, AND SHE IS TAKING CARE OF ME 24/7. I PITY HER BECAUSE SHE -- SHE'S NOT -- SHE'S VERY AMBITIOUS, BUT SHE LIKES TO GO HARDER, BUT, BECAUSE OF TAKING CARE OF ME, SHE'S LIMITED NOW. THIS $20 THAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR WILL HELP US.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

MARIANNE MANALAN: SHE'S 94 YEARS OLD.

WILLIE MOORE: GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WILLIE MOORE. I'M A DEMOCRAT WITH OVER 50 YEARS OF TAXPAYING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU CAN'T HEAR ME? OKAY, LET ME TURN THIS UP A LITTLE BIT. I'M SPEAKING IN

GENERAL ON THE PLIGHT OF THE PAY ISSUE FOR S.E.I.U. 2015 AND THE SUBJECT OF -- AND THE AGENDA SUBJECT OF 32 AND 33. TRANSPARENCY HAS BEEN GIVEN IN REGARDS TO THIS PAY PLIGHT -- I MEAN HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN TO THIS PAY PLIGHT, BUT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO OTHERS AS WELL, AS YOURSELVES. AND -- PARDON ME. NO, NO, I'M OKAY. I SHOULD HAVE THREE MINUTES. MY TIME IS UP?

SPEAKER: HE'S SPEAKING ON 32 ON 33 OF THE AGENDA. [INDISCERNIBLE].

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HOLD ON. EXCUSE ME. HE HAS ANOTHER MINUTE COMING.

SUP. BARGER: SPEAK INTO THE MIC BECAUSE I CAN'T HEAR YOU. THERE.

WILLIE MOORE: OKAY, CAN I BE HEARD? OKAY. I'M WILLIE MOORE. I'M JUST SPEAKING IN GENERAL ON THE S.E.I.U. 2015, PAY ISSUE AND AGENDA 32 AND 33. CURRENTLY, I CARE FOR A DEMENTIA-RIDDEN SISTER, WHO IS HERE, AND THEN PART-TIME WITH A MOTHER WHO IS 92. AND WHEN I SAY THIS, WITH INFLATION BEING LIKE IT IS TODAY, WE ARE BELOW FAST FOOD WORKERS. THAT'S RIDICULOUS. YOU UNDERSTAND? AND WE HAVE BEEN TRANSPARENT ON OTHER ISSUES REGARDING THE BOARD AND OTHER ISSUES IN THIS TOWN, BUT THEN WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE EARNED TRANSPARENCY THAT WE HAVE EARNED.

WITH THAT, I PAUSE. I AM NOT GOING TO SPEND TOO MUCH MORE TIME, BUT WE NEED $25, YOU KNOW, NOT $20. THANK YOU.

EDDIE JUARTONO JOINER: MY NAME IS EDDIE JUARTONO JOINER, AND I WORK FOR THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 8 AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION SUPPORTS ITEM 8, WHICH WILL HIRE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS FROM OUR ORGANIZATION AND OUR PARTNERS AT HEALING DIALOGUE AND ACTION. WE WANT TO CLARIFY THAT IT SHOULD BE 12 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS FROM EACH ORGANIZATION WORKING AT BARRY J. NIDORF AND CAMP KILPATRICK. OUR FOUNDER STARTED MENTORING YOUTH IN 2003, WHO HE THEN FOLLOWED THROUGH INCARCERATION AND RELEASE. I WAS PERSONALLY MENTORED BY THE FOUNDER OF H.D.A. BACK IN 1992 WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED AS A JUVENILE. MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE WHO HAVE WORKED ON THEMSELVES, CHANGED, AND ARE NOW ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE ARE BEST EQUIPPED IN SKILLS AND RELIABILITY TO WORK WITH OUR SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH. WE URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THIS MOTION SO THAT OUR YOUTH HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO REDIRECT THEIR LIVES AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF SPEAKING BEFORE YOU AND FOR YOUR SERVICE. WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE --

SPEAKER: WILL HERMAN HERMAN, LINDA SHAW, SERILLA BECKETT, LAURA MINGS, CHLOE STRANGE, AND DECA MCCLAIN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKERS?

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

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS COUNCILWOMAN MARY ZENDEJAS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

MARY ZENDEJAS: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS COUNCILWOMAN MARY ZENDEJAS. I REPRESENT THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF LONG BEACH. I AM SPEAKING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 17 IN REQUESTING THAT

THERE BE A MORE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A. METRO. I THINK THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT IN ADDRESSING THE END OF THE LINE ISSUES THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING HERE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW IS THAT I THINK IT'S UNCOMPASSIONATE TO KICK OFF THE RIDERS AT THE END OF THE LINE AT 1:00 A.M. WHEN THERE ARE NO SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE RESOURCES OR SOMEWHERE FOR THEM TO GO. SO, I THINK THAT THAT IS VERY --

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

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

RICARDO TORRES: MY NAME IS RICARDO TORRES. ITEM 23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS RICARDO TORRES, AND I AM WITH THE DEPAUL U.S.A., WHICH IS A NATIONAL HOMELESS SERVICES NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INSPIRED BY [INDISCERNIBLE] VALUES LOCATED IN MACARTHUR PARK. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF LATINOS WHO ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY

ASSESS HOW GAPS IN ITS OWN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEM CAN RESULT IN INCREASED NUMBER OF LATINOS. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS ITEM 23 TO TURN THE TIDE ON THE INCREASING NUMBER OF LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PATRICIA MCPHERSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

PATRICIA MCPHERSON: HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

PATRICIA MCPHERSON: THIS IS PATRICIA MCPHERSON. YES, YOU CAN HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN.

PATRICIA MCPHERSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS PATRICIA MCPHERSON, GRASSROOTS COALITION. I HAVE BEEN WORKING TO

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, IN PARTICULAR THE BALLONA WETLANDS REGION. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP TODAY THAT THE BALLONA WETLANDS IS A REGIONAL AND A STATE ISSUE, AND WE'RE ASKING FOR THE SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT FOR FULFILLING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT. BALLONA HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AS A GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEM, AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. AND NEEDS TO HAVE A GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEM EVALUATION. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE IS PLANNING TO LOWER THE BALLONA AREA TO BELOW SEA LEVEL, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO HYDROLOGY STUDIES TO DETERMINE WHAT SALTWATER INTRUSION FROM THEIR ACTIVITIES WOULD PRODUCE. SO, WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN BRINGING ALL OF THE FRESHWATER AVAILABILITY, WHICH IS --

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

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

JORGE MARCIA: GOOD MORNING, ALL. I WILL BE DISCUSSING ITEM NUMBER 23, AND I WILL GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL. MY NAME IS JORGE MARCIA. I WORK FOR J.V.S.O. [INDISCERNIBLE] AND I'M

PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY'S -- [INDISCERNIBLE] NETWORK. WE HELP VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND SERVICE MEMBERS GET CONNECTED TO WHATEVER RESOURCES THEY ARE SEEKING. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF LATINOS WHO ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS ITEM 23 TO TURN THE TIDE ON THE INCREASING NUMBER OF LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND AGAIN, WE PROVIDE SERVICES FOR VETS, FAMILY MEMBERS, SERVICE MEMBERS IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3. THANK YOU.

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

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

KATHLEEN DEJERAS: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KATHLEEN DEJERAS IN THE 1ST DISTRICT. I'M A DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATE, AND I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM THE RECIPIENT OF IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS. ALTHOUGH I'M FAIRLY INDEPENDENT, THERE ARE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING WHICH I CANNOT PERFORM ON MY OWN. THUS, THIS IS WHERE I.H.S.S. IS A MUST FOR ME. WITHOUT I.H.S.S., MANY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY

WILL BE FORCED TO LIVE IN A NURSING FACILITY, UNABLE TO LIVE A LIFE WHICH THEY ARE ACCUSTOMED TO AND DESERVE. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE HAD FRIEND WHO WERE ON THE VERGE OF FORCED INTO A NURSING FACILITY AS THEIR CAREGIVERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND THEY CANNOT MANAGE ON THEIR OWN DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THEIR DISABILITY. SOME INDIVIDUALS DO NOT HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS TO FILL IN WHEN CAREGIVERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND SO BECOME STRANDED IN THEIR HOMES AND EVEN BEDS, WITH EVEN THEIR BASIC NEEDS GOING UNMET. THERE IS NOT A LARGE ENOUGH POOL OF AVAILABLE CAREGIVERS TO HIRE. AND A MAJOR REASON FOR THIS IS A LACK OF ADEQUATE COMPENSATION. FOR PROVIDERS TO BE PAID ONLY MINIMUM WAGE, IT IS AN ATROCITY. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES OTHERWISE SHOULD TRY TAKING THE JOB FOR A MONTH TO SEE IF THEY FEEL THAT MINIMUM WAGE IS INADEQUATE. I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RAISE I.H.S.S. WAGES TO $20 SO THAT CAREGIVERS CAN FINALLY GET PAID A MORE DECENT PAY RATE THAT THEY CERTAINLY DESERVE. IT IS TIME FOR THE DISABILTY COMMUNITY TO BE BETTER ACCOMODATED BY THE COUNTY, AND THIS WILL BE A GREAT STEP IN DOING SO. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

MARIA VELAZQUEZ: HELLO. HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME? OKAY. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIA LOURDES PAS VILLANUEVA CONCHOLLO VELAZQUEZ FROM S.E.I.U. 2015 DISTRICT 4 AND FROM THE FILIPINO

AMERICAN COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT S.E.I.U. 2015 ISSUE. IT'S TIME FOR $20 PER HOUR SALARY INCREASE FOR US PROVIDERS PUBLIC COMMENT. TO OUR COUNTY -- WHICH I URGE YOU TO APPROVE, TO OUR COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY TO MY DISTRICT 4 COUNTY SUPERVISOR, JANICE HAHN, AND STAFF, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I'M A VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS FOR THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION THANKING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE 4.5 MILLION FILIPINO AMERICAN NATIONALS AND ABOUT 2.5 MILLION OF US HERE IN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US CELEBRATE THIS MONTH OF OCTOBER OF OUR 435 YEARS OF EXISTENCE, THE FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND HERITAGE.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

MARIA VELAZQUEZ: I.H.S.S. I'M A PROVIDER FOR OVER 20 YEARS. TAKING CARE OF MY DISABLED SON --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YOUR ONE MINUTE HAS EXPIRED. YOUR ONE MINUTE IS UP.

PAUL ROCKWELL: HELLO, MY NAME IS PAUL ROCKWELL. I'M A TENANT AND A GENERAL MANAGER OF A PARK IN THE 5TH DISTRICT UNDER

KATHRYN BARGER. I'M ALSO JUST STATING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. A TRAVESTY IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN IN THIS STATE AND IN THIS COUNTY. PEOPLE THAT ARE THRIVING RIGHT NOW IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO LIVE IN IS ABOUT TO BE THROWN INTO A TAILSPIN WHERE HALF OF THE PARK HAS TO BE THROWN OUT INTO THE STREET, AND EVERYONE WILL BECOME HOMELESS. PEOPLE THAT ARE PROVIDED -- I WAS HERE THREE WEEKS AGO WITH THE KIDS AND TWO VETERANS. I'LL BE BACK NEXT WEEK AND THE WEEK AFTER THAT AND THE WEEK AFTER THAT WITH EVERY PERSON IN THIS PARK. THEY ALL FEEL THE SAME WAY. DUE TO REGULATIONS THAT ARE INANE AND HYPOTHETICAL, PROTECTING LAND THAT IS NOT BEING HARMED, AND PROTECTING A FISH THAT IS ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST THAT IS NOT IN OUR PARK ANYWHERE, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE THROWN INTO THE STREET FOR ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHATSOEVER.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

KENT MENDOZA: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M THE MANAGER OF THE ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AT THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 8 AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LOVE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO THIS BOARD TODAY. A.R.C. HAS BEEN MENTORING AND SUPPORTING YOUTH IN BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL EVEN BEFORE OUR ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED IN

2013, DATING BACK TO 2003 WHEN OUR FOUNDER STARTED VISITING AND MENTORING OUR MEMBERS, WHO THEN HE FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT THEIR INCARCERATION AND AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED. I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE'RE FINALLY GETTING CLOSER TO MAKING THIS A REAL THING OUR THERE IN L.A. COUNTY. FOR YEARS, A.R.C. HAS BEEN TRYING TO EXPAND OUR SERVICES INSIDE THESE FACILITIES. AND WE'RE HAPPY THAT WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO DOING THAT. WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OF AGE IN BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, THE FOUNDER OF A.R.C., SCOTT BUDNICK, WAS THE FIRST MENTOR THAT CAME INTO MY LIFE WHEN I WAS IN THE SYSTEM, WHEN THE SYSTEM LABELED ME A VERY SERIOUS OFFENDER. THEY CALLED ME ALL KINDS OF THINGS AT THAT TIME. SCOTT, MY MENTOR, BROUGHT OTHER YOUNG ADULTS INTO THE FACILITY, WHERE I SAW MYSELF THROUGH THEM, WHO ENCOURAGED ME TO CHANGE MY LIFESTYLE. IN D.J.J., IT WAS MENTORS LIKE THE ONE SCOTT BROUGHT INTO THESE FACILITIES, THE YOUNG ADULTS HE BROUGHT TO VISIT ME FROM THE AGES OF 17 TO 20 THAT INSPIRED ME TO DO BETTER AND ULTIMATELY HOLD MYSELF -- HELD MYSELF ACCOUNTABLE. IT WAS SEEING OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN MY SHOES HAD THE CREDIBILITY AND HAD THE TRANSFORMATION -- HAD TRANSFORMED THEMSELVES WHO INSPIRED, MOTIVATED, AND GIVE ME A BETTER HOPE FOR A LIFESTYLE, DESPITE THE SYSTEM DOING THE OPPOSITE. TODAY, AT 29 YEARS OF AGE, I'M STILL THAT SAME MENTOR -- I STILL HAVE THE SAME MENTOR THAT WAS ME AT 17. AND CREDIBLE MESSENGERS LIKE OUR A.R.C. MEMBERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE WHO WORK ON THEMSELVES AND MADE THE CHANGE IN THEIR

LIVES, WHO ARE ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEST UNDERSTAND THIS CULTURE ARE BEST EQUIPPED IN THE SKILLS AND RELIABILITY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS TO WORK WITH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION AND TO ENSURE THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS NUMBERS THAT ARE 12 PER ORGANIZATION. WE WANT TO ENSURE THERE IS REAL CAPACITY IN THESE FACILITIES. TWO IN THE MORNING. TWO AT NIGHT, ONE AT IN THE MORNINGS, ONE AT NIGHT ON THE WEEKENDS FOR EVERY FACILITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SPEAKER: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS, 15, MENTAL HEALTH, 17, H.H.H., 22, IRAN, 24, O.D. FENTANYL, 39, PUBLIC SAFETY, 1D, 2D, DEVELOPMENT, AND MY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. DO I GET THE CREDIT FOR THAT? YES OR NO, MADAM ATTORNEY? GREAT. SO WHAT I'VE CONCLUDED IN MY RESEARCH OF THE BROWN ACT THAT IS THE BODY SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FROM CRITICIZING THE POLITICS AND PROCEDURES AND PROGRAMS OR SERVICES OF THIS AGENCY. WELL, THERE'S BEEN MULTIPLE ISSUES HERE. NOT INVOLVING $20, HOW CAN YOU SUSTAIN YOURSELF IN A LIFE FOR $20 NOWADAYS? WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE S.E.I.U., HOW CAN YOU? AND THEN WE TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. YOU'LL NEVER SOLVE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM. I KNOW, EVEN I, THE WORST CRITIC IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZE AT CITY HALL TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND THE PROBLEM STILL GOES ON AND ON. THE POWERFUL OVERCONFIDENCE AND NARCISSISM OF THESE TRAITS CAUSED BY POLITICIANS THAT HAVE BACKFIRED BY YOUR

RACIST ISSUES AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR HOMES, THEIR ABILITY TO GET $40 AN HOUR SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO BEG YOU, BEG YOU FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY. BUT I, WITH MY PASSION AND CONTROL OF HEART, COME HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL RESIDENTS, ALL ANGELENOS, ALL BLACK AND WHITES, ALL ASIAN AMERICANS BECAUSE I'M NOT A RACIST. I FIGURED IT OUT, BEING IN THE DARK, THAT I'M NOT A RACIST BECAUSE THAT RACIST ISSUE ALL COMES BACK TO WHY WE STILL SEE HOMELESSNESS ON OUR STREETS TODAY AND WHY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HAS SUBJECTED ME TO SO MUCH STRESS. WHY DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH STRESS THROUGH THE L.A.C. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY? WHAT HAVE I DONE WRONG TO YOU? IF YOU WANT ME OUT OF YOUR BUSINESS, THEN PAY ATTENTION. THE OUTCRY OF THE PEOPLE COMES THROUGH THE VOICE OF ONE PERSON, ONE HERO. WHO COULD IT BE? SO, IN MY CONCLUSION OF ALL MY FACTS, BASED ON TRUE DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS, EVEN THE TRUE 5TH DISTRICT KNOWS AS SHE DEFEATED MITCHELL ENGLANDER FOR THE RECORD UNDER CASE 220 C.R. 3005 J.F.W.1Y BECAUSE ENGLANDER IS A CRIMINAL OF L.A.'S CORRUPTION. FOR THE RECORD, WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY PUBLICATIONS?

SPEAKER: I'LL TAKE THEM.

SPEAKER: NOW, DO I GET MY ONE NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NO, YOU HAD YOUR TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES. WE THANK YOU. YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR DOCUMENTS TO STAFF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?

SPEAKER: WILL --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I WILL REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT WE ASK YOU NOT TO WASTE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT TIME BY APPLAUDING. IF YOU SUPPORT, WAVE YOUR HANDS. IF YOU OPPOSE, THUMBS DOWN. IT TAKES AWAY YOUR TIME FROM YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT OF 90 MINUTES. NEXT MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKER: WILL AARON ADAM, LORRAINE QUINONES, SARATHIN LEON, VANCE QUINONES, DR. CREDICO TRUTHBAY, AND ROSA SANCHEZ PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT REMOTE SPEAKERS?

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

ELIZABETH ALLEN: HI. I'M ELIZABETH ALLEN, I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 47B. I LEARNED ABOUT THIS JUST FROM A GOOGLE ALERT AND LOOKING AT A NEWS CLIP. I WORK FOR EMERGENT BIOSOLUTIONS, THE

MAKERS OF NARCAN NASAL SPRAY, AND I WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION PROJECT, THE N.D.P. FOR SHORT. SO I HELP GOVERNMENT AGENCIES APPLY FOR FREE NARCAN. AND LIBRARIES ARE ELIGIBLE ENTITIES TO APPLY FOR FREE NARCAN THROUGH D.H.C.S. I WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THAT, JUST IN CASE YOU WEREN'T. I JUST HELPED MANY, MANY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA APPLY FOR FREE NARCAN, INCLUDING L.A.U.S.D. I HAPPEN TO LIVE HERE, SO I JUST WANTED TO OFFER MY ASSISTANCE. I SPOKE WITH ALICIA AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND SHE HAS MY PHONE NUMBER AND MY EMAIL ADDRESS. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS STATE PROGRAM IN CASE YOU WEREN'T AND TO OFFER MY ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

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

ELIZABETH ALLEN: I THINK THAT'S IT.

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

LORI WALKER: HI, I'M LORI WALKER. I'M ADDRESSING - I JUST LOST MY NOTEBOOK, I BELIEVE ON 24 IN SUPPORT OF SOLIS'S PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS THE DRUG EPIDEMIC, PANDEMIC. OBVIOUSLY, I'M IN

SUPPORT OF THAT. THERE'S ANOTHER ONE I WANTED TO SUPPORT, 22, HELPING ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN IRAN. AND I -- THERE'S ANOTHER ONE. I'M SO SORRY I LOST MY NOTEBOOK WAITING ALMOST TWO HOURS, BUT I WILL ADD A PUBLIC COMMENT, SINCE I WILL NOT FIND MY NOTEBOOK IN TIME. I'M WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE A.C.T. I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF LEGAL REDRESS AND HOUSING. THE PAST FEW YEARS, I'VE BEEN DOING A BIT OF CASE STUDY RESEARCH --

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

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

BUHMET SHAW: YES, I'M --

INTERPRETER: YES, I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS BUHMET SHAW, I'M A CONSTITUENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES AND AN ADVOCATE FOR THIS COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO CALL ON OUR LOCAL LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE HOME CARE CRISIS. WE NEED TO ADDRESS ALONGSIDE THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND HEALTH CARE CRISIS, THERE'S A HOME CARE CRISIS. WHEN YOU CAN MAKE $17 AN HOUR WORKING AT TARGET, BUT

YOU ONLY MAKE $15 AN HOUR WORKING AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE, THERE'S A PROBLEM. WE AS A COMMUNITY FOUGHT FOR 50 YEARS TO GET OUT OF INSTITUTIONS SO WE CAN BE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND SO WE CAN BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST UNDERREPRESENTED VOTING BLOCKS, AND WE URGE THE COUNTY TO REVISE THE BUDGET TO RAISE WAGES TO $20 AN HOUR FOR HOME CARE WORKERS.

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

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

GENESIS CORONADO: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GENESIS CORONADO. I AM CALLING WITH THE OFFICE OF [INDISERNIBLE] AT LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SPEAK ON ITEM 24 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING EPIDEMIC OF OVERDOSES THAT ARE ALL TOO COMMON IN OUR YOUTH, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED IS WORKING TO ENSURE THAT NOT ANOTHER

STUDENT IN OUR COMMUNITY IS A VICTIM TO THE GROWING OPIOID EPIDEMIC. MOST RECENTLY, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROVIDE NARCAN AND DEVELOP TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES UNIFIED IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING A SAFETY TASKFORCE, PEER TO PEER COUNSELING, AND EXTENSIVE FAMILY-ACADEMY PROGRAMMING TO REACH DISPARATE COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT RECOGNIZES THIS CRISIS CANNOT BE SOLVED IN A SILO AND THEREFORE EXPRESSES OUR SUPPORT FOR A CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES AND PUTTING AN END TO THIS CRISIS. L.A.U.S.D. RESPECTFULLY URGES YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SCOTLAND CARTER: HI, MY NAME IS SCOTLAND CARTER. I'M CALLING TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 17 AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 17 STARTS WITH THE FACT THAT THE SCOPE OF HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. IS INCREASING WITH 70%

OF 70,000 UNHOUSED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY REMAINING UNSHELTERED. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO PASS THE MOTION WHICH WILL EXPLORE WAYS TO CONNECT UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGH NAVIGATION HUBS AND AN EFFORT TO MITIGATE THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND PROVIDE SHELTER FOR MORE PEOPLE. IF THE COUNTY ULTIMATELY DECIDES TO SET UP A HOMELESS TASKFORCE, AN IDEA THAT THIS MOTION PROPOSES, LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NOT PLAY A ROLE IN IT. HOMELESSNESS SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NOT BE TACKLED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OR L.A.S.D., WHICH CRIMINALIZES UNHOUSED PEOPLE AND THROWS THEM IN JAIL FOR SURVIVAL CRIMES. THE SOLUTION LIES IN AFFORDABLE PERMANENT HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS. LAW ENFORCEMENT DEALS WITH HOMELESSNESS THROUGH ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENT, WHICH ONLY PERPETUATES THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS AND LEAVES MORE PEOPLE UNHOUSED AND UNSHELTERED. AS FAR AS MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I BELIEVE THAT INCARCERATION IS DEADLY. PEOPLE ARE DYING OF COVID IN OVERCROWDED PRISON CONDITIONS. I DON'T THINK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DONE ENOUGH TO ENSURE THAT PRISONS AND JAILS ARE SAFE, AND ITS PRIORITY WILL NOT BE PLACED ON SAFETY OF PRISONERS IN JAILS AS THESE PUTTING COMMUNITY AND PREVENTIVE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MOST PEOPLE AND POPULATIONS THAT WOULD BE INCARCERATED, SUCH AS PEOPLE OF COLOR, WHO ARE

MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO THIS KIND OF INTERACTION WITH THE STATE. I BELIEVE THAT INCARCERATION --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

LINDA: HI, MY NAME IS LINDA, AND I'M SPEAKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WAS HERE LAST -- I WAS HERE AT THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING, AND I'M HERE AGAIN BECAUSE NOTHING HAS CHANGED AND MORE OF THEM -- MORE THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE IN THE R.V. PARK ARE GOING TO GET KICKED OUT. AND I HAVE TO BE IN SCHOOL, AND I NEED A STABLE HOME. THANK YOU.

CHLOE: HI, MY NAME IS CHLOE, AND I'M SPEAKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WAS HERE LAST TIME BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO SAVE MY HOME. I AM MISSING SCHOOL TO BE HERE, NOT BECAUSE I WAS TOLD TO, BUT BECAUSE OF MY CHOICE. IT'S HARD TO SEE PEOPLE PACKING UP AND STRESSING ON WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO, INCLUDING MY FAMILY. ONLY 2% OF THE PEOPLE OR LESS HAVE A NEW R.V., BUT THE REST WILL BE KICKED TO THE STREETS OR ON SANTA CLARITA CANYON. I CAN'T EVEN PLAY OUTSIDE WITHOUT SEEING PEOPLE STRESSED. SO PLEASE HELP. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MY SAFE HOME. THANK YOU.

SARIA: HI, MY NAME IS SARIA, AND I'M SPEAKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'VE BEEN AT THIS R.V. PARK FOR THREE YEARS. I HAVE A SINGLE MOM, WHO WORKS FULL-TIME AS A NURSE. WHEN ME AND MY FOUR SIBLINGS MOVED HERE, WE HAD NOTHING BUT A TENT, WHICH WE GOT A BIGGER ONE FROM THE MANAGERS, PAULY AND AARON. FROM THERE, THE PARK HELPED US GET AN R.V. WE'RE ABOUT TO GET AN EVEN NICER ONE. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE GENEROSITY AND LOVE FROM MY COMMUNITY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE. I THOUGHT -- - THE THOUGHT OF MY R.V. PARK SPLITTING UP IS HEARTBREAKING. MY MOM WORKS REALLY HARD TO GET ME INTO THE SCHOOL I'M IN TO PLAY MY SPORT THAT I LOVE, VOLLEYBALL. I WANT TO STAY HERE UNTIL COLLEGE. THERE'S NO COMMUNITY LIKE THIS ONE. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: I'M DOING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, BASICALLY, WE'RE AWARE THAT OUR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ONLY WAS FOR 47 SPACES. WE'RE ALSO AWARE THAT WE HAVE ALMOST TWICE THAT NUMBER OF R.V.S. BUT PEOPLE CAME TO US DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND THEY WERE SCARED, AND IT WAS UNCERTAIN TIMES, SO WE PROVIDED A HOME FOR THEM BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THAT, YOU KNOW, THE OWNER THOUGHT WHEN THE TIME CAME THAT WE WOULD BE DEALING WITH, LIKE, RATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES THAT WOULD JUST TELL US WHAT WE HAD TO DO TO GET IN COMPLIANCE SO THAT WE WOULD ALL BE ABLE TO STAY, BUT WE'RE BEING TOLD THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. FOR EVERY PROBLEM, THERE'S A SOLUTION. SO THERE'S GOT TO BE -- THERE'S MULTIPLE SOLUTIONS. SO, THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY,

SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO AT LEAST SO WE CAN ALL STAY. RIGHT NEXT TO US, THERE'S TWO R.V. PARKS, AND THEY EACH HAVE 400 R.V.S. WE DON'T HAVE 100. WE HAVE MAYBE LIKE 100 R.V.S RIGHT NOW. SO WHAT IS IT THAT WE NEED TO DO SO NONE OF US HAVE TO LEAVE? THERE'S GOT TO BE A SOLUTION. OKAY. THANK YOU.

LAURA MINGEZ: MY NAME IS LAURA MINGEZ. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M A SOCIAL WORKER. I'M A MEMBER OF HAND IN HAND, AND I HAVE USED I.H.S.S. SINCE THE AGE OF 18. EARLIER THIS MONTH, I SHARED MY STORY WITH YOU ABOUT THE LOSS OF MY MOTHER AND THE STRUGGLES THAT FOLLOWED. TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, THOSE STRUGGLES INCLUDED BREAKING MY BACK, LIFE-THREATENING SEPSIS, AND A DANGEROUS STOMACH INFECTION DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANT CARE. I'M BACK TODAY TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR VOICING YOUR SUPPORT AND LISTENING TO US SO WELL LAST TIME. I'M HERE TO AMPLIFY MY VOICE WITH THAT OTHER OF I.H.S.S. RECIPIENTS, WORKERS, AND ALLIES WHO ARE SPEAKING UP TODAY. I'M ALSO HERE TO ASK YOU TO RAISE WAGES FOR I.H.S.S. HOME CARE PROVIDERS. I ALSO WANT TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT ME IN MY HOME TO TRULY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HOME CARE. THANK YOU.

SERAPHINE LEON: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SERAPHINE LEON, AND I'M WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AS A LIFE COACH AND A CREDIBLE MESSENGER, AND I'M HERE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 8

AND ALSO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 8, A.R.C. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO MENTOR TO AND PROVIDE THE SPACE FOR TREATMENT AND HEALING FOR OUR YOUTH AT B.J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL AND CAMP KILPATRICK. I WAS ONCE INCARCERATED AS A MINOR. BACK THEN, FOR WHATEVER REASONS I HARBORED IN MY RECKLESS AND IRRATIONAL MIND, I HAD NO RESPECT OR REGARD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AUTHORITY. WHILE INCARCERATED, I MET FORMERLY INCARCERATED MENTORS, ALSO KNOWN AS CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, WHO HAD A HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY WAY OF THINKING. IT CHANGED MY LIFE FOR THE BETTER. IT WAS THE CATALYST FOR MY PERSONAL GROWTH AND REHABILITATION TO THE POINT WHERE I WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO MY COMMUNITY AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AND LEADER. SO, A.R.C. STRONGLY URGES THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF AT LEAST A DOZEN CREDIBLE MESSENGERS FOR EACH OF THE TWO CONTRACTED ORGANIZATIONS, ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AND HEALING DIALOGUE IN ACTION. A TOTAL OF 24 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS IS A REASONABLE NUMBER BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW FOR TWO CREDIBLE MESSENGERS TO BE STAFFED IN EACH OF THE SEVERAL LODGES OF EACH FACILITY DURING BOTH A.M. AND P.M. SHIFTS. WE ARE READY TO ENTER JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES AND BE THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS FOR OUR DETAINED YOUTH AND HELP THEM RETURN SAFELY BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AS BETTER PEOPLE, AS IT WAS DONE WITH ME. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

LORRAINE QUINONES: MY NAME IS LORRAINE QUINONES, AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 25. I'M LORRAINE QUINONES, AS I SAID, CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 1 IN EAST L.A. WE LIVE OFF OF HISTORIC WHITTIER BOULEVARD. I'M A MOM OF THREE, WIFE, AND EDUCATOR. THERE'S AN INJUSTICE LIVING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DIRECTLY IMPACTS OUR FAMILY AND MANY OTHERS. CRUISING IS A HEALTHY AND MENTAL HEALTH EXERCISE EXPERIENCE. CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME. IT'S FAMILY TIME, COMMUNITY TIME. WHITTIER BOULEVARD IS THE FOUNTAINHEAD OF CRUISING AND LOW RIDER HISTORY. A.C.R. 176. IT IS TIME TO GIVE BACK TO THE LOW RIDER COMMUNITY. HONOR CRUISING AND WHITTIER BOULEVARD AND RETURN THE RIGHT TO CRUISE AND REPEAL THE RACIST ORDINANCE. THE ANTI-CRUISING ORDINANCE IS HYPOCRITICAL TO THE BOULEVARD AND A LOUD DISPLAY OF SYSTEMIC RACISM. OVER 5,990 SIGNED MY PETITION ON CHANGE.ORG, WHO AGREE THAT THE ORDINANCE MUST BE REPEALED. THOUSANDS STAND IN SOLIDARITY FROM L.A., EAST L.A., SAN JOSE, SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, NATIONAL CITY, SANTA ANA, ORANGE COUNTY, SANTA ROSA, MODESTO, BAKERSFIELD, INLAND EMPIRE, AND WORLDWIDE. REPEAL THE ORDINANCE. CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME.

VICENTE QUINONES: I'M VICENTE QUINONES. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 25. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1 IN EAST L.A. I'M A TAX PAYING CITIZEN. WE MUST REPEAL THE ANTI-CRUISING ORDINANCE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR MAKING THE MOTION. THE RACIST

ORDINANCE MUST GO. WE EXPERIENCE RACISM DUE TO THIS ORDINANCE IN DISTRICT 1 AND 4. I CALL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REPEAL THAT ANTI-CRUISING ORDINANCE AND TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO SUPPORT CRUISING BECAUSE IT'S OUR CULTURE AND AMERICAN RIGHT. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AT LEAST THREE CLEAR EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMIC RACISM WHILE DRIVING ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD BY EAST L.A. SHERIFFS WHILE CRUISING OUR CLASSIC CAR, AND OTHER AS WELL WITH CITATIONS AND IMPOUNDING. CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME. REPEAL THE RACIST ORDINANCE AND STOP THE DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME. CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME. THE ESTABLISHMENT WILL NEVER STOP ME AND MINE. CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, WILL MARIA SEBRIAN, MARINA REYES, MARIA ORTEGA. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER?

DR. TRUTHBAY: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. TRUTHBAY. I'M A HOUSING NAVIGATOR. MANY OF YOU HAVE KNOWN ME PREVIOUSLY BEFORE. I'VE BEEN IN THESE COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR THE LAST DECADE TRYING TO FIGHT FOR HOMELESSNESS, YOUTH PREVENTIONS THROUGH THE KINGDOM WARRIORS FOUNDATION. I FIRST WANT TO COMPLIMENT SONGHAI ARMSTEAD FOR THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DIVISION, WHATEVER THAT MEANS. HOPEFULLY, SHE'LL DO A GOOD JOB AND THAT BLACK PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A VOICE THEN. I WANT TO ADDRESS AGENDA 22, 23, 17, 17 AND 23

PARTICULARLY WITH L.A.H.S.A., THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY. WHY ARE WE STILL HOLDING ON TO IT? L.A.H.S.A. RETURNED $150 MILLION TO H.U.D. WHO DO YOU THINK HELPED INVESTIGATE THAT? IT WAS BLACK PEOPLE WHO WERE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO WERE TIRED OF NOT BEING AT THE TABLE. SO WHEN YOU HAD YOUR BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WITH MARY CONWAY WICKHAM, KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, WHO SUCCESSFULLY DROWNED OUT THE VOICES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUCCESSFULLY, BECAUSE YOU RETIRED KATHLEEN AUSTRIA INSTEAD OF HOLDING HER TO THE FIRE. YOU'RE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, MISS MITCHELL, KWAME TORRE SIMMONS, WE EVEN EMAILED HIM TO BE PART OF THAT BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION BOARD. AND YOU SAID NO. NOW YOU HAVE AN AGENDA TO HELP LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS? WHAT IS THAT? I GOT AN EMAIL LAST NIGHT AND OTHERS STATING THAT L.A.H.S.A. IS HAVING A VIRTUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 17TH TO DISCUSS HOW THEY CAN HELP LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO WHAT ARE YOU TELLING ME ABOUT THE BLACK HOMELESS, THE WHITE HOMELESS, THE ASIANS WHO ARE HOMELESS? YOU'RE SAYING THAT THEY DON'T MATTER? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO DIFFERENTLY THAT IS GOING TO JUMP START SOLVING HOMELESSNESS NOW THAT YOU'RE PUTTING LATINOS IN THE FOREFRONT? WE NEED YOU TO STOP USING THE RACE CARD TO TRY TO SOLVE NOTHING BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T DONE NOTHING. WHY DO PEOPLE HAVE TO COME HERE FOR A WHOLE YEAR TO ASK FOR $20 AN HOUR? $20 AN HOUR FOR A WHOLE YEAR WHILE SOME OF YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE EATING THE BEST MEALS, GOING TO THE BEST SCHOOLS. YOU HAVE

NO PROBLEM SURVIVING, BUT CONSTITUENTS, L.A. CONSTITUENTS CAN'T EVEN GET $20 AN HOUR? SO I'M ASKING RIGHT NOW TO CUT THE CHECK, THE $150 MILLION, A FIVE-LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM EACH OF YOU SUPERVISORS TO H.U.D. TO RETURN BACK THE FUNDING SO WE CAN ACTUALLY HOUSE THE HOMELESS. WE WANT EQUITY. I WANT EQUITY.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

DR. TRUTHBAY: BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTH. L.A. I HAVE NO ONE REPRESENTING YOU. NOT YOU, NOT KAREN BASS, NOT MAXINE WATERS, NOT FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS. NONE OF YOU BLACK LOOKING FACES ARE DOING NOTHING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. I APPRECIATE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

DR. TRUTHBAY: I HOPE YOUR TIME WILL BE EXPIRED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

DR. TRUTHBAY: HERE YOU GO. CAN YOU HAND IT TO THEM? IF THEY CAN READ --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE

DECA MCCLAIN: MY NAME IS DECA MCCLAIN. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 18, 19, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M HONORED TO SAY I SIT ON THE COMMISSION OF DISABILITIES OF L.A. COUNTY APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. TODAY, AS I SPEAK TO YOU, I'M NOT SPEAKING AS DECA MCCLAIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BUT AS DECA MCCLAIN, A CHANGE AGENT ADVOCATE AND AN IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CONSUMER MYSELF. I'M REPRESENTING HAND IN HAND AND S.E.I.U. 2015. FOR SOME REASON, I WAS ASKED TO COME BACK BECAUSE I SPOKE ALREADY THIS MONTH ON MY BIRTHDAY. AND I WAS ASKED TO COME BACK. I WONDER WHY. TODAY AS I SPEAK TO YOU -- OH, LET ME BACK UP. ON ITEM 19, I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE MUST PRIORITIZE INVESTING IN HOME CARE, NOT IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE. BACK IN THE DAY, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WERE PUT INTO INSTITUTIONS. AND WE TRULY, TRULY CANNOT GO BACK TO THAT. WE WILL NOT GO BACK TO THAT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 18. I SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE WORLD POLIO DAY. RECOGNIZING AND RAISING AWARENESS AROUND DISABILITY IS IMPORTANT. FUNDING THE SERVICES WE NEED AS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IS EVEN MORE ESSENTIAL. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR VOICING YOUR FULL SUPPORT OF RAISING WAGES TO $20 AN HOUR AND FOR SHARING THE ROLE OF HOW CAREGIVING HAS PLAYED A PART IN YOUR LIFE. SOMETIMES, WE JUST CAN'T -- WE JUST CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT. WE HAVE TO BE ABOUT IT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. SO, YOU SHARING YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IS WONDERFUL, SUPERVISOR JANICE

HAHN. I WANT TO THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR VOICING YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE SUPERVISORS WHO MIGHT BE UNDECIDED AND HAVEN'T MADE UP THEIR MIND. I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY TALK TO YOU TODAY. I'M FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN I.H.S.S. WORKER, NOT AS MY BLOOD FAMILY MEMBER, BUT SHE'S FAMILY TO ME. NOT ONLY IS SHE MY FAMILY TO ME, SHE'S MY MENTOR. SHE IS MY BIGGEST SUPPORT SYSTEM. SHE ALLOWS ME TO STAY AT HOME AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES I NEED SO THAT I DON'T END UP IN A CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. THIS IS WHY I.H.S.S. WORKERS ARE IMPORTANT. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL. THAT'S WHY THEY DESERVE THE $20 RAISE. IT'S NOT A LOT, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE NOW. WE ARE ALREADY DEALING WITH A SHORTAGE OF I.H.S.S. WORKERS, BUT WE WANT TO KEEP PAYING THEM MINIMUM WAGE. HELLO, THAT COULD BE ONE OF THE REASON WE'RE HAVING A SHORTAGE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT PAYING THEM ENOUGH. SUPERVISORS, WE NEED YOU. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. WE NEED YOU TO NOT JUST TALK ABOUT IT. WE NEED YOU TO BE ABOUT IT. WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF A SOLUTION AND NOT THE PROBLEM. THIS IS NOT A LUXURY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THIS IS A NECESSITY. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ROSA SANCHEZ: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M ROSA SANCHEZ, AND I'M A HOME CARE PROVIDER FOR NINE YEARS, AND I WORK AT I.H.S.S. I TAKE CARE OF MY SON. I BELONG TO DISTRICT 5 OF KATHRYN BARGER. I AM HERE DEMANDING BECAUSE WHEN YOU ALL WANTED TO SIT IN THAT SEAT, I WALKED, AND I DIDN'T CARE. I WALKED UP AND DOWN THE STREETS, NOT CARING ABOUT THE SUN OR THE HEAT, SO THAT YOU CAN SIT IN THAT SEAT, AND YOU CAN HAVE THAT. IT'S BEEN A YEAR. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IN THAT YEAR WE'RE STILL MAKING $16 AN HOUR? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE. I'M A HOME CARE WORKER. WE'RE FRONTLINE WORKERS. I'M TAKING CARE -- I WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE COUNTY. HOW -- AND NOW, WE HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS THAT GO INTO OUR HOMES. THEY'RE NOT IN OUR HOMES. THEY DON'T SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. THEY DON'T SEE THE DIFFERENCE. THEY GIVE US AN HOUR. THEY GIVE US AN HOUR. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH 40 HOURS, 40 HOURS? I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY HOME. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THIS? THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

MARIA ORTEGAS: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARIA ORTEGAS, AND I ALSO REPRESENT THIS COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS. I HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO IS 29 YEARS OLD WHO HAS CEREBRAL PALSY, AND SHE CAN'T MOVE. AND TWO YEARS AGO, MY HUSBAND ALSO HAD AN ACCIDENT, AND HE IS NOW DISABLED FOR LIFE. IT'S DEPLORABLE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS UPSETTING THAT YOU HAVE US

GO THROUGH THIS. IT'S DISAPPOINTING THAT YOU ASK US, YOU ASK US FOR A VOTE AND TO BE HERE. TRULY, WE SUPPORT YOU. IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT'S -- IT'S SURPRISING TO ME. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WE'RE HERE ASKING YOU -- ASKING YOU TO RAISE OUR WAGE FOR $20, AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LISTEN TO US WHILE WE'RE BEGGING YOU. I WAS AT HOME, TOO, FOR TWO YEARS. FOR TWO YEARS, I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

INTERPRETER: ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT IF YOU WOULD PAY FOR $16 AND HOUR, WOULD YOU PAY $16 SO THEY CAN CLEAN -- CLEAN YOUR FECES AND ALL THAT? THINK ABOUT OUR SOCIETY.

MARIA SEBRIAN: [SPEAKING SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA SEBRIAN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 3, AND THAT IS SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I HAVE BEEN A HOME CARE WORKER FOR 22 YEARS. I HAVE A CHILD -- A DAUGHTER WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS, AND I HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF HER. SHE'S 40 YEARS OLD. AND I CAME TO THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR HELPING US MOVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE C.E.O. FOR THE HOME CARE WORKERS. WE'RE ALSO ASKING NOT JUST ONE BUT ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION TO GET OUR CONTRACTS SIGNED. DON'T TAKE YOUR TIME. DON'T HAVE THOSE

CONVERSATIONS. IT'S TIME FOR $20. IT'S TIME FOR ACTION. I'M ALSO A CANCER SURVIVOR. I'M A MOTHER. I'M A CANCER SURVIVOR. IT'S TIME FOR US TO GET CHANGE. SO, I'M JUST GOING TO LEAVE YOU A LITTLE MATH PROBLEM RIGHT NOW. I'M 59 YEARS OLD, AND I ALSO HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY DAUGHTER. SO, HOW CAN YOU PAY RENT FOR $16 AN HOUR, YOUR BILLS, AND ANYTHING OF THAT? PLEASE PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES AND SEE IF YOU CAN AFFORD ALL THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR ALLOTTED AND AGENDIZED 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL FOR COMING TO PARTICIPATE. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THAT ADDRESSED THE BOARD. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING ON TODAY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 7 THROUGH 16, 18 THROUGH 21, 25 THROUGH 32, 34. ON ITEM 35, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE THIS ITEM TO BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022 INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022.

36 THROUGH 46. 47A, 47C THROUGH 47E. 50 THROUGH 59. 1D AND 2D. 1P AND 1R.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I MEAN I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 35 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, DETERMINE AND LEVY ON AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE 2023 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM

TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 6 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER P.R.J.2021-003909 1-5 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CORRECTING DISCREPANCIES AND TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, CLARIFYING PROVISIONS, REFORMATTING, REORGANIZING SECTIONS, AND ENSURING CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW AND OTHER COUNTY REGULATIONS. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6 ONLY. AGAIN, ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6 ONLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6 AT THIS TIME. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6 SHALL CALL 877-692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE

NUMBER 4433663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE WILL ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM OR TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE

SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE THE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SPEAKER: WILL MARINA REYES, DR. CORDICO TRUTHBAY, AND HERMAN HERMAN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER?

MODERATOR: THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL RETURN TO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: TO ENSURE WE ALLOW THE FULL FIVE MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT -- OH, WE HAVE A PERSON -- FORGIVE ME. I DIDN'T SEE YOU. SO AGAIN, THIS IS ON PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6. GO AHEAD.

DR. TRUTHBAY: OKAY. SO I DIDN'T HAVE MY 1 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT AS I CAME EARLIER TO SPEAK. SO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PLAN --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO LET ME CLARIFY THAT THIS PUBLIC COMMENT TIME IS ONLY FOR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6 ONLY. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WAS THE FIRST GO-AROUND.

DR. TRUTHBAY: I DIDN'T GET GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THAT'S WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR. YOU GUYS DENIED ME THAT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SO, HOW MUCH TIME WERE YOU GIVEN THE FIRST TIME YOU SPOKE?

DR. TRUTHBAY: THEY GAVE ME TWO MINUTES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND YOU SPOKE ON?

DR. TRUTHBAY: AGENDAS 22, 23, AND 17.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SO, YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR ADDITIONAL MINUTE. SO, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU 1 MINUTE. AGAIN, PLEASE BE CLEAR THAT THIS IS RESERVED FOR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6. BECAUSE WE HAVE EXTRA TIME, WE'LL GIVE YOU THE 1 MINUTE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. FAIR ENOUGH?

DR. TRUTHBAY: OKAY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: 1 MINUTE.

DR. TRUTHBAY: OKAY. SO, PARTICULARLY AS I WAS FINISHING UP, MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE LAST DECADE PRESENTING PAPERWORK CONCERNING HOUSING FOR L.A. COUNTY. THE KINGDOM WARRIORS FOUNDATION HAS NOT ONLY BEEN DENIED, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SLANDERED AND SMEARED THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY NOT ONLY WASTED $150 MILLIONS THAT WE'RE REQUESTING FOR YOU TO RETURN, ACCOUNT NUMBER 325137951040, ROUTING NUMBER 12100358. WE'RE REQUESTING A PUBLIC C.O.C. C.F.D.I. ACCOUNT FOR THIS $150 MILLION TO BE RETURNED BACK SO WE CAN ACTUALLY BUILD THE HOUSING PROJECTS WITH RICK CARUSO. WE WANT RICK CARUSO AS MAYOR BECAUSE HONESTLY, WE'RE TIRED OF THIS PAY TO PLAY SCHEME, AND THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION. AS A BLACK WOMEN WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH HOUSING THE HOMELESS, I WANT TO BE AT THE TABLE TO MAKE THE DECISIONS TO HELP HOUSE THE HOMELESS. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IN WESTMONT WHERE I LIVE, MISS MITCHELL. WE HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING DONE. I'M ASKING TO NOT HAVE MY VOICE OR MY WORK BE SNUFFED OUT THIS TIME AROUND. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. SO, AGENDA NUMBER 3 --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SO, NO. YOU HAD 1 MINUTE TO DO PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR 1 MINUTE IS EXPIRED.

DR. TRUTHBAY: I APPRECIATE IT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YOU'RE WELCOME. ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HERE TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 6? TO ENSURE WE ALLOW THE FULL FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CALL-IN LINE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:46. AND WE'LL TAKE ANY OTHER CALLERS THAT COME IN BY THAT TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. PLEASE STAND BY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ADDRESSED THE BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3, 4, AND 6, FOLLOWED BY SET MATTER 1, THEN AGENDA ITEMS 17, 22, 23, THEN ITEMS 24 AND 47B, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 33. LET'S TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3. HEARING ON LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 35 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. DIRECTOR PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR REMARKS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS, AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON TO ITEM 4, HEARING ON THE 2023 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE. NORMA GARCIA GONZALEZ IS HEAR AVAILABLE FOR

QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 6, HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER P.R.J. 2021-003909 1-5 FOR THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE. DIRECTOR BODEK OF REGIONAL PLANNING IS AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. HEARING AND SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTUALLY VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, THIS IS OUR SET MATTER 1. WE'LL HEAR PRESENTATION FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MS. DAVENPORT, DR. SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.D.I. AND DIRECTOR KRISTIN SAKODA, DIRECTOR OF OUR ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: GOOD MORNING, BOARD AND MADAM CHAIR. I SEE DR. SCORZA IS TAKING HIS SEAT. SO, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO HIM SO HE CAN GET STARTED PROMPTLY. AND I SEE WE HAVE THE POWER POINT ON THE SCREEN.

DR. SCORZA: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU THIS MORNING. TODAY'S PRESENTATION WILL DISCUSS OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH TRANCHE 1 AND 2 OF OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPENDING PLANS. DURING THIS TRANSITION, WE WILL PROVIDE LAUNCH DATES AND EXPENDITURES FOR PROGRAMS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED UNDER PHASE ONE OF THE SPENDING PLAN, WHILE ALSO DISCUSSING THE STATUS OF PROJECT DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEWLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN PHASE TWO. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE, THIS LIVE PREVIEW IS OF TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I WILL BEGIN BY HIGHLIGHTING OUR CURRENT PROGRESS, INCLUDING PROJECT LAUNCH DATES AND SPENDING FOR TRANCHE ONE PROJECTS. NEXT, I WILL PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW OF NEWLY FUNDED PROJECTS THROUGH TRANCHE TWO AND BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PROJECT TRACKING AND REPORTING PORTAL DESIGNED TO ENSURE MORE TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT PROJECT REPORTING FOR TRANCHE TWO A.R.P. FUNDED PROJECTS, AS WELL AS OUR PUBLIC-FACING DASHBOARD. I WILL ALSO SPEND SOME TIME SHARING WITH YOU OUR ONGOING COMMUNICATION OUTREACH EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO A.R.P. CONTRACTING AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER STIMULATE THE COVID-19 RECOVERY AS WELL AS ENSURE WE'RE GETTING FUNDS TO COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY'RE NEEDED MOST. FINALLY, KRISTIN SAKODA, DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT ON THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT

ON THE NONPROFIT ARTS COMMUNITY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S A.R.P. FUNDED CREATIVE RECOVERY L.A. PROGRAM. AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, ALL 83 PROJECTS FUNDED DURING TRANCHE ONE HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS AND RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR THEIR PROGRAMS. THIS MEANS THAT 100% OF THE TOTAL PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN ALLOCATION OF $975 MILLION IS APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND LAUNCH. OF THE 83 APPROVED PROJECTS TO DATE, 38 HAVE LAUNCHED WITH PROJECTS ALSO SCHEDULED TO LAUNCH BY THE END OF OCTOBER, AND THERE AN ADDITIONAL 12 PROJECTS ON TARGET TO LAUNCH BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. MANY OF THE REMAINING PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH BY EARLY 2023. AND NEWLY FUNDED TRANCHE TWO PROJECTS WILL ALSO BEGIN THE PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS THIS MONTH. THE FUNDING AMOUNTS ENCUMBERED AND ARE EXPENDED ACROSS PHASE ONE PROJECTS ARE OUTLINED -- I'M SORRY, CONTINUE TO VARY DEPENDING ON THEIR LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION. AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, 19% OF THE FUNDS WERE ENCUMBERED WITH APPROXIMATELY 13% OF APPROVED PROJECTS EXPENDED. WE'LL CONTINUE TO SHARE UPDATED EXPENDITURE AMOUNTS DURING OUR NEXT PRESENTATION. TO DATE, ALL PROJECTS IN TRANCHE ONE HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION. YOUR BOARD ALSO APPROVED SPENDING -- APPROVED ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 53 PROJECTS IN THE A.R.P. PHASE TWO SPENDING PLAN, TRANCHE TWO. OF THE 53 PROJECTS FUNDED DURING THIS PHASE, THERE ARE ONLY NINE NEWLY FUNDED PROJECTS, WHICH YOU SEE REFLECTED IN EACH OF THE THREE PILLARS, FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON EQUITY,

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO EQUITABLE RECOVERY, AND SUPPORTING THE FISCAL STABILITY AND THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET. AS OF OCTOBER 14TH, ALL NINE PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE. AND THE REMAINING 44 PROJECTS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY FUNDED AND APPROVED THAT HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION ARE UNDERGOING REVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT UPDATES TO THE PROJECT DESIGN INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION AS WELL AS INCREASED OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS FOR THE NUMBER OF EXPECTED CLIENTS THEY INTEND TO SERVE. NOW, WHAT'S REALLY EXCITING IS THAT TO HELP ACCELERATE YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES, A.R.D.I. WORKED IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DIVISION TO LAUNCH AN ONLINE A.R.P. TRACKING AND REPORTING TOOL. THIS PLATFORM ALLOWS US TO UPDATE OUR PROJECT DESIGN AND FEATURES NEW AND SIMPLIFIED INTERFACE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'VE ALSO ENGAGED IN A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE ON A.R.P. OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PRACTICES. WE KNOW THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE CRITICAL TO ENSURING OUR COMMUNITY CAN ACCESS FUNDING AND RELIEF PROGRAMS AS WELL AS INCREASE AWARENESS OF A.R.P.-FUNDED SERVICES. RECENTLY, A COORDINATED COMMUNICATION STRATEGY WAS LAUNCHED TO UNIFY BRANDING FOR ALL A.R.P.-FUNDED DEPARTMENTS AND A NEW STYLE GUIDE AND A.R.P. LOGO, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, WERE CREATED TO ENSURE CONSISTENT LOOK AND FEEL FOR A.R.P.-RELATED COMMUNICATIONS. THESE BADGES ARE BEING USED ACROSS A.R.P.-FUNDED GRAPHICS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WEBSITES. COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS ALSO SHARED A.R.P.

GRAPHICS ON L.A. COUNTY'S TWITTER AND FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS, WHICH LED TO NEARLY 9,000 IMPRESSIONS AND NEARLY 433 ENGAGEMENT ACROSS PLATFORMS, AND WHAT'S INCREDIBLE IS THAT THESE COMMUNICATION ASSETS ARE MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS ACROSS PROGRAMS AS WELL AS PROMOTE THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS. THIS UNIFIED BRANDING STRATEGY IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE MULTIPLE OUTREACH COMMUNICATION EFFORTS THE COUNTY IS ENGAGED IN SO OUR COMMUNITIES KNOW HOW TO ACCESS A.R.P.-FUNDED CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND SERVICES. MANY COMMUNICATION CHANNELS ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED TO LEVERAGE AS WELL AS INFORM QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF A.R.P.-RELATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OUR COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS RECOVERY NEWSLETTER WITH WEEKLY UPDATES. THIS NEWSLETTER IS DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 15,700 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SUBSCRIBERS. WE'RE SEEING IN THE NEWSLETTER ITSELF, WE'RE SEEING CONSISTENT ENGAGEMENT WITH AN AVERAGE OPEN RATE OF 33%, AS WELL AS 160 UNIQUE CLICKS THROUGH THE COUNTY NEWSLETTER. DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO USING THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA BASE OF MORE THAN 155,000 FOLLOWERS, WHICH IS ALSO GOING. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS, THEY HAVE ISSUED DIRECT EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS TO 10,800 BUSINESSES WITHIN LOCAL ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED, AND THROUGH

THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS'S BID MATCH AUTOMATED SOFTWARE PROGRAM, THEY HAVE CONNECTED SUBSCRIBERS THAT ARE IN THE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL REALM TO CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AND THEY'RE ABLE TO REACH MORE THAN 700 ENROLLED BUSINESSES. TO FURTHER PROMOTE A.R.P.-FUNDED CONTRACTS AND GRANTS, SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS HAVE ACTIVELY HOSTED COMMUNITY EVENTS TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS. SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS WERE COLLECTIVELY INVOLVED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN MORE THAN 100 SESSIONS FOCUSED ON A.R.P. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, BUSINESS AND CONTRACTING INFORMATION, AND/OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS. IN ADDITION TO THE RECENT SESSIONS ON NAVIGATING A.R.P. OPPORTUNITIES CO-SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, MEDIA F.M.A., A.R.D.I., C.E.O., AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY HOSTED OR PARTICIPATED IN 44 EVENTS FOCUSED ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING, WITH OVER 20 DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE BUSINESS AND CONTRACTING INFORMATION AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. THE PARTNERS INCLUDED S.B.A., THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, C.M.T.C., AND G.S.A. O.S.B.'S PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER ALSO CONDUCTED 34 ONLINE TRAINING EVENTS AND NINE IN-PERSON CONTRACTING RELATED EVENTS FOR BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS. MOVING FORWARD, EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO EXPAND OUTREACH OPPORTUNTIES TO ENGAGE MORE DIVERSE AND NON-GEOGRAPHIC COMMUNITIES. FAIRLY SOON, COUNTY-

WIDE COMMUNICATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND A.R.D.I. WILL HOST AN ETHNIC MEDIA BRIEFING TO PROMOTE A.R.P.-FUNDED CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND SERVICES WITHIN AND AMONGST LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT COMMUNITIES. WE'RE REALLY PROUD TO SAY THE D.E.O. IS ALSO LAUNCHING A WEBSITE GRANTS PORTAL FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND A.R.P.-FUNDED PROJECTS, AND THROUGH TRANCHE TWO FUNDS, A.R.D.I. IS DESIGNING A COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM TO ENSURE ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT THEY NEED TO ACCESS SMALL AVAILABLE GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND SERVICES. THIS PROGRAM WILL WORK WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDUCT TAILORED STRATEGIES THAT IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S OUTREACH TO GEOGRAPHICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND TECHNOLOGICALLY ISOLATED NEIGHBORHOODS. GIVEN OUR PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THEIR EFFORTS TO COORDINATE WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM NAVIGATION PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO COMPLEMENT AND AMPLIFY ONGOING ACTIVITIES. WE'VE ALSO EXPLORED OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPEDITE A.R.P. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM IS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED BY IMMEDIATELY LEVERAGING D.P.H.'S CURRENT PROGRAM RESOURCES AND LANGUAGE CAPACITY. A.R.P.-BRANDED MATERIALS HAVE ALSO BEEN ORDERED FOR DEPARTMENTS TO USE AT OUTREACH INITIATIVES AND EVENTS. THESE INCLUDE CAR MAGNETS, STICKERS, EASY-UPS, PODIUM SIGNS, STEPS AND REPEATS, AND BUSINESS WINDOW CLINGS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO

NOTE, BOARD, THAT C.E.O. HAS HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR. OUR EFFORTS ARE REALLY DESIGNED TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT AND ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONTRACTING, GRANT, AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE AND FINALLY, A.R.D.I., IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LAUNCHED AN ONLINE A.R.P. TRACKING TOOL. WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THIS TRACKING TOOL. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS TO HELP DRIVE TRANSPARENCY IN THE USE AND COLLECTION OF DATA AS WELL AS ENSURE WE CAN SUPPORT COMPLIANCE REPORTING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS IN I.S.D. FOR THEIR INCREDIBLY THOUGHTFUL AND HARD WORK AS WELL AS THE MANY DEPARTMENTS WHO WEIGHED IN ON THIS NEW TOOL. WE BELIEVE THIS TOOL WILL ALSO SERVE AS A MODEL FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION ON PROGRAM -- ON PROGRAMS FROM THE DESIGN PHASE ALL THE WAY TO THE REPORTING PHASE. NEXT, KRISTIN SAKODA, DIRECTOR OF ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL PRESENT ON THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON THE NONPROFIT ARTS COMMUNITY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S A.R.P.-FUNDED CREATIVE RECOVERY L.A. PROGRAM. KRISTIN?

KRISTIN SAKODA: THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. AND GOOD MORNING. IT'S GREAT DO BE TO BE WITH YOU, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HAPPY TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON CREATIVE RECOVERY L.A. AND WOULD YOU GO TO THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE. GREAT. SO JUST BRIEFLY, AS YOUR BOARD KNOWS, THE PANDEMIC HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON OUR

L.A. COUNTY ARTS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY SECTOR. BACK IN 2020, WHEN WE SURVEYED ORGANIZATIONS, OVER 300 THAT WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE C.A.R.E.S. ACT ARTS RELIEF FUNDING FROM US REPORTED THEY HAD OVER $230 MILLION IN LOST REVENUE AND UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES, AND THAT WAS BACK IN 2020 ALONE. WE ALSO KNOW MANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFITS, WHO ALREADY BEGAN WHEN THE PANDEMIC STARTED WITH ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF OPERATING FUNDS OR SAVINGS TO CARRY THEM THROUGH. RECENTLY, WE HAVE SEEN CONTINUED REPORTS OF AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE DOWN BY HALF, TICKET REVENUES TOWN BY TWO-THIRDS, AND OVERALL WE KNOW THIS HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY, WHICH IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR DRIVERS OF THE ECONOMY OF L.A. COUNTY, GENERATING COLLECTIVELY OVER $200 BILLION IN ANNUAL OUTPUT DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY EACH YEAR, AND KNOWN AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR UP TO 1 OUT OF EVERY 7 JOBS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE ARTS ARE VITAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO BEYOND THE ECONOMY, THERE'S A SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE ARTS. THESE ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS HELPING TO ENGAGE OUR YOUTH, INCREASE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND, OF COURSE, CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING AND REALLY THE EQUITY AND VIBRANCY OF ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. NEXT SLIDE. WHAT I'M EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY IS A CONSOLIDATED PROGRAM CALLED CREATIVE RECOVERY L.A. THE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE RELIEF AND RECOVERY AID TO THE NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURAL SECTOR AND INDUSTRY THAT WAS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. AND THIS

PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE ARTS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY WHILE ALSO LEVERAGING THE UNIQUE CAPACITY OF ARTS AND CULTURE TO CATALYZE THE ECONOMIC, CIVIC, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING RECOVERY OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THE TARGET APPLICANT FOR THIS PROGRAM IS 501(C)3 NON-PROFITS, AS WELL AS MODEL "A" FISCALLY SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ARTS-FOCUSED IN THEIR MISSION OR HAVE A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF DEDICATED ARTS PROGRAMMING. NEXT SLIDE. THE TOTAL ALLOCATION IS $28.1 MILLION. IN THE IMPROVED, CONSOLIDATED APPROACH, THIS WILL BE A ONE-DOOR APPROACH. WE ARE GOING TO ADMINISTER FIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ONE STREAMLINED AND CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROCESS. THIS ENSURES BENEFITS FOR THE FIELD, A STREAMLINED APPLICATION, EFFICIENCIES IN ADMINISTRATION AND OUTREACH. ALL THE FUNDING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ONE GRANT ROUND, WHILE STILL BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE FIELD. THE FIVE PROGRAMS, IN BRIEF, THEY'RE LISTED ON THE SLIDE. THERE IS AN ARTS-RELIEF AND RECOVERY GRANT. THERE'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCESS GRANT FUNDING TO STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT OF ARTISTS AND OTHER CREATIVE WORKERS. THERE'S $1.9 MILLION FOR MARKETING TO ENSURE THAT OUR ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE OUTREACHING TO OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES TO GET THEM TO ATTEND THE PROGRAMS. THERE'S FUNDING FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE CREATIVE CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE ARTS AND CREATIVE ECONOMY, AND FINALLY, THERE IS FUNDING FOR

ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARTS AND JUSTICE REFORM AND PREVENTION. NEXT SLIDE. IN TERMS OF EQUITY, WE ARE ALIGNING WITH THE A.R.D.I. COVID EQUITY INDEX. ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE PRIORITIZED IF THEY'RE LOCATED OR PROVIDE THEIR PROGRAM SERVICES IN OR WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE HIGHEST AND HIGH-NEED CENSUS TRACKS AS INDICATED ON THE L.A. COUNTY EQUITY EXPLORER. WE'LL ALSO PRIORITIZE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A BUDGET OF $15 MILLION AND UNDER, AS WE KNOW THAT SMALL AND MID-SIZED ORGANIZATIONS ARE OFTEN HARDER HIT IN TERMS OF ACCESSING CAPITAL. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN THIS PROGRAM, WE ARE LEANING IN TO THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AS WELL AS OUR 20 PLUS YEARS OF GRANT-MAKING EXPERIENCE. FOR OUTREACH, WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE UTILIZING OUR VAST NETWORKS IN THE FIELD WITH TACTICS RANGING FROM DIRECT EMAIL TO NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA REACHING PAST GRANTEES, CURRENT GRANTEES AS WELL AS A NETWORK IN THE FIELD THAT WE HAVE BUILT UP OVER NEARLY 75 YEARS. WE WILL REACH OUT TO MUNICIPAL ARTS AGENCIES AND ARTS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDERS AND ARTS-RELATED ENTITIES IN A NETWORK OF NETWORKS APPROACH. WE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE OUR AMBASSADORS ON THE L.A. COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION AND THE CULTURAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND FINALLY, WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL OF THE WONDERFUL NEW PROGRAMS AND TOOLS THAT ARE BEING DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED CENTRALLY IN COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL OF

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN EFFORTS. IN ADDITION TO OUTREACH, WE WILL ENSURE THERE IS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. SO WE WILL PROVIDE APPLICATION SUPPORT. WE'LL HAVE WORKSHOPS, F.A.Q.S, AND OUR STAFF TRADITIONALLY DOES EVEN HOLD OFFICE HOURS BY PHONE, SO WE WILL WORK WITH OUR SUB-RECIPIENT TO ENSURE THOSE PROGRAMS ARE -- AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS ARE PROVIDED FOR THE FIELD. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OOPS, WENT ONE PAST. SO, ULTIMATELY, IN THIS PROGRAM, WE ARE EXPECTING AN OUTCOME OF AN ANTICIPATED -- WE WOULD ANTICIPATE AROUND 400 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO BE SERVED. ULTIMATELY -- OH, GREAT. IF YOU COULD JUST GO BACK ONE MORE. PERFECT. ULTIMATELY, WE WILL SEE THE FIELD BE ABLE TO GET GRANT SUPPORT TO FINANCIALLY SUSTAIN THEIR OPERATIONS, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND WITH AN EQUITY LENS TO OUR MOST HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, TO HIRE AND RETAIN STAFF, ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS, TO MARKET THEIR PROGRAMS TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR AUDIENCES, SUPPORT CREATIVE CAREER PATHWAYS, AND SERVE YOUTH AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARTS AND JUSTICE. FINAL SLIDE NEXT. SO, MILESTONES, WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING PUBLICLY CREATIVE RECOVERY L.A. AND BEGIN PROMOTING THE OPPORTUNITY NEXT MONTH, AND THEN IN DECEMBER IS WHEN WE WILL LAUNCH THE ACTUAL WORKSHOPS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND GUIDELINES. WE KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO GIVE THE FIELD TIME TO PREPARE. AND THEN IN JANUARY, WE WILL HAVE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE, WE'LL CONTINUE

THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, ALL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED, ALL AWARDS DETERMINED. AND BY THE TIME WE GET TO THE END OF APRIL, WE ANTICIPATE HAVING ALL OF THE AWARDS DISTRIBUTED AND ALL OF THE A.R.P. FUNDING OUT IN ONE SHOT. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TODAY. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOTH OF YOU. THE -- JUST CURIOUS, MISS SAKODA, HAS THE STATE ARTS COMMISSION DONE A SIMILAR KIND OF REFOCUSED THEIR FUNDING ON A RECOVERY KIND OF LENS?

KRISTIN SAKODA: THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS EFFORTS AT THE STATE. THE LATEST ONE, WHICH IS NOT OUT ON THE STREET YET, IT IS CALLED CREATIVE CORPS, C-O-R-P-S. AND THAT'S IN DESIGN NOW. SO WE KNOW THERE SHOULD BE SOME ADDITIONAL DOLLARS COMING, BUT WHAT WE'VE SEEN AT THE STATE LEVEL ARE PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT HAVE FOCUSED ON VERY SPECIFIC ISSUES. SO THERE'S ONE THAT FOCUSED ON THE A.B.5 LEGISLATION AND HOW THAT HIT PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS. THAT'S BEING WORDED ON NOW. AND THEN ONE THAT'S CALLED CREATIVE CORPS THAT WILL EVENTUALLY SUPPORT PROJECTS ALL ACROSS THE STATE THAT ENGAGE ARTISTS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE ROLE THE CREATIVE ECONOMY PLAYS IN THE L.A. COUNTY'S OVERALL ECONOMY, I'M VERY

APPRECIATIVE OF GETTING THIS UPDATE, LEARNING ABOUT CREATIVE RECOVERY L.A., GLAD TO HEAR YOUR GOAL TO HAVE KIND OF A SINGLE-POINT OF ENTRY SO THE CREATIVE ORGANIZATIONS KNOW, AND HOPE THAT ALL OF US CAN PERHAPS INCLUDE A LINK ON OUR WEBSITES TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE PUSH IT OUT. I GET VERY NERVOUS -- I'M CONFLICTED. I WANT THE MONEY OUT QUICKLY, THEN I GET NERVOUS WHEN WE HAVE A SHORT WINDOW BECAUSE I KNOW THESE SMALL EMPLOYERS ARE SO BUSY DOING THE WORK EVERY DAY THAT THEY DON'T OFTEN HAVE THE BACK OF THE HOUSE SUPPORT TO BE SEARCHING FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY SOMETHING BRAND-NEW LIKE THIS. IT'S TYPICALLY THE E.D. WHO IS RUNNING THE CREATIVE ORGANIZATION AND DOING THE FUNDRAISING. SO WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP WITH OUTREACH I THINK WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT. QUICKLY --

SUP. KUEHL: MADAM CHAIR --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: HANG ON. ONE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS NEXT, THEN I'LL CALL ON YOU. QUICK QUESTION OF DR. SCORZA, BID MATCH, HOW DO WE EXPAND TO MAKE SURE MORE SMALL BUSINESSES ARE INCLUDED?

DR. SCORZA: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I THINK WE CAN TAKE THAT UP WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. I KNOW ONE OF THE CONVERSATIONS WE HAD RECENTLY

WAS ABOUT MAKING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MINORITY WOMEN BUSINESS, DISABLED VETERAN ENTERPRISE APPLICATION OF PROGRAM, THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS'S EXISTING PROGRAMS. SO I'M HAPPY TO TAKE THAT CONVERSATION BACK TO THEM AND FURTHER EXPLORE IT AND GET BACK TO YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. GOOD TO SEE YOU, KRISTIN SAKODA, FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN REALLY TOUGH, ESPECIALLY FOR THIS AREA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW OFTEN I'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF OUR SMALL NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND SMALL -- I WOULD SAY VERY, VERY SMALL AND ALMOST MICRO GROUPS THAT ARE TRYING TO REALLY GET THEIR FOOT IN THE DOOR. AND THEY WERE ALREADY FACED WITH A LOT OF CHALLENGES BEFORE THE PANDEMIC AS WE WELL KNOW. THAT'S WHY I THINK IN PART WE KNOW THE URGENCY OF GETTING THESE GRANTS OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SO ONE OF MY CONCERNS WOULD BE HOW CAN WE READILY GET THE FUNDING OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE? IF WE HAVE TO LEARN SOME SHORTCUTS, LET'S DO IT, BUT LET'S DO IT

RIGHT. AND WANTED TO ALSO THANK YOU FOR THE WHOLE EFFORT CREATIVE WORKS JOBS AND THE PATHWAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE TREMENDOUS. I KNOW OF MANY GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKING ME FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING. I THINK THIS IS REALLY APPROPRIATE WHERE THEY CAN BE STEERED TOWARDS. I KNOW WE'LL -- THEY ARE GOING TO BE VERY EXCITED TO HEAR ABOUT IT. ONE THING I WANTED TO ASK YOU, KRISTIN, IS I LOVE THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO HAVE, LIKE, A ONE-STOP GRANT AREA WHERE IF YOU APPLY ONCE, YOU CAN THEN POSSIBLY QUALIFY FOR THE OTHER FIVE GRANTS, BUT HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHICH ONES THEY APPLY FOR? DO THEY NOTE THAT BECAUSE SOME MAY NOT KNOW THAT? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP STEER THAT?

KRISTIN SAKODA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. ABSOLUTELY, IN ALL OF THE APPLICATION GUIDELINES AS WELL AS THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS, F.A.Q.S, ALL OF THE GUIDANCE, WE'LL MAKE CLEAR, THERE WILL BE ONE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION THAT ALL APPLICANTS CAN ACCESS, AND THEN, YES, THERE WILL BE ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH OF THE FIVE PROGRAMS, AND THE ORGANIZATIONS CAN SELF-SELECT WHICH PROGRAMS THEY ARE MOST ELIGIBLE FOR, AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR MULTIPLE.

SUP. SOLIS: SO WHEN YOU SAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND MAYBE THEY'RE UNCLEAR ABOUT WHICH ONES TO APPLY FOR, WHO WILL HELP THEM THROUGH THAT? AND WILL THEY BE AVAILABLE IN BILINGUAL

LANGUAGES BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY INDIGENOUS CULTURES NOW THAT WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH AS WELL AS OTHER NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS? HOW ARE WE DOING TO DO THAT?

KRISTIN SAKODA: ABSOLUTELY. WE ANTICIPATE IT WILL BE A COMBINATION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE STAFF AS WELL AS THE SUB-RECIPIENT THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH. WE DO PLAN TO HAVE OUTREACH MATERIALS TRANSLATED INTO OTHER LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO WORKING WITH COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS. WE ALSO -- ON ALL THE TOOLS THAT DR. SCORZA TALKED ABOUT. WE ALSO DO HAVE MULTIPLE STAFF WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE WHO HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED IN SOME OF THE LANGUAGES, CERTAINLY IN SPANISH AS WELL AS SOME OTHER LANGUAGES, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY GET ON THE PHONE AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS TO REALLY TALK PEOPLE THROUGH.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY. SO, THE OTHER THING -- AND I KNOW YOU ARE VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS, TOO, IS MAKING SURE THAT WE DO INCLUDE ALL OUR MEDIA AND ETHNIC LOCAL -- HYPER LOCAL MEDIA OUTREACH. THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE OFTENTIMES PEOPLE JUST ARE NOT -- THEY'RE NOT LISTENING. THEY'RE NOT WATCHING T.V., OR THEY MAY NOT EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, BUT ANY OTHER METHODS THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY USE, MAYBE THROUGH APPS, THROUGH OTHER SOCIALIZED EFFORTS TO TRY TO GET THE WORD OUT. I'M REALLY CONCERNED MORE ABOUT THE YOUNGER POPULATIONS

BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE MOST SAVVY IN THAT AREA, AND HOW DO WE REACH THOSE NICHES? THAT'S REALLY WHERE I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT PARTNERSHIPS WE'RE DEVELOPING SO THAT WE CAN CARRY THIS THROUGH AND REALLY HAVE A MEANINGFUL, ROBUST PROGRAM THAT DOESN'T MISS ANYBODY AND LEAVES NOBODY BEHIND.

KRISTIN SAKODA: THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. ABSOLUTELY, WE WILL TAKE THAT NOTE AND ENSURE A DIVERSE SET OF APPROACHES REALLY AS YOU'RE SAYING TO ENSURE WE REACH DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION. WE KNOW A LOT OF THE YOUNGER FOLKS ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THAT'S WHERE THEY FIND THEIR NEWS. THAT'S WHERE THEY FIND A LOT OF THEIR INFORMATION. SO WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THAT'S INCLUDED, BUT ABSOLUTELY, ETHNIC MEDIA. WE HELD A SESSION WITH ETHNIC MEDIA IN THE PAST ALL TO JUST SHARE MORE ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AND WANT TO WORK WITH COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS ON THEIR UPCOMING CONVENING OF ETHIC MEDIA FOR THIS PROGRAM AS WELL.

SUP. SOLIS: RIGHT. JUST ONE LAST QUESTION. I'M EXCITED YOU'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING THE WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATION. WILL THOSE BE IN-PERSON?

KRISTIN SAKODA: I'M NOT SURE. WE CAN GET BACK TO YOUR OFFICE. I KNOW AT LEAST SOME OF THEM WILL BE VIRTUAL, BUT WE CAN

DEFINITELY GET BACK TO ALL OF THE OFFICES ON WHETHER WE WILL ALSO BE DOING SOME IN-PERSON AND SOME VIRTUAL.

SUP. SOLIS: YEAH. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO KNOW THAT BECAUSE MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT -- THEY ARE CHALLENGED. THEY'RE EXPERIENCING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, SO WE KNOW WE HAVE TO REACH THEM OTHER WAYS. SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I KNOW YOU HAVE DONE A FABULOUS JOB WORKING WITH SO MANY OF THESE SMALL GRANTS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN OFFERING THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. I KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS VERY, VERY THANKFUL FOR THAT. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HELPING YOU EXPAND YOUR REACH AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, KRISTIN.

KRISTIN SAKODA: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I AGREE, IF AT LEAST THERE COULD BE A HYBRID STRATEGY OF SOME ONLINE, SOME IN-PERSON, I THINK THAT MIGHT MEET SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S GOAL AS WELL AS MINE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND ALSO THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, AS USUAL FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. AND KRISTIN, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO

SEE YOU AND HEAR THE PASSION YOU HAVE ABOUT THIS. IT COMES THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR THAT IT IS ABOUT REALLY ADDRESSING THE FACT THAT THE PANDEMIC TRULY DID HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT, ESPECIALLY ON THE MOM AND POP THEATERS AND ARTS -- I MEAN ACROSS THE BOARD. I HEAR IT. I'VE GOT A NOISE WITHIN IN PASADENA THAT TALKED TO ME ABOUT THE IMPACT IT HAD ON THEM. AND THEY'RE TRULY BUILDING THEMSELVES BACK UP EACH AND EVERY DAY. SO I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THESE TYPES OF GRANTS ARE. I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IT -- AND I AGREE ABOUT THE OUTREACH IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE THROW THAT NET REALLY WIDE, BUT IN TERMS OF THE EQUITY, UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH ONE WOULD ARGUE THERE ARE SMALL, DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY NOT MEET THE CRITERIA AS IT RELATES TO HOW YOU'RE DEFINING THE EQUITY. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENSURE THAT -- THAT THERE ARE POCKETS THAT MAY NOT MEET THAT THRESHOLD THAT ARE NOT FORGOTTEN?

KRISTIN SAKODA: ABSOLUTELY. SO, WE ARE USING THE COUNTY ESTABLISHED A.R.D.I. EXPLORER MAP, WHICH DOES INCLUDE, YOU KNOW, BROAD RANGE OF THE COUNTY, LOOKING AT WHO HAS BEEN HARDEST HIT. THAT'S FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIVE FOR I BELIEVE IT IS 75% WHEN YOU ADD UP THE HIGHEST AND THE HIGH-NEEDS CENSUS TRACKS. OTHERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. IT IS NOT BE SOLELY LIMITED TO THOSE, BUT THAT'S THE PRIORITY AND WHERE THE

PRIORITY OF FUNDING IS GOING IN LINE WITH THE A.R.D.I. EQUITY EXPLORER.

SUP. BARGER: IN LOOKING AT THE MAP, KRISTIN, I SEE THE -- I'M ASSUMING THE DARK PURPLE MEANS THAT WOULD FIT THE CRITERIA AS YOU OUTLINED WITH EQUITY?

KRISTIN SAKODA: OH, THIS IS -- I BELIEVE THAT WAS A SCREEN SHOT OF THE EQUITY SCORE. IT'S NOT SPECIFIC TO OUR GRANT.

DR. SCORZA: YES, SUPERVISOR, THE COVID INDEX IS THE FLOOR, NOT THE CEILING. SO WHAT IT DOES IS IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT WHERE THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC EXIST, BUT THEY'RE NOT LIMITED TO USING THAT CRITERIA.

SUP. BARGER: GREAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT'S NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL.

DR. SCORZA: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. BARGER: I KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, UP IN LANCASTER, THEY HAVE A MUSEUM WHERE THEY HIGHLIGHT LOCAL ARTISTS WHO OTHERWISE WOULDN'T HAVE ACCESS THAT COME FROM AREAS THAT WOULD MEET THE CRITERIA BY THE COUNTY STANDARDS.

DR. SCORZA: WELL, AND SUPERVISOR, THE PRIMARY CRITERIA FOR THIS PROGRAM IS THAT THEY HAVE TO BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC. SO IF THEY QUALIFY UNDER THAT CRITERIA, ANY ARTS ORGANIZATION IN L.A. WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUND.

SUP. BARGER: FANTASTIC. THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION. AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU PUT INTO THIS. I KNOW I TALKED TO MY NONPROFITS THAT ARE SO GRATEFUL BECAUSE ALREADY GRANTS HAVE GONE OUT. I HAVE GOTTEN FEEDBACK, I'M SURE ALL OF US HAVE, FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT SAY IF NOT FOR THAT, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE DONE. THIS WILL BE ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS HELPING THEM. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE IMPACT ON OUR BUSINESSES, ON ARTS THAT ARE THEMSELVES SMALL BUSINESSES. I WANTED TO CONCENTRATE A LITTLE MORE ON WHAT ART IS CONTRIBUTING IN SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY NOW AT THIS TIME, NOT QUITE POST-PANDEMIC BECAUSE WE CONCENTRATE A LOT ON GETTING FOOD OUT TO COMMUNITIES, AND THIS IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FOOD, FOOD FOR THE SOUL. WAYS THAT PEOPLE EXPRESS WHAT THEY'RE FEELING, WHAT THEY'RE EXPERIENCING, WAYS THAT PEOPLE TRY TO MAKE SENSE OUT

OF THEIR LIVES. AND SO THE PROGRAMS THAT WE ALSO WORK WITH WITH OUR OWN POPULATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES, OF YOUNG INCARCERATED FOLKS, OF PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS, OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EVERYWHERE. I MEAN WE EVEN ACTUALLY, OF COURSE, HAVE A DEMONSTRATION EVERY YEAR ABOUT ART THAT IS CREATED TO HELP WITH HEALING AND MENTAL HEALTH. SO I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD/ARTIST, SAKODA, HOW THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH I'M VERY, VERY HAPPY THAT WE ESTABLISHED WHILE I WAS ON THE BOARD, IS INTERFACING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT SERVE OUR CLIENTS. I KNOW IN THE JUVENILE HALLS AND WHEN WE HAD KIDS IN THE CAMPS, AND IN THE ADULT JAILS, ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN'S JAIL, IN MANY, MANY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, WE HAVE INTRODUCED THE ARTISTIC ELEMENTS. AND IT'S MEANT EMPLOYMENT FOR SOME OF OUR SMALL ARTS BUSINESSES OR TROUPES OR GROUPS, BUT ALSO I THINK CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO HEALING. I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT HOW THESE MIGHT INTERFACE, IF THEY DO. AND I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A.R.P. FUNDING, AND THEREFORE PANDEMIC-RELATED, BUT HOW IT RELATES OR INTERFACES WITH MENTAL HEALTH WITH OUR YOUTH, WHO ARE INCARCERATED, NOT ONLY THE YOUTH OUTSIDE, BUT INSIDE, AND MANY OF OUR BENEFICIARIES.

KRISTIN SAKODA: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR THE COMMENTS AND THE QUESTION. WE KNOW FROM NOT ONLY OUR OWN LIVED

EXPERIENCE, BUT EVEN STUDIES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE SHOWN THAT WHEN THERE ARE CULTURAL RESOURCES IN COMMUNITIES, SO A HIGHER NUMBER OF ARTISTS, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, CULTURAL PROGRAMS, CIVIC ARTWORKS, THAT THAT RESULTS IN BETTER OUTCOMES IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS IN HEALTH, IN PUBLIC SAFETY, AND IN EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR THAT COMMUNITY, EVEN IF THOSE INDIVIDUALS NEVER WENT TO THE PROGRAM THEMSELVES. IT'S NOT ONLY A BENEFIT FOR THE INDIVIDUALS, BUT AT THE COMMUNITY-WIDE LEVEL. AND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR ARTS NONPROFITS SECTOR, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HUNDREDS OF ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, MANY OF WHOM ARE GRANTEES OF THE COUNTY THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS THAT PRE-COVID EVERY YEAR COLLECTIVELY HAD OVER 13 MILLION VISITS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. THAT'S 13 MILLION EXPERIENCES THAT HELP US MAKE MEANING, HELP US HEAL, HELP US COME TOGETHER, LEARN, AND, OF COURSE, HAVE ENJOYMENT AND BEAUTY AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES THAT MANY OF THOSE WERE THEN LOST AND DISRUPTED BY THE PANDEMIC. SO, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THESE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS ARE NOT DIRECTLY FUNDING OUR COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WE DO PARTNER WITH L.A.C.O. AND PHILANTHROPY ON OUR ARTS EDUCATION WORK, WE PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON A PROGRAM CALLED CREATIVE WELL-BEING. WE PARTNER WITH OFFICE OF CHILD OF PROTECTION. WE PARTNER WITH PROBATION, SO UTILIZING FUNDS TO SUPPORT ARTS EDUCATION BOTH FOR YOUTH INCARCERATED IN THE SYSTEM AND YOUTH IN COMMUNITY AS A PREVENTION PROGRAM AND

MANY OTHERS. WE HAVE PLACED ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE NOW WITH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, LIBRARIES, AND OTHERS. SO WE'RE BUILDING THOSE COLLABORATIONS AS WE SPEAK. WHILE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS ARE NOT GOING TO FUND THOSE PROGRAMS, THEY ARE GOING TO HELP US ENSURE THE CAPACITY AND THE SURVIVAL OF OUR ARTS C.B.O. PARTNERS. THESE ARE ESSENTIALLY PARTNERS OF THE COUNTY HELPING US TO DELIVER THIS WORK, BRINGING FORWARD THEIR TEACHING ARTISTS, AND BRINGING FORWARD OFTEN THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCE AND ROOTEDNESS IN THE VERY COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HARDEST HIT BY SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION. WE NEED TO ENSURE THESE COMMUNITY C.B.O. PARTNERS CAN NOT ONLY SURVIVE BUT HOPEFULLY THRIVE AS WE LOOK TO BUILD BACK BETTER THAN BEFORE.

SUP. KUEHL: WELL, LET ME SAY THAT AS MUCH TO YOU AND TO DR. SCORZA AS TO OUR C.E.O. AND MY COLLEAGUES, THERE'S ANOTHER ASPECT THAT REALLY HAS NOT BEEN EXPLORED AND MAYBE WOULDN'T COUNT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE EXPENDITURE OF A.R.P. FUNDS, BUT IN EVERY GLOBAL CRISIS, THERE HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF TIME WHEN NOBODY COULD MAKE SENSE OF IT, AND THEN THERE WILL BE THE FIRST NOVEL, THE FIRST MOVIE, THE PLAY, THE PLAY THAT'S AN ADAPTION OF A GREEK TRAGEDY BUT UPDATED TO TALK ABOUT OUR PANDEMIC, ETC. AND I HONESTLY THINK THAT'S A PART OF OUR RECOVERY RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC. THAT IS TO MAKE SENSE OF IT. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH ABERRATIONS IN BEHAVIOR JUST DAY-TO-DAY. NOBODY IS STOPPING AT THE STOP SIGN OUTSIDE MY HOUSE,

FOR INSTANCE, JUST EVERYBODY RUNNING IT. PEOPLE, EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, YOU KNOW, WORRYING ABOUT THE WAY IT USED TO BE BEFORE WE EVEN HAD STOP SIGNS. THE WAY PEOPLE ARE DRIVING. THE ANGER THAT I SEE BETWEEN FRIENDS, EVEN WITHIN FAMILIES. PEOPLE ARE NOT QUITE READY YET TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT THAT THIS HAD. I SPEAK AS AN ARTIST, A FORMER ARTIST, I GUESS I SHOULD SAY, THAT THIS IS ALSO A REALLY DEEP ASPECT OF WHAT WILL HELP US RECOVER FROM THIS PANDEMIC IS JUST TO UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES IN OUR OWN SELVES. SO, I'M HOPING THAT THERE'S SOME WAY THAT WE CAN ENHANCE OUR CONNECTION TO THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. SOME OF THEM INCARCERATED. SOME OF THEM DOING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AS I SAID, AND USE OUR ARTISTS, BUT IT'S NOT ONLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT, BUT ALSO, I THINK, A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP TO RECOVERY FROM THE PANDEMIC. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, EVERYONE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. SEEING NONE, THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. APPRECIATE IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE'RE PREPARED NOW TO RETURN TO ITEM 3?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THAT'S CORRECT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE'LL RETURN TO ITEM 3, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE REPORT ON THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTESTS EXISTS AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA ON 35, AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE ASSESSMENT AREA. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 35 AND TO DETERMINE AND LEVY AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE AREA.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US AS CLARIFIED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 17, IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND L.A. METRO TO IMPROVE THE HOMELESS RESPONSE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER BECAUSE, I'M SURE

WE ALL KNOW, WE HAVE SO MANY UNHOUSED PEOPLE RIDING ON OUR METRO BUS AND RAIL SYSTEM. AND A NUMBER OF THEM ARE GETTING, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD, KICKED OFF THE TRAINS AT 1:00 A.M. AT THE END OF LINES IN DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, DOWNTOWN L.A., AND SANTA MONICA, AT A TIME OF DAY OR EARLY MORNING WHEN IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONNECT THEM WITH ANY KIND OF SERVICE, AT THE BARE MINIMUM, A PLACE TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT. THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL IS ACTUALLY SENDING A LETTER TO METRO ASKING THEM TO EVALUATE THEIR END OF LINE POLICY, AND I AM DOING JUST THAT. I'M INTRODUCING A MOTION AT OUR NEXT METRO BOARD MEETING LOOKING TO SEE A REEVALUATION OF THE END OF THE LINE POLICY. WE ALL SIT AS DIRECTORS ON THE METRO BOARD, AND WE HAVE DIRECTED METRO TO INVEST TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO HOMELESS OUTREACH. I THINK AT ONE TIME THERE WAS A EVEN TEMPORARY SHELTER THAT METRO WAS RUNNING. I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT WE DID THAT BECAUSE IT -- WE WERE ASKING ALL ENTITIES IN L.A. COUNTY WHO TOUCH THE HOMELESS POPULATION TO HELP US WITH SOLUTIONS, BUT I THINK WE WOULD ALSO AGREE THAT IT'S NOT METRO'S CORE MISSION TO, YOU KNOW, SOLVE THIS CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY. THEY'RE THERE PARTICULARLY TO KEEP OUR BUSES RUNNING ON TIME, CLEAN, TO BUILD MORE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. SO THIS IS NOT THEIR CORE MISSION, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DO IT. BUT IT'S COME TO MY ATTENTION, AND I BELIEVE IT, THAT METRO REALLY CAN'T DO EVEN WHAT THEY'RE DOING BY THEMSELVES.

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE THE AGENCIES, WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, WE HAVE MANY OF THE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT IT TAKES TO CONNECT UNHOUSED PEOPLE WITH CARE, WITH HOUSING. AND SO, WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS IT DIRECTS CHERI TODOROFF WITH OUR C.E.O'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO REPORT BACK TO US ON WAYS THE COUNTY CAN BE A MORE COLLABORATIVE PARTNER WITH METRO. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. I'LL BE INTERESTED TO SEE WHEN WE TASKED OUR COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE GROUP TO DEAL WITH THIS. MAYBE IT'S A NEW TASK FORCE. MAYBE IT'S REDIRECTING FUNDING. MAYBE IT'S COORDINATING OR CONNECTING OUR HOMELESS RIDERS EARLIER IN THE EVENING. MAYBE WE SHOULD WE START AT 9 OR 10 O'CLOCK LET'S START SEEING WHO'S ON OUR SYSTEM WHO MAY BE UNHOUSED, AND AT THAT TIME IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO CONNECT THEM WITH A PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. SO BETWEEN THE COUNTY'S EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH OUR HOMELESS POPULATION AND METRO'S EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE BUS AND RAIL SYSTEM, THIS BRINGS TOGETHER THE TWO AGENCIES TO WORK MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ENSURE WE'RE GETTING THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD TIME BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING METRO TO REEVALUATE THEIR END OF THE LINE POLICY, AND IF YOU ALL SUPPORT THIS TODAY, AND IT PASSES, WE'RE JUST KIND OF RAISING THE ANTE A LITTLE BIT WITH OUR OWN HOMELESS INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY THAT WORK TOGETHER WITH METRO, HELP THEM OUT. THEY CAN'T NOR SHOULD THEY DO THIS ALONE. AND I THINK THIS IS A GOOD TIME. WORKING TOGETHER I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE MAKES FOR BETTER OUTCOMES NOT JUST

FOR THE END OF THE LINE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE FELT SOMETIMES A LITTLE BIT OVERRUN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITH UNHOUSED FOLKS, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED WHO ARE RIDING THE SYSTEM. WE NEED TO DO BETTER BY THEM AS WELL AND HAVE THE KIND OF OUTCOME THAT HELPS THEM A LITTLE BIT EARLIER IN THE EVENING TO AT LEAST FIND A DECENT PLACE TO SLEEP FOR THE NIGHT. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. THE TIMING ON THIS ITEM COULD NOT BE MORE APPROPRIATE. WITH L.A.H.S.A.'S LAST POINT IN TIME COUNT ESTIMATING THAT WE HAVE JUST SHY OF 70,000 HOMELESS. MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE UTILIZING OUR METRO SYSTEMS FOR SHELTER AND AS THEIR PRIMARY FORM OF TRAVEL. WE'VE ALL HEARD DIFFERENT STORIES ON DIFFERENT LINES THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT. I REGULARLY HEAR FROM MY CITIES THAT HAVE STATIONS ALONG THE L AND C LINES, WHICH I'M STILL THE GOLD LINE, WHICH IS THE L LINE, AND THE CHALLENGES THEY ARE FACING WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. IN FACT, THERE WERE TWO FIRES RECENTLY CAUSED BY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AT METRO STOPS ALONG THE GOLD LINE. WE WENT IN WITH CAL-TRANS AND HELPED TO CLEAN IT UP AND ACTUALLY SECURE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO ACCEPT HOUSING. AND, YOU KNOW, I

THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AFFECT CHANGE. WHEN YOU THINK OF METRO, METRO IS DOING THEIR JOB. WHEN THEY PUT THIS POLICY INTO PLAY, THEY WERE LOOKING AT IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF MY UNDERSTANDING IS TO CLEAN OUT THE CARS BECAUSE WE WERE GETTING CRITICISM BY RIDERS THAT THE CARS WERE NOT CLEAN. SO, EVERY ACTION HAS A CONSEQUENCE. I THINK WE SAW THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT ACTION. IT WAS NOT MEANT TO CREATE A PROBLEM. IT WAS MEANT TO ADDRESS A PROBLEM, BUT WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT, YOU KNOW, METRO IS SHOULDERING A DISPROPORTIONATE AND MONUMENTAL THE BURDEN AS THE FAILURES OF THE HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM CANNOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS THAT'S SPILLING OVER INTO OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM. AND THEY'RE NOT REALLY ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED WITH THE RESOURCES TO HANDLE THE CRISIS, NOR CAN THEY SHIFT THE LIMITED TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND SOMETHING WE ALL KNOW, THE LIMITED TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING, TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES. THEY DID EARLY ON PUT TOGETHER TEAMS, BUT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH. IT WAS NOT EVEN SCRATCHING THE SURFACE IN TERMS OF WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. AND WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THEY'RE ALSO NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A DIRECT RECIPIENT OF MEASURE H FUNDING. SO THEY CAN'T EVEN APPLY FOR OUR MEASURE H FUNDING IF THEY WANTED TO PUT SOMETHING IN PLAY. SO I BELIEVE IT'S INCUMBENT UPON US TO HELP ALLEVIATE THIS BURDEN ON METRO AND ON OUR CITIES WHO HAVE TRANSIT STATIONS BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING TO ROLL OUT MORE, AND I DON'T WANT THERE TO BE A PERCEPTION

THAT IF A STATION IS IN YOUR COMMUNITY, THAT MEANS YOU ARE NOW GOING TO BECOME A MAGNET FOR HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE CASE. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE WHAT COMES WITH THIS MOTION AND ALSO THE ONE AT METRO. AND I ALSO WANT TO PUT ON OUR RADAR THAT IT'S NOT JUST OUR TRANSIT, IT'S METROLINK THAT IT'S HAPPENING ON. AND, YOU KNOW, IN SOME CASES, FICTION BECOMES FACT. AND THERE ARE, YOU KNOW, ALLEGATIONS THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING GIVEN TOKENS TO GO UP TO CERTAIN PARTS OF METROLINK THAT END OF THE ROUTE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND BEING LEFT UP THERE. YOU KNOW, I'M WORKING WITH MY COMMUNITIES UP THERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO BE COMPASSIONATE AND EMPATHETIC. WE DON'T WANT TO GIVE SOMEONE A VOUCHER AND SAY GET OUT OF HERE AND EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE CARE OF IT. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. I THINK THIS MOTION IS GOING TO BEGIN THAT COLLABORATION. I KNOW WE CAN DO IT. I'M HONORED TO BE A COAUTHOR ON THIS WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU MAY GET IN THE QUEUE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: RIGHT AFTER SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND KUDOS TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. ALL OF US

HERE ON THE BOARD SERVE ON METRO. AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. THERE, STEPHANIE WIGGINS, FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN HELPING US TO REALLY CONFORM AND WORK ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE TRADITIONALLY TRANSIT AGENCIES DON'T, BY THEIR OWN OBJECTIVE, WANT TO NECESSARILY GET IN THIS BUSINESS OF HOMELESSNESS, BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON, AND WE KNOW THAT IT HAS IMPACTED US, EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. AND IT'S JUST BEEN EXACERBATED EVEN MORE. SO I REALLY WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO METRO AND ALL OF THE STAFF THERE AS WELL AS THE BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY COMMITTED TO DO, WHICH IS REALLY UNHEARD OF, IS TO BUILD 10,000 UNITS OF HOUSING IN A SPAN OF 10 YEARS. AND MANY OF YOU HERE ON THE BOARD KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING IS ACTUALLY BUILDING UP HOUSING, AFFORDABLE, LOW-INCOME HOUSING FOR HOMELESS, UNHOUSED VETERANS, WOMEN, D.V. VICTIMS, T.A.Y., AND ALL OF THAT IN PROPERTIES THAT ARE LINED WITH OUR RAIL SYSTEM. SO EVENTUALLY, WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE OF THIS COMING ON BOARD. I'VE ALREADY SEEN IT IN MY DISTRICT, IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, EAST L.A., AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE HAPPENING AS WE EXPAND SOME OF THE METRO LINES. BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS IS A BIG ISSUE FOR US. I DO AGREE THAT THE HOMELESS COUNT HAS SHOWN US THERE ARE MANY MORE PEOPLE IMPACTED THE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS FAR AWAY AS SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I KNOW, CLAREMONT AND POMONA, WHERE AT THE GOLD LINE, THEY STOP. THEY GET OFF ON AZUSA, AND IT MAY BE MIDNIGHT, AND THEY'RE TOLD TO

GET OFF, AND THERE'S NOTHING OR NOBODY THERE TO REALLY GIVE THOSE HOMELESS UNHOUSED PEOPLE ANY KIND OF DIRECTION OR ASSISTANCE. THE CITY FOLKS THERE HAVE BEEN TELLING ME THIS OVER TIME. SO, I DO THINK WE CAN HAVE SOME KIND OF A PLAN THAT WORKS BETTER WITH METRO, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH, L.A.H.S.A., AND OUR H.O.S.T. TEAMS IF POSSIBLE TO WORK TO PROVIDE THE HAND OFF. I THINK ALL OF THAT IS GOING TO HELP US. I DO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO METRO FOR EVEN UTILIZING SOME OF OUR PARKING SPACES BECAUSE IN EAST L.A., WE HAVE A PARKING LOT THERE, AND THERE'S AT LEAST 20 INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN SPEND THE NIGHT THERE IN THEIR CAR IN THAT GARAGE THAT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED. AND THAT'S ANOTHER WAY OF HELPING TO ALLEVIATE AND PROVIDE SHELTER TO THE UNHOUSED. I JUST THINK THAT WE NEED MORE PARTNERS. I KNOW MENTAL HEALTH, OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, YOU KNOW, ALL OF US HAVE TO BE ENGAGED, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID ABOUT OUR CITIES ALSO TAKING PART AND OTHER AGENCIES LIKE CAL-TRANS THAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS. AND I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND HEARING IN A WHILE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR TO REALLY GIVE US MORE OF A STRATEGY AND AN APPROACH OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH METRO GIVE THAT WE'RE ALSO PUTTING A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON OUR OWN COUNTY SERVICES AND L.A.H.S.A. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MULTIPLY THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT WILL BE OUT IN THE FIELD, AND TO BE TRAINED ADEQUATELY, NOT JUST WITH MENTAL HEALTH, OUR DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO WITH METRO

BECAUSE WE'RE HIRING UP ALSO AMBASSADORS THAT WILL DO ALMOST THE SAME TYPE OF WORK. SO, IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG LIFT FOR ALL OF US, BUT I THINK MANY OF US ON THE BOARD ARE READY FOR THAT CHALLENGE. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND LET'S CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THAT WE NEED TO SEE GET DONE TO PROTECT THE UNHOUSED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. AND I FULLY SUPPORT IT. I WANTED TO REMIND US, HOWEVER, THAT JUST OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN TASKED WITH NOT ONE BUT TWO MAJOR UNDERTAKINGS WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE NEW H.I. FRAMEWORK. SO THIS IS ON TOP OF, OF COURSE, OF THEY'RE ONGOING WORK. AS THE WORK ON HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO EXPAND, AND WE KNOW THAT IT DOES AND WILL, I JUST WANTED TO INDICATE TO OUR BOARD AND TO THE C.E.O., IT'S REALLY CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT CHERI'S TEAM HAS THE DISCRETION AND RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT ALL OF THE WORK THAT WE CONTINUALLY ASK THEM TO DO. THEY HAVE DONE IT SO FAR, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND THANK YOU. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 17 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 17 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 22, SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN IRAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME, AND I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION ALONG WITH ME. WE ALL KNOW THAT ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, MAHSA AMINI DIED AFTER SHE WAS DETAINED BY IRAN'S MORALITY POLICE ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE SHE WAS WEARING A HIJAB IMPROPERLY. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED, AS YOU KNOW, THAT MAHSA WAS TORTURED AND KILLED BY THE POLICE. HER DEATH SPARKED, AS YOU KNOW, ALMOST A WORLD OF GLOBAL WAVE OF PROTESTS LED BY WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGHOUT IRAN CHANTING WOMEN, LIFE, AND FREEDOM. THE PROTESTERS RISKING THEIR LIVES TO DEMAND FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL IRANIANS. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, AS YOU KNOW, HAS SINCE, AGAIN, INSTITUTED A VIOLENT CRACKDOWN AGAINST PEACEFUL PROTESTERS AND HAS DISRUPTED THE INTERNET TO LIMIT THE FLOW OF INFORMATION. THE REGIME ATTACKED STUDENTS AT PRESTIGIOUS SHARIF UNIVERSITY, WHERE SOME OF IRAN'S BRIGHTEST MINDS WERE LOCKED IN AN UNDERGROUND PARKING LOT, BEATEN, AND ARRESTED. EVIN PRISON, KNOW FOR HOUSING POLITICAL PRISONERS, WAS SET ABLAZE RESULTING

IN FOUR DEATHS AND 61 INJURIES, AND A COMPETITIVE CLIMBER HAS ALSO SINCE DISAPPEARED BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WEAR HER HEAD COVERING. SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND SENT TO PSYCHIATRIC CENTERS TO BE CORRECTED. THE CRACKDOWN, AS YOU KNOW, HAS RESULTED IN THE DETENTION OF HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF PROTESTERS AND THE DEATH OF AT LEAST 215 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 27 CHILDREN THAT WE KNOW OF. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS WE KNOW, AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU KNOW THIS BETTER THAN I DO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST IRANIAN COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF IRAN. AND COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TAKING TO THE STREETS THAT WE'VE SEEN ON THE WEST SIDE AND ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE IRANIAN PROTESTERS. THIS BOARD MUST SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE PROTESTERS IN IRAN. AND I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR THE ACTIONS HE HAS TAKEN ALSO TO SANCTION REGIME OFFICIALS AND SUPPORT ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. WITH WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AS YOU KNOW, UNDER ATTACK IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, THESE COURAGEOUS WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS ARE INSPIRING TO ALL OF US AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS IN EVERY CORNER OF THIS PLANET. WITH THIS MOTION, MEMBERS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS TAKING A STAND IN SUPPORT OF A BETTER FUTURE FOR IRAN AND FOR ITS POPULATION, AND ONE THAT ENSURES EQUAL TREATMENT TO IRANIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY DESERVE. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR AYE VOTE. AND I'M SURE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WILL JOIN ME NEXT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE CASE AT HAND. AND IN THIS CASE, WE SEE MULTIPLE EXAMPLES IN IRAN AND THE TARGET PRIMARILY BUT NOT ONLY WOMEN AND THE MORALITY POLICE, BUT I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW THIS CASE HAS RESONATED AROUND THE WORLD. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S ONLY BECAUSE WE'RE STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WOMEN OF IRAN AND WITH THE IRANIAN COMMUNITIES IN OUR OWN DISTRICT AND OUR OWN COUNTY. I THINK IT'S ALSO BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE OUR OWN MORALITY POLICE HISTORY IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES. I JUST SAW THE MOVIE "TILL" LAST WEEKEND. AND I WAS THINKING OF THIS YOUNG BOY KILLED BY A FORM OF MORALITY POLICE AND HOW THE MEDIA LETTING US KNOW THAT THIS HAPPENED, AS THEY DID WITH THIS ONE WOMAN IN IRAN, HAS IGNITED OUR OWN PASSION ABOUT JUSTICE AND WHAT INJUSTICE THIS IS. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE PROTESTS ALL OVER THE WORLD CONCERNING THE DEATH OF THIS WOMAN AND THE TREATMENT OF WOMEN IN IRAN, BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO BECAUSE IT RESONATES. SO THIS IS NOT JUST ONE WOMAN'S CASE. THIS IS A REFORM MOVEMENT NOW LED BY YOUNG WOMEN, OLD WOMEN, ALL WOMEN ACROSS ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. I HOPE THIS SERVES AS A WAKE UP CALL FOR OPPRESSIVE REGIMES WORLDWIDE, AND I DON'T LET OURS TO ESCAPE IN THAT PANOPLY. SO,

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS. I AM HAPPY TO COAUTHOR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS VERY POWERFUL TIMELY MOTION THAT I'M PROUD THIS BOARD IS CONSIDERING TODAY? SEEING NONE, ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, AYE: MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN WE HOLD THE ROLL OPEN? I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST STEPPED -- HERE SHE COMES. LET'S CALL OUR ABSENT MEMBER.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 22 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 23, IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE GROWING NUMBER OF LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME AND ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE FOLKS WHO CALLED IN TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. IT'S VERY CLEAR TO ALL OF US THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A CRISIS OF OUR LIFETIME. IT REQUIRES A

SHORING UP OUR ENERGY TO MEET THE MOMENT FOR THOSE MANY UNHOUSED RESIDENTS THAT DEMAND AND DESERVE BETTER. THIS BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, HAS LED MANY OF THOSE EFFORTS, WHICH I BELIEVE ACCOUNT IN PART FOR WHY WE DID NOT SEE A TREMENDOUS -- WHY WE DID NOT SEE A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS THIS YEAR, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THIS WAS NOT TRUE FOR THE LATINO RESIDENTS OR POPULATIONS. AND BELIEVE ME, LATINOS ARE NOT MONOLITHIC. THEY COME IN DIFFERENT SIZES, AND SHAPES, SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. AND WE KNOW THAT JUST GIVEN THIS LAST WEEK'S DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED ACROSS THE STREET AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. FOR MANY YEARS NOW, LATINOS WERE UNDERREPRESENTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S HOMELESS COUNT. SINCE I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD, I KNEW THAT INHERENTLY AND DISTINCTIVELY JUST SERVING THE RESIDENTS IN MY OWN DISTRICT. IN 2020, DESPITE MAKING UP ROUGHLY 49% OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, LATINOS ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 36% OF THE UNHOUSED ANGELENOS. HOWEVER, WE KNOW NOW THAT THE RESULTS OF THE 2022 GREATER L.A. HOMELESS COUNT SHOWED A SHOCKING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LATINOS THAT ARE HOMELESS. OF THE 69,000 PEOPLE THAT EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 29,000 IDENTIFY AS EITHER HISPANIC OR LATINO. THE NUMBER REFLECTS A 26% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED LATINOS SINCE 2020. THE INCREASE OF LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SIGNIFICANTLY OUT PACES THE OVERALL COUNT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH ONLY GREW BY 4% FROM 2020 TO 2022. WHILE THE CAUSE OF THE SHIFT WE

KNOW IS UNCLEAR, UNDOUBTEDLY WE KNOW THAT COVID-19 IS A BIG FACTOR BECAUSE WE ALSO KNOW THAT MANY LATINOS WORK IN SECTORS WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING FOOD SERVICES, RETAIL, HOSPITALITY, AND MANY ARE CLASSIFIED AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS. THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO OUT AND WORK EVERY DAY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT BECAUSE THEY HAD, IN MANY WAYS, LIMITED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, THEY ALSO WERE LIVING IN VERY DENSELY POPULATED AND OVERCROWDED HOUSING UNITS. I REMEMBER MANY FAMILIES TELLING ME, TWO AND THREE FAMILIES HAVING TO LIVE IN A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT. IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT LATINOS FACE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AND ACCESSING PANDEMIC RELIEF PROGRAMS. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I REPEATEDLY BRING UP BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO TALK ABOUT ACCESS AND DOING IT IN A LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT MANNER. RECENTLY, WE ALSO HEARD FROM U.C.L.A. THEY PROVIDED A STUDY THAT FOUND THAT LATINOS WERE ABOUT HALF AS LIKELY AS WHITE CALIFORNIANS TO HAVE APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED ANY RENT RELIEF. SO, THEREFORE, MANY WERE NOT WELL VERSED IN KNOWING THEY COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR RENT RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE, AND THEREFORE DIDN'T ASK FOR IT, OR MAYBE THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD USE THEIR CREDIT CARD AND APPLY THAT CREDIT TO PAY FOR THEIR LOAN AND NOW ARE BEING CHARGED ASTRONOMICAL PERCENTAGE RATES ON THAT CREDIT CARD, WHICH IS ALSO CAUSING THEM TO GO IN DEBT AND TO ALSO BE HOMELESS. SO, ALL I CAN SAY IT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK WITH THE DATA. L.A.H.S.A. CAN HELP US IDENTIFY AND MORE

READILY ASSIST OUR LATINO FAMILIES AND MEMBERS AND PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ACCESS INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAMS AT THE SAME LEVEL THAT OTHER GROUPS ARE ACCESSING THAT AID. THE RESEARCH SHOULD MAKE US QUESTION WHETHER LATINOS ARE ALSO ASSESSING COUNTY SERVICES AT A LOWER RATE THAN ANY OTHER RESIDENTS, AND WE SHOULD CONSIDER WAYS TO PREVENT INCREASES AND REDUCE THE OVERALL NUMBER OF UNHOUSED LATINO RESIDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE. AS THE ONLY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP THAT SAW AN INCREASE IN THE HOMELESSNESS COUNT, TURNING THE TIDE ON LATINO HOMELESSNESS WILL HELP US DECREASE THE OVERALL NUMBER OF UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. I HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. AND I KNOW THAT WE CAN DO IT WITH DATA AND IF WE DO IT IN A MANNER THAT ACTUALLY ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO I'M ALSO TALKING ABOUT INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, PEOPLE THAT SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES OTHER THAN SPANISH, LIKE KICHE AND AFRO-LATINOS AND POTENTIALLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ALSO MAY BE UNDOCUMENTED BUT ARE ALSO FACED WITH HOMELESSNESS AND MAY COME FROM MIXED FAMILIES THAT HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE ACTUALLY BORN HERE AS U.S. CITIZENS. IN SHORT, LATINO, AGAIN, IS NOT A MONOLITH. THIS IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION. WE KNOW THAT EVERYBODY DESERVES CARE. SO, WHEN SOMEONE CALLED EARLIER, A CALLER THAT SAYS WHY ARE WE JUST IDENTIFIED THE LATINO POPULATION, WE'RE NOT. IT'S NOT A MONOLITH. WE HAVE INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES THAT REPRESENT ALL PARTS OF OUR

FABRIC OF OUR CULTURAL IDENTITY. AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON WHERE WE KNOW THOSE SPECIFIC POINTS ARE, POWER POINTS THAT WE CAN CHANGE AND HOPEFULLY PROVIDE THE KINDS OF ASSISTANCE THAT WE NEED. I ALSO WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY'S ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, A.R.D.I., TO ASSESS HOW GAPS IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM MAY BE CAUSING AN INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF LATINOS FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. A.R.D.I. WILL HELP US DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY TO REVERSE THE TREND OF GROWING LATINO HOMELESSNESS. THE STRATEGIES, AS YOU KNOW, WILL BE BUILT ON THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT IS ALREADY DONE TO IMPROVE HOMELESS REHOUSING SYSTEM WITH A LENS TOWARDS EQUITY. AND I WANT TO ALSO PERSONALLY THANK DR. SCORZA AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR GUIDANCE AND WORKING WITH MY STAFF ALONG WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES. I KNOW THAT A.R.D.I. WILL ADVISE THIS BOARD ON THE STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS THAT WE MUST UNDERTAKE TO ADDRESS THIS INCREASE AND TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S EQUITY IN ALL OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS FOR EVERYONE. SO WITH THAT, MEMBERS, I THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR JOINING ME, AND I KNOW THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN ALSO HAS AN AMENDMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OF COURSE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ASKING ME TO JOIN YOU IN COAUTHORING THIS MOTION. YOU SAID IT ALL VERY WELL, BUT I JUST WANTED TO TOUCH ON THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE REALLY ALL ABOUT DATA COLLECTION, RIGHT? IF WE DON'T LOOK AT THE DATA EVERY TIME WE HAVE NUMBERS OR ASSESS THINGS AND MAKE SOME CHANGES OR PIVOT OR DO SOMETHING MORE TO ADDRESS THE DATA, THEN WE'RE SORT OF GOING TO BE SPINNING OUR WHEELS AND NOT MAKE REAL PROGRESS. THIS DATA POINT FOR LATINO HOMELESSNESS WAS SHOCKING TO ME. IT SHOWED A 26% INCREASE IN LATINO HOMELESSNESS IN THIS LAST COUNT. YOU JUST CAN'T LOOK AT THAT AND JUST KEEP DOING EVERYTHING THE SAME. I THINK THIS MOTION IS GOOD. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE GAPS IN OUR COUNTY SAFETY NET TO ENSURE LATINOS ARE ACCESSING THE SERVICES AND BENEFITS THEY NEED. WE KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND SOME LEGAL STATUS BARRIERS THAT SOMETIMES PREVENT PEOPLE FROM WANTING TO COME FORWARD TO ACCESS SERVICES EITHER DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING OR FEAR. I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THOSE CONCERNS AND GETTING RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT DO BETTER IN ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS. PREVENTING IS KEY. I THINK HILDA TOUCHED ON THAT A LOT. WE REALLY NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PREVENT IT. I MEAN, AND WHAT I'M SAYING COULD BE REALLY -- COULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS EVERYONE WHO IS ON THE STREETS RIGHT NOW. I MEAN, REALLY, THAT'S KIND OF WHAT WE ALL NEED TO DO IS CONTINUE TO LOOK AT WHY PEOPLE ARE ON THE

STREETS, WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS KEEPING THEM FROM ACCESSING SHELTER OR OTHER SERVICES, BUT PARTICULARLY THIS IS ABOUT LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BASED ON THAT 26% INCREASE, WHICH YOU JUST CAN'T IGNORE. I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE AUTHOR, BUT THE COAUTHOR IS READY TO SUPPORT YOUR AMENDMENT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORWARD BECAUSE I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE ITEM BEFORE US REALLY UPLIFTS INTENTIONAL AND TARGETED FOCUS ON SUBGROUPS, WHICH IS REALLY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AND EXPERIENCE, THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO CAPTURE THE NUANCES OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND ACCESS. DR. CORNELL WEST, PROBABLY 30 YEARS AGO, WROTE A BOOK ENTITLED "RACE MATTERS." AS YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, TALKED ABOUT THE DATA IS IMPORTANT, IT REALLY IS. I THINK WE HAD A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SAY TODAY IT DOES IT MATTER WHAT COLOR, WE SHOULD HOUSE PEOPLE. AND THAT FUNDAMENTALLY IS TRUE. HOWEVER, FOCUSING ON OUR DATA AND THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS OF, QUITE FRANKLY, SYSTEMIC RACISM HAS ON SUBGROUPS, WHICH LEADS TO THEM BEING UNHOUSED, IS ALSO OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY ATTENTION TO. CASE IN POINT, 51% OF 2ND DISTRICT RESIDENTS IDENTIFY AS LATINO, OF THE OVER 19,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2ND DISTRICT, LATINOS REPRESENT 46%. WHILE THE OVERALL COUNTY

NUMBERS OF BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAS DECREASED, 41% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2ND DISTRICT IS BLACK, DESPITE THE FACT THAT BLACK PEOPLE ONLY MAKE UP 7% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION IN THE COUNTY. AND SO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE DATA AND FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON SUBGROUPS THAT ARE BEING DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMIND OURSELVES REALLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF A.R.D.I. AND HOW IT CAME TO BE. THIS BOARD VOTED TO ESTABLISH A.R.D.I. IN JULY OF 2020 AS A DIRECT ACTION AND RESPONSE TO THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD. I BRING THIS UP BECAUSE, AS WE CONTINUE TO ADD WORK TO A.R.D.I., WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S UNFUNDED WORK. AND IF WE WANT -- IF WE ARE INTENTIONAL ABOUT BEING AN ANTIRACIST, FOCUSING ON ANTI-BLACK HISTORY, THEN WE REALLY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE APPROPRIATELY RESOURCING THESE DEPARTMENTS TO DO THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WORK. WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CAUSES AND CONDITIONS OF INEQUITY ARE IN THIS COUNTY AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO BENEFIT EVERYBODY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, THE REASON I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IT PARTICULARLY AT THIS POINT IN TIME IN LOS ANGELES HISTORY WHERE WE ARE HAVING TO CONFRONT, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS A GOVERNMENT, THE CONCEPT OF ZERO SUM GAME AND NOT WANTING TO DISCREDIT THE LIFE EXPERIENCE OF ONE GROUP IN ORDER TO ELEVATE OR EXPAND ACCESS TO ANOTHER GROUP. I DON'T CHOOSE TO, AS AN ELECTED LEADER HERE, TO PERPETUATE ZERO SUM GAME, AND I KNOW

NONE OF US DO. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE FOLLOW THE DATA AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO ALL GROUPS THAT DESERVE A -- AN UNBIASED, NON-RACIST GOVERNMENT SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THEM. SO, WITH THAT, IF I MAY READ IN TO THE RECORD THE TWO SMALL AMENDMENTS THAT I'M BRINGING FORWARD. AND I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE AND THE DIRECTOR OF C.E.O. HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE TO WORK IN TANDEM WITH L.A.H.S.A. -- WITH THE L.A.H.S.A. WORKING GROUP ON LATINO HOMELESS GROUP TO ASSESS HOW GAPS IN THE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEM CAN RESULT IN INCREASED NUMBERS OF LATINOS FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O. OR HER DESIGNEES TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS. AND I BROUGHT FORWARD THOSE TWO AMENDMENTS, TRULY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES AROUND ADDRESSING THE UNHOUSED. AND ADDING THE CONSULTANT, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT OUR A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE IS OVERBURDENED AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT IN ORDER TO DO THIS ADDITIONAL WORK. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD ADD NEW WORK TO THIS UNIT, THIS INITIATIVE, UNLESS WE ARE IDENTIFYING THE RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL, THAT THEY CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR WORK IN HELPING US BUILD A SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN THE COUNTY IS VALUED AND, THEREFORE, FUNDED. AGAIN, IT IS NOT ABOUT EXCLUDING TO

THE DETRIMENT OF ANY SUBGROUP BECAUSE ANTI-BLACKNESS AND COLORISM EXISTS IN EVERY SUBGROUP. SO WE WANT TO ELEVATE ALL OF THESE GROUPS THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED TO BRING FORWARD A CHANGE FOR EVERY ANGELENO, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE BLACK AND LATINX WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

SUP. KUEHL: MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY JUST ONE COMMENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. KUEHL: I DON'T -- WAS SUPERVISOR SOLIS ABOUT TO SAY THAT AMENDMENT'S OKAY?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THE AMENDMENT IS FINE. YES, WE WORKED IT ALL OUT. THANK YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU. JUST ONE FURTHER COMMENT. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ALSO KNOW ABOUT WHAT WE REFER TO AS SUBGROUPS AND SUBGROUPS WITHIN THE SUBGROUPS IS THAT OFTEN THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT WAY OF PRESENTING. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW LATINO AND LATINA FAMILIES THAT I HAVE KNOWN OVER MY LIFE AND AM IN TOUCH WITH, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT STRUCK ME WAS THEIR HOMELESSNESS WAS INVISIBLE BECAUSE THEY CONTINUED TO WORK. YOU WERE TALKING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABOUT, YOU KNOW, OUR

WORKERS THAT HAD TO KEEP SHOWING UP, THAT HAD TO KEEP GOING TO WORK, BUT THEY LOST THEIR HOUSING. YOU KNOW, AND WHO KNOWS AGAIN, ONCE ALL OUR RENTAL PROTECTIONS, YOU KNOW, IF THEY GO AWAY IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AGAIN. IT'S A VERY PROUD COMMUNITY. ALL COMMUNITIES ARE PROUD, OF COURSE, BUT IT WAS INTERESTING TO ME HOW THEY FELT THEY NEEDED TO HIDE THEIR HOMELESSNESS AT WORK, NOT LET ANYBODY KNOW, AS THOUGH IT WAS THEIR OWN FAULT OR SOME, YOU KNOW, BAD MARK AGAINST THEM. SO I THINK, IF IT'S POSSIBLE IN OUR -- MAYBE OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, PLACES WHERE WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH WORKING PEOPLE, OR D.C.B.A., OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, JUST A LITTLE AWARENESS ABOUT INQUIRIES ABOUT PEOPLE'S HOUSING STATUS WHEN THEY COME TO US FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF HELP BECAUSE WE DON'T ALWAYS PUT TOGETHER PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING WITH HOMELESSNESS, BUT I WAS REALLY QUITE STRUCK BY SEVERAL FAMILIES I KNEW OVER THE PANDEMIC, ALL LATINO AND LATINA FAMILIES. SO, I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT. I RECALL DURING THE PANDEMIC MEETING A HOMELESS WOMAN AND HER SON. AND WAS ALREADY MAYBE IN HER 60S, 65, WAS LIVING IN A PARK IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND SAID TO ME THAT,

YOU KNOW, PEOPLE DON'T THINK I'M HOMELESS BECAUSE I TRY TO WASH UP. I TRY TO NOT APPEAR AS I'M HOMELESS, BUT I AM. AND I'M STRUGGLING. AND SO IS MY SON. SO THERE'S A LOT OF PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S FOR SURE. AND I DO THINK YOU'RE CORRECT THAT WE NEED TO REALLY DO A BETTER JOB OF FINDING OUT WHERE THOSE ESSENTIAL WORKERS ARE THAT ARE IN THE WORKFORCE THAT ARE HOMELESS RIGHT NOW, WHO ARE CONTINUING TO WORK AS WE SPEAK NOW AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR OWN WELL-BEING HERE IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO STILL PAYING TAXES, WHICH IS QUITE INCREDIBLE. SO THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 23 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW, WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 24, EMPOWERING SCHOOLS AND YOUTH TO RESPOND TO THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ITEM 47B, EXPANDING EMERGENCY ACCESS TO NALOXONE -- HANG ON ONE SECOND. HELP ME WITH THE PRONUNCIATION. NALOXONE. NALOXONE. NALOXONE.

SUP. HAHN: THAT'S WHY I SAY NARCAN.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NARCAN. THANK YOU. ACCESS TO NARCAN AT COUNTY LIBRARIES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS FIRST AND THEN HAHN ON 47B. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING HER ITEM, 47B. MY ITEM IS TALKING ABOUT EMPOWERING SCHOOLS AND YOUTH TO RESPOND TO THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC. I, FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO THANK ALL THE FOLKS THAT CALLED IN, IN PARTICULAR MANY OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OUT ON THE EAST SIDE, FURTHER EAST OUT AS FAR AS HACIENDA LA PUENTE AND THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WELL AS CONCERNED PARENTS AND INDIVIDUALS. WE DO HAVE A DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC ON OUR HANDS. AND IT IS COMING AND SHOWING ITS PREVALENCE AMONGST OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, IN MY OPINION. IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE THAT WE TAKE COLLECTIVE ACTION AND URGENCY TO MAKE SURE WE ADDRESS THIS. SINCE 2020, THE OVERDOSE RATE FOR YOUTH HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THIS COUNTY HAS EXPERIENCED A SERIES OF TRAGIC OVERDOSES WITH AT LEAST 12 REPORTED OVERDOSES OF YOUTH WHO HAVE TAKEN ILLICIT SUBSTANCES THAT CONTAIN FENTANYL. WE ALL KNOW FENTANYL IS OFTEN MIXED WITH ILLICIT SUBSTANCES SUCH AS COCAINE, M.D.M.A., AND METHAMPHETAMINE, BUT IT ALSO IS BEING PRESSED INTO COUNTERFEIT PILLS THAT ARE FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE XANAX, OXYCONTIN, AND PERCOCET, AND

VICODIN, AND DRUG DEALERS ARE TARGETING YOUTH DIRECTLY WITH PILLS LIKE RAINBOW FENTANYL SOLD IN A VARIETY OF BRIGHT COLORS, SHAPES, AND SIZES TO BE MORE APPEALING TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND SADLY, SOMETIMES, THESE DRUGS ARE BEING EXCHANGED DIRECTLY ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUSES AS WAS THE CASE WITH MELANIE RAMOS AT BERNSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL. THIS CRISIS IS NOT JUST LIMITED TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. REGRETTABLY, A 14-YEAR-OLD FRESHMAN AT NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL IN LA PUENTE ALSO DIED OF FENTANYL-LACED DRUGS. WE HAVE TO ACT NOW, MEMBERS. WE WANT TO HAVE PEACE OF MIND TO KNOW OUR STUDENTS WILL BE SAFE AT SCHOOL. IN OUR SCHOOLS, THEIR STUDENTS AND PARENTS MUST BE ALSO EMPOWERED TO HAVE RESOURCES TO PREVENT THESE OVERDOSES. THAT'S WHY I'M PUTTING FORWARD THIS MOTION TODAY SO THAT WE CAN LEVERAGE THE EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO DEVELOP EASILY ACCESSIBLE TOOLKITS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES THAT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL STAFF, AND THEIR PARENTS CAN USE TO PREVENT OVERDOSES. WE CAN USE THESE PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR SCHOOLS, LIKE OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE, AND OUR YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO HELP US RAISE FURTHER AWARENESS. THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE CAN SHARE OPPORTUNITIES WITH SCHOOLS LIKE OUR RECOVER L.A. WEBSITE FOR THOSE USING SUBSTANCES AND HOW TO ACQUIRE LIFESAVING NALOXONE OR NARCAN FOR INTERESTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR PARENTS AND OUR GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS ON SOME OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR CHILDREN

AND OUR STUDENTS OPENLY AND HONESTLY TO PREVENT DRUG USE AND OVERDOSES. COLLEAGUES, THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IMPACTS ALL OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. BY EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, WE CAN PREVENT UNNECESSARY OVERDOSES IN THE FUTURE. AND WHILE WE EXAPND ACCESS AT SCHOOLS, I ALSO WANT TO THANK AND COMMEND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING HER MOTION AS WELL THAT WILL EXPAND ACCESS ALSO OF NARCAN TO ALL COUNTY LIBRARIES SO ANY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THIS LIFESAVING TREATMENT. I'M HOPEFUL THAT THESE TWO ITEMS WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL, AND THIS WILL BE AN INITIATIVE THAT WE CAN ALL WRAP OUR ARMS AROUND, AND ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SHOULD HELP US FACILITATE THIS LIKE D.P.S.S., D.C.F.S., AS WELL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON OUR ITEMS. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR MOTION THAT WILL RAISE AWARENESS AT SCHOOLS ABOUT HOW TO PREVENT FENTANYL DEATHS. AND I WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN DOING TO PUSH THIS INFORMATION OUT, PARTICULARLY ON THE DANGERS OF THIS FENTANYL, WHICH AS A LITTLE GRAIN OF SALT CAN BE DEADLY. OVER 75% OF TEENAGE OVERDOSES ARE FROM FENTANYL POISONING. I'M HOPING IN THIS OUTREACH, THIS EDUCATION PUSH THAT WE'RE GOING

TO TRY TO DO BASED ON YOUR MOTION, I DO HOPE WE LOOK AT EVEN, YOU KNOW, WORDS MATTER. I HOPE WE LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE TYPICALLY CONSIDER AN OVERDOSE AND WHAT THIS IS. THIS IS FENTANYL POISONING. SOMETIMES WHEN YOU USE THE WORD OVERDOSE, SOMETIMES, WE TEND TO THINK THAT'S SOMEONE WHO IS DOING DRUGS, AND THEY WENT INTO THE BATHROOM, AND THEY JUST OVERDOSED BECAUSE THEY TOOK MORE THAN THEY THOUGHT. THIS IS VERY DIFFERENT. IT IS FENTANYL POISONING THAT IS LACING THESE OTHER PILLS THAT THESE KIDS DON'T EVEN KNOW IS IN THERE. SO, I HOPE WE CAN LOOK AT THAT, BUT THANK YOU, I WILL SUPPORT YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ON MY ITEM, 47B, MY MOTION WILL DO TWO THINGS. FIRST, IN THE WAKE OF OUR TEENS BEING POISONED BY FENTANYL, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT NARCAN IS AVAILABLE AT OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES BECAUSE LIBRARIES ARE PLACES WHERE TEENS GO AFTER SCHOOL. NARCAN IS A LIFESAVING MEDICATION THAT CAN REVERSE AN OVERDOSE FROM OPIOIDS, INCLUDING FENTANYL. NARCAN IS EASY TO USE, AND IT WON'T HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT IF YOU ARE NOT ACTUALLY OVERDOSING. PARAMEDICS AND ALL OF OUR COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS CARRY NARCAN WITH THEM WHEN THEY RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY, BUT MINUTES MATTER, AND BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVE ON THE SCENE, SOMETIMES IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE. THE MORE PLACES WE CAN MAKE NARCAN AVAILABLE, THE BETTER. AND MY HOPE IS THAT LIBRARIANS WILL NEVER HAVE TO USE IT, BUT THEY CAN BE PREPARED IN CASE THEY HAVE TO. THE SECOND THING MY MOTION DOES, COLLEAGUES, IS THAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE ALL HEARD FROM

PARENTS WHO ARE REALLY SCARED ABOUT THIS NEW DANGER AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NARCAN ON HAND IN CASE THE WORST THING POSSIBLE HAPPENS AND THEIR OWN TEEN IS POISONED WITH FENTANYL. MY STAFF HEARD PARENTS ASK THIS QUESTION AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING LAST WEEK, "WHERE CAN I GET NARCAN?" AND SO I WANT US TO EXPLORE USING OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES AS A DISTRIBUTION SITE, PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN GET FREE NARCAN TO CARRY ON THEM OR KEEP AT HOME. LIBRARIES IN OTHER CITIES, SALT LAKE CITY, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, DENVER HAVE MADE NARCAN AVAILABLE. SO IT'S TIME WE STEP UP IN L.A. COUNTY AND DO THE SAME THING, PARTICULARLY AT OUR LIBRARIES. A BIG, HUGE THANK YOU TO SKYE PATRICK, WHO, YOU KNOW, ALWAYS SAYS YES. THIS IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT MY LIBRARIANS WENT TO SCHOOL FOR. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE DOING, BEING FIRST RESPONDERS, BUT SHE ALWAYS SAYS YES, IF THIS WILL HELP OUR COMMUNITY, IF THIS WILL HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WE'RE WILLING TO DO IT. I MEAN, DURING THE PANDEMIC, HER LIBRARIES WERE PLACES WHERE WE HAD COVID TESTING. THEY WERE PLACES WHERE THERE WAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION. SO, OUR LIBRARIES ARE BECOMING A REAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE. IT'S MORE THAN JUST BOOKS THESE DAYS AT OUR LIBRARIES. AND I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN GETTING THIS LIFESAVING NARCAN IN OUR LIBRARIES AND SAVING LIVES. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO SUPPORT BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS. IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY THAT EACH ONE OF US KNOWS SOMEBODY WHO HAS HAD A LOVED ONE IMPACTED BY THIS. I KNOW I DO. I WAS AT AN EVENT LAST NIGHT, OUT IN LA CRESCENTA, WHERE WE HAD PRINCIPALS TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT THIS HAS HAD ON THEIR KIDS. I WAS TALKING TO A PARENT WHO GETS UPSET WHEN THE WORD OVERDOSE IS USED BECAUSE THEIR CHILD DID NOT OVERDOSE. THEIR CHILD DIED BEING POISONED. AND, YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD PARENTS QUESTION US AS TO ALLOWING NARCAN ON THE CAMPUSES, AND MY RESPONSE BACK IS HOW CAN WE NOT. WE KNOW IT SAVES LIVES. WE KNOW IN L.A.U.S.D. JUST LAST WEEK, IT SAVED A CHILD'S LIFE. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE NARCAN TO, YOU KNOW, IN OUR LIBRARIES, WHICH I THINK IS A BRILLIANT IDEA, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND EVEN TO PARENTS. BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF EDUCATING OUR YOUTH BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY'RE INVINCIBLE. AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, YOU'RE NOT. THESE ARE NOT KIDS THAT NEED TO BE PUT IN DRUG TREATMENT. THESE ARE NOT KIDS WHO, YOU KNOW, ARE PARTYING ALL THE TIME. SOME ARE JUST EXPERIMENTING BECAUSE THEY'RE TOLD JUST TRY IT. IT'S GOING TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD. AND THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT IT'S LACED WITH SOMETHING THAT ULTIMATELY IS GOING TO TAKE THEIR LIVES. SO, I -- I SUPPORT BOTH THESE MOTIONS. I TELL PEOPLE THIS IS THE ONE AREA THAT REALLY DOES

KEEP ME UP AT NIGHT BECAUSE WE ARE FACING A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE GOING TO LOSE OUR YOUTH TO SOMETHING THAT IS SO PREVENTABLE. SO IF NARCAN IS GOING TO HELP US TO SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE OR SAVE AN INDIVIDUAL. IT'S NOT JUST CHILDREN, QUITE FRANKLY. WE'RE SEEING IT WITH OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS. WE'RE SEEING THE NUMBERS ARE GOING UP THERE AS WELL IN TERMS OF THE POISONING BY FENTANYL. SO, I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION BEING BROUGHT IN. I KNOW THAT THE -- L.A.C.O. IS DOING AN INCREDIBLE JOB PUTTING TOGETHER EDUCATIONAL FORUMS FOR PARENTS AND FOR STUDENTS. I COMMEND L.A.C.O., AND I COMMEND PUBLIC HEALTH, WHO IS A PARTNER WITH THEM ON THIS, BUT THIS IS AN ALL HANDS ON DECK. THIS IS TRULY SOMETHING THAT EACH ONE OF US HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO GET OUT INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO HELP. SO I WILL BE VOTING YES ON BOTH MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO LEND MY VOICE ALSO TO THANKING YOU FOR THE MOTION, ITEM 24, WHICH ADDRESSES THIS REALLY CRITICAL ISSUE ACROSS THE COUNTY. IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, FENTANYL OVERDOSES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED, 13 TIMES INCREASED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THOUGH IN MY DISTRICT, THE NUMBERS AMONG YOUTH UNDER AGE 18 ARE STILL RELATIVELY RARE, BUT WE KNOW THAT CHANGES. I KNOW THAT WILL CHANGE BASED ON NATIONAL DATA AND BASED ON OUR COUNTY- WIDE DATA. I WANTED TO ALSO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ON SOME OF THE ACTIONS THEY'VE ALREADY TAKEN AND CREATED AN OPIOID DATA DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS REALLY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FACT THAT FENTANYL REALLY ARE THE MAIN DRIVERS OF OVERDOSE DEATHS ACROSS THIS COUNTY. I THINK, AS WE SAID EARLIER, DATA IS IMPORTANT. AND IT ALLOWS US TO ATTEMPT TO GET IN FRONT OF A PROBLEM AS OPPOSED TO FALLING FAR TOO BEHIND. IT ALSO HELPS REINFORCE OUR NEW ORIENTATION TO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THESE ARE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES AS OPPOSED TO MORE THE PUNITIVE CRIMINAL RESPONSE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS TENDED TO FALL VICTIM OF IN YEARS PAST. SO, COLLECTING THIS DATA, MAKING NARCAN AVAILABLE IN AS MANY SPACES AS POSSIBLE CONTINUES TO REALLY BE IMPORTANT. I'M MINDFUL WITH REGARD TO 47B THAT BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION SITE TAKES OUTREACH AND OPERATIONAL RESOURCES THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT CURRENTLY HAVE, BUT CERTAINLY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. SO THE HOPE THE REPORT BACK WILL ADDRESS THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO CREATE EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS AND THAT WE MONITOR HOW THESE PARTNERSHIPS WITH LIBRARIES WORK TO REALLY PREVENT ABUSE AND SAVE LIVES. IT TOOK YEARS FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE FIREHOUSE WAS A PLACE THAT YOU COULD GO TO FOR OTHER KINDS OF HELP, TO SURRENDER CHILDREN, SO REALLY CHANGING THE PARADIGM SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE IS AVAILABLE IN OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES. IT IS GOING TO TAKE EDUCATION FOR IT TO BE EFFECTIVE. SO I HOPE THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT BACK. AGAIN, THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU FOR

BRINGING THESE MOTIONS FORWARD. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ITEM 24 IS BEFORE US. WE'LL VOTE ON THEM SEPARATELY, COLLEAGUES. ITEM 24, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 47, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 47B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 33, A REPORT ON ADEQUATE STAFFING AND CAPACITY TO SERVE THOSE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO TOMORROW, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION THAT DIRECTED D.M.H. TO WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS, LABOR PARTNERS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNING CHALLENGES IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING OUR FRONTLINE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS. I KNOW, YOU KNOW, THAT CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE. THE COUNTY HAS POSITIONED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS THE LINCHPIN TO THE REFORM WE'RE DOING ACROSS ALL POLICY PRIORITIES FROM HOMELESSNESS TO JUSTICE REFORM, AND THESE GOALS CANNOT BE REACHED WITHOUT ADEQUATE STAFFING IN OUR CLINICAL ROLES. THESE FRONTLINE WORKERS HAVE TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING CRISES WE RECEIVE, AND THIS BOARD IS DEPENDING

GREATLY UPON THEIR WORK. WE MUST ENSURE OUR DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE THE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THESE WORKERS. AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK THAT D.M.H. HAS DONE WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, D.H.R., AND C.E.O. WITHIN THE LAST YEAR AND THE STEPS YOU ARE TAKING AS THE ACTING DIRECTOR, DR. LISA WONG, IN THE SHORT TIME IN THIS POSITION. I KNOW THIS IS A HEAVY LIFT FOR YOU. I KNOW WHEN I GO OUT TO MY COMMUNITIES, EVEN LAST NIGHT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT FENTANYL, THE QUESTION CAME UP ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS THAT COULD BE EMBEDDED IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE L.A.U.S.D. BOARD THAT ARE ASKING IF THERE'S ADDITIONAL CLINICAL STAFF THAT CAN BE DEPLOYED TO THEIR CAMPUSES. SO WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEEDS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY WE'RE HAVING IN RECRUITING THESE POSITIONS AND THEN WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO TRY TO ADDRESS THAT?

DR. LISA WONG: I'D BE HAPPY TO. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY AND TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AROUND OUR STAFFING SHORTAGE CRISIS. AND WE -- I FEEL THAT WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS, BUT WE STILL FACE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF US, BUT I THINK WE'RE ON A GOOD TRAJECTORY. I CAN SIT AT THE LAPTOP AND MANUALLY FORWARD IT. OKAY. THAT'S OKAY. THANK YOU. SO, HERE IN THE

SUMMER, YOU CAN SEE OUR FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET, WHAT OUR POSITIONS LOOKED LIKE. WE HAVE VARIOUS VACANCIES ACROSS OUR DEPARTMENT IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF POSITIONS WITH A TOTAL OVERALL VACANCY OF 28%. AND THIS IS AS OF THE END OF SEPTEMBER. OUR LARGEST CATEGORY YOU'LL SEE IS ACTUALLY OTHER NON-LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS. AND TRADITIONALLY, THESE HAVE BEEN THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN EASIEST TO FILL PRE-PANDEMIC. IN FISCAL YEAR '21-'22, AFTER THE -- YOU KNOW, THE RESTRICTIONS ON HIRING WERE LIFTED AND FREED UP, WE HIRED 519 NEW HIRES OR PROMOTIONS. AND WE ARE REALLY HAPPY TO SAY JUST SINCE JULY, SO JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE HAD OVER -- WE HAVE HAD 202 NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS IN THAT SHORT PERIOD. AND THIS DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE ALL THE POSITIONS WHERE WE HAVE CANDIDATES SELECTED AND NOT PROCESSED THROUGH YET. SO I THINK THAT WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. ONE EXAMPLE, FOR INSTANCE, IS OUR OUTPATIENT PAINTS, OUR ADULT OUTPATIENT, CHILD AND FAMILY OUTPATIENT, OUR FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP, THESE WERE SOME OF THE CRITICAL NEEDS AREAS WE FOCUSED ON FIRST WHEN STARTING TO HIRE. THE TOTAL POSITIONS WE HAVE IN THIS DIVISION ARE 2,232. WE PRESENTLY HAVE 1,861 ENCUMBERED, 70 PENDING HIRING TRANSACTIONS, MEANING PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SELECTED, THEIR PARS ARE TURNED IN, THEY'RE PROCESSING THROUGH H.R., AND THEN WE HAVE 134 POSITIONS CURRENTLY IN STAGES OF RECRUITMENT AND INTERVIEWS. SO WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT WE HAVE 8 -- WE ARE 83% ENCUMBERED AT THIS TIME FOR OUR CLINICAL AND HIGH ACUITY

PROGRAMS. ONCE WE HAVE THE 70 PENDING TRANSACTIONS THROUGH, WE'LL BE ABOUT 87% EN ENCUMBERED. AND THAT'S NOT, AGAIN, INCLUDING THE 134 POSITIONS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY TRYING TO RECRUIT OR WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF INTERVIEWING. AND WHILE THIS SEEMS LIKE GOOD PROGRESS, AND I TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORTS THAT WENT INTO IT TO MAKE THIS PROGRESS COME ABOUT, WE HAVE FOUND THAT WITH THE INCREASED NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, EVEN IF WE FILL ALL OF OUR VACANCIES, WE STILL WILL HAVE OUTSTANDING NEEDS. WE'RE ALSO VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HIRE ON SOME SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP POSITION THAT HAVE GONE VACANT FOR A WHILE. FOR INSTANCE, OUR HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, WHICH WAS VACANT FOR OVER THREE YEARS. AND AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WHEN YOU'RE REALLY STARTING A RECRUITMENT AND HIRING AND PROCESSING EFFORT, IT'S VERY CHALLENGING WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE APPROPRIATE HUMAN RESOURCES RESOURCES. WE'VE HIRED A PROGRAM MANAGER I.V., WHICH IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PROGRAM MANAGER FOR OUR MENTAL SERVICES ACT DIVISION, AND, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THAT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF WHAT WE DO IN MENTAL HEALTH AND A VERY IMPORTANT FUNDING SOURCE FOR US AS WELL. WE HIRED A SERVICE AREA CHIEF FOR SERVICE AREA 1, WHICH HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY VERY DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT FOR WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL PERSON, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER THAT POSITION. THAT'S JAMES COOMES, WHO WAS FORMERLY THE PROGRAM HEAD OVER OLIVE VIEW URGENT CARE. WE HAVE HIRED A

PROGRAM MANAGER I.I.I. OVER OUR INTENSIVE CARE DIVISION. THAT'S AT THE LEVEL OF CHIEF. AND WE HAVE HIRED PROGRAM MANAGER I.I.S, WHICH ARE LIKE CLINIC DIRECTORS AT OLIVE VIEW MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, TWO OF WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN SORT OF CHALLENGING BECAUSE OF THEIR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS. AND WE HAVE CANDIDATES SELECTED AND IN PROCESS FOR A SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OVER CHILD WELL-BEING AND PREVENTION AND OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OVER PREVENTION. SO, I FEEL LIKE WE TALK ABOUT THIS ALMOST EVERY DAY IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF FORUMS. WHAT ARE THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION CHALLENGES? WE HAVE, AS I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW, A NATIONWIDE SHORTAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. WE HAVE PROVIDERS LEAVING THEIR JOBS, CITING BURNOUT OR OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES AFTER, YOU KNOW, A PERIOD OF INTROSPECTION DURING COVID. WE HAVE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE MOVED OUT OF STATE TO BE NEAR FAMILIES OR PURSUE OTHER ENDEAVORS AND ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THEY COULD DO TELEWORK FROM ANY LOCATION. WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF STAFF, UNFORTUNATELY, WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK IN-PERSON OR IN FIELD-BASED POSITIONS. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THIS IS A VERY CRUCIAL POINT FOR US. WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON US, WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TELEHEALTH WORK BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY, THEY DON'T HAVE PRIVATE SPACES, OR THEY JUST NEED THAT IN-PERSON CONNECTION. A LOT OF OUR FOLKS ARE VERY ISOLATED. AND I REMEMBER BEING A THERAPIST AND BEING TOLD BY

SOME PEOPLE THAT I WAS THE LONGEST RELATIONSHIP THEY HAD HAD. AND OUR FIELD POSITIONS, OF COURSE, ARE OUR HIGH ACUITY POSITIONS THAT REALLY REQUIRE THAT IN-PERSON PRESENCE. AND THEN, OF COURSE, WE'RE DEALING WITH RECRUITMENT FROM OTHER SOURCES. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON SIGNING BONUSES AND RETENTION BONUSES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I WAS JUST SENT SOME ADVERTISEMENT THE OTHER DAY SHOWING OTHER ENTITIES, WHAT THEIR SIGNING BONUSES WERE. ONE PLACE THAT WAS RECRUITING JUST FOR CLINICIANS, THEY WERE OFFERING A $10,000 SIGNING BONUS, AND ANOTHER PLACE, A $20,000 SIGNING BONUS. SO THERE'S A LOT OF RECRUITMENT FROM OTHER SOURCES. SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO TRY TO HELP THIS SITUATION, TO GIVE PEOPLE THE INCENTIVES TO COME ON BOARD WITH US AT THE COUNTY? WE HAVE LOAN FORGIVENESS. WE HAVE REINSTATED THE PSYCHIATRY STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM. THIS WAS HUGE FOR US. FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDS GRANTED FOR STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT IS $400,000, AND RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE IS $75,000, FOR A TOTAL OF $475,000 JUST FOR FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 SO FAR. BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR '22-'23, WE ESTIMATE THAT ADDITIONAL AWARDS GRANTED WILL BE $1.5 MILLION AND 150,000, RESPECTIVELY, WHICH WILL BE ESTIMATED TOTAL OF OVER $2 MILLION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. WE'RE WORKING ON FINANCIAL INCENTIVES, WORKING ON THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT GO DIRECTLY THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION.

WE HAVE RE-INITIATED THE STIPEND PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING SOCIAL WORK, PSYCHOLOGY, AND NURSE PRACTITIONER STUDENTS WHO COME TO WORK AND OUR DIRECTLY OPERATED AND CONTRACTED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS. THE SCHOOLS WILL BEGIN TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AND WILL IDENTIFY THEM EARLY SO THAT WE CAN GET THEM ONBOARDED ACTUALLY -- START THE ONBOARDING PROCESS BEFORE THEY GRADUATE. RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES FOR MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRISTS WHO MEET SELECTION CRITERIA IS ANOTHER THING WE'VE BEEN OFFERING, REIMBURSEMENT FOR RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR OUT OF AREA MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRISTS WHO MEET SELECTION CRITERIA, THEN WE HAVE OUR MENTAL HEALTH LOAN REPAYMENT AWARDS TO OVER 850 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF IN OUR LEGAL ENTITY AND DIRECTLY OPERATED PROGRAMS AFTER COMPLETING ONE YEAR OF SERVICE. AND THAT'S THROUGH OUR W.E.T. AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP VIA M.H.S.A. WE HAVE A FIELD ASSIGNMENT BONUS FOR SPECIALIZED MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON. WE ARE WORKING VERY MUCH WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THAT EVEN MORE ROBUST AND INCENTIVIZING FOR FOLKS. AS I SAID, WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO EXPLORE SIGNING BONUSES TO RECRUIT NEW HIRES AND RETENTION BONUSES TO RETAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CURRENT WORKFORCES. SO, WITH OUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM TO RECRUIT FOR HARD TO FILL POSITIONS, ESPECIALLY PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS, M.F.T.S, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, LICENSED

PSYCH TECHS, ALSO D.H.R. HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL WITH US TO RECRUIT FOR SOME OF OUR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED AS WELL. WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING SELECTION FAIRS. WE HAVE A PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM WITH CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY THAT WE HAVE REALLY BEEN TRYING TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT AND BUILD UP TO BUILD A PIPELINE INTO OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. WE HAVE DEDICATED PSYCHIATRY RECRUITMENT STAFF NOW ONCE AGAIN. AND WE HAVE DIRECTLY OPERATED CLINICS AND CONTRACT PROVIDERS THAT HAVE BECOME TRAINING SITES SO WE CAN BRING STUDENTS IN BEFORE THEY MAKE THEIR CHOICES OF WHERE THEY WANT TO GO. IN TERMS OF ACADEMIC OUTREACH, WE HAVE REALLY DOUBLED DOWN IN THAT AREA, AND WE HAVE INCREASED OUR OUTREACH TO PARTNER WITH SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVERYWHERE FROM HIGH SCHOOLS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO THE CAL STATES AND OTHER LOCAL PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AROUND. WE HAVE A PIPELINE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS EMPHASIZING WORK IN THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. WE WANT STUDENTS TO COME IN EARLY, FALL IN LOVE WITH PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH, AND STAY WITH US THE REST OF THEIR LIVES, LIKE ME. AND WE ARE ALSO REALLY TRYING TO BUILD FLEXIBILITY IN WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER OUR WORKFORCE. 71% OF OUR WORKFORCE RIGHT NOW, THEY TELEWORK AT LEAST ONE DAY A WEEK, AND 31% OF OUR WORKFORCE TELEWORK FOUR TO FIVE DAYS A WEEK. SO PRETTY MUCH FULL TIME. SO COLLABORATION WITH NETWORK PROVIDERS, YOU KNOW, WE REALLY OPERATE AS A SYSTEM OF CARE IN MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S NOT JUST

DIRECTLY OPERATED AND OUR LEGAL ENTITIES. WE'VE TRIED MORE THAN EVER TO BE A PARTNERSHIP AND WORK TOGETHER AS ONE SYSTEM. SO, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR LEGAL ENTITIES TO INCREASE SALARIES. YOU KNOW, WE, AS D.M.H, WE INCREASED THE C.M.A., WHICH PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR L.E. CONTRACTORS TO INCREASE STAFF SALARIES. WE HAVE REALLY ENCOURAGED BONUSES, AND I KNOW SOME OF OUR LEGAL ENTITIES HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED THEIR SIGNING BONUSES. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE WORK SCHEDULES THAT ARE BEING OFFERED, TELEWORK, HYBRID, FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES, JUST LIKE THEY ARE WITH OUR D.M.H. DIRECTLY OPERATED. HIRING CONSULTANTS TO PROMOTE DIVERSIFICATION AND RETENTION, TO PROMOTE GREATER WORK-LIFE SATISFACTION. AND WE'RE ENCOURAGING THE USE OF INTERNS FROM MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES, SO NOT JUST SOCIAL WORK OR NOT JUST PSYCHOLOGY, BUT ACROSS AN ARRAY BECAUSE WE NEED A VERY DIVERSE WORKFORCE TO SERVE OUR CLIENTS. PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TECHNIQUES AND UTILIZING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICES TO INCREASE CLIENT ATTENDANCE. THAT'S THE END OF MY FORMAL PRESENTATION. ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, LISA. AND I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT AREAS OR S.P.A.S IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE FACING ACUTE WORK SHORTAGES. I KNOW I GOT TO MEET JAMES COOMES LAST NIGHT BECAUSE HE WAS AT AN EVENT. AND I HAVE TO SAY, AMAZING MAN,

DEDICATED SOCIAL WORKER, WHO I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN --

DR. LISA WONG: HE'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY.

SUP. BARGER: HE ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND IT SHOWED. I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT. I KNOW HE'S GOING BE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. BUT WHAT S.P.A.S ARE FACING CRITICAL WORK SHORTAGE? DOES IT GO BY S.P.A.? OR IS IT JUST COUNTY-WIDE?

DR. LISA WONG: I WOULD SAY WE HAVE A SHORTAGE COUNTY WIDE, BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN PAIN POINTS IN DIFFERENT S.P.A.S, TYPICALLY, GEOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING, OUR FURTHEST REACHING POINTS, LIKE THE A.V., WEST VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH IN CANOGA PARK, AND THEN EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH IS IN COVINA. THOSE THREE AREAS TEND TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT FOR OR CHALLENGING TO RECRUIT FOR. SERVICE AREA FIVE, LIKE OUR EDELMAN CLINIC IS DIFFICULT WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THE LOWER PAYING CLASSIFICATIONS THAT WE HAVE BECAUSE THAT'S NOT A VERY EASY SERVICE AREA TO HAVE LOW RENT OR, YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE THAT THERE. SO I THINK IT REALLY DEPENDS ON THE SPECIFIC COMMUNITY AND THE KINDS OF CLASSIFICATIONS WE'RE RECRUITING FOR, BUT GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE'RE HAVING A CHALLENGE ACROSS OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM. WHEN WE LOOK AT SERVICE AREA TWO, FOR INSTANCE, THAT'S OUR SECOND LARGEST BY GEOGRAPHY, FIRST LARGEST BY POPULATION.

THERE'S SUCH A SHORTAGE THERE BECAUSE THE NEED IS GROWING EXPONENTIALLY. WE LOOK AT SERVICE AREA THREE, WHICH IS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THAT'S ANOTHER AREA WHERE WE HAVE EXPONENTIALLY GROWING NEED. WHEN WE STARTED THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER THERE, WE STARTED WITH 400 CLIENTS. WITHIN THREE MONTHS, WE GREW TO 800 CLIENTS. TODAY, FOUR YEARS LATER, IT'S AT 2,600 CLIENTS. SO THAT JUST TELLS YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE NEED THAT IS IN THE COMMUNITY. SO WHEN I DID A SYSTEM-WIDE GAP ANALYSIS LOOKING AT WHAT OUR RATES WOULD LOOK LIKE IF WE FILLED ALL OF OUR VACANCIES, WE FOUND WE HAD CERTAIN CLINICS, LIKE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHO WOULD BE AT 46% OF THE STAFFING THEY NEEDED EVEN IF THE VACANCIES WERE FILLED.

SUP. BARGER: IT'S INTERESTING, BECAUSE AGAIN I'M -- FRESH OFF MY MIND FROM LAST NIGHT'S MEETING, A PARENT WHO WAS GIVEN BY HER INSURANCE COMPANY A LIST OF EIGHT NAMES. ALL EIGHT WERE CALLED, AND ALL EIGHT SAID THEY HAD A WAITING LIST. AND THEN 14 MORE NAMES WERE GIVEN, AND IT WAS BASICALLY HOPE AND PRAY THAT ONE OF THEM IT GOING TO ACCEPT YOUR CHILD. AND THEN, OH, BY THE WAY, WHAT IF THAT DOESN'T CLICK BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNSELOR AND PATIENT? AND I HAD TO WONDER BECAUSE IT'S IMPACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHO ARE, IN THIS CASE, GLENDALE UNIFIED, WHO IS HIRING STAFF TO HAVE ON CAMPUS, BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH CASELOAD THEY CAN

HANDLE. SO I HAVE TO WONDER HOW MUCH OF THAT IS PUSHING IT INTO OUR SYSTEM AND IF THERE'S A WAY TO LOOK AT THIS SYSTEMICALLY ACROSS THE BOARD BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC BECAUSE I HEAR STORIES ABOUT KAISER WITH REALLY ACUTE PATIENTS REFERRING THEM OVER TO THE COUNTY. SO I -- AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S TRUE OR FALSE, WHO KNOWS, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, AS A SYSTEM, IF ONE IS AT CAPACITY, IT IMPACTS ACROSS THE BOARD.

DR. LISA WONG: YES.

SUP. BARGER: AND THAT'S MY CONCERN AS IT RELATES TO WE'RE BUILDING OUR CAPACITY, BUT YET, THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS SATURATED. AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE REFERRING OVER. AND I ALWAYS SAY, WE TALK ABOUT PARITY WITH HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH PARITY, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AS WELL IN TERMS OF THE FUNDING BECAUSE SOME OF THE PRIVATE -- SOME OF THE PRIVATE PROVIDERS ARE NOT TAKING INSURANCE. YOU HAVE TO PAY OUT OF POCKET, AND THEN YOU GET TO BILL YOUR INSURANCE TO GET REIMBURSED. AND FOR SOME PARENTS, THAT IS JUST NOT REALISTIC. THAT IS NOT WHY YOU HAVE INSURANCE. AND IF THAT WERE A MEDICAL PROVIDER, I DON'T KNOW -- I THINK THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A LOT MORE OUTRAGE. I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED, AS A COUNTY, TO TAKE THE PARITY ISSUE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND REALLY START POUNDING THE PAVEMENT AND MANDATE AND DEMAND THAT

THERE BE ADEQUATE FUNDING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND HOLDING INSURANCE COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE SIX VISITS IS NOT GOING TO FIX WHAT MAY BE BROKEN. AND YET, WITH PHYSICAL, THEY DON'T SAY YOU HAVE X AMOUNT OF WEEKS TO GET OVER YOUR HEART ATTACK, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO CUT YOU OFF. YOU KEEP GETTING THE CARE FOR THAT ISSUE. SO I'LL GET OFF THE SOAPBOX, BUT THAT REALLY IS SOMETHING THAT IRRITATES ME. ONE MORE QUESTION, THEN I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS A QUESTION, BUT WHAT COLLABORATION HAVE WE BEEN DOING WITH LABOR DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE RETENTION CHALLENGES? HAVE WE HAD A GOOD, ROBUST RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM?

DR. LISA WONG: WE HAVE. WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH SOME OF OUR LABOR PARTNERS. I THINK THERE'S MORE WE COULD PROBABLY DO, BUT WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH THEM IN THE -- WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT WE HAVE WHERE THE THREE HEALTH AGENCIES MEET WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS, BUT WE'VE ALSO BEEN DOING IT AT THE NEGOTIATION TABLE AND AT THE STAFF LEVEL. SO WE'VE ENCOURAGED STAFF TO BE A BIG PART OF THIS CONVERSATION, ALL OF OUR ONLINE STAFF. AND WE BRING THE LABOR PARTNERS INTO THAT AS WELL. WE HAVE ASKED THEM, INCLUDING OUR H.P.A.S, WHAT ARE SOME OF THEIR SUGGESTIONS IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN MAINTAIN THE WORKFORCE THAT WE HAVE, AND HOW WE CAN ATTRACT NEW PEOPLE TO THAT WORKFORCE. I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN VALUABLE FEEDBACK, BUT, AS YOU SAID, SOME OF IT COMES DOWN TO RESOURCES AND BEING ABLE TO OFFER A PAY

DIFFERENTIAL OR BEING ABLE TO GIVE A COMPETITIVE SALARY WITH, YOU KNOW, WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE OFFERING OUTSIDE. I THINK THAT THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE WHERE THERE'S A SINGLE ELEGANT SOLUTION. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE CAN HAVE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON THIS.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. WONG, FOR EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING. I KNOW YOU HAVE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING ON THIS. AND I HAVE MET WITH SOME OF THE WORKERS WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE A HEART FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND ARE COMMITTED BUT ARE OVERWHELMED. SO WHEN YOU HAD IN YOUR SLIDE ABOUT THE BURNOUT, THAT IS ALIVE AND REAL. AND THEY'RE DEALING WITH CASES THAT TAKE THEIR TOLL. AND I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS REPORT. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

DR. LISA WONG: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU FOR WHEN YOU READ IN THIS MOTION, I THINK IT WAS AT OUR SEPTEMBER 27TH MEETING, THAT I WAS YOUR COAUTHOR ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK ON STAFFING IN OUR

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW WE HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS GOING ON. I WILL TELL YOU, EVERYBODY, WHEN THEY PONTIFICATE ABOUT THE HOMELESS CRISIS, RIGHT, THEY ALWAYS POINT THE FINGER AT MENTAL HEALTH. WE'VE BEEN CRITICIZED BY SOME NEIGHBORING CITIES -- ALTHOUGH SOME OF THOSE CITIES DON'T HAVE ANY ROOM TO CRITICIZE ANYMORE -- BUT, YOU KNOW, I DO KNOW WE HAVE A STAFFING CRISIS. I THINK THE FACT THAT DR. WONG, YOU'RE HERE TODAY, WITH THIS REPORT, THANK YOU FOR A VERY THOROUGH REPORT ON WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO SEE HOW WE CAN INCREASE STAFFING. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. SO, YOU SAID THERE'S A 28% VACANCY RATE. IT SEEMS HIGH, BUT HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO PREVIOUS YEARS IN OUR DEPARTMENT?

DR. LISA WONG: IT IS HIGHER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. I THINK TRADITIONALLY OUR DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE HAS ABOUT A 20% OR LITTLE BIT LESS THAN 20% VACANCY RATE. HOWEVER, IN OUR CLINICAL PROGRAMS, OUR VACANCY RATE IS MUCH HIGHER THAN USUAL. USUALLY IN OUR CLINICAL PROGRAMS, WE RUN PRETTY TIGHT, AND WE'RE MAYBE AT LIKE ABOUT A 10% VACANCY RATE. AT OUR HIGHEST, WE GOT UP TO A 25% VACANCY RATE. NOW WE'RE REALLY CLOSING THE GAP. WE'RE DOWN TO ABOUT 13, BUT, AS I MENTIONED, THE NEED HAS JUST SO FAR OUTPACED WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE SO THAT EVEN WHEN WE FILL THESE VACANCIES, WE ARE STILL GOING TO FIND SOME CHALLENGES. YOU KNOW, AS SOMEBODY WHO WORKED IN SKID ROW FOR

OVER 20 YEARS, I'M READY TO FACE CHALLENGES, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A CLINICIAN WITH 300 ON THEIR CASELOAD --

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, IT'S TOO MUCH.

DR. LISA WONG: YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T BREAK THEM. YOU HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE NEED IS GOING TO BE.

SUP. HAHN: YOU DID MENTION GIVING BONUSES FOR STAFF IN THESE FIELD-BASED POSITIONS, LIKE THOSE WHO WORK ON OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS OR OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH AND MOBILE ENGAGEMENT TEAMS. I WAS REALLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT BECAUSE I THINK, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU AND I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IN OUR MOTION FROM LAST YEAR TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF THESE FIELD-BASED POSITIONS. SO, HAVE YOU FOUND THAT THAT'S WORKING?

DR. LISA WONG: IT HASN'T BEEN IMPLEMENTED YET.

SUP. HAHN: OH.

DR. LISA WONG: WE'RE STILL WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. ON THAT BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO INCREASE THEM TO MAKE THEM A LITTLE BIT MORE ROBUST. AND SOME OF THE FEEDBACK WE'VE GOTTEN FROM THE FIELD TEAMS ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE DO

YOU THINK THIS WOULD MAKE IN RECRUITING PEOPLE INTO OUR HIGH ACUITY FIELD SERVICES, THE OPINION WAS GENERALLY THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO SHIFT THINGS, BUT IT WOULD HELP.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY.

DR. LISA WONG: SO THAT'S SOMETHING C.E.O. HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US VERY WELL ON THAT.

SUP. HAHN: I WOULD ENCOURAGE OUR C.E.O. TO -- DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY? I SEE THAT GREEN LIGHT IS ON, BUT -- I'M NOT THE CHAIR -- YET.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT INFORMATION. WE DID TWO SETS OF BONUSES, THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE, AND WE'LL CIRCLE BACK WITH YOUR TEAM, DR. WONG, ONE SET OF THE BONUSES --

SUP. HAHN: WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING YOU.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

SUP. HAHN: YES.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: OKAY, SO I HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT INFORMATION, BUT WE'LL CIRCLE BACK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH TO MAKE SURE WE'RE IN ALIGNMENT. WE HAVE TWO BONUSES. ONE WAS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 --

SUP. HAHN: FOR FIELD-BASED POSITIONS?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFICS.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: WE HAVE ANOTHER THAT IT WAS FOR PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS, MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS 1 AND 2, AND THEN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL SUPERVISORS AND OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS, THAT WENT INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1ST, 2022 FOR STAFF AT D.M.H. AND D.H.S.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY. WELL, THE FIELD-BASED POSITIONS IS THE ONE I THINK I WAS REALLY INTERESTED IN. SO MAYBE YOU COULD SEE IF, WORKING WITH DR. WONG, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT SURE IF THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT PARTICULARLY OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, RIGHT? WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO INCREASE THOSE SO THAT THEY OPERATE 24/7, 9-8-8 COMING ONLINE. WE REALLY NEED TO INCREASE THOSE. SO I THINK IT WAS IN THAT CONTEXT, MADAM C.E.O., THAT WE THOUGHT MAYBE BONUSES,

PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE POSITIONS MIGHT HELP BECAUSE, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO EXPAND THOSE QUICKLY. LIKE NOW. SO THAT'S WHERE I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD SEE SOME INCENTIVE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: AND I DID JUST GET SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE BONUSES THAT WERE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022 DID INCLUDE FIELD BONUSES.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. GOOD. WELL, LET'S KEEP LOOKING AT THAT, KEEP LOOKING AT THE DATA, SEEING IF THAT HAS HELPED. I THINK SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE HEAR A LOT, DR. WONG -- YOU DIDN'T REALLY TOUCH ON IT. YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED OR WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS, AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT OUR COUNTY HIRING PROCESS IS LONG. IT'S COMPLICATED. AND SOMETIMES, WE LOSE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED APPLICANTS ALONG THE WAY BECAUSE -- YOU EVEN MENTIONED SOME OTHER CITIES THAT WERE GIVING EVEN HIGHER SIGNING BONUSES. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'VE NOTICED? YOU DON'T HAVE TO THROW ANYBODY UNDER THE BUS, BUT IS THAT SOMETHING YOU NOTICED THAT IS -- MIGHT BE A PROBLEM THAT WE COULD ALL HELP SOLVE?

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK IT CAN BE A CHALLENGE AT TIMES. IT'S HARD TO REALLY WEED OUT WHERE THE DELAYS ARE BECAUSE OUR H.R.

DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SO SHORT FOR A LONG TIME AND WITHOUT A DIRECTOR. I THINK THAT DEFINITELY FEEDS INTO IT. I THINK THAT THE COUNTY, IN GENERAL, HAS A BIT OF AN ONEROUS PROCESS, BUT FOR A REASON. THEY HAVE TO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS. THEY HAVE TO DO A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. I THINK GENERALLY THE PROCESS IS NOT THE INHIBITION. WE HAVE HAD SOME PEOPLE DROP OUT WHEN THEY CAN'T GET THE STEP PLACEMENT THEY WANT OR HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME TO FIND OUT ABOUT SPECIAL STEP PLACEMENT, THINGS LIKE THAT. I THINK ONE OF THE CHALLENGES FOR US, AS A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, IS THAT OUR CLASSIFICATIONS HAVE VERY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, WHERE SOME OF OUR LEGAL ENTITIES, FOR INSTANCE, THEY COULD BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE AND NOT PAY AS MUCH ATTENTION TO THE DEGREE SOMEBODY HAS AND JUST GO BY EXPERIENCE. SO, WHEN WE GET FOLKS LIKE THAT, WHO ARE VERY QUALIFIED, ESPECIALLY IN OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER POSITIONS, THEY FIND THAT THEY CAN'T GET THE SAME EQUIVALENT SALARY, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE WITHIN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK THOSE KINDS OF SITUATIONS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT MORE CHALLENGING.

SUP. HAHN: AGAIN, ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN POINT OUT OR RISE TO THE LEVEL BECAUSE I DO THINK THIS, TO USE A KATHRYN BARGER PHRASE, ALL HANDS ON DECK, KIND OF AN ISSUE THAT BECAUSE, NUMBER ONE, WE HAVE THIS INCREDIBLE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT IMPACTS SO MANY AREAS IN THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY IMPACTS THE

HOMELESS AREA, BUT I THINK WE'RE NOT UNIQUE IN FINDING IT DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW POST-PANDEMIC TO HIRE PEOPLE. I'VE HEARD THIS FROM ALMOST EVERY SECTOR OUT THERE. THEY'RE LIKE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO WORK, OR WE CAN'T FIND QUALIFIED PEOPLE. BUT I DO THINK, YOU KNOW, THOSE EMPLOYERS WHO ARE FLEXIBLE AND WHO -- - WHAT DO YOU NEED? DO YOU NEED TO WORK FROM HOME THIS AMOUNT OF DAYS A WEEK? DO YOU NEED TIME THAT YOU CAN SPEND WITH YOUR FAMILY? BECAUSE I THINK WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE PANDEMIC IS THAT THOSE WHO COULD WORK FROM HOME -- WE KNOW THERE WERE A LOT OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT HAD TO SHOW UP TO WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY DURING THE PANDEMIC, BUT FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, THEY STARTED GOING, YOU KNOW, I KIND OF ENJOY BEING ABLE TO GET TO MY KID'S SOCCER GAME. I KIND OF ENJOY -- I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO GO TO A PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE BEFORE, BUT NOW, WORKING FROM HOME, I CAN WORK THAT IN. THE TRUE DEFINITION OF BALANCING WORK LIFE WITH FAMILY LIFE SORT OF HAPPENED DURING THE PANDEMIC FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. THEY UNDERSTOOD, AND THEY KIND OF DON'T WANT TO GIVE THAT UP. SO THE MORE WE CAN BE FLEXIBLE IN THE COUNTY OFFERING PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, SOME REAL FLEXIBILITY AS LONG AS, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, PERFORM THE WORK THAT WE NEED THEM TO DO, I THINK THAT'S WHEN -- TO ME, THAT'S THE KIND OF BONUS AND INCENTIVE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR BEFORE THEY SIGN UP WITH A PARTICULAR EMPLOYER.

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT POINTS.

SUP. HAHN: CAN I GET AN AMEN?

DR. LISA WONG: I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING WHAT'S BEEN DONE ACROSS OUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF INCENTIVIZING FOLKS TO BE A PART OF THE WORKFORCE. THERE ARE A LOT OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS, EVERYTHING FROM HAVING CHILD CARE ON-SITE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO MISS YOUR CHILDREN WHEN YOU COME BACK IN, TO, YOU KNOW, HAVING A MORE FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULE, NOT JUST TELEWORK, BUT TO DO, LIKE, A THREE OR FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK AND WORK MORE HOURS IN THE DAY. DIFFERENT KINDS OF THINGS. I THINK A BIG ONE THAT WE OFFER AT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS THE ABILITY TO BUILD COMMUNITY AROUND PEOPLE BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED FROM THROUGH THE PANDEMIC IS THE ISOLATION AND THE LACK OF COMMUNITY. AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT, THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH, THAT HAS BEEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE. AND THAT'S HOW WE'RE GETTING MORE PEOPLE IN THROUGH OUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS, IS THAT WE HAVE A COMMUNITY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, AND I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN TERMS OF AS AN EMPLOYER WE HAVE TO BE SMART AND STRATEGIC AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES, AND YET I'M HEARING FROM DR. WONG THAT, IN PARTICULAR INSTANCES, BECAUSE

OF THE OVERWHELMING SENSE OF ISOLATION IN MANY OF THE PATIENTS SEEN BY PROVIDERS, THAT THAT IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST, YOU KNOW, METHOD OF SERVICE DELIVERY. SO IT'S A REAL CATCH-22. IT'S A HUGE CHALLENGE. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE DIDN'T GET HERE OVERNIGHT, MUCH LIKE OUR UNHOUSED NUMBERS. THIS IS A RESULT OF DECADES OF UNDERINVESTMENT. SO PEOPLE HAVE -- THE CAREER CHOICES HAVE SHIFTED. IF YOU LOOK AT THE MOST POPULOUS DEGREES OR WHAT OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE PURSUING OR WHY, IT'S SHIFTED FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD, FROM, YOU KNOW, MY PARENTS AGE OF COMING INTO THE COUNTY, BECAUSE OF UNDERINVESTMENT. AND SO, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE ACCELERATOR OF SIGNALING THAT THESE ARE OCCUPATIONS WORTHY OF YOUR TIME AND YOUR CAREER CHOICE, AND THAT THERE WILL BE A PLACE FOR YOU, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC SERVICE, BY PROVIDING THESE. THAT'S THE TOUGH SITUATION I THINK WE'RE IN AS WE ARE COMPETING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE DID PASS A MOTION THIS PAST APRIL IN LOOKING AT VACANCY RATES ACROSS ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. IT WAS DRIVEN IN LARGE PART BY LOOKING AT THE VACANCY RATE IN D.M.H. AND SO, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE AN UPDATE BASED ON THE ASKS IN THAT MOTION PRESENTED TO THE HEALTH CLUSTER IN NOVEMBER. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE'LL CONTINUE TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE. YOU MAY HAVE ADDRESSED THIS, I HAD TO RUN OUT AND GET A BOTTLE OF WATER, I WAS ABOUT TO HAVE A LITTLE COUGHING EPISODE. SO, IF YOU ADDRESSED IT, JUST LET ME KNOW,

AND THEN WE'LL MOVE ON. YOU KNOW, I'M -- I'M CLEAR THAT THE VACANCIES ARE NOT CONSISTENT ACROSS COUNTY REGIONS. "L.A. TIMES," I THINK THE ACTUAL STORY WAS ON THE LACK OF SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS IN SOUTH L.A., BUT THE STATISTIC THEY SHARED WAS KIND OF THIS CLASSIC BEVERLY HILLS VERSUS SOUTH L.A. DICHOTOMY. IT WAS THE NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRISTS AVAILABLE PER RESIDENT. AND THE NUMBERS WERE JUST SO DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT. IT WAS STRIKING. THAT, COUPLED WITH, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN MENTIONED OUR CRISIS TRANSPORTATION TEAMS AND WANTING THEM TO OPERATE 24/7, WELL THE TEAMS ARE NOT EVEN OPERATING ON A FULL-TIME BASIS IN SOUTH L.A. AND SOUTH L.A. HAS THE HIGHEST SHARE OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS. SO JUST GIVING THOSE TWO EXAMPLES, YOU KNOW, HELP ME UNDERSTAND, AS WE LOOK AT VACANCIES ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHAT YOUR STRATEGY IS FOR PLUGGING THOSE MOST KIND OF EGREGIOUS HOLES FOR THE LACK OF A BETTER TERM? HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

DR. LISA WONG: I DID SPEAK A LITTLE BIT TO THIS, BUT I THINK I CAN GO INTO MORE DETAIL. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS I NOTED WAS THAT THE VACANCY RATE DIFFERENCES ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC AREAS HAS -- THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT FACTORS INVOLVED. ONE IS THE KIND OF VACANCY IT IS, LIKE PSYCHIATRY VERSUS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. FOR INSTANCE, WE THOUGHT IT WAS VERY INTERESTING THAT WHEN WE WERE ROLLING OUT A LOT OF OUR HIGH ACUITY FIELD TEAMS AND WE DID A SOLICITATION FOR CONTRACTED

FIELD TEAMS THROUGH M.C.O.T., THE ONLY SERVICE AREA WE COULD NOT GET ANYBODY TO APPLY TO WAS FIVE. AND THAT WAS ODD TO US BECAUSE, USUALLY, THAT'S EASIER, BUT WHAT HAPPENED WAS THERE ARE A LOT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT MAKE UP THOSE TEAMS, AND IT'S NOT A VERY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AREA. SO, I THINK WHEN YOU LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THAT, THERE'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT KINDS OF VACANCIES IN DIFFERENT AREAS. I THINK IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO GET A LOT OF THE FIELD TEAMS IN SERVICE AREA SIX, FOR INSTANCE, BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO, YOU KNOW, GO OUT AT NIGHT OR RESPOND TO THOSE HIGH-INTENSITY CALLS. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT WHEN THERE IS NOT A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENTIAL IN WHAT THEY'RE COMPENSATED WITH, OR SERVICE AREA THREE, IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO LIVE THAT FAR OUT. AND IT'S HARD TO GET PEOPLE THERE. I THINK THERE ARE SO MANY NUANCES TO LOOKING AT WHERE WE HAVE VACANCIES AND WHY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CHARLES DREW. I KNOW THEY GOT A GRANT AT THE STATE LEVEL A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO TO AID AND ABET THEIR OUTREACH AND TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY STUDENTS, PRIMARILY STUDENTS OF COLOR THROUGH THE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS TO INCREASE OUR NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. SO I HOPE THAT THAT REALLY PROVES FRUITFUL. I ALSO LISTENED TO THE SCHOOLS THAT YOU MENTIONED, GOING DOWN TO HIGH SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE CAL

STATES. I SEEM TO RECALL THAT THERE ARE PRIVATE -- I DON'T KNOW THE -- THE QUALITY, I'LL SAY, NOT JUST PRIVATE SCHOOLS, BUT THERE ARE SPECIFIC PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY. ARE THEY ON YOUR OUTREACH LIST? AND DO THEY PROVE USEFUL?

DR. LISA WONG: THEY ARE ON OUR OUTREACH LIST ALSO, LIKE ALLIANT UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. SO WE HAVE REALLY OUR FEELERS OUT EVERYWHERE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I GOT IT. GOT IT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR DR. WONG --

SUP. KUEHL: YES, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A QUESTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, GO AHEAD.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. WONG. I'M IMPRESSED BY THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. AND I GUESS SALARY IS A BIG THING. AND IT'S SOMETHING WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT. I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT IT MAY HAVE BEEN ON ONE OF YOUR SLIDES, HOW OUR SALARIES COMPARE TO OTHER PROVIDERS, BOTH PUBLIC AND, I MEAN I IMAGINE PRIVATE NOT, BUT IN TERMS OF PUBLIC PROVIDERS?

DR. LISA WONG: I DIDN'T HAVE A SLIDE COMPARING THE SALARIES, BUT I HAVE TAKEN A LOOK AT THAT DATA RECENTLY. AND WE DISCUSSED IT WITH SOME OF OUR LEGAL ENTITY PARTNERS AS WELL. OUR SALARIES ARE -- WHEN YOU LOOK AT SORT OF THE TOP FOUR CONTENDERS FOR PULLING CLINICIANS, WE ARE BETWEEN NUMBER TWO AND THREE. SO WE'RE NOT AT THE BOTTOM, BUT WE CERTAINLY ARE NOT AT THE TOP. AND THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE THE HUGE DRAW THAT PRIVATE OR MANAGED CARE TELEHEALTH COMPANIES HAVE. I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE'VE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF COMPETITION. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO US IN MENTAL HEALTH, AND I THINK ESPECIALLY TO ME PERSONALLY, IS TO LOOK AT RECRUITING BICULTURAL, BILINGUAL PROVIDERS. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE THEM TO SERVE THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND WHEN I'VE TALKED TO DIFFERENT POPULATIONS IN THESE SUBGROUPS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HEAR CONSISTENTLY IS THAT IF SOMEBODY, FOR INSTANCE, COMES FROM A RECENT IMMIGRANT FAMILY, THERE ARE CERTAIN SACRIFICES THEY MADE, CERTAIN INVESTMENTS THEY MADE SO THAT IF THEIR CHILD IS GOING TO SINK FOUR YEARS INTO A UNIVERSITY, IT IS GOING TO BE FOR ENGINEERING, WHERE THERE'S A PAYOFF SOONER RATHER THAN HAVING TO GO FOR A MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK, OR, YOU KNOW, I SPOKE RECENTLY TO AN AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENT WHO SAID THAT HE IS THE FIRST ONE IN HIS FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE. HE CANNOT GO INTO MENTAL HEALTH. HE'S GOING TO GO INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL INTO A SPECIALTY. YOU KNOW, SO THERE ARE A

LOT OF DIFFERENT REASONS, I THINK, THAT ARE VERY PRACTICAL, BUT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THEM IF WE'RE GOING TO ADD TO OUR WORK FORCE, BUT ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE GOING TO ADD TO OUR WORK FORCE IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE POPULATION WE SERVE.

SUP. KUEHL: I THINK IT'S SORT OF INTERESTING AND VERY PERSONAL. IT'S THE SAME IN MY PROFESSION. MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES IN LAW SCHOOL WERE VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT THEY COULD EARN. AND, YOU KNOW, THEY LIKED TO DO LAW, BUT IT WASN'T REALLY A SENSE OF DOING GOOD ALWAYS, AND THEN THERE WERE THOSE OF US WHO JUST COULDN'T STAND THAT AND REALLY WANTED TO LOOK AT OTHER ARENAS. WE SEE THEM IN OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE. WE SEE THEM IN COCO, COUNTY COUNSEL. WE SEE THEM IN LEGAL AID, A LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS WHERE PEOPLE SAY, YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT TO DO GOOD, BUT THERE IS A SACRIFICE. AND IT'S NOT ONLY A MONETARY SACRIFICE. SOMETIMES, IT HAS TO DO WITH THE BENEFITS THAT WE GET, AND IN MANY WAYS, THE COUNTY BENEFITS HAVE BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD AND HAVE BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAVE DRAWN PEOPLE, IN ADDITION TO WANTING TO DO SOME GOOD. SO, I THINK IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES YOU ALREADY TALKED ABOUT, IT MAY BE -- IT MAY BE INSTRUCTIVE TO THINK ABOUT THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE MENTIONED THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH. AND MAYBE A CAFETERIA-STYLE -- I'M JUST SAYING, I MEAN TRY IT IN DIFFERENT ARENAS. IF PEOPLE WANT TO WORK CLOSER TO WHERE THEY LIVE, OR CONVERSELY, AS YOU INDICATED, OR LIVE

CLOSER TO WHERE THEY WORK, YOU KNOW, SOMETHING TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. A BONUS IS A ONE-TIME THING, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S A BIG DEAL ANYMORE. I MEAN IT SOUNDS GOOD IF I WOULD LOVE TO GET A LITTLE MONEY IN RIGHT AWAY, BUT IT -- IT'S HERE AND GONE. IF THERE'S SOME KIND OF WAY TO -- I DON'T KNOW -- HELP PEOPLE WITH THEIR RENTS OR, AS YOU MENTIONED, CHILD CARE ON-SITE, ANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO SHOW PEOPLE IT'S A SORT OF AN APPLE CAMPUS APPROACH, WHERE SOMEBODY SAID WE OUGHT TO HAVE A SALAD BAR, SO THEY HAVE A SALAD BAR. NOW, THEY HAVE A LOT MORE MONEY THAN WE DO, BUT I'M JUST SAYING IN TERMS OF I THINK MORE THINKING LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN DOING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT DRAW A PERSON IN. AND MAYBE THEY COULD TELL YOU BECAUSE THERE IS A REAL SATISFACTION IN COMMUNITY BUILDING, IN WORKING WITHIN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY, IN GIVING BACK TO YOUR OWN COMMUNITY. PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO DO IT. THEY JUST DON'T SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR BECAUSE SOMETIMES OF THE SALARY. SO IF WE COULD DO A LITTLE HERE AND A LITTLE THERE, HAVE MORE OF A -- ALMOST A CAFETERIA APPROACH FOR A CANDIDATE, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT WOULD HELP OR EVEN BE POSSIBLE, BUT I KNOW THAT WE TRIED IT IN SOME OF OUR NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICES. AND, YOU KNOW, IT REALLY HELPED BECAUSE LAWYERS CAN MAKE A LOT OF MONEY, TOO, BUT THEY WOULD CHOOSE PUBLIC SERVICE BECAUSE IT GAVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK, BUT ALSO THEY WEREN'T LOSING EVERYTHING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

DR. LISA WONG: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

SUP. SOLIS: YES. YES. SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID, AND I THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN FOR ALLOWING US, YOU KNOW, TO BRING THIS FORWARD BECAUSE IT IS SO VERY TIMELY FOR US. I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY YOUR WORK, DR. WONG. I'M VERY COGNIZANT OF HOW THOROUGH YOU HAVE BEEN IN YOUR PRESENTATION. I DON'T THINK I'VE QUITE SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN A LONG TIME FROM THE DEPARTMENT. BUT OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE A LOT OF CHALLENGES. AND RECRUITMENT IS ONE OF THEM, HELPING TO STREAMLINE THAT IN SOME WAY. AND HOPEFULLY, GETTING IN YOUR HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR. HOW SOON -- WHAT IS THE TIMELINE THERE? WHAT'S THE ACTUAL TIMELINE FOR THAT?

DR. LISA WONG: HE'S IN PLACE NOW, AND ALREADY HE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY. GOOD. OKAY. I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR THAT PART. OKAY, GOOD. SO HE'S HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING. AND THEN I, TOO, AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE LEVERAGE ANY BONUSES THAT MIGHT COME THROUGH DIFFERENT WAYS TO ENTICE PEOPLE TO WANT TO COME TO WORK FOR US. SOMETIMES, IT MAY BE LOOKING AT

INCENTIVES TO TRY TO CREATE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE TO GO INTO SERVICE AREAS THAT ARE HARD TO RECRUIT. MAYBE WE HAVE GOT TO BE A LITTLE BIT CREATIVE. I KNOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES SOME OF THAT. PERHAPS, WE CAN START LOOKING AT EXPANDING MAYBE, YOU KNOW, WHAT THAT MEANS FOR US IN THE NEXT COMING YEARS AND HOW WE BUILD UP THIS WORKFORCE BECAUSE THIS WHERE EVERYBODY IS POACHING PEOPLE FROM IS WHAT I'M GETTING FROM YOUR PRESENTATION, BUT ALSO TALKING TO OTHER MENTAL HEALTH FOLKS IN THIS AREA. IT'S HARD TO KEEP THEM, BUT ALSO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. AND YOU SAID IT EARLIER ABOUT REALLY GOING OUT AND MEETING PEOPLE ON THE STREET, MEETING COMMUNITIES THAT, UNLIKE OTHERS, MAY NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT A CAREER IN THIS AREA. FIRST GENERATION, I KNOW I'M ONE OF THOSE STUDENTS, BUT I KNOW THERE WOULD BE MANY PEOPLE WHO I MET -- YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WANT TO GET INTO THIS AREA, BUT ARE NOT SURE QUITE FINANCIALLY HOW TO DO IT AND WHAT INCENTIVES AND CAREER LADDERS THERE ARE FOR THEM. I THINK GETTING OUT THERE, AS WAS SAID EARLIER, IS REALLY CRITICAL, EVEN AT OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES. AND I WANT TO RAISE THAT BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ARE VERY MUCH A CHAMPION FOR OUR AMBASSADOR AND FOR OUR PROMOTORAS PROGRAM, WHO I ALSO THINK CAN BE, AT SOME POINT, PUT INTO CAREERS SO THAT THEY CAN STAY LONGER WITH US. IF WE CAN PAY THEM WELL, TRAIN THEM, AND THEY'RE IN MANY WAYS THE LIVED EXPERIENCE FOLKS THAT KNOW HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DIVERSE

GROUPS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO REACH AND I WANT US TO REACH. SO ANY THOUGHTS ON THAT?

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK, THOSE ARE ALL VERY GOOD AND IMPORTANT POINTS. AND I LOVE THE IDEA, TOO, OF BUILDING UP OUR CAPACITY WITHIN. LIKE, OUR PROMOTORAS, OUR OTHER GROUPS WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVESTED AND HAVE THE LIVED EXPERIENCE AND ARE IN THE COMMUNITY IF WE CAN MAKE PATHWAYS FOR THEM TO ACHIEVE, YOU KNOW, HIGHER EDUCATION AND COME IN TO SERVICE IN DIFFERENT AREAS. I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SUPPORTING FOLKS LIKE THAT THROUGHOUT MY CAREER. THOSE ARE SOME OF MY HAPPIEST MOMENTS, TO MEET SOMEBODY WHO WAS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER, ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THEIR BACHELORS, TO HELP THEM TO ARRANGE THEIR SCHEDULES TO ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND CLASSES, AND THEN LATER TO HELP THEM GET INTO AN M.S.W. PROGRAM, GET THEM FUNDED BY OUR STIPEND, AND THEN GIVE THEM A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE AGAIN TO COMPLETE INTERNSHIP AND SEE THEM TODAY, I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL RIGHT OFF THE BAT WHO ARE TODAY L.C.S.W.S BECAUSE WE SUPPORTED THEM FROM BEING A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TO GO THROUGH THAT SYSTEM. AND I WOULD LOVE TO CREATE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES I THINK WITHIN OUR SYSTEM WITH THE TALENT THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE.

SUP. SOLIS: I'D BE HAPPY TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU TO SEE HOW WE CAN HELP PROMOTE THAT AND GETTING MORE OF OUR OTHER RESOURCES, OUR WORKFORCE RESOURCES, OUR E.O. DEPARTMENT ALSO TO HELP GO

OUTSIDE WITH YOU AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. OUR E.O. STAFF IS OUT THERE ON DIFFERENT CAREER FAIRS, BUT REALLY HAVING PEOPLE TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THESE CAREERS. I THINK THAT COULD BE SOMETHING REALLY A GAME CHANGER FOR US. JUST LASTLY, I KNOW THAT YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE KIND OF THE DESERTS, I GUESS, WHERE IT'S HARD TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO COME OUT IN, AND COVINA AND THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HAS BEEN REALLY HARD HIT. AND I GET ASKED OFTEN BY OUR CITIES AND BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SEE ANY MORE MENTAL HEALTH STAFF OUT HERE. I THINK MAYBE ENGAGING EVEN WITH JUST INFORMING OUR LOCAL CITIES THROUGH OUR C.O.G.S, WHAT IT IS YOU'RE FACING. LIKE, A PRESENTATION LIKE THIS, I THINK, WOULD GO OVER VERY WELL TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR CHALLENGES ARE BECAUSE, IN MANY WAYS, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE KIND OF WENT THROUGH THIS WITH COVID WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. PEOPLE THOUGHT WE WERE EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY, AND OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN'T BE, BUT IF WE REALISTICALLY TELL THEM WHAT OUR CHALLENGES ARE, WHERE OUR EMPHASES IS, THEN I THINK WE CAN REALLY PROVIDE SOME -- HOW CAN I SAY -- ASSURING COMMENTS AND ATTITUDES THAT COULD REALLY CHANGE THINGS FOR US AND MAYBE GET MORE PEOPLE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND HOPEFULLY HELP US EXPAND OUR EFFORT IN RECRUITMENT, TOO. SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AND BE HAPPY TO HELP SET UP ANY

OF THOSE EVENTS THAT COULD TAKE PLACE OUT WITH OUR CITIES AND OUR C.O.G.S.

DR. LISA WONG: THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A NEW SERVICE AREA THREE CHIEF OUT THERE, DR. MICHELLE MAJORS, AND SHE HAS STARTED ON THAT MEETING WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS, GOING TO FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, GOING TO VARIOUS ENTITIES TO TRY TO GET THAT FOOTHOLD IN THE COMMUNITY.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, DR. WONG.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND AS I WAS LISTENING TO YOU, IT HIT ME, AN A-HA MOMENT THAT PERHAPS THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF D.H.R. SHOULD CONSIDER, YOU KNOW, DOING RECRUITMENT TO H.B.C.U.S. THE PERCENTAGE OF L.A. COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA STUDENTS THAT GO TO H.B.C.U.S IN OTHER STATES IS GROWING EXPONENTIALLY EVERY YEAR. PERHAPS IF D.H.R. WERE TO TAKE ON RECRUITMENT AT THOSE SCHOOLS, SO IT WOULDN'T JUST HIT, QUITE FRANKLY, YOUR BUDGET BUT RECRUITMENT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING I TALK TO MS. GARRETT ABOUT BECAUSE I THINK IT COULD BE BENEFICIAL WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS, AT MEHARRY, AT XAVIER THAT ARE GRADUATING --

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK IT WOULD BE AMAZING TO INCLUDE THE H.B.C.U.S AND TO BE ABLE TO LET THEM KNOW, HEY, AFTER YOU GRADUATE, THIS STIPEND CAN ACTUALLY PAY FOR YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE. YOU CAN HAVE A CAREER TRACK AFTER THIS, TOO.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND COME HOME TO L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE WE LOSE SO MANY. THEY GO TO OTHER STATES AND LOOK AT THE COST OF LIVING, PARTICULARLY WHEN TRYING TO PAY OFF STUDENT DEBT. SO EXPECT A CALL FROM ME, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. AND DR. WONG SECONDS THAT EMOTION. ALRIGHT, SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR A VERY HELPFUL, FRUITFUL PRESENTATION. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. WONG. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY. HEARING NONE, THIS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR US TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. THE ORDER TODAY STARTS WITH DISTRICT NUMBER 2. SO, IT WILL BE MY HONOR TO ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KAYLA NICOLE FORD-BAILEY. YOU KNOW, WHEN WE DO THESE ADJOURNMENTS, WE ALWAYS LEAD OFF WITH THE AGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND I THINK IT'S JUST HUMAN NATURE THAT, YOU KNOW, IF IT'S A YOUNG PERSON, THAT IT ALWAYS KIND OF HITS US IN A DEEPER LEVEL. AND TRAGICALLY, MS. BAILEY WAS BORN IN 1997, WHICH MEANS THAT SHE PASSED AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 25. SHE

WAS VERY ACTIVE IN SCHOOL, EXCELLING IN ACADEMIA, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LIKE CHEER, DANCE, TRACK, AND SOFTBALL. SPEAKING OF H.B.C.U.S, SHE ATTENDED PAUL QUINN COLLEGE IN TEXAS AND STUDIED COSMETOLOGY AT PARISIAN BEAUTY ACADEMY PAUL MITCHELL PARTNER SCHOOL IN NEW JERSEY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM BEAUTY SCHOOL, SHE LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A HAIRSTYLIST AND ENTREPRENEUR. A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN INSIDE AND OUT, MS. BAILEY LOVED POSTING TUTORIAL VIDEOS SHOWING USERS HOW TO DO THEIR HAIR IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT STYLES, WHICH WAS HUGELY SUCCESSFUL. SHE HAD A THRIVING CAREER AHEAD OF HER AND HAD STARTED TO LAND PARTNERSHIP DEALS WITH VARIOUS NOTABLE SOCIAL MEDIA BRANDS TO MARKET THEIR CLOTHING AND PRODUCTS, GIVEN HER MASSIVE AND GROWING SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING. SHE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WELL AS TRAVELING. AND SHE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING DAUGHTER, PROTECTIVE SISTER, AND A KIND-HEARTED PERSON, WHO IMPACTED THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN JUST A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SHE LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, HER MOTHER, LASHAWN, HER FATHER, SHUMECIO, STEPFATHER, STEVEN, EIGHT SIBLINGS, AND A HOST OF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HER DEARLY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'M ASSUMING THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS TAKING THE LEAD ON ADJOURNING FOR MICHAEL CASTILLO. IS THAT CORRECT? DO YOU KNOW?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES, SUPERVISOR HAHN IS.

SUP. KUEHL: OKAY GOOD, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT THEN AND JUST SAY SOMETHING AFTER JANICE INTRODUCES THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD ASK FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. JEROME FRANKLIN. HE WAS THE SON OF IMMIGRANTS, VERY PROUD OF HAVING BECOME A DOCTOR, SPENT 50 YEARS AS A PSYCHIATRIST HELPING PEOPLE. JERRY LIVED HIS LIFE EXPLORING YOSEMITE WITH HIS CAMERA, CHEERING FOR THE DODGERS, BEING PROUD OF HIS CHILDREN AND HIS GRANDSONS AND HELPING, HELPING, HELPING PEOPLE IN HIS COMMUNITY. HE SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, JILL. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A MAN THAT I ACTUALLY MET WHEN I STARTED GOING TO U.C.L.A. IN THE LATE '50S, JIM KLAIN, WHO JUST PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100. AFTER HE WAS IN THE SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II, HE TOOK A JOB IN U.C.L.A.'S THEN NASCENT THEATER ARTS DEPARTMENT AS A STAGE MANAGER FOR ROYCE HALL. I WAS A THEATER ARTS MAJOR, STARTING IN '57, AND MET JIM AS THE FACILITIES MANAGER FOR ALL THE PLACES WHERE THERE WERE, YOU KNOW, PERFORMANCES. WE DIDN'T HAVE NORTH CAMPUS THEN. WE DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE NEW BUILDINGS. WE JUST HAD ROYCE HALL. AND OVER THE COURSE OF HIS 37 YEARS AT U.C.L.A., HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES SERVICE OFFICE, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY PUBLIC EVENT AT

U.C.L.A. HE WORKED WITH SO MANY LUMINARIES IN THE FIELD OF DRAMA AND MUSIC AND POLITICS AND MADE CERTAIN THAT THEIR SHOWS GOT THE KIND OF TECHNICAL AID AND WHATEVER AID THEY NEEDED. HE HOSTED EVENTS FOR ZUBIN MEHTA, FOR THE SHAH OF IRAN WHEN HE CAME TO VISIT, FOR THEN SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY, FOR PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, FOR FRANK SINATRA, FOR IGOR STRAVINSKY AND MANY, MANY MORE. BUT IT WAS THE WAY, I CAN SAY PERSONALLY, THAT HE WORKED WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY AND HIS OWN STAFF AND BEYOND TO ACTUALLY MAKE IT WORK, TO MAKE A PRODUCTION HAPPEN THAT EVERYBODY COULD BE PROUD OF AND THAT THE AUDIENCE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHY IT WAS SO FLAWLESS. ONCE HE RETIRED, HE STAYED ACTIVE ON THE U.C.L.A. CAMPUS AS AN EMERITUS STAFF MEMBER, AND HE PUBLISHED A BOOK, WHICH I REALLY RECOMMEND, AT LEAST TO THE BRUINS AND BEYOND, A GREAT BOOK ABOUT ROYCE HALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LOIS, AND HIS CHILDREN, ROBIN, DANIEL, AND MATTHEW. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HOWARD HAGEN, WHO WAS 78 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY. HOWARD JOINED THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD IN 1963, SERVED IN VIETNAM WITH THE ARMY. HE WAS AWARDED AN ARMY

ACCOMMODATION MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN RIBBON, AND THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE SERVICE STAR. I GOT TO KNOW HOWARD WHEN HE WAS THE V.F.W. STATE COMMANDER OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FORMER POST COMMANDER OF WILMINGTON V.F.W. POST 2967, THEY USED TO CALL THEMSELVES THE BEST LITTLE POST ON THE WEST COAST, WHERE HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE HONOR GUARD AND ATTENDED FUNERALS TO HONOR AND PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS, WHO HAVE PASSED. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT THE HISTORIC WILMINGTON CEMETERY. HE WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED WITH THE HONOR GUARD AT THE ANNUAL MARITIME DAY IN SAN PEDRO, REALLY ONE OF THE NICEST PEOPLE AND JUST LOVED HIS SERVICE IN THE MILITARY. AND AGAIN, THIS HONOR GUARD THAT WILL GO TO ANY FUNERAL OF A VETERAN ANYWHERE IT'S HAPPENING IS A GREAT SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERED BY MANY OF OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE IN HONOR GUARDS. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE I.L.W.U., WHERE HE WORKED AS A LONGSHOREMAN FOR 41 YEARS AND WAS A MEMBER OF I.L.W.U. LOCAL 13 AND 94. HE LOVED TO RESTORE OLD CARS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF MANY CAR CLUBS IN THE HARBOR AREA. HE WAS A FRIEND TO MANY. I CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF THOSE. HE WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FRANCES, HIS THREE CHILDREN, HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KIMBERLY BRUNAC, WHO WAS 56. I CONSIDER THAT YOUNG. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS

A KIND AND VIVACIOUS PERSON, WHO SERVED HER COMMUNITY WELL. KIMBERLY GREW UP IN SAN PEDRO ATTENDING 15TH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY, LELAND STREET ELEMENTARY, DANA JUNIOR HIGH, AND SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE THEY GRADUATED IN 1984. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, KIM WAS EMPLOYED AS A TOUR GUIDE IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. SHE THEN MOVED TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WORKING VARIOUS JOBS AND BECOMING A DIE HARD CRIMSON TIDE FAN. UPON RETURNING TO SAN PEDRO, KIM WORKED AT BASKIN ROBBINS, ONE OF HER ALL-TIME FAVORITE JOBS, THEN AS AN X-RAY CLERK AT SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL AND AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. PER KIM'S WISHES, HER ASHES WILL BE SCATTERED AT SEA WITH HER MOTHER, KAREN ANDERSON. SHE IS ALSO PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER STEPMOTHER, DONNA, HER GRANDPARENTS, JOHN AND GRACE ANDERSON, AND MATTY AND MARY DOMANCICH. KIM IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVING FATHER, JOHN, AND HER SIBLINGS, JOHN, BRIAN, AND RAYNA. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THEY WILL REMEMBER HER AS HAVING AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING SMILE, A GREAT PERSONALITY, AND AN INFECTIOUS LAUGH. AND I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I THINK THIS IS WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS REFERRING TO, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MICHAEL CASTILLO, WHO WAS A WHITTIER RESIDENT AND A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 30 YEARS. HE PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 5TH THIS YEAR. HE HAD OVER 30 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE WITH 22 YEARS OF THOSE AT THE C.E.O. HE BEGAN HIS TENURE AS A MEMBER OF THE SERVICE INTEGRATION TEAM,

PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS INTERDEPARTMENTAL INITIATIVES AND LATER TRANSITIONED TO THE HOUSING INITIATIVE UNIT WITHIN SERVICE INTEGRATION. GIVEN HIS EXPOSURE TO THE HOMELESS CRISIS WHEN WORKING ON HOUSING ISSUES, HE WAS ONE OF THE INAUGURAL MEMBERS OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TEAM IN 2015. HE WORKED ON HOMELESSNESS FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE WAS EVEN FORMED. HE WAS KNOWN AS THE GODFATHER OF THE COUNTY'S ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROTOCOL, WHICH HAS LED TO HUNDREDS OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS BEING TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AND I'M PROUD THAT TODAY, WE PASSED A MOTION DEDICATING ROOM 493 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION IN HONOR OF MICHAEL CASTILLO FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT TO SERVING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. MICHAEL WAS A DEVOTED AND LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER. MICHAEL AND HIS WIFE, NORA, HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 31 YEARS. MICHAEL AND NORA HAD TWO SONS, MICHAEL JR. AND ANTHONY. MICHAEL'S LIFELONG LOVE FOR HIS WIFE, NORA, HIS TWO SONS, WAS AN INSPIRATION FOR THOSE THAT WERE CLOSE TO HIM. AND HE BROUGHT THE SAME PASSION TO HIS COUNTY FAMILY THAT HE WORKED WITH. I HOPE HE KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE HE HELPED THROUGH HIS PASSION AND DEDICATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NORA, AND HIS SONS, MICHAEL AND ANTHONY. YES?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ADD ALL MEMBERS ONTO THAT?

SUP. KUEHL: AND I THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW THINGS, TOO, MADAM CHAIR

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: CERTAINLY, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW THAT HILDA DOES AS WELL BECAUSE WE ALL KNEW HIM. HE WAS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE LIAISON FOR THE H.O.S.T. TEAMS. AND YOU KNOW, WE OFTEN SAY WE HAVE GOT 112,000 PEOPLE WORKING FOR US. AND WE'RE PROUD OF THEM, BUT, YOU KNOW, EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE, AND MICHAEL REALLY DID. THE NOTION OF HOW YOU TREAT ENCAMPMENTS IS -- IT HAS BEEN A BIG DISCUSSION. HE BROUGHT A LOT TO THE WAY IN WHICH WE THINK ABOUT THE RESIDENTS OF ENCAMPMENTS AND THE NEED THEY HAVE TO BE TREATED HUMANLY AND HELPED. AND PARTICULARLY FOR US IN THE THIRD, WE WANTED TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE IN OUR VERY HIGH FIRE-RISK ZONES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND EVERYBODY WAS BLAMING ALL THE FIRES ON HOMELESS PEOPLE, BUT MICHAEL'S IDEA WAS TO WORK WITH EACH HOMELESS PERSON, TO FIND THEM, TO TRY TO MOVE THEM OUT OF THE HIGH-FIRE ZONES AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE OUTREACH WAS ABOUT THEM, FINDING THEM A PLACE TO GO, AND IT ALSO MADE OUR RESIDENTS FEEL MUCH SAFER BECAUSE IT WAS A VERY, THEY FELT, DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR THEM. SO, I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HIM, AND I HOPE HIS FAMILY

KNOWS THAT HIS COUNTY FAMILY REALLY VALUES HIM AND WILL MISS HIM A LOT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: ACTUALLY, I'M JUST HEARTBROKEN. SO I THINK IT'S JUST A SAD DAY. GOD BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY AND ALL THE WORK AND LEADERSHIP AND REALLY GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY IN SO MANY WAYS AND BEING COMPASSIONATE ABOUT IT. WE MISS HIM. HE'S A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR SO MANY OTHERS TO FOLLOW. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF GREGORY MORRIS AUGUSTA. GREG WAS BORN IN BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF HAVE A VALENCIA. HE GRADUATED FROM BRAWLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN ATTENDED CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT SAN DIEGO AND SACRAMENTO, EARNING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. HE LATER ATTENDED LAW SCHOOL WHILE WORKING FULL TIME AND EARNED A JURIS DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE. A PASSION FOR LAW, JUSTICE, AND POLICE WORK LED HIM TO A DISTINGUISHED 33-YEAR CAREER WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. HIS FONDEST MEMORIES WERE WORKING AS THE NEWHALL AREA

COMMANDER FROM 1989-1995. WHILE WORKING AS THE NEWHALL COMMANDER, HE PREPARED AND IMPLEMENTED A STRATEGIC SAFETY PLAN RELATING TO THE 1992 L.A. RIOTS, FULFILLED THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE L.A. FIRES, AND OVERSAW TRAFFIC CONCERNS FOLLOWING THE FREEWAY COLLAPSE IN THE NEWHALL PASS DUE TO THE 1994 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE. DURING HIS CAREER WITH THE C.H.P., HE ATTENDED THE F.B.I. ACADEMY, SUPERVISED SECURITY FOR THE 1984 OLYMPICS AND 2000 NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, AND ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE IN LONDON, ENGLAND. AT THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT, HE WAS ONE OF THE SELECT VIEW WHO HELD BOTH THE HIGHEST RANKING POSITION IN C.H.P., THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF STAFF DIVISION, AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF FIELD DIVISION. ASIDE FROM HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER, HE VOLUNTEERED AT CHURCH, BECAME INVOLVED IN NASCAR RACING, AND TRAVELED TO ANTARCTICA. HE ESPECIALLY ENJOYED DUCK HUNTING WITH HIS NEPHEW AND BLACK LAB. HE TREASURED TIME SPENT WITH HIS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HIS DAUGHTER. GREG IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ALISANNE, HIS DAUGHTER, NICOLE, AND SISTER, NANCY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EVAN DAVID BENCH, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. DAVID WAS BORN IN VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. HE ENJOYED COOKING, CHURCH, AND FAMILY. TRYING AND FINDING NEW RECIPES TO SHARE WITH HIS LOVING COMMUNITY BECAME PART OF HIS IDENTITY. DAVID ENJOYED SPENDING TIMES WITH HIS FAMILY BY ATTENDING SPORTS EVENTS OR THE DEDICATED FAMILY HOME EVENINGS. AS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, HE SERVED A MISSION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. AFTER HIS MISSION, HE JOINED THE U.S. ARMY, WHERE HE EXPERIENCED THE WORLD WHILE STATIONED IN GERMANY. UPON HIS RETURN, HE MARRIED HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS. DAVID IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CATHY, HIS DAUGHTER, HEATHER, AND HIS THREE SONS, STEPHEN, MICHAEL, AND MATTHEW. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DARLENE BONDS, FORMER ASSISTANT REGISTRAR RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK, WHO PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS MONTH. SHE BEGAN HER COUNTY CAREER AS A KEY PUNCH OPERATOR IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IN APRIL OF 1967 AND SERVED IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR SEVEN YEARS BEFORE TAKING A POSITION WITH THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. DARLENE WOULD GO ON TO BE PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DATA SYSTEMS ANALYST FOR THE REGISTRAR IN 1974 AND, EVENTUALLY, TOOK ON ROLES OF DATA SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR, DIVISION CHIEF, AND, ULTIMATELY, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK FOR THE ELECTION PREPARATION BUREAU. SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO SERVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THIS CAPACITY. DURING HER 37 YEAR CAREER, SHE HAD SEVERAL KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT STOOD OUT. FOR EXAMPLE, SHE HELPED DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT SEVERAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE VOTING DURING HER TENURE. SHE ALSO LED THE TRANSITION TO THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT AN AUTOMATED BALLOT LAYOUT PROGRAM, AUTOMATED SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, AND AUTOMATED BALLOT REMAKES. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY HER

COLLEAGUES AS A GREAT LEADER AND A MENTOR. WE THANK HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS SHE MADE THROUGHOUT HER CAREER. DARLENE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, DAMON. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GENE LEE GREEN, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. HE WAS BORN IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA AND WAS RAISED IN ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI. GENE WOULD JOIN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVES WHILE ATTENDING JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND TWO YEARS LATER, HE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. HE WAS DEPLOYED TO KOREA AND FOUGHT IN THE KOREAN WAR, EARNING NUMEROUS CITATIONS, INCLUDING FOUR BATTLE STARS, TWO PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS, THE NAVY COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, AND A PURPLE HEART. AFTER THE WAR, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN AEROSPACE AFTER EARNING HIS BACHELORS DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING FROM WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY. HE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AND OPERATED AND MANAGED SEVERAL CORPORATIONS IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY FOR MANY YEARS. GENE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHILDREN'S LIVES. HE INSPIRED ALL HIS SONS TO ACHIEVE TO THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT. HE MENTORED OTHER YOUTH IN THE BOY SCOUTS, AS WELL, TAKING THEM CAMPING AND BACKPACKING IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS. GENE WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN HIS CHURCH, WHERE HE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMAN'S COMMITTEE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. GENE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROLINE, HIS

DAUGHTER, DEBORAH, AND HIS SONS, RICHARD, STEPHEN, MICHAEL, MARC, CURT, AND DAVID. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EVELYN GUTIERREZ, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SAN DIMAS AND AN L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 35 YEARS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 4TH AT THE AGE OF 79. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION, HOLDING THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER. EVELYN ALSO SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER WITH THE L.A. COUNTY QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION AS A MEMBER OF THE RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE COUNTY IN 2003, SHE CONTINUED HER VOLUNTEER WORK WITH LOS AMIGOS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES LIBRARY AND THE SAN GABRIEL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NONPROFIT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS. THOSE WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH EVELYN WILL REMEMBER HER FOR HER DEDICATION, COMPASSION, AND DEVOTION TO HER COWORKERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ALIKE. WE THANK EVELYN FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND HER DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. EVELYN IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, DEBORAH WATTS, ALONG WITH SEVERAL COUSINS AND FRIENDS.

SUP.HAHN: MADAM CHAIR, I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE ALL MEMBERS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I FEEL LIKE THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE --

SUP. BARGER: YOUR DAD WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH --

SUP HAHN: YES, I KNOW, BUT I DO THINK IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE DO -- IF IT'S A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WE SHOULD ALL JOIN IN THE ADJOURNMENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION AS LONG AS EVERY MEMBER IS OPEN TO THAT.

SUP. BARGER: I'M FINE WITH THAT, AND IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO THE FAMILY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT SUGGESTION. I THINK WE'LL DO IT.

SUP. KUEHL: I'M GOOD WITH IT, TOO.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT.

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

SUP. BARGER: AND I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW HIMLIN, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 47. MATT WAS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF HIMLIN REALITY AND INVESTMENTS, HIS FAMILY FIRM. HE WAS AN ANTELOPE VALLEY Y.M.C.A. BOARD MEMBER, A MEMBER OF THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, AND A LONG-

TIME BOARD MEMBER, DIRECTOR AT LARGE, FORMER TREASURER, AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY. BORN JULY 9TH, 1975, MATT GRADUATED FROM QUARTZ HILL HIGH SCHOOL IN 1993. HE EARNED EAGLE SCOUT HONOR AS A MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 599 IN QUARTZ HILL. MATT EARNED DEGREES FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER, MARVIN HIMLIN. AND I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAY LEYVA, A FORMER INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 12TH, AFTER BATTLING A SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM CAL STATE LOS ANGELES AND MASTERS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. RAY BEGAN HIS CAREER IN POLICING AS A RESERVE OFFICER WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1975 AND WAS WITH THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1976. HE WOULD THEN GO ON TO TRANSFER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN MARCH OF 1981 AND TOOK ON THE ROLE OF DEPUTY SHERIFF. DURING HIS 35 YEAR CAREER WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RAY DEVELOPED AND MANAGED CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS, ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS COLLABORATED WITH UNIONS, MEDIA, AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES. IN 2016, HE WAS PROMOTED TO COMMANDER BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT SAME YEAR. IN 2020, RAY SERVED A FULL YEAR AS CHIEF PROBATION

OFFICER FOR L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. HIS STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION WHILE BATTLING HIS HEALTH CONDITION WAS NOTHING SHORT OF COURAGEOUS, AND WE KEEP HIS FAMILY IN OUR THOUGHTS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. RAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, WENDY, HIS DAUGHTER, DESIREE, HIS SON, MATTHEW, AND HIS TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS.

SUP. SOLIS: ALL MEMBERS?

SUP. KUEHL: ALL MEMBERS.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES, WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT WILL BE OUR NEW POLICY. AND SO, IT WILL APPLY TO THIS ONE AS WELL. THANK YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: WE'RE GOING TO SAY IT ANY WAY. [LAUGHS]

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, I'M SURE THE LEYVA WILL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT, AS WELL. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: WALTER

LOPEZ GREEN, AIR FORCE, RAY PHILLIP LAMARR, ARMY, JOHN BRADLEY MENTH, AIR FORCE, CHRISTOPHER STEVEN NAVA, NAVY, CARL THOMAS PATTON, ARMY, ROBERT ERWIN PETTIJOHN, ARMY, HECTOR OSCAR ROMAN, ARMY, JEWELL ANTHONY SHELL, MARINE CORPS, M.J. STAMPS, ARMY, RONNIE EARL WALLER, ARMY, DENNIS WHITESIDES, NAVY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION --

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IT'S BECAUSE I HEAR YOUR VOICE. I APOLOGIZE. IT'S LIKE I HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS SPEAK SO CLEARLY SHE WENT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DISTRICT ONE.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT TODAY WHEN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GILBERTO CAZARES PAYAN. GILBERTO CAZARES PAYAN WAS BORN ON AUGUST 6, 1970 IN SINALOA, MEXICO AND RECENTLY PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY THIS LAST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, AT THE AGE OF 52 IN A CRASH AT A STREET VENDOR STAND IN THE CITY OF POMONA. I'M SURE ALL OF US SAW THAT RECENTLY ON TELEVISION. IN THE

YEAR 2000, AT THE AGE OF 30, HE RELOCATED TO POMONA, CALIFORNIA. HERE HE BEGAN WORKING IN A PLASTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY. IN 2002, HE RELOCATED TO FRESNO, WHERE HE WORKED FOUR YEARS AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. IN 2006, HE DECIDED TO RELOCATE BACK TO POMONA, WHERE HE PURSUED WORKING WITH THE IMPERIAL COOKING COMPANY. GILBERTO NOT ONLY WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY BUT ALSO ENJOYED SPENDING TIME OFF BY GOING TO THE PARK AND TAKING LONG WALKS WITH HIS CHILDREN. GILBERTO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 22 YEARS, ADDYS MORALES, AND FOUR CHILDREN, CARLOS, AGE 21, LAURA, AGE 16, BRIANNA, AGE 12, AND MAXIMILIANO, AGE 8, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JASON MARCUS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE LOST A FRIEND AND A COLLEAGUE. DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER JASON MARCUS, A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN L.A., WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY THIS PAST WEEK. JASON JOINED THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TEAM IN FEBRUARY 1995 AND HAD A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A DILIGENT AND COMPASSIONATE ADVOCATE IN TRIAL ASSIGNMENTS AT ALHAMBRA, GLENDALE, PASADENA, VAN NUYS, AND CENTRAL FELONIES. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER I.V. IN 2008 AND WAS A FIERCE ADVOCATE AS A HOMICIDE LITIGATOR AND CAPITAL CASE DEFENDER. JASON MOST RECENTLY WORKED WITH HIS TEAM IN THE CENTRAL ARRAIGNMENTS COURT, WHERE HE PASSIONATELY FOUGHT FOR CLIENTS' FREEDOM EVERY DAY. JASON LIVED FOR HIS SON, MAX,

REMAINED A LOYAL LIFELONG CHICAGO CUB FAN AND A TWO DECADE PLAYER AT THE OFFICE SOFTBALL TEAM, THE HARMLESS ERROR. IN ADDITION TO MAX, HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FORMER WIFE, JESSICA ALAN, HIS FATHER, PROFESSOR MICHAEL MARCUS, AND SIBLINGS. JASON WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES FOR HIS PASSION, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO ALL. I'M ASSUMING ALL MEMBERS ON THAT, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUE ELLEN GUSTINE MAURER. SUE ELLEN GUSTINE MAURER WAS THE MOTHER OF SARAH DUSSEAULT, ONE OF MY COMMISSIONER AND SOMEONE WHO I KNOW IS WELL-KNOWN HERE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. LIKE SARAH, HER MOTHER, SUE ELLEN, WAS A CHARISMATIC MATRIARCH, THE MOTHER OF 11 CHILDREN AND GRANDMOTHER OF 30 AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF 28. SHE GREW UP IN SEATTLE AND WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED PIANO AND ORGAN PLAYER IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE. SUE ELLEN PASSED ON SO MANY IMPORTANT LESSONS TO HER FAMILY, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING CARE OF THOSE WITHOUT. SARAH SHARED WITH ME HOW HER MOM ALWAYS TOOK CARE OF AN OLDER WOMAN WHO WANDERED AROUND HER NEIGHBORHOOD, GIVING HER RIDES, BRINGING HER FOOD, AND MAKING SURE THAT SHE WAS SAFE. SUE ELLEN ALSO TAUGHT HER FAMILY HOW TO BE INDEPENDENT AND TO ALWAYS ASK QUESTIONS, EVEN OF AUTHORITY FIGURES. HER OWN LIFE WAS INTERRUPTED IN EARLY 1987, WHEN SUE SUFFERED A RUPTURED CEREBRAL ANEURYSM. SHE LEARNED TO WALK AND TALK AGAIN OVER THE NEXT YEAR. HER TENACITY LIVES ON IN HER CHILDREN. SUE'S FAITH IN GOD WAS HER

TENET, HELPING HER GET THROUGH THE SENSELESS TRAGEDY SHE EXPERIENCED IN HER LIFE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, STEVE MAURER, ELIZABETH MALKIN, JOSEPH MAURER, MARGARET LLOYD, MARYROSE COURTNEY, THOMAS MAURER, SARAH DUSSEAULT, KATIE FLETCHER, JOHN MAURER, AND BEN MAURER, IN ADDITION TO HER GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AND I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU WANTED TO JOIN ME?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, PLEASE. I HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU COULD ALWAYS JUDGE A PARENT BY THEIR CHILDREN. AND I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF WORKING WITH SARAH, AND SHE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE COMMISSIONER TO YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT SHE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUAL ON L.A.H.S.A. AND SO, IT'S OBVIOUS HER MOM INSTILLED IN HER THAT SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND GIVING BACK. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND MARYROSE, AS WELL, WHO IS EQUALLY AS SPECIAL. SO, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME JOIN IN ON THAT.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: ME, TOO. I THINK SHE'S ALSO FEISTY -- I MEAN GROWING UP WITH 10 SIBLINGS, YOU CAN IMAGINE.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE LAST ADJOURNMENT, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE

MEMORY OF ART LABOE. ART LABOE WAS BORN AUGUST 7, 1925 IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, AT THE AGE OF 97 AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH PNEUMONIA. THE DISC JOCKEY, WHO GOT HIS FIRST RADIO JOB AT 17, WENT ON TO FILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S AIRWAVES FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO PLAY ROCK AND ROLL ON THE WEST COAST AND WAS A PIONEER IN CREATING A COMPILATION ALBUM, CALLING IT "OLDIES BUT GOODIES." HIS INVITING BARITONE VOICE BECAME A BEACON FOR GENERATIONS OF FANS, PARTICULARLY AMONGST LATINOS. LABOE IS CREDITED WITH COMBATING SEGREGATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BY ORGANIZING LIVE D.J. SHOWS AT DRIVE-IN EATERIES THAT ATTRACTED WHITES, BLACKS, AND LATINOS, WHO DANCED TO ROCK AND ROLL AND SHOCKED AN OLDER GENERATION STILL LISTENING TO FRANK SINATRA AND BIG BAND MUSIC. HIS RADIO SHOWS GAVE THE FAMILIES OF INCARCERATED LOVED ONES, IN PARTICULAR, A PLATFORM TO SPEAK TO THEIR RELATIVES BY DEDICATING SONGS AND SENDING HEARTFELT MESSAGES AND UPDATES. CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA INMATES WOULD SEND IN THEIR OWN DEDICATIONS AND ASK ART LABOE FOR UPDATES FROM FAMILY. HIS LAST SHOW WAS PRODUCED LAST WEEK AND BROADCAST SUNDAY NIGHT. MR. LABOE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL RADIO HALL OF FAME IN 2012. HE WAS TWICE MARRIED AND DIVORCED, PREDECEASED BY TWO SONS, AND LEAVES NO IMMEDIATE SURVIVORS ASIDE FROM HIS DEDICATED AUDIENCE. AND I BELIEVE, KATHRYN BARGER, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WANTED TO ALSO JOIN ME.

SUP. BARGER: PLEASE.

SUP. KUEHL: ME, TOO, HILDA. HE WAS A BIG PART OF MY CHILDHOOD.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT CONCLUDES --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF YOU WOULD TAKE THAT -- ALLOW ALL OF US TO SIGN ON, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, ON MR. LABOE.

SUP. SOLIS: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SO, NOW WE'LL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. WHILE WE'RE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL BE SHOWING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS. I HAVE A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS ITS ONGOING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF GLENDALE POLICE CHIEF POVILAITIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF AND ITEM C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

SPEAKER: HELLO, [INDISCERNIBLE] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. I WANT TO FIRST THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THEIR CHAIR, HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PRIOR BOARD THAT HAD THE FORESIGHT TO CREATE SUCH A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY AND CAPACITY TO LAUNCH AND ADMINISTER PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE COUNTY'S NEEDS. IT'S BEEN MY HONOR TO WORK FOR THIS AGENCY FOR 34 OF ITS 40 YEAR HISTORY AND TO BE AT THE HELM FOR THE PAST TWO-YEAR PERIOD. IN FACT, THIS PAST TWO-YEAR PERIOD HAS REALLY HIGHLIGHTED L.A.C.D.A.'S ABILITY TO ADAPT AND RESPOND QUICKLY TO WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE GROUND. OVER THE YEARS, OUR BUDGET AND STAFFING HAS SEEN CONTINUED GROWTH, BUT, AT THE HEART OF IT ALL, ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THE L.A.C.D.A. FAMILY, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT. AT THE L.A.C.D.A., WE HAVE ALUMNI IN PROMINENT

POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE WORK WE'VE DONE FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO OUR BOARD. THANK YOU TO THE L.A.C.D.A. FAMILY, AND THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY THAT HAVE ENTRUSTED US WITH THIS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR MISSION OF BUILDING BETTER LIVES AND BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK YOU.

SUP BARGER: [RECORDING] IT IS AN HONOR TO CELEBRATE THE HONORARY CLEAR OF GLENDALE POLICE CHIEF CARL POVILAITIS. FOR 32 YEARS, HE HAS BEEN DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY. CHIEF POVILAITIS BEGAN HIS CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACADEMY. HIS LONG CAREER IN PUBLIC SAFETY CULMINATED WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED POLICE CHIEF IN 2018. HE LED THE DEPARTMENT TO NEW HEIGHTS, MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS AND PROPELLING OFFICERS TO BE BETTER EVERY DAY. CHIEF POVILAITIS UNDERSTANDS THAT A DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITY DESERVES A QUALIFIED, DIGNIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMITTED FIRST AND FOREMOST TO ITS RESIDENTS. IN ADDITION TO HIS COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HIS CAREER, HE ALSO SERVES AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE GLENDALE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, AND GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. CHIEF, UNDER YOUR

LEADERSHIP, I WAS ALWAYS CONFIDENT THAT OUR SAFETY IN THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY WAS IN VERY CAPABLE AND COMPASSIONATE HANDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SELFLESS SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR BOLD LEADERSHIP FOR YOUR FORCE. I KNOW THE GROUNDWORK YOU LAID WILL SET THIS DEPARTMENT UP FOR SUCCESS IN YEARS TO COME. CHIEF POVILAITIS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, AND ON BEHALF OF THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU.

CHIEF POVILAITIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE KIND WORDS. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF GLENDALE FOR THE PAST 32 YEARS. AND LOOKING BACK, IT'S SOMETIMES HARD TO BELIEVE THAT 32 YEARS, IT'S GONE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY OF GLENDALE AND THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAVE BEEN SOME VERY DIFFICULT TIMES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO AND COLLABORATE WITH TO WORK THROUGH ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES STAY SAFE WAS SUCH AN HONOR. AND YOU HAVE BEEN A STALWART SUPPORTER OF GLENDALE AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND FOR THAT, I'M ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. [CLOSED SESSION]

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR OCTOBER 18, 2022

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

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

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

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors October 18, 2022, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of October 2022, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

JENNIFER A. HINES

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