


# THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

# BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023, ON PAGE 312]**

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. I WANTED TO START BY GIVING A WARM WELCOME AND A SHOUT OUT TO THE CITY OF LA MIRADA'S YOUTH-IN- GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. ARE YOU HERE? [APPLAUSE] OH, THERE THEY ARE. MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH YOUTH-IN-GOVERNMENT, AND THIS PARTNERS STUDENTS FROM LA MIRADA HIGH SCHOOL WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF IN AN EFFORT TO ENGAGE LOCAL YOUTH IN CITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TO OUR MEETING, AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU THIS MORNING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR

STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HAVE OUR INVOCATION AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR KENNY KEATING, REMEMBRANCE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FROM THE CITY OF LOMITA FROM MY DISTRICT, THE FOURTH DISTRICT, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY JULIO FINOLETTE, FORMER CORPORAL UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE FIFTH DISTRICT. IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE STAND WITH US AT THIS TIME.

**PASTOR KEATING:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE INVOCATION PRAYER. HEAVENLY FATHER, WE JUST ASK THAT YOUR GRACIOUS FAVOR WOULD BE ON OUR LAND. WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO LIVE IN THIS REGION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH ALL OF ITS WONDERFUL RESOURCES AND BEAUTIFUL DIVERSITY. WE JUST ASK THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT US FROM THE EVILS THAT ARE ALL TOO COMMON, THAT YOU WOULD HELP OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND ALL THE DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO AID OUR HELP AGAINST THESE EVILS AND PRAY THAT YOU WOULD JUST BLESS OUR LAND, PRAY THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT US AND GIVE US THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD HELP US WITH THE MANY COMPLEX ISSUES THAT WE FACE, WITH HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY AND JUST COMPLEX ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND JUST SO MANY THINGS. WE JUST CRY OUT TO YOU, AND WE ASK FOR HELP THAT CAN COME BEYOND OUR ABILITIES. AND I JUST PRAY A BLESSING ON OUR LAND, ON OUR PEOPLE, AND I PRAY A BLESSING ON OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE REPRESENTED TODAY. I PRAY THAT WOULD GIVE US WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT TO DO, AND I PRAY THAT YOU GIVE US COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD REMIND US, EACH OF US, WHY WE GOT INTO PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE FIRST PLACE. I THANK YOU FOR WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE WALLS, THAT'S WE'RE A GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT US AGAINST THE HOSTILITY AND THE HATE AND THE TRIBALISM THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED TO BECOME ALL TOO COMMON, THAT WE WOULD LET DOWN OUR IDEAS OF US VERSUS THEM,

AND THAT WE WOULD PICK UP OUR IDEALS OF US FOR THEM, THAT WE WOULD BE A GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE. AND I JUST PRAY A BLESSING ON THIS MEETING TODAY. I KNOW IT'S A LONG DAY. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF COMPLEX THINGS THAT FEEL OVERWHELMING, SO I JUST PRAY FOR OUR OFFICIALS, OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THEM, HELP THEM, GIVE THEM WISDOM, GIVE THEM COURAGE, GIVE THEM STRENGTH, AND THAT TODAY WOULD BE A GOOD DAY THAT WOULD BE LEADING US CLOSER TO YOUR IDEALS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE. WE PRAY ALL THESE THINGS IN YOUR SON'S NAME. AMEN.

**JULIO FINOLETTE:** HELLO AND GOOD MORNING. I ASK THAT YOUR PLACE YOUR RIGHT HANDS OVER YOUR HEARTS AT THIS TIME. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, PASTOR KENNY KEATING, FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION. PASTOR KEATING A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HAS MINISTERED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS AS LEAD PASTOR OF REMEMBRANCE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN LOMITA. HE HAS 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A MINISTER AND IS AFFILIATED WITH THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA, WHERE SERVES ON THE WEST COAST CHURCH PLANTING ASSESSMENT TEAM. REMEMBRANCE COMMUNITY CHURCH IS COMMITTED TO HELPING TO

MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE VULNERABLE AMONGST US. THEY HAVE ENGAGED IN A MINISTRY CALLED LAUNDRY LOVE, WHICH PROVIDES UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS WITH FREE LAUNDRY SERVICE, FOOD, AND HYGIENE PACKS. THEY ALSO PARTNER WITH A CHURCH IN THE GRAPE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD OF WATTS TO BRING MUCH NEEDED ESSENTIALS TO THEIR COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. IN ADDITION TO HIS MINISTRY, HE WORKS AS A FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY, SERVING IN LOS ALAMITOS. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN LOMITA WITH HIS WIFE, BLANCA, AND TWO DAUGHTERS. PASTOR KEATING, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING AND FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO HELPING OTHERS. IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. [APPLAUSE]

**SUP. BARGER:** WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING JULIO FINOLETTE FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. CORPORAL FINOLETTE PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 2012 TO 2016, LAST SERVING AS THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE OF V.M.F.A.533 F.A.18 ORDINANCE DIVISION MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON. DURING HIS SERVICE, HE RECEIVED MERITORIOUS AWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS INSTRUCTORS COURSE. HE IS NOW ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR HIS FELLOW VETERANS HAVING RECENTLY SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA CITY COLLEGE VETERAN CLUB. HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT WAS DURING THE

PANDEMIC, WHICH HE LED EFFORTS TO HELP VETERANS, BUT ESPECIALLY THOSE DEALING WITH SELF-ISOLATION. CORPORAL FINOLETTE IS CONTINUING HIS STUDIES IN FIRE SCIENCES AT CAL STATE L.A. AND I'M RECRUITING HIM TO BECOME PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. NOT ONLY IS HE SUPPORTED BY HIS FELLOW VETERANS, BUT HE ALSO EARNED RECOGNITION ON THE DEAN'S LIST ON THE SCHOOLS HE HAS ATTENDED. OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, HE PARTNERED WITH FELLOW VETERANS TO PROVIDE OTHER VETERANS A SPACE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO LEARN JUJITSU. CORPORAL FINOLETTE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION, YOUR DEDICATION TO SUPPORTING FELLOW VETERANS, AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. NOW, I'LL INTRODUCE TO YOU LEXI, A 2-YEAR-OLD FEMALE CHIHUAHUA, WHO IS VERY CUTE. THIS IS LEXI, AND LEXI IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER. HER I.D. IS A5535188, AND AGAIN, LEXI IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898, OR YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. ANYONE LOOKING TO GIVE LEXI A FOREVER HOME, SHE'S ABSOLUTELY THE SWEETEST DOG, GREAT DEMEANOR, A LOT OF ENERGY, WHICH YOU DON'T SEE RIGHT NOW, BUT TRUST ME. SHE WAS UPSTAIRS IN OUR OFFICE RUNNING AROUND. SO, WITH THAT, THIS IS LEXI. I KNOW. I MAY TAKE LEXI. OKAY. SO, NOW, THE OPPOSITE OF LEXI, YOU'VE GOT JET, A 3 MONTH OLD MALE GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPY. JET HAS A LOT OF ENERGY, AND I HEARD THAT SOMEONE IN COUNTY COUNSEL EYED JET WALKING IN. JET'S ID IS A5531956 AND CAN BE ADOPTED BY CALLING

562-940-6898, AND AGAIN, YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV, BUT JET IS GOING TO BE A BIG DOG, BUT JET IS ABSOLUTELY THE NICEST DOG. THIS CALMED DOWN THE TEMPERATURE IN THIS ROOM. SO WE'RE READY TO GO. I KNOW. DO YOU WANT IT?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST ADORABLE, AND SO IS THE DOG. OKAY, WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-26. ON ITEM 1, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 2 AND 4, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM -- THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 12 AND 13, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD, ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD, ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 32, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 27-69. ON ITEM 64, THE REGISTER RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. ON PAGE 54, 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 67A, SUPERVISOR BARGER REVISED HER MOTION TO ADD SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS A COAUTHOR. ON ITEM 67B, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 55, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 70-75. ON ITEM 71 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT DAWN R. HARRISON TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY COUNSEL AT AN ANNUAL SALARY $440,000 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023. ON ITEM 72 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY ANTHONY C. MARRONE TO THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY FORESTER AND FIRE WARDEN AT ANNUAL SALARY OF $441,792.90 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AND ON THIS ITEM, 72, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 73 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT LISA H. WONG TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF $505,219.58 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023. ITEM 74 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT JACKIE CONTRERAS TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF $383,655.84 EFFECTIVE

FEBRUARY 28, 2023. ITEM 75 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PROPOSED 10 YEAR LEASE WITH ONNI BRAND, L.P. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' USE OF APPROXIMATELY 82,723 SQUARE FOOT OF OFFICE SPACE AND 331 ON SITE PARKING SPACES LOCATED IN GLENDALE AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $6,205,000 FOR THE TENANT IMPROVEMENT COSTS. ON PAGE 58, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 59, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 60, NOTICES OF CLOSED SECTION. THE REQUESTS FOR THE ITEMS TO BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR THROUGH C.S.3 ARE BEFORE YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU 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. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 72, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM 2,, AND THEN ON ITEM 4, COLLEAGUES, WE'LL TAKE THIS UP LATER IN THE MEETING WHEN THE SHERIFF ARRIVES. THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 21, 23 AND ENDING WITH ITEM 67B, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND THEN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, BEFORE WE BEGIN TODAY WITH OUR HELD ITEMS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE 1 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU ARE SIGNING UP FOR AS YOUR

NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS LAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU'LL NEED TO PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD WANT TO SPEAK ON. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE'LL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE'LL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

**SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I RAISED MY HAND.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I SEE THAT.

**SUP. BARGER:** I DID. ITEMS 7 AND 13 BOTH HAVE OVERLAPPING ISSUES. CAN THOSE BE HEARD TOGETHER, OR IS IT YOUR PREFERENCE TO HAVE THEM SEPARATE?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MY PREFERENCE WAS TO HAVE THEM SEPARATE.

**SUP. BARGER:** OKAY BECAUSE 13 ALSO HAS WHAT 7 --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

**SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY. YEAH, OKAY. SO, WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM 72, THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY FORESTER AND FIRE WARDEN, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, YOU CAN PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE WITH US TODAY ANTHONY MARRONE, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS OUR INTERIM FIRE CHIEF. SO, TODAY, WHAT IS BEFORE THIS BOARD IS THE APPOINTMENT FOUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BECOME PERMANENT DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND ALL FOUR OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE DEDICATED DECADES TO L.A. COUNTY AND, IN MY OPINION, HAVE SHOWN TRUE LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY DURING THEIR TIME AS INTERIM DIRECTORS. I PLAN TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF LISA WONG AS OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DAWN HARRISON AS OUR PERMANENT COUNTY COUNSEL, AND JACKIE CONTRERAS AS OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. AND I ALSO PLAN TO SUPPORT TONY MARRONE TO BECOME OUR NEXT FIRE CHIEF. AND THIS ITEM IS ABOUT APPOINTING THE NEW FIRE

CHIEF IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I HELD IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS. I WANTED TO GIVE TONY MARRONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AND I NOW THERE IS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY COMMENT ON HIS APPOINTMENT. I HAVE WORKED REALLY CLOSELY WITH INTERIM FIRE CHIEF MARRONE DURING HIS TIME AS OUR INTERIM FIRE CHIEF, AND THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT LAST FEW YEARS FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND I HAVE WATCHED YOU LEAD THIS DEPARTMENT WITH GRACE, EMPATHY, INTEGRITY, AND I THINK THOSE QUALITIES, COMBINED WITH YOUR INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE FROM OVER 37 YEARS IN OUR DEPARTMENT, MAKE YOU THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE JOB. L.A. COUNTY IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. NO ONE COMPARES TO US. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE LEAD OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO KNOWS US, KNOWS OUR COMMUNITIES, KNOWS OUR FIREFIGHTERS, KNOWS OUR LIFEGUARDS, KNOWS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OUR STRENGTHS, AND OF COURSE THE CHALLENGES THAT THIS DEPARTMENT HAS FACED AND CERTAINLY WILL FACE IN THE FUTURE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS ABOUT DIVERSITY IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND I SHARE THOSE CONCERNS. IT'S BEEN THIS BOARD'S DESIRE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS NOW. IF INTERIM CHIEF MARRONE IS APPOINTED TODAY, I PLEDGE TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT ONLY HIRING MORE WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AS FIREFIGHTERS AND LIFEGUARDS, BUT THAT EVERYONE IS GIVEN AN EQUAL SHOT AT PROMOTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES. COLLEAGUES, IS YOUR DESIRE TO SAY SOMETHING

NOW? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE INTERIM FIRE CHIEF FIRST? LET'S HEAR FROM OUR INTERIM FIRE CHIEF FIRST, AND THEN I'LL CALL ON MY COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU TO YOUR HONORABLE BOARD FOR HAVING ME HEAR TODAY AND CONSIDERING ME FOR THE POSITION OF PERMANENT FIRE CHIEF, THE 10TH FIRE CHIEF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT. SPECIFIC TO DIVERSITY, THAT TOO IS ONE OF MY AREAS OF FOCUS. THROUGHOUT MY TENURE AS THE INTERIM FIRE CHIEF FOR 11.5 MONTHS, I HAVE FOCUSED ON THE RESIDENTS THAT WE PROVIDE OUR CARE TO. THEY ARE MY NORTH STAR, SO TO SPEAK. EVERYTHING WE WE DO NEEDS TO BE IN SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES IN OUR CARE. IT'S ALSO A FOCUS ON OUR PERSONNEL AND MAKING SURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR 5,000 MEMBERS OF THIS WONDERFUL FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVE. I BELIEVE IT'S THE GREATEST IN THE NATION. AND I AM COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH, NOT ONLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY FELLOW DEPARTMENT HEADS, RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO OUR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE 10-14, LA COLA, AND LOCAL 119, AND THE GROUPS LIKE THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, THE STENTORIANS, AND BOMBEROS, THE BLACK CHIEF OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TO MAKE SURE WE CAN MOVE THE NEEDLE ON MY FIRE DEPARTMENT, OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE OF WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, NOT ONLY WHEN HIRING, BUT WHEN PROMOTING. IT'S MORE THAN JUST HIRING PEOPLE. WE NEED TO GET A DIVERSE GROUP OF CHIEF

OFFICERS THAT ARE AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO THE RIGHT THING WHEN TAKING CARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES IN OUR CARE. AND THAT IS GOING TO BE MY AREA OF FOCUS. AND THE LAST AREA OF FOCUS THAT I WAS WORKING FOR THE LAST 11.5 MONTHS WAS BUDGET STABILIZATION. WE HAVE A FUNDING DEFICIT. OUR EXPENDITURES OUT PACE OUR REVENUE. WE NEED THE MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES, EXPAND PROGRAMS, CREATE NEW PROGRAMS, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A FULLY-FUNDED FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF THIS GREAT COUNTY THAT WE ALL WORK IN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC, I'LL CALL ON MY COLLEAGUES. I HAVE SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, HOLLY MITCHELL, AND THEN LINDSEY HORVATH.

**SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE CHIEF -- MAYBE IT'S A LITTLE PREMATURE. WE HAVEN'T VOTED YET, BUT I DO AGREE THAT YOU'RE THE CANDIDATE THAT IS WELL REPRESENTED AND HAS THE CAPACITY TO REALLY HELP US MEET CHALLENGES. I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WHEN YOU MET WITH US INDIVIDUALLY AND TALKED ABOUT YOUR EFFORTS TO TRY TO STABILIZE THE BUDGET. LORD KNOWS WE'VE BEEN IN THIS SITUATION WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS WHERE THIS IS A SPECIAL DISTRICT, SO IT'S TREATED DIFFERENTLY. I'M NOT SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS  FULLY AWARE OF THAT. YOU COULD MAYBE TOUCH ON

THAT, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR PLANS ON DIVERSIFICATION AT YOUR TOP LEVELS AND ALSO IN RANK AND FILE, NOT JUST FOR WOMEN, THAT OBVIOUSLY IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL, I THINK, AGREE WITH HERE ON THE BOARD, BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE -- THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVABLE GOALS SO THAT ALL THE AFFINITY GROUPS THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM CAN ALSO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE. AND THAT INCLUDES ALSO DOING MORE RECRUITMENT OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN CAPACITIES WITH OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT PERHAPS CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN YOUR DEPARTMENT. I THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL. I KNOW WE HAVE SEEN THAT HAPPEN ALREADY IN DIFFERENT AREAS. I WANT TO SEE MORE OF THAT. AND JUST WANT TO ALSO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR WORK WITH 1014. I KNOW THEY'RE HERE. IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT ALSO I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE ALSO TAKING UP THE MANTLE OF REALLY RECOGNIZING THE CULTURE, THE CULTURE THAT EXISTS IN NOT JUST YOUR DEPARTMENT BUT IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CULTURE IS FLEXIBLE, THAT IT IS REFLECTIVE, AND THAT IT'S OPEN. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW YOUR IDEAS CAN BE TRANSFORMATIVE, SO IT ISN'T JUST OUR RANK AND FILE, BUT IT'S OUR COMMUNITY. YOU ALWAYS TALK ABOUT PUTTING A COMMUNITY FIRST. AND I HAVE SEEN YOU IN ACTION. IN FACT, WHEN I REPRESENTED THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES, WE HAD A BIG CHEMICAL SPILL IN CUDAHY. I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT. AND I REMEMBER YOU

HAD ALL OF THESE SIMULATIONS OUT THERE ON THE GROUND, INCLUDING ALONGSIDE WITH OUR O.E.M. OFFICE AS WELL AS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THAT WAS A DISASTER, A CATASTROPHE, A HAZARD THAT I NEVER WITNESSED. AND I KNOW OUR COMMUNITY DIDN'T. BECAUSE THERE WERE LANGUAGE BARRIERS, IT'S PREDOMINANTLY SPANISH SPEAKING, WE HAD PEOPLE ON THE GROUND. YOUR STAFF WAS VERY GOOD ABOUT PROVIDING INFORMATION AND WHAT THE HAZARDS WERE AND WHAT CLEANUP WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE. AND FOR ME, THAT SETS APART WHERE YOU ARE IN TERMS IT OF HOW YOU TAKE CONTROL OF ISSUES. YOU'VE DONE A LOT ALREADY IN MY OWN DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO ARSON. WE HAD A BUILDING THAT WAS SET ON FIRE, BELIEVED PURPOSELY, AND IT'S A DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO BE A NEW HOUSING UNIT IN EAST L.A. HE WENT OUT THERE AND MADE ADJUSTMENTS QUICKLY. I DIDN'T HAVE TO -- WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT. SO I THINK FOR ME, BOOTS ON THE GROUND, ALWAYS A NECESSITY. AND I WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY ABOUT STABILIZING OUR BUDGET BECAUSE YOU SAID IT VERY QUICKLY, BUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT WITH US TO HELP STABILIZE THE BUDGET.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YES, WE HAD -- WE'VE BEEN VERY INTENTIONAL WITH TRYING TO IDENTIFY NEW REVENUE STREAMS. THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, AS YOU STATED, WE ARE A DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT UNDER STATE LAW, SO WE'RE NOT REALLY ABLE TO AVAIL OURSELVES TO N.C.C. FUNDS. $1.6 BILLION

IS OUR CURRENT BUDGET. WE NEED TO FIND MORE MONEY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO BE FULLY-FUNDED FOR THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE IN OUR OUR FEE-FOR-SERVICE CITIES. I KNOW THAT IN THE SHORT TERM, EXPENDITURE CANCELLATIONS ARE GOING TO BE CRITICAL TO MAKING SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. ABOUT 80% OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET COMES FROM PROPERTY TAX, THE SPECIAL TAX. AND UNFORTUNATELY, OVER 80% OF OUR BUDGET GOES TOWARDS SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. WE'RE SLIGHTLY OVER-HIRED AT THIS TIME WITH ABOUT 4,925 EMPLOYEES. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US AT ABOUT 4,800. I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP OUR EMPLOYEES SAFE AND HEALTHY AND NOT HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE GET INJURED THAT WE HAVE GREATER THAN 10% OF OUR FIREFIGHTING WORKFORCE OFF ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION. WE NEED TO DO BETTER AS A GROUP. I AM GOING TO DO BETTER, BUT I'M GOING TO WORK WITH THE C.E.O., THE JOINT LABOR MANAGEMENT FINANCIAL COMMITTEE, I'M GOING TO WORK WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT LONG TERM WE ARE FULLY-FUNDED SO WE CAN INCREASE WHAT WE DO FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE RESIDENTS IN OUR CARE, THAT WE CAN EXPAND PROGRAMS AND EVEN CREATE NEW PROGRAMS. I HAVE A VISION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT IS GOING TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE, BUT WE REALLY NEED TO START WITH THAT FOUNDATIONAL BUDGET. WE NEED TO FIX IT BECAUSE WE'RE NOT AVAILABLE TO GET MONEY FROM N.C.C. AT THIS TIME. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING IN OUR

POWER TO BE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND MOST EFFECTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WE CAN.

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

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING. I ALSO APPRECIATE, GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A STRUCTURAL, EMPHASIS STRUCTURAL, DEFICIT IN THIS DEPARTMENT THAT YOU HAVE STEPPED UP IN A MEANINGFUL WAY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO REALLY ADDRESS THAT. SO, I TIP MY HAT TO YOU. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT, IT WAS REFERENCED ABOUT THE LACK OF DIVERSITY IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR, THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS CLEAR, THAT THAT IS A HISTORIC UNDERREPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE OF COLOR AND WOMEN. AND I HEARD YOU USE THE WORD "EQUALITY," AND I WANT TO SUGGEST THAT THE FOCUS SHOULD BE EQUITY, GIVEN THE HISTORIC UNDER REPRESENTATION. WE KNOW AND HAVE HEARD SINCE I GOT HERE THAT YOUR PREDECESSOR HAD GREAT STRIDES IN CLOSING THAT GAP, AND IT'S NOT MY EXPECTATION THAT YOU MERELY WORK WITH THE GROUPS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, BUT THAT YOU LEAD IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, THAT WE NOT ONLY DON'T WANT TO GO BACKWARDS BUT WANT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE STRONG STRIDES AHEAD IN MAKING SURE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTMENT, REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF L.A. COUNTY. WE, AS A COUNTY, HAVE MADE OUR

COMMITMENT TO BE AN ANTIRACIST COUNTY, AND THAT STARTS WITH OUR OWN INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS. SO PLEASE KNOW THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH YOU AND HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR THOSE GOALS. I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT, AGAIN, I JUST WANTED TO SAY IT'S NOT MERELY WORKING WITH, AS THE LEADER OF THE DEPARTMENT, I FULLY EXPECT THAT WE MAKE SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN THAT AREA. AND I'LL BE CASTING MY VOTE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR LEADERSHIP TODAY.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I CAN COMMIT TO YOU I WILL BE INTENTIONAL, THAT I WILL MOVE THE NEEDLE FORWARD TOWARDS MORE DIVERSITY IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS MUCH MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I OWE IT TO YOUR BOARD. I OWE IT TO THE RESIDENTS IN OUR CARE, BUT I OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH US THE MOST TO HAVE A DIVERSE WORKFORCE WHERE EVERYBODY FEELS LIKE THEY BELONG. AND I'LL PARTNER WITH D.H.R., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, A.R.D.I., AND THE UNDERREPRESENTED MEMBERS OF OUR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE WE DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO OUR INTERIM CHIEF FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP OVER THESE MANY MONTHS AND YOUR DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT HERE AS YOU'RE HEARING FROM MY

COLLEAGUES. I ECHO THEIR COMMENTS AND SENTIMENTS. YOUR COMMITMENT TO INCREASING EQUITY IN THE DEPARTMENT AND USING THE TOOLS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY TO ACTUALLY DO THAT. I THINK THE REALITIES THAT THE DEPARTMENT FACES ARE NOT UNIQUE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT WE DO HAVE RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP US CHANGE THIS REALITY. AND IT'S -- AND WE'VE SEEN ALL TOO OFTEN, NOT JUST ON THIS ISSUE, BUT SO MANY, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PUTTING IT IN WRITING AND PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE. SO WHAT I THINK YOU'RE HEARING FROM ALL OF US IS A COMMITMENT TO SEEING THAT PUT INTO PRACTICE IN TERMS OF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE WAYS THAT YOU WILL PUT THESE CHANGES INTO ACTION TO MAKING SURE THAT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT ARE -- HAVE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING HOW THEY CAN PROGRESS IN THEIR OWN CAREERS AND IN THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST FOR THEM THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP. EXCITED TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS GROWTH. THANK YOU.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** SO, I COULD NOT AGREE MORE. WHAT I WOULD SAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IS EQUITY AND QUALITY CAN AND I THINK ARE ACHIEVABLE. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT DIVERSITY, IT'S GOT TO MIRROR

WHAT L.A. COUNTY LOOKS LIKE. I AGREE. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN, OR CHAIR HAHN, HAS PUSHED FOR WOMEN FOR A LONG TIME, SINCE YOU WERE FIRST ELECTED. I KNOW WE CAN DO BETTER, AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO DO BETTER SO THAT WE REALLY DO HAVE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE RANKS. BUT YOU KNOW, I'VE KNOWN YOU PRACTICALLY MY WHOLE COUNTY CAREER, AND I'VE SEEN YOU GROW, AND I KNOW THAT, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASES. WE HAVE HAD THIS DISCUSSION OVER YOUR WANT TO INCREASE THE FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN TOUCHED FOR YEARS. SO, THE INCREASES ARE GREAT. SO AS WE WORK TOWARD ADDRESSING THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, I HOPE WE CAN BE THOUGHTFUL RECOGNIZING THAT SOME OF THE FEES THAT ARE GOING TO INCREASED MAY BE FAR MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN PEOPLE ARE PREPARED, AND I WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO ADDRESS THAT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE BRUSH CLEARANCE ISSUE THAT HAS IMPACTED MY DISTRICT, AND I HAVE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR FROM MY CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THE CONCERNS THEY HAVE ABOUT SUCH A LARGE INCREASE WITH NO TRANSPARENCY. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS OR PUBLIC MEETINGS TO EXPLAIN AND TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES, BUT I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU. I KNOW THAT YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH A STRONG TEAM, AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT, AND I WOULD CONTINUE TO REMIND YOU THAT, WHILE YOU ARE THE CHIEF, YOUR TEAM IS IMPORTANT, AS WELL. AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE. AND ALSO, I WOULD AGREE, 1014 IS A PARTNER. WHEN IT COMES TO THE

STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, I HOPE WE COULD WORK TOGETHER AND POSSIBLY LOOK AT STATE LEGISLATION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR US TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE COME DOWN THAT MAY APPEAR TO BE UNFUNDED MANDATE OR JUST OPPORTUNITIES, AND THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES, AND I KNOW, FESIA, YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AND LOOKING AT THAT AS WELL WITH OUR ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO. SO, I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH JOB, BUT IT'S AN EXCITING JOB, TOO, AND IT'S EXCITING TIME WITH OPPORTUNITIES THAT I KNOW YOU'LL CAPITALIZE ON. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. YES, JUST TO SPEAK TO OUR LACK OF COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE FEE INCREASES, I THINK THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSED THE MARK, AND WE'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER TO BE MORE COMMUNICATIVE TO THE RESIDENTS WHEN WE'RE GOING OUT FOR ADDITIONAL FEES, AND WE'RE CERTAINLY ON THE PATH TO SETTING UP ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS REGARDING THE BRUSH INSPECTION FEE, AND WE'LL DO BETTER IN THAT ARENA. SO THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AGAIN, WE'LL GO TO THE PUBLIC, BUT I WAS THINKING, TOO, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THIS BOARD OF PEER SUPPORT AND REALLY FOCUSING ON THE WELLNESS OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. YOU KNOW, IT'S -- EVERY DAY, THIS JOB BRINGS INCREDIBLE CHALLENGES. JUST SINCE

I'VE BEEN A SUPERVISOR, I'VE GONE TO TOO MANY FUNERALS OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS. WE KNOW THAT THAT TRAUMATIZES. AND SOME OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN HORRIFIC. AND WE JUST -- WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S ENOUGH RESOURCES TO PROVIDE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE ALWAYS WELL AND HAVE THAT SUPPORT AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES DO FOR A VERY STRESSFUL CHALLENGING JOB. SO, JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT JUNE 22ND, 2021 BOARD MOTION FROM S.D.5 FOR THE WELLNESS DIVISION TO MAKE SURE WE'RE TAKING CARE OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF OUR EMPLOYEES, AND I THINK THAT WE REALIZE NOW IT'S NOT ONLY YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH, BUT IT'S ALSO YOUR BEHAVIORAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH WHICH WE NEED TO FOCUS ON. SO WE'RE COMMITTED TO DOING THAT BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A VERY STRESSFUL JOB, AND WE SEE SOME VERY TERRIBLE THINGS, BUT WE'RE PART OF THE SOLUTION. AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO BUILD OUT THAT WELLNESS DIVISION. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY SO, ALL MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SPOKEN. NOW LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. WE HAVE WITH US DAVE GILLOTTE, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1014, THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS OUR RANK AND FILE FIREFIGHTERS. MR. GILLOTTE, WELCOME. WAIT, YOU'RE NOT ON. OKAY, THERE YOU ARE.

**DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE, AND I REPRESENT THE OVER 3400 PROUD MEN AND WOMAN IN SAFETY POSITIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1014. WE WANT TO THANK EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ACTION TO EMPOWER A CHIEF WITH THE FULL AUTHORITY TO LEAD OUR DEPARTMENT. OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN THROUGH MORE THAN MOST THE LAST FEW YEARS, MULTIPLE LINE OF DUTY DEATHS, A HORRIFIC STATION SHOOTING, A WORKERS COMPENSATION CRISIS WITH THE IMPENDING BUDGET FIASCO, AND SO MUCH MORE. YET I REMIND YOU, WE ARE STILL THE GREATEST FIRE AND LIFEGUARD DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD, LEADING THE NATION IN MANY FIELDS FROM OUR FIGHT AGAINST OCCUPATIONAL CANCER AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS TO OUR WORLD CLASS URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM, WHO YOU JUST SAW RETURN FROM TURKEY SERVING ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD. WE RESPOND TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CALLS PER YEAR. I'M A RANK IN FILE FIRE CAPTAIN, BY THE WAY, RIGHT IN THE WATTS-WILLOWBROOK AREA. A DEPARTMENT OUR SIZE DESERVE AS FIRE CHIEF WITH FULL AUTHORITY TO LEAD AND COMMAND. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND WE NEED A CHIEF THAT CAN GET THAT DONE. THERE ARE NEEDS TO REVAMP POLICY, BRING IN NEW TALENT TO THE EXECUTIVE STAFF, AND GIVE DIRECTION, FOCUS, AND HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE WORK OF ALL THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF OUR GREAT DEPARTMENT. WE SUPPORT THE MOTION AND WE EMBRACE THE HARD WORK THAT REMAINS TO UNITE AND FIGHT FOR AN L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FUTURE THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF AND ONE THAT

SERVES ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, BEACHES, AND NEIGHBORHOODS AS THE GREATEST FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD. CHIEF MARRONE'S SUCCESS WILL BE OUR SUCCESS, AND OUR SUCCESS WILL BE OUR SUCCESS IN PROVIDING WORLD CLASS SERVICE TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP, OR ARE WE GOING STRAIGHT TO THE PHONES AT THIS POINT?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT TO THE PHONES.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MODERATOR, PLEASE CALL THE FIRST PERSON ON THE PHONE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LIBBY DIANE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**LIBBY DIANE:** GOOD MORNING. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS ITEM. THE SUPERVISORS HAVE STATED THAT THEY TAKE SERIOUSLY THE CONCERNS ABOUT L.A. COUNTY FIRE FALLING WAY BEHIND OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN HIRING WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. YET WHEN THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, THEY DON'T. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, THE VOTE SHOULD SAY SOMETHING, RIGHT. YES, IT SHOULD. AND IT DOES. IF THE BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH

THE CONTRACT FOR INTERIM CHIEF MARRONE, THAT VOTE CLEARLY SAYS THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT TRULY TAKE THOSE ISSUES SERIOUSLY AND THE STATUS QUO IS FINE WITH THEM. CHAIR HAHN JUST STATED SHE BELIEVES EVERYONE SHOULD BE GIVEN AN EQUAL SHOT, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE. THIS BOARD CAN TAKE THE TIME TO SOLICIT AND PROPERLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS AND MAKE AN EARNEST EFFORT TO INCLUDE WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. IF, AFTER PROPER EVALUATION, MARRONE IS TRULY THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB, IT WILL BE AN EASY SELL TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE BLACK, WOMEN, AND LATINO FIREFIGHTERS. WITH THEIR SUPPORT, YOU WON'T HAVE TO RUSH IT THROUGH, BUT TO DO ANYTHING LESS IS A DISSERVICE TO THE PEOPLE YOU ARE ELECTED TO SERVE --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE FELL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**MICHELLE FELL:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

**MICHELLE FELL:** HI. OKAY. THANK YOU. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS AS WELL AND AM IN AGREEMENT PRETTY MUCH WITH WHAT THE LAST CALLER

HAD SAID. THERE HAVE BEEN -- IF WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT RACE AND RACISM, THAT IS A PROBLEM. AND I KNOW THAT THERE WAS A LETTER SENT BY THE STENTORIANS ALONG WITH SOME OF THE OTHERS -- I CAN'T PRONOUNCE IT. I'M SO SORRY, THAT THEY HAD ASKED FOR A 90-DAY EXTENSION ON THIS TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT MORE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. CHIEF MARRONE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE -- HE HAS NO DEGREE, NO COLLEGE DEGREE. AND OTHER PEOPLE AT THIS LEVEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE EITHER A BACHELOR'S OR A MASTER'S. HE HAS NEITHER. RACISM IS REALLY ALIVE AND WELL IN THE DEPARTMENT. JUST RECENTLY, A WHITE FIRE CAPTAIN --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVONA EVAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**STEVONA EVAN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ALSO CALLING TO OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF MARRONE. I TAKE ISSUE AS WELL AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS WITH THE FACT 1) HE DOESN'T SEEM TO FIT THE QUALIFICATION YOU HAVE PLACED ON THE OTHER THREE FOLKS THAT YOU'RE SEEING TODAY. THEY ALL HAVE COLLEGE DEGREES. HE DOES NOT. AND THEN AGAIN, JUST AS SPOKEN BEFORE, YOU GUYS HAVE SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BRING IN PEOPLE OF COLOR AND WOMEN INTO THESE POSITIONS, YET YOU'RE NOT GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE VERY PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THIS

POSITION. SO, WE CAN'T SAY ONE THING AND SAY WE'RE PUTTING SOMETHING AT THE FOREFRONT AND WE WANT TO PROMOTE AND ADVOCATE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND THEN DO THE VERY OPPOSITE BY APPOINTING SOMEONE THAT DOESN'T FIT THAT DESCRIPTION. YOU ARE NOT EVEN GIVING FOLKS THAT FIT THE DESCRIPTION AN OPTION TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION. THIS IS TYPICAL BACK DOOR CONVERSATIONS HAVING. YOU'RE APPOINTING SOMEONE WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A PROPER HIRING PROCESS, WHICH LOOKS SHADY TO THE COMMUNITY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAUREN ANDRAID. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**LAUREN ANDRAID:** YEAH, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD.

**LAUREN ANDRAID:** HELLO?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

**LAUREN ANDRAID:** THE HYPOCRISY IN THIS MEETING IS NAUSEATING. YOU COMPLETELY DISREGARDED THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE

STENTORIANS' AND THE BARROWS' REQUEST FOR A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PROCESS OF FIRE CHIEF. YOU HAVE TWO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEFS, ONE A WOMAN AND ONE A BLACK MAN, BOTH WITH MASTER'S DEGREES, THAT DIDN'T EVEN GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION. YOU WANTED TO RUSH AND HUSH MARRONE IN FOR BACK DOOR MONIES FROM 1014. AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE WE HAVE YOUR RECORDS OF EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY YOU GUYS HAVE RECEIVED. YOU CAN'T PUSH FOR WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS, FIRST OF ALL. L.A. COUNTY HAS ONLY 2% WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS. 30% OF YOUR FIRE STATIONS DO NOT HAVE WOMEN RESTROOM AND SHOWER FACILITIES, WHICH IS IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK ME. I CAN GET YOU MY CONTACT WITH THE A.C.L.U. REGARDING RACE, A WHITE FIRE CAPTAIN LAST WEEK SAID THE N-WORD IN FRONT OF HIS CREW JUST LAST WEEK. THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP YOU GET --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND LET ME REMIND THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU AGREE WITH SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN SAID, YOU CAN JUST PUT YOUR HANDS UP IN THE AIR INSTEAD OF CLAPPING. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE PHONE?

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE AARON ROBERTSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**AARON ROBERTSON:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS AARON ROBERTSON. I'M THE DIRECTOR FOR LOCAL VOICE AT A CATALYST CALIFORNIA, FORMALLY KNOWN AS ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND HORVATH'S MOTION TO IMPROVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD GOVERNANCE TO STRENGTHEN --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. THAT'S NOT THE ITEM WE'RE ON RIGHT NOW. WE'RE ON ITEM 72. SO JUST HOLD ON AND -- WHAT'S THAT ITEM NUMBER? 13. SO, HANG ON FOR THAT, BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE ON ITEM 72. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE PHONE THAT WANTS TO ADDRESS US ON 72?

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MALIA WILLIAMSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**MALIA WILLIAMSON:** HI. THIS MALIA WILLIAMSON. I'M PRESIDENT OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY N.O.W. N.O.W. IS THE OLDEST FEMINIST ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES. WE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND WE FIGHT FOR REPRESENTATION FOR THE UNDER-REPRESENTED. I AM CALLING TO OPPOSE THIS APPOINTMENT OF MARRONE. THIS IS TRAVESTY IN 2023 THAT A COUNTY AS DIVERSE AS L.A. COUNTY IS NOT CONSIDERING A WOMAN OR PERSON OF COLOR WHEN YOU HAVE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WHO COULD HAVE APPLIED, BUT YOU GUYS DECIDED TO DO IT IN A CLOSED SESSION. AND WHAT ARE GOOD

LEADERS? THEY REPRESENT. THEY UPLIFT. THEY SUPPORT EVERYONE. THEY STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT. AND IF THERE ARE ISSUES IN THEIR CURRENT WORKPLACE, THEY CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO. AND FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD FROM THE FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, MARRONE AIN'T IT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE PHONE? MODERATOR?

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM IN TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF MR. MARRONE TO BECOME THE FIRE CHIEF. YOU KNOW, IF HE HAS THE DEGREE OR NOT, THAT'S NOT THAT IMPORTANT. HE KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AS A FIREFIGHTER AND SO ON. I'M KIND OF SURPRISED OF HOW MANY PEOPLE JUST SPOKE TWO MINUTES AGO ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT EDUCATION IS. AND I SHOULD BECAUSE MYSELF, I AM A PH.D. IN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT, BUT SOMETIMES, IT'S NOT THE EDUCATION THAT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. IT'S THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE PRACTICE, AND I'M IN FAVOR OF MR. MARRONE. HAVE A GOOD DAY. SEE YOU LATER. GOODBYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 72, COLLEAGUES, IS BEFORE US. I'M GOING TO MOVE IT AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 72 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, CHIEF MARRONE.

**CHIEF MARRONE:** THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 2, EXECUTING THE FIRST COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR COAUTHORING THIS WITH ME. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I LIKE TO THANK OUR C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL FOR THEIR WORK BRINGING THIS AGREEMENT TO THE BOARD. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK CHRIS HANNAN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY'S BUILDING AND TRADE COUNCIL FOR HIS PARTNERSHIP OR OUR SHARED GALS OF BUILDING UP THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTY'S

WORKFORCE. FOR ROUGHLY 6 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS AGREEMENT TO GET TO THIS MOMENT. THE ACTION BEFORE US AUTHORIZING THE C.E.O. TO SIGN THE FIRST COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPROMISE TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO CARRY OUT ITS ROLE IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE ALSO CREATING GOOD PAYING SKILLED LABOR CAREERS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY FITTING GIVEN THAT THAT BOARD HAS TRULY MADE A PRIORITY TO PROMOTE EQUITY AND ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES TO LIFT AND EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITIES. AS ONE OF THE LARGEST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE COUNTRY, WE PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING CRITICAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS TO SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. WHILE BOTH THE COUNTY AND TRADES WERE ABLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT NEITHER SIDE GOT EVERYTHING THEY WANTED. HOWEVER, IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION, WE'RE ABLE TO REACH A COMPROMISE THAT ALLOWED US TO WORK OUT THIS MONUMENTAL AGREEMENT. OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. ONE REASON I'M PROUD TO SEE THE COUNTY SIGN THIS AGREEMENT IS BECAUSE OF THE PROVISIONS INCLUDED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF THOSE WITH GREATER DISADVANTAGES. FROM NON- TRADITIONAL STUDENTS, WHO FEEL LIKE COLLEGE IS NOT FOR THEM, THE TRADES CAN BE AN AVENUE THAT CAN LEAD THEM TO

FINDING MEANINGFUL CAREERS THAT LEAD TO HIGH-PAYING JOBS WITHOUT THE BURDEN OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT. WE ALSO LOOK TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND WE CAN AND WE WILL EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE OFTEN FACED SEEMINGLY INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIERS. THIS INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FACED EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS SUCH AS FORMALLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. THE TRADES HAVE DONE A COMMENDABLE JOB DEMONSTRATING AND SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR HOW WE CAN PROVIDE A FAIR CHANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO FACE DIFFICULTY FINDING EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST MISTAKES. BEYOND PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, THESE JOBS CAN BE CRITICAL IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM RATES AMONG FORMALLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.EQUALLY, THESE OPPORTUNITIES CAN HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION AND CREATE A PATHWAY FOR LASTING SUCCESS FOR THEM AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY GAS HISTORICALLY A MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRY. SO MY HOPE IS THROUGH THIS AGREEMENT AN EXPANSION OF OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE SEEN, AND WE WILL HAVE AN INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN THAT ARE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE IN THE TRADES IF THEY CHOOSE TO PURSUE THAT AS THEIR CAREER PATH, SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON AT THE M.T.A. I KNOW CHAIR HAHN AS BEEN THE LEAD. MOREOVER, THIS AGREEMENT EMPOWERS FEMALES INTERESTED IN JOB TRADES AND ALLOWS GROUPS, SUCH AS THE WOMEN IN TRADES ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO HELP SHAPE THE POLICIES TO ALLOW WOMEN TO BENEFIT FROM THIS

AGREEMENT. OTHER GROUPS THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDE FOSTER YOUTH, INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND OUR VETERANS. AS I STATED EARLIER, THIS AGREEMENT ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO CARRY OUT ITS ROLE IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY WHILE ALSO PROVIDING EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS. I'M EXCITED, AND I, AGAIN, WANT TO THANK YOU, CHRIS AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM AND FESIA AND DAWN FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DID BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I'M SO HAPPY TO BE ON THIS MOTION WITH YOU. THIS IS REALLY A GREAT DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND, FIRST, I ALSO WANTED TO THANK CHRIS HANNAN AND HIS TEAM FOR WORKING WITH US TO MAKE THIS AGREEMENT  FINALLY A REALITY. THIS NEW COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THE MEN AND WOMAN WORKING ON OUR COUNTY PROJECTS ARE RECEIVING THE WAGES AND BENEFITS THEY DESERVE. THIS AGREEMENT WILL APPLY TO PROJECTS OVER $5 MILLION, AND IT INCORPORATES THE COUNTY'S LOCAL AND TARGETED HIRING POLICY. IT SUPPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND SUPPORTS, AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, THE VERY SPECIAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, WHICH ARE SO KEY TO GIVING PEOPLE FROM VERY DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS A REAL SOLID PATHWAY TO A GOOD PAYING CAREER THEY CAN SUPPORT THEMSELVES ON, THEY CAN SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES ON. THIS IS

REALLY A GREAT DAY FOR US. AND THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE CODIFYING TODAY HELPS US NOT JUST DELIVER IMPORTANT PROJECTS, BUT IT ALSO PROVIDES WELL-PAYING CAREERS AND CAREER PATHS FOR MANY DIVERSE COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NOW, I HAVE ON THE QUEUE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ECHO EVERYONE'S ACKNOWLEDGE OF THANKS TO THE BUILDING TRADES AND TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR STICKING TO IT TO GET IT DONE. SO, WE APPRECIATE THAT. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, EVERYONE DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN FAMILY-SUSTAINING WAGES AND COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS. WE KNOW THAT UNSKILLED AND TRAINED LABOR -- EXCUSE ME, USING SKILLED AND TRAINED LABOR AND ENSURING THAT OUR RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS GOOD JOBS FROM OUR COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND THE C.W.A. WILL INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY JOBS FOR THOSE RESIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE C.W.A. CENTERS EQUITY AND INCREASES OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK,  BROWN, AND HARDLY-REACHED ANGELENOS. IN PRACTICE, THE C.W.A. SHOULD INCREASE  PATHWAYS TO APPRENTICESHIP AND UNION MEMBERSHIP FOR OUR RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.

SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WORKING WITH THE TRADES TO SOURCE, TRAIN, AND SUPPORT A DIVERSE WORKFORCE, WHO WILL BE EMPLOYED BY THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THIS GROUNDBREAKING AGREEMENT WILL CREATE. THIS WILL BE A GAME CHANGER FOR A LOT OF ANGELENOS, AND I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT IT TODAY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM AND BRINGING IT FORWARD. IT'S BEEN SOMETHING THAT I THINK HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND I KNOW WE TRIED TO DO SIMILAR THINGS. I KNOW WHEN I STARTED OUT ON THE BOARD, AND I KNOW SO DID YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER, AND I THINK ALL OF US ARE IN UNITY IN TRYING TO SEE THIS TRANSFORMATION OCCUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I'M GLAD TO SEE OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS BECAUSE IT'S CRITICAL. ALL THE FACILITES THAT WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, WHETHER IT'S HOUSING, WHETHER IT'S HOSPITALS, CLINICS, PARKS, ALL OF IT DESCRIBE JOBS. THEY INCLUDE JOBS, AND ALL OF THOSE JOBS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BUT ALSO PROTECTIONS LIKE P.L.A.S AND MAKING SURE WE HAVE TRAINED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE SO WE HAVE A PIPELINE. AND I'M A BIG ADVOCATE AND WAS WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND

ALSO AS SECRETARY OF LABOR. WE TRIED TO PUSH FORWARD MANY OF THESE AIMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, AND I'M HAPPY WE'LL BE GOING TO BE DOING IT HERE AT THE COUNTY. THIS IS REALLY WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD. I, TOO, WANT TO SUPPORT ALL THE BUILDING TRADES, INCLUDING I CAN SEE FRIENDS FROM I.B.W., SOME OF OUR FOLKS HAVE ACTUALLY ALREADY BEGUN THE HARD WORK OF INTEGRATING OUR LABOR MOVEMENT WITH WOMEN, PEOPLE RECENTLY RELEASED FROM THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, BUT ALSO PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THAT IS ESSENTIAL AND PUTTING FUNDING INTO THAT AS WELL I THINK AS WE MOVE FORWARD IS GOING TO BE HELPFUL. WORKING WITH E.O., OUR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY OFFICE, TO SEE THAT THE BUILDING TRADES IS CONNECTED WITH OUR PIPELINE AT A VERY, VERY GRANULAR LEVEL, AND THAT MEANS WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS OUT IN THE FIELD LIKE WINTER, WHO WORK WITH WOMEN IN NON- TRADITIONAL FIELDS AND OTHERS. LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS AND CONGRATULATIONS. SO I DO INTEND ON VOTING ON THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND OUR CHAIR FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD, AS WELL AS THE BUILDING TRADES ASSOCIATION FOR WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS AGREEMENT. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. ENTERING INTO A COMMUNITY WORKFORCE

AGREEMENT, AS HAS BEEN SAID, WILL ENSURE THAT LARGE PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY ARE COMPLETED WITH A LABOR FORCE THAT IS LOCAL, WELL PAID, AND SUPPORTS THE EDUCATION AND AN APPRENTICESHIP OF NEW EMPLOYEES FROM THE COMMUNITY. GOOD JOBS FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ARE CRITICAL. AT A TIME WHEN WE'RE SEEING RISING PRICES AND A HOUSING SHORTAGE, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT GOOD JOBS ARE EASILY AVAILABLE FOR OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM OUR SCHOOLS. A COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT FOR LARGE COUNTY-FUNDED PROJECTS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS THAT GOAL. I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM TO ENSURE OUR PUBLIC DOLLARS CREATE GOOD JOBS AND IMPROVE THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK REQUESTED IN JANUARY REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS. THE TIMELY CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS CRITICAL TO SOLVING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL NOT BE DELAYED. THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORT BACK WILL ALLOW ALL OF US ON THIS BOARD TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT WHETHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT GOING FORWARD, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT REPORT, BUT WHAT IS BEFORE US TODAY IS SOMETHING I FULLY SUPPORT, AND I THANK EVERYONE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SPOKEN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

**OPERATOR:** WILL ALEXANDRA TORRID GALANSED, ANGELA BYTE, ANNMARIE OTAY, CHRIS HANNAN, DIANA LIMON, DONNIE SABINGTON, ERNESTO PANTOA, JOE ABBOTT, JOHNNY ESCOVARO, JUSTIN WALTER, LAUREN AKIM, PAUL MORENO, RICK VASQUEZ, AND WYATT STYLES PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DIANA UMANO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DIANA UMANO:** HI, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIANA UMANO. I'M AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT IN DISTRICT THREE, AND I'M CALLING TO ASK TO YOU PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 2. COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENTS HELP ENSURE OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE INVESTED IN HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC PROJECTS BUILT BY SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKERS, WHO ARE FAIRLY COMPENSATED, AND I THINK THIS IS THE REALLY EXCITING ITEM. AS YOU ALL MENTIONED, IT'S LONG OVERDUE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ASK THAT YOU PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 2 TO FINALIZE THIS AGREEMENT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JENNIFER WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JENNIFER WILLIAMS:** HELLO. I'M A STATE DELEGATE FOR 8061, A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WESTMONT, AND A MEMBER OF THE WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT TASK FORCE. CALIFORNIA HEALTHY PLACES INDEX DATA SHOWS VAST DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT SPECIAL PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS THAT LIVE IN AREAS WITH ABNORMALLY HIGH BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. ACCORDING TO RACE COUNTS, BLACK L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. WHILE WE CANNOT USE RACE DIRECTLY, I ENCOURAGE THE EXPLORATION OF ZIP CODES TO ASSESS WHERE FOLKS FACE OUT-SIZED BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ACCORDING TO THE DATA. DOING SO WILL CATALYZE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED COMMUNITIES AND MAKE SURE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY CAN THRIVE AND NOT JUST SURVIVE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND WHAT A LOVELY IDEA TO PUT TOGETHER THIS KIND OF GROUP AND PROVIDE QUALITY JOBS, INCLUDING EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY AND UNION MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS TRAININGS. I'M GLAD YOU'LL MOVE FORWARD TO FINALIZE THIS, BUT IT'S FUNNY. I WAS ON THE LINE FOR THE FIRE CHIEF, AND I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SAY HOW INTERESTING THE SUM OF 441 WAS AND HOW MARRONE -- WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THEIR WORK, AND THE WORK OF ALL THESE WORKERS IS SO WONDERFUL TO LOOK AT, BUT IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION OVER AT THE HELICOPTER SITE, AND THERE WERE COUPLE LAWSUITS THERE. THESE THINGS GO BACK. AND OBVIOUSLY, GILLOTTE  IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND WE ALL ARE. BUT I DO THINK WE WIND UP ON THE QUESTION OF OVEREXERTION BECAUSE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS OVEREXERTED IN A BIG, BIG WAY. AND IT'S MORE THAN EVEN THE SHERIFF, AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO RELAX ALL OF THAT EXERTION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

**DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, I'M DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THAT'S A FANTASTIC IDEA, AND I AM SO GLAD THAT YOU, SUPERVISORS BARGER

AND HAHN, WILL PUSH THAT MOTION, AND I'M TOTALLY SUPPORTIVE. HAVE A GOOD WEEK. BYE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE USANA.

**JOSE USANA:** GOOD MORNING. JUST WANT TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ITEM 2. IT'S AN ITEM THAT'S BEEN LONG OVERDUE. I'M GRATEFUL THAT SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN HAVE COAUTHORED THIS MOTION. I'M GLAD THAT THE COUNTY, IN PARTICULAR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IS USING THE POWER THEY HAVE OVER THE CONTRACTING PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED INCARCERATION HAVE ACCESS -- EQUITABLE ACCESS TO GOOD LIVABLE WAGE JOBS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS.

**ROY HUMPHREYS:** HELLO. THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS. I JUST TAKE A SLIGHT EXCEPTION TO THE CATEGORIZING THOSE WHO DIDN'T GO TO COLLEGE OR GO THROUGH THAT CURRICULUM AS NON-TRADITIONAL, AND THAT'S BEEN PART OF THE PROBLEM IS MOST LOOKED AT THOSE NUMBERS WHO ACTUALLY DO GO TO COLLEGE AND THE NUMBERS THAT OVER A THIRD OF THEM NEVER FINISH. SO, IT'S TIME TO GIVE

WORKING PEOPLE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE TO OUR SOCIETY THEIR JUST DUE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO IN-PERSON RIGHT NOW. WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

**ALEXANDRA TORRES GALENSEED:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA TORRES GALENSEED, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN IN NON- TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT ROLES. GOOD MORNING, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT, OR P.L.A. THIS IS -- THIS COMMITMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO IS TRAINING WOMEN TO ENTER THE CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING TRADES IN OUR APPRENTICESHIP READINESS PROGRAM. AND WE ARE READY AND READY TO GO WITH OUR PARTNERS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN AND TO REALLY HELP WITH THE GENDER EQUITY ISSUE IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING TRADES. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**DIANA LIMON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIANA LIMON. AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 11 LOS ANGELES. I AM AN ELECTRICIAN BY TRADE. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, I HAVE WORKED WITH MANY OF YOU, AND I COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN FINALIZING AND ENTERING INTO THIS COMMUNITY

WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES BUT MANY OF THE THINGS THAT YOU ALREADY STATED IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL HIRE AND INCLUDING THE TARGETED POPULATION, WHICH INCLUDES VETERANS, THOSE THAT LIVE IN POVERTY, SINGLE PARENTS, AND, FOR US, ESPECIALLY RECRUITING WOMEN INTO THE TRADES. WE ALREADY WORK WITH WINTER AND THE BUILDING TRADES, AND I ALSO THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING LANGUAGE THAT HAS THE M.C.3 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP, WHICH INCREASES THE CHANCES OF GETTING MORE WOMEN INTO THE TRADE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HI TOMMY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ANNMARIE ODEE:** HI, I'M ANNMARIE ODEE, HERE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY'S BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL. MY SISTER SPOKE TO ELOQUENTLY TO THE ISSUE OF WOMEN IN THE TRADES. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK FOR A SECOND ABOUT M.C.3. I'M A COLLEGE EDUCATED EDITOR, AND I WORK ON PEOPLE'S WORDS, BUT THESE WORDS CAME INTO US FOR OUR MAGAZINE "BUILDING TRADES NEWS. I NEED NO EDITING. THIS YOUNG MAN IS CURRENTLY IN AN M.C.3 PROGRAM IN BELL AT THE RICHARD SLAWSON SCHOOL. HE IS 22 YEARS OLD. HIS NAME IS RONALD. "I STARTED SLACKING OFF AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS MESSING AROUND WITH DRUGS, THE PARTY LIFE. I SAW A BILLBOARD, AND I REALIZED THERE WAS A PROGRAM 10 MINUTES AWAY FROM WHERE I LIVE. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE BECAUSE I'M NOT REALLY A READING

AND WRITING TYPE OF PERSON. I'M MORE OF A HANDS ON TYPE OF PERSON. THE FELLOW WALKS IN. IT WAS LIKE A GODSEND OR SOMETHING. HE COMES IN, OVERHEARS THE CONVERSATION, AND SAYS, 'WE HAVE THIS NEW COURSE.'" RONALD IS IN THE COURSE RIGHT NOW. HE'S AN IMMIGRANT FROM EL SALVADOR. "I WOULD BE THE FIRST MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, THE FIRST ONE. THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED IN ME BEFORE. NOW THERE ARE MORE SMILES ON THEIR FACES." THAT IS THE GRADUATE THAT YOU WILL BRING IN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ISN'T THAT GREAT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ANGELA BYE:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ANGELA BYE, AND I'M AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT IN DISTRICT ONE. I'M HERE TO ASK TO YOU VOTE YES ON ITEM 2 TO ADVANCE THE MOTION FOR THE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. I'M THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZER FOR THE LOS ANGELES ALLIANCE FOR THE NEW ECONOMY, AND IN MY WORK WITH COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, I HAVE SEEN SO CLEARLY HOW PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED, ARE READY AND ENTHUSIASTIC TO TAKE ON GOOD QUALITY JOBS THAT SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR LOVED ONES AND CREATE MEANING AND FULFILLMENT IN THEIR LIVES. THERE'S A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR A STRONG WORKFORCE RIGHT NOW AS L.A. COUNTY IS TRANSFORMING ITSELF INTO A HEALTHIER, MORE

CLIMATE RESILIENT, AND THRIVING PLACE TO LIVE. SO LET'S EMBRACE THIS MOMENT AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE INVESTED IN HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC PROJECTS BUILT BY SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKERS THAT ARE FAIRLY COMPENSATED. SO, PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 2.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**JUSTIN WALTERS:** MY NAME IS JUSTIN WALTERS ON BEHALF OF LOCAL U.A. 78. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 2. THIS COUNTY-WIDE P.L.A. WILL ALLOW US TO INCREASE OUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY SO THEY CAN LEARN A TRADE AND EARN A LIVING WAGE. SO, IN BEHALF OF LOCAL 78 IN THE BUILDING TRADES, WE THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**JOHNNY ESCOVEDO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOHNNY ESCOVEDO, AND I'M A BUSINESS AGENT FOR IRONWORKERS LOCAL 416. I'M HERE REQUESTING THAT YOU MOVE FORWARD IN PASSING THE COUNTY-WIDE C.W.A. BY DOING SO, YOU ARE ALLOWING THREE QUARTERS OF OUR MEMBERS TO WORK CLOSER TO HOME, WHICH IN TURN ALLOWS THEM TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND MAKE NEW MEMORIES. FURTHERMORE, BY MOVING FORWARD WITH THE C.W.A., YOU'RE BRINGING LIVABLE WAGES TO COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY OF

LOS ANGELES. WITH THIS C.W.A., YOU WILL ALSO BE HELPING A VARIETY OF MINORITIES, SUCH AS MILITARY PERSONNEL, TRANSITIONAL INDIVIDUALS, AND MORE WOMEN, WHO ARE BECOMING A BIG PART OF THE BUILDING TRADES. I HOPE YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH THE APPROVAL OF THIS C.W.A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

**PAUL MORENO:** MY NAME IS PAUL MORENO. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF IRONWORKERS LOCAL 433 AND HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AGREEMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU GUYS AND JUST TO KEEP MOVING WITH THE BEST SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE OUT THERE. I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT IRON WORKERS LOCAL 433, WE DO HAVE THE MOST WOMEN IN ALL OF NORTH AMERICA IN THE IRONWORKER INDUSTRY, AND WITH THIS AGREEMENT HERE, WE LOOK TO EXPAND ON THAT AND JUST KEEP OPENING THE DOORS. SO THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**DONNY SAPPINGTON:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DONNY SAPPINGTON. I'M A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 105, SHEET METAL WORKERS, WHERE I'M A 28 YEAR MEMBER. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF OUR LOCAL, AND THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE

BUILDING TRADES ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY-WIDE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT THAT WILL PUT TO WORK SKILLED TRADES WOMEN, VETERAN WORKERS, AND LOCAL HIRE. HAVING THESE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS IN PLACE MEANS THAT THE FUTURE PROJECTS OF THIS COUNTY WILL BE BUILT WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CRAFTSMANSHIP, SAFETY, AND COME IN UNDER BUDGET. THIS IS WHY WE SUPPORT THIS AGREEMENT, AND YOU SHOULD, TOO. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**LAUREN AKIM:** HONORABLE BOARD, MY NAME IS LAUREN AKIM. I'M A RESIDENT OF S.D.1 AND THE WATER JUSTICE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES ALLIANCE FOR A NEW ECONOMY, AND WE STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION WITH OVER 100 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND ALLIES LIKE SCOPE, HEAL THE BAY, L.A. WATER KEEPER, AND DOZENS OF OTHERS, AND WE ARE THRILLED FOR THE BOARD'S PROGRESS ON THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 2017, AND THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL COVER PROJECTS OVER $5 MILLION, INCLUDING BILLIONS OF PLANNED INVESTMENTS FOR THE COUNTY. AND WE URGE THE COUNTY FOR CONTINUING  EXPLORING COVERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS WITH A COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT, AS WELL. OUR TAX PAYER INVESTMENTS CAN AND MUST  CREATE GREAT PROJECTS AND FAMILY-SUSTAINING CAREERS, WHEN THEY'RE BUILT SAFELY AND TO HIGH STANDARDS BY A SKILLED AND TRAINED

WORKFORCE, AND WE'RE SO THRILLED THESE CAREER PATHWAYS WILL CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILY- SUSTAINING CAREERS FOR WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THOSE WHO FACE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS AND YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS FOR A BETTER L.A. COUNTY FOR ALL OF US.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ERNESTO PANTOJAS:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ERNESTO PANTOJAS, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF [INDISCERNIBLE] BUSINESS MANAGER OF LABOR'S LOCAL 300 AND WITH MY BROTHER HERE, NICK SANTOS, LABOR'S LOCAL 1309, ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR MEMBERS. WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE IS WHEN THEY'RE DRIVING THROUGH THE COUNTY, AND THEY SEE ALL THESE WONDERFUL PROJECTS GOING UP, THEY DON'T SEE THE FACES OF THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND WHO THEY REPRESENT, A LOT OF WOMEN. A LOT OF VETERANS. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WE HAVE A VETERAN WHO IS HOMELESS. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE. WE PUT HOME LETTERS IN THE TRADES AND GIVE THEM A JOB. MOST IMPORTANTLY, A LOT OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO COME TO OUR TRADES LOOKING FOR A NEW LEASE ON LIFE, SOMETIMES THEIR LAST CHANCE AT BEING ABLE TO TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND. THAT'S WHAT THESE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS DO. WE COMMEND YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE PUT INTO IT, ESPECIALLY YOU,

SUPERVISOR BARGER, ACKNOWLEDGING FOSTER CHILDREN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S A BIG THING. AND WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAKE SURE YOU SAY HELLO TO SERGIO RASCON. HE'S BEEN SUCH GOOD LONGTIME FRIEND, DEDICATED TO THE WORKING PEOPLE, AND FRIENDS OF MANY OF US AND ALL OF HIS MEMBERS OF LOCAL 300. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**JOE ABBOTT:** MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE ABBOTT. I AM REPRESENTING 18,000+ MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL NUMBER 12. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS THE OPERATING ENGINEERS STRONG SUPPORT FOR L.A. COUNTY'S FIRST COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 12, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF FAIR WAGE, BENEFITS, WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ALL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. BY IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY-WIDE C.W.A., WE CAN ENSURE THAT ALL WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE PAID UNIFORM WAGE, BENEFITS, AND OVERTIME PAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES. THIS C.W.A. NOT ONLY BENEFITS WORKERS, BUT IT WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE BY PROMOTING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, LOCAL HIRING, TARGETED WORKER HIRING, WHILE ALSO CREATING A STABLE WORKFORCE WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BY SUPPORTING THE C.W.A., WE'RE TAKING AN IMPORTANT

STEP TOWARDS ENSURING THAT ALL WORKERS ARE TREATED WITH RESPECT, DIGNITY, ALONG WITH BETTER AND SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS. WITH THAT, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR WORKERS, FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND FOR THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**RICK VASQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY I'M RICK VASQUEZ. I'M WITH SPRINKLER FITTERS U.A. LOCAL 709, LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 2. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THE FIRST COMMUNITY-WIDE -- I'M SORRY COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT WILL INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE BUILDING TRADES WORKFORCE AS WELL ADD OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY VETERANS TO JOIN THE BUILDING TRADES. WE'LL ALSO BRING IN MORE GRADUATES OF OUR AUTHORIZED APPRENTICESHIP READINESS PROGRAMS TO BUILDING TRADES. WE HAVE 21 PROGRAMS, MOST OF THEM IN L.A.COUNTY, THAT PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BUILDING -- JOINING THE BUILDING TRADES APPRENTICESHIP. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**WYATT STYLES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WYATT STYLES AND U.A. LOCAL 398 MEMBER, COVERING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, REPRESENTING OVER A THOUSAND MEMBERS OF PLUMBERS AND PIPE FITTERS AND WELDERS. I'M HERE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR NUMBER 2. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THE FIRST COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. IT WILL INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE BUILDING TRADES WORKFORCE AND INCENTIVES FOR BRINGING WOMEN INTO THE BUILDING TRADES, BRING MORE GRADUATES OF OUR AUTHORIZED APPRENTICESHIP READINESS PROGRAMS TO THE BUILDING TRADES. WE HAVE 21 PROGRAMS, MOST OF THEM IN L.A.COUNTY, THAT WILL PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO JOIN THE BUILDING TRADES APPRENTICESHIPS. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**CHRIS HANNAN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS. IS IT OKAY IF SOMEONE -- IF EDDIE PENA YIELDS HIS TIME SO I COULD JUST HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT THINGS I NEED TO SAY?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I MEAN WE LOVE YOU DEARLY CHRIS HANNAN. IT'S BEEN OUR POLICY NOT TO LET  PEOPLE YIELD TIME SO THAT EVERYBODY GETS THE SAME AMOUNT. THAT PAINS ME TO SAY THAT TO YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO BE FAIR.

**CHRIS HANNAN:** I'LL BE BRIEF, THEN. THE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT THAT IS BEFORE YOU FOR APPROVAL, NUMBER ONE, THE 140,000 MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES ORANGE COUNTY'S BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE BOARD BECAUSE IT'S BEYOND JUST THIS ITEM. IT'S LED UP INTO THE MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM ABOUT BUILDING AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT THAT FUNDED QUALITY NON-PROFIT PROGRAMS TO GET PEOPLE READY FOR THE TRADES, ENCOURAGING US AND PUSHING US TO BRING MORE WOMEN IN THE TRADES. YOUR WOMEN IN TRADES ADVISORY COUNCIL, YOUR STAFF AT YOUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE, YOUR PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL THAT ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND PUT IN HARD WORK. THIS IS GOING TO CREATE THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND I'M PROUD TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CHRIS. ARE THERE ANYMORE SPEAKERS?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS. WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THOSE THAT CAME DOWN TO OFFER THEIR OPINION ON THIS ITEM. AND MAY I SAID, I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I DID APPRECIATE THE WAY ALL OF YOU STOOD IN SOLIDARITY BEHIND

A PARTICULAR MEMBER AND LET THEM SPEAK. WE SAW THE STRENGTH AND THE POWER BEHIND, BUT THE FACT THAT YOU WERE ORGANIZED TO JUST HAVE ONE SPEAKER SPEAK FOR SEVERAL OF YOU, REALLY WE APPRECIATE THAT. AND CHRIS, YOU MAY HAVE NOT GOTTEN MORE THAN ONE MINUTE, BUT I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS UNIONS HERE TODAY I BELIEVE SPOKE SO ARTICULATELY AND GOT IN ALL THE POINTS THAT I THINK THEY WANTED US TO HEAR. SO THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, ITEM 2 NOW IS BEFORE US, THE COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT. AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, COAUTHORED BY MYSELF IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU CAN MOVE, I'LL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE. NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 7, EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION THROUGH POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR JOINING ME COAUTHORING THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND I THINK TIMELY MOTION. YOU KNOW, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL FIVE OF US, GOVERN OVER 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. AND WE OVERSEE A BUDGET OF $44.6 BILLION, A BUDGET THAT IS GREATER THAN MOST STATES. IN

FACT, I OFTEN COMMENT THAT MANY OF US REPRESENT STATES AND U.S. SENATORS AT A FAR GREATER CAPACITY, AND I POINT TO VERMONT, WHERE SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS HAS LESS THAN A MILLION PEOPLE, AND WE REPRESENT A FAR GREATER NUMBER. BUT KEEPING THAT IN MIND, WITHIN THE COUNTY AS WE KNOW, THERE ARE 88 CITIES AND 122 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND WE KNOW A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT EXIST. BUT THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ALMOST SINCE THE COUNTY PASSED ITS CHARTER TO BECOME A COUNTY ON THE APPROPRIATE SIZE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, AND THAT GOES ON, MY GOODNESS, I READ AN ARTICLE TODAY THAT SAYS THAT ALMOST SINCE 1926. AT THAT TIME, PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING THE BOARD FROM 11 TO 13, AND THAT WAS BACK IN 1926. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? BUT FOR SOME REASON, IT NEVER TOOK OFF. THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED SINCE THE COUNTY PASSED THAT CHARTER A LONG TIME AGO, ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GOOD LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE. THIS TIME THE QUESTION WAS RAISED, AS YOU KNOW, MANY OF US JUST WENT THROUGH THIS, THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, WHICH WAS MADE UP OF PRIVATE CITIZENS AT THE LAST DISTRICTING, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER 2021. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I THINK ALL OF US WERE VERY MUCH ENGAGED IN AS WELL AS OUR CONSTITUENTS AND NEW CONSTITUENTS. DURING THAT REDISTRICTING PROCESS, WE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS, NOT ONLY THOSE WHO WERE SERVING ON THE COMMISSION, BUT FROM PEOPLE. I REMEMBER THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN

THOSE DISCUSSIONS AS TO WHERE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WOULD LAND AND HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO KEEP COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TOGETHER, WHETHER THEY WERE BLACK COMMUNITIES, A.A.P.I., COMMUNITIES, OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES JUST FELT THAT THEY NEED TO STAY IN A CERTAIN DISTRICT. I HEARD THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND ONE THING THAT I DID HEAR ALSO, AND I'M SURE ALL OF US DID, WAS THAT PEOPLE WEIGHED IN ON THE LACK OF REPRESENTATION THAT THEY BELIEVE REFLECTS THE COUNTY'S CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS, AND SPECIFICALLY FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THE LATINO COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. AND AS OF 2020 IN OUR CENSUS COUNT, WE KNOW NOW THAT THERE ARE OVER  4.8 MILLION LATINOS AND 1.5 MILLIONS ASIANS, WHICH COMBINED MAKE OVER 60% OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE. SO THINK ABOUT THAT. THINK ABOUT IT. THERE SHOULD BE MORE VOICES ON THIS DAIS. THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TOOK GREAT CARE TO KEEP COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST INTACT DESPITE THE ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE CHALLENGE IN LIGHT OF THE NUMBER OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. ALTHOUGH THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION SPECIFIES FIVE SUPERVISORS WILL REPRESENT THE COUNTY, THE REALITY IS THAT THAT WAS CODIFIED WHEN COUNTIES WERE MUCH, MUCH SMALLER. IN FACT, AT THAT TIME, THEY ONLY REPRESENTED -- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ONLY REPRESENTED 100,000 EMPLOYEES. THAT'S MAYBE ONE OF MY CITIES TODAY IN EL MONTE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE I LIVE. GIVEN THE CHANGES THIS BOARD HAS SIGNALED, I BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR US, AGAIN,

TO ASK THAT QUESTION OF OURSELVES AGAIN. WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? AND ULTIMATELY, THIS IS A QUESTION THAT THE VOTERS HAVE TO DECIDE. BUT IT IS INCUMBENT I THINK UPON THIS BOARD, GIVEN THE COST OF A VOTER-LED INITIATIVE, TO PUT IT BEFORE THEM. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. THE CALLS HAVE BEEN CLEAR. IN FACT, I RECEIVED 40 LETTERS FROM DIFFERENT CITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION. THIS MOTION WILL FOCUS ON EXPANDING THE BOARD, WHICH I BELIEVE GETS TO THE HEART OF GOVERNANCE. IT DIRECTS OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, SINCE THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE, TO REPORT BACK TO US IN 90 DAYS WITH OPTIONS TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND DETAILS WHAT THEIR REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE SHOULD BE THE FOLLOWING: WHAT THIS COUNTY HAS DONE IN THE PAST ON THESE EFFORTS, SINCE THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE PUT THIS QUESTION TO THE VOTERS, AND WHAT OTHER SIMILAR JURISDICTIONS HAVE DONE. AND WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF THE 2021 REDISTRICTING AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AS REFERENCED BY THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHOULD ALSO HELP US DEFINE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE I CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE THAT ANSWER AT THIS TIME, THE TIMING OF HOW IT SHOULD WORK, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT COULD BE RELEVANT AND HELPFUL. AND OF COURSE, WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MOTION AS WRITTEN DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH CONSULTANTS, BUT MORE

IMPORTANTLY DIRECTS THE COUNTY'S ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, ALONG WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, TO ENGAGE WITH DIVERSE GROUPS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND REPORT BACK SO THEIR INPUT, THEIR VALUED INPUT, IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. TO ME, THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY, AN EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION TO REPRESENT ALL VOTERS AND TO HAVE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AT THE TABLE AS WE DEVELOP A PATH FORWARD TO ULTIMATELY ENSURE OUR RESIDENTS ARE SERVED EFFECTIVELY. I WANT TO SAY ON A PERSONAL NOTE, WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AS A TRUSTEE AT RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, I REMEMBER THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT CHANGING THE MAKEUP OF OUR BOARDS AND BREAKING IT FROM AT-LARGE ELECTIONS  TO DISTRICT, VERY DISTINCT. SO INSTEAD, FOR EXAMPLE, MY HAVING TO RUN IN WHITTIER, WHICH I REALLY KNOW NOBODY, BUT I WAS REPRESENTING EL MONTE AND SOUTH EL MONTE, THAT I KNEW THAT I WOULDN'T PROBABLY HAVE A CHANCE BECAUSE WE WANTED TO KEEP COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TOGETHER, AND IT MADE SENSE AT THE TIME, AND I THINK IT MAKES SENSE AGAIN HERE. BUT IN THIS CASE, WE'RE ALSO LOOKING TO EXPAND THE BOARD. I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LOOKING AT THIS. I THINK THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, GIVEN WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE, IS ALSO LOOKING AT EXPANDING THEIR BOARD. THE CITY THAT I CURRENTLY RESIDE IN ORIGINALLY HAD FIVE MEMBERS. NOW THEY HAVE MORE. THEY JUST CHANGED THAT IN THIS LATEST CENSUS COUNT. AND FOR ME, IT'S ABOUT REPRESENTATION. I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE ALL REPRESENT ARE LOOKING

FOR THAT. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT THE COMMUNITY REPRESENT NOW I'M VERY PROUD OF, BUT I WILL TELL YOU I REPRESENT NOW EAST HOLLYWOOD, ALL OF SKID ROW, AND I GO ALL THE WAY TO POMONA. THAT IS VERY DIVERSE AND DIAMOND BAR, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS. TOGETHER THAT IS 2 MILLION, PROBABLY MORE BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE WAS AN UNDERCOUNT IN THE CENSUS FOR SOME OF OUR PEOPLE. BUT NONETHELESS, I THINK AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND I'M NOT SETTING A TIMELINE ON WHEN THIS WILL HAPPEN, BUT I THINK IT'S WORTHY HAVE HAVING THAT DEBATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I KNOW, MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS A LEGACY ISSUE FOR YOU. YOUR FATHER, I BELIEVE WAS ALWAYS ABOUT EXPANDING REPRESENTATION. AND THAT WAS INTERESTING FOR ME TO NOTE. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK -- I KNOW YOU'LL JOIN ME ON THIS AND WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND YOU'RE CORRECT, BOARD EXPANSION IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE SUPPORTED FOR A VERY LONG TIME, AND I HOPE THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT NOW THAT THE VOTERS WILL AGREE WITH THIS. THERE WAS A TIME, AS YOU SAID, THAT FIVE SUPERVISORS MADE SENSE. WHEN MY FATHER WAS ELECTED IN 1952, L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION WAS JUST OVER 4 MILLION. AND EACH SUPERVISOR HAD ROUGHLY 830,000 CONSTITUENTS. AND NOW, WE ALL KNOW, WITH 10 MILLION IN THE COUNTY, WE'RE EACH CHARGED WITH REPRESENTING 2 MILLION PEOPLE. AND YEAH, MY DAD ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE AND THERE WAS

PLENTY OF ROOM TO HAVE SEVEN, NINE, 11. HE ALWAYS ADVOCATED FOR THAT. AND THEN WHEN THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION WAS WORKING TO REDRAW OUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, THEY WERE STRUGGLING I THINK TO CARVE OUT JUST FIVE DISTRICTS THAT WOULD MAKE SURE THAT THERE WOULD BE FAIR REPRESENTATION FOR LATINOS, AFRICAN AMERICANS, ASIAN AMERICANS, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME. I KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANY DOUBT THAT ALL OF US WORK REALLY HARD TO CONNECT WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS. WE HAVE FIELD DEPUTIES IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE FIELD OFFICES IN VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL PARTS OF OUR DISTRICTS, BUT I WAS THINKING EVEN IN MY DISTRICT, I HAVE 32 CITIES PLUS UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I THINK I HAVE THE MOST CITIES. THAT MEANS AT ANY -- THERE'S 160 COUNCIL MEMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS A MAYOR. SO, THAT IS 32 MAYORS AT ONE TIME. AND THEN IF YOU ADD THEM ALL TOGETHER, IT'S 160 COUNCIL MEMBERS. WHILE THE COUNTY HAS A LIMITED ROLE IN OUR CITIES, SMALLER DISTRICTS I BELIEVE WOULD BE -- WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL LEADERS AND THEN ALL OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS, WHO ELECTED THEM TO RUN THEIR CITIES. I THINK IT'S TIME TO EXPAND THIS BOARD. I THINK WE SHOULD EXPAND IT -- WHAT WE SHOULD EXPAND IT TO WHICH WILL BE PART OF OUR REPORT BACK, WHETHER IT'S SEVEN, NINE, 11, OR MORE WILL BE PART OF THE ANALYSIS THAT I THINK WE'LL ALL GET A CHANCE TO SEE. AND EVEN AGAIN, IF THIS MOTION GETS THE SUPPORT OF US TODAY, IT WOULD STILL BE A BIG CHALLENGE TO MAKE IT A REALITY. IT WOULD

HAVE TO GO IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS. AS WE KNOW THROUGH RESEARCH, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME IT'S BEEN PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS. I THINK L.A. TIMES TALKED ABOUT ACTUALLY EIGHT TIMES IT HAD GONE BEFORE THE VOTERS. I ONLY REMEMBER THE MORE RECENT ONES, A COUPLE TIMES, AND THE VOTERS HAVE TURNED IT DOWN EVERY SINGLE TIME. AND I'M HOPEFUL IT WILL BE DIFFERENT, BUT, YOU KNOW, I HAD AN EXPERIENCE WHEN I WAS ON THE L.A. CITY CHARTER REFORM IN 1997, AND WE WERE LOOKING TO EXPAND THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES AT THAT TIME, WHICH HAS 15 MEMBERS. AND WE WERE CHARGED WITH PUTTING A NEW CHARTER ON THE BALLOT, AND PART OF OUR TWO-YEAR DISCUSSION WAS EXPANDING THE CITY COUNCIL. SO WE SEPARATED THE WHOLE CHARTER FROM THESE TWO AMENDMENTS INCREASING THE CITY COUNCIL. I BELIEVE THE TWO AMENDMENTS WERE TO 21 AND 25 AND WOULD HAVE GIVEN WATTS AND SOUTH L.A. DEFINITELY A SPECIFIC -- OR A COUPLE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT WOULD  HAVE PROBABLY HAD BETTER REPRESENTATION THAN LUMPING THEM IN WITH THE HARBOR GATEWAY AND THE SAN PEDRO AREA. SO, THAT WAS THOUGHT AGAIN IS BETTER REPRESENTATION. IT'S CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT. VOTERS ROUNDLY DEFEATED THE TWO EXPANSION AMENDMENTS BUT PASSED THE WHOLE CHARTER, WHICH CREATED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS AND A LOT OF OTHER STUFF. SO, I THINK OUR CASE TO THE VOTERS WILL HAVE TO PROVE THAT IT MAKES SENSE. I'M HOPING IT WILL BE COST NEUTRAL BECAUSE I DON'T THINK VOTERS ARE INTERESTED IN SPENDING MORE MONEY TO HAVE BETTER REPRESENTATION NECESSARILY, BUT I THINK WE CAN MAKE THE

CASE THAT IT REALLY IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TRANSPARENCY, EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND BETTER REPRESENTATION. AND THOSE ARE THE CHALLENGES THAT I THINK WE HAVE. I REALLY WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE REPORT BACK. I'M INTERESTED TO SEE IF ADDING SEATS TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD MEAN CONVENING A NEW REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AHEAD OF THE EVERY 10 YEARS OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE ADDED TO THE WORK REDISTRICTING COMMISSION WOULD DO AFTER THE NEXT CENSUS. SO, I THINK IT'S TIME. I REALLY HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THIS. THERE HAS BEEN STATE LEGISLATION THAT ATTEMPTED TO INCREASE THE SEATS ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THAT THAT ALSO FAILED. BUT I'M HOPING THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THAT'S RIGHT TONY MENDOZA BROUGHT IT FORWARD. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I TOO SUPPORT TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP ON THIS BOARD. I HAD HOPED ITEMS 7 AND 13 COULD BE HELD TOGETHER SO WE COULD DISCUSS THE GOALS OF BOTH AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE OF THE BOARD, BUT SINCE WE'RE BEING ASKED TO CONSIDER THEM SEPARATELY, I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN ON THIS ITEM SO I DON'T UNINTENTIONALLY GIVE CONFLICTING DIRECTION TO STAFF, AND I'LL SAVE FURTHER COMMENT FOR ITEM 13, BECAUSE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DIRECTION FROM ITEM 13 I THINK IT COULD BE CONFLICTING DIRECTION. AND I'LL COMMENT FURTHER ON 13. THANK YOU.

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

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M REALLY EXCITED AND GRATEFUL THAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING POTENTIAL REFORMS TO CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE L.A. COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND IN THIS SPECIFIC CASE AN EXPANSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND EXPANSION OF THE BOARD IS ALSO INCLUDED IN A DIRECTIVE THAT WE'LL CONSIDER LATER ON IN THE AGENDA, WHICH WAS ALSO PRESENTED IN MOTIONS PREVIOUSLY THAT CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD. I BELIEVE THAT EXPANDING THE BOARD AND INCREASING EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IS ONE CRITICAL PIECE OF THE PUZZLE TO IMPROVE L.A. COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE MODEL. EXPANDING THE BOARD MAY ALLOW OUR SUPERVISORS TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO DIVERSE COMMUNITY NEEDS WITH DISTRICTS OF 2 MILLION PEOPLE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF GEOGRAPHIES, INFRASTRUCTURES, AND DEMOGRAPHICS. SINCE DELIVERY CAN BE CHALLENGING, ESPECIALLY IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, WHILE I BELIEVE THAT EXPANDING THE BOARD IS PART OF THE SOLUTION, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EXPANSION ALONE WILL SOLVE SOME OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES WITH L.A. COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE MODEL. IN FACT, IF WE EVOLVE OUR STRUCTURE WITHOUT CHANGING HOW WE DO BUSINESS, IT COULD FRANKLY LEAD TO GREATER FRAGMENTATION INTERNALLY AND GREATER CONFUSION EXTERNALLY ABOUT HOW CONSTITUENTS CAN ENGAGE IN THE COUNTY'S POLICY AND

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES. I BELIEVE EXPANSION MUST BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER REFORMS THAT COULD CREATE MORE INCLUSIVE AND TRANSPARENT COUNTY PROCESSES. THAT'S WHY THE GOVERNANCE MOTION THAT I COAUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WHICH IS ITEM 13, WOULD ADVANCE A BROADER, MORE HOLISTIC REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S GOVERNANCE MODEL, ANALYZE BEST PRACTICES, AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE TO AN EXPANSION OF THE BOARD. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS HOLISTIC REVIEW IS INDEPENDENT OF ANY CURRENT COUNTY STRUCTURES AND CONDUCTED BY A THIRD PARTY FREE FROM BIAS. EXPANDING THE BOARD, WHICH I SUPPORT, IN OF ITSELF WILL NOT NECESSARILY ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY AND MORE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. I REALLY HOPE THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK STRATEGICALLY AT OUR GOVERNANCE MODEL IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY TO REALLY IDENTIFY ALL OF THE CHANGES THAT WE COULD CONSIDER AS A BOARD TO CREATE A COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAT BEST SERVES ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

**OPERATOR:** WILL DONALD HARLAN, EDDIE PENA, JULIE FUN, NANCY YEP, AND RICHARD ZOLTAVARE PLEASE COME FORWARD AND, STAFF WILL

ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JOSE RUIZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JOSE RUIZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOSE MIGUEL RUIZ. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR QUINTIVA L.A., A NON-PROFIT THAT HAVE COMMUNITY GARDENS BOTH IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND I DO SUPPORT ITEM 7, WHICH IS  EXPANDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IN THE PAST, I HAVE ALSO WORKED IN THE LANCASTER- PALMDALE DISTRICT. AND BELIEVE ME, TO DRIVE DOWN TO L.A. COUNTY, THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS, THE TYPE OF SERVICES THAT ARE IN THE LANCASTER-PALMDALE AREA. SO MY HOPE IS THAT WITH THE INCREASE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE ALSO HAVE EQUITY. WE LOOK AT THE HEALTH ASPECT OF IT, TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT AS WELL, BUT ULTIMATELY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE STAKEHOLDERS THERE NOW. AND MY HOPE IS THAT ALSO WE CONSIDER LOOKING AT POMONA, WHICH IS ANOTHER PART OF L.A.COUNTY THAT, WHEN YOU'RE THERE, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT AREA. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN POMONA SEEK THE SAME RESOURCES, GET THE SAME QUALITY OF CARE AS THE MEMBERS THAT LIVE IN THE GREATER DOWNTOWN PART OF L.A. AS WELL. WITH THAT SAID, I DO SUPPORT --

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HECTOR VILAGRA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**HECTOR VILAGRA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HECTOR VILAGRA. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE A.C.L.U. SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND CHAIR JANICE HAHN'S MOTION TO ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION BY EXPLORING THE BOARD'S EXPANSION. LOS ANGELES IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE U.S. HOME TO MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. BECAUSE THE FIVE MEMBER BOARD IS LOCKED IN SIZE, INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS ARE TASKED WITH REPRESENTING ROUGHLY 2 MILLION RESIDENTS. THAT'S COMPLETELY UNWIELDY. FOR CONTEXT, SAN FRANCISCO, A CITY AND COUNTY WITH ALMOST 874,000 RESIDENTS HAS 11 SUPERVISORS THAT EACH REPRESENT ROUGHLY 79,000 RESIDENTS. THIS MEANS THAT L.A. SUPERVISORS REPRESENT 25 TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE AS SAN FRANCISCO OFFICIALS. BECAUSE OF INCREASING THE  NUMBER OF SEATS WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EACH SUPERVISOR SERVES AND ENABLE GREATER RESPONSIVENESS TO ALL CONSTITUENTS AND THEIR DIVERSE NEEDS, THE A.C.L.U. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS MISSION.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CONNIE JUNG JOE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**CONNIE CHUNG JOE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CONNIE CHUNG JOE. AND I'M THE C.E.O. OF ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, OR A.J. SOCAL. THIS IS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TO OUR CURRENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I WANT TO FIRST EXPRESS MY INCREDIBLE PRIDE OF HAVING FIVE WOMEN RUNNING OUR GREAT COUNTY, HOPING YOU CAN SPREAD YOUR MAGIC TO OTHER PLACES LIKE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. A.J. SOCAL SUPPORTS THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN TO ADVANCE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION THROUGH POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. A.J. SOCAL HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVESTED IN REDISTRICTING AT THE COUNTY, CITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVELS FOR OVER THREE DECADES. EXPANDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD ALLOW UNDERREPRESENTED AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS TO HAVE GREATER AND MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNMENT. FOR A.A.P.I.S, WHO MAKE UP 16% OF L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY AND WIDELY DISPERSED GEOGRAPHICALLY IN VARIOUS ETHNIC-SPECIFIC ENCLAVES, AN EXPANDED NUMBER OF BOARD DISTRICTS WOULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY WITH MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION. WITH L.A. COUNTY HAVING GROWN SO MUCH OVER THE PAST DECADES AND NOW UP TO 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, KEEPING THE NUMBER OF BOARD SEATS TO ONLY FIVE DILUTES OUR VOICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. MY NAME IS JEANETTE ELLIS ROYSTON. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE N.A.A.C.P. POMONA VALLEY BRANCH AND SERVE AS COMMISSIONER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. THIS MORNING, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 7. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR COURAGE AND COURAGEOUSLY SIMPLY ASKING AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO BETTER SERVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THEIR DISTRICT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE, EACH REPRESENTED BY ONE OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORS. AS YOU ALREADY HEARD, THAT MEANS THAT'S 2 MILLION, 2 MILLION CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ARE DEPENDING ON FIVE SUPERVISORS.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SOFIA QUINONES:** YES, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES GO AHEAD.

**SOFIA QUINONES:** I WANTED TO START -- YES, WE'RE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. AND YOU STARTED TODAY'S MEETING TALKING ABOUT THE COLONIAL FORCES THAT COMMITTED GENOCIDE TO INDIGENOUS ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. WELL THOSE SAME FORCES COMMITTED GENOCIDE TO AFRICAN AMERICANS AND MEXICAN AMERICANS. SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT INCLUSION, INCLUSION DOES NOT EQUATE TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATION, NOR DOES IT DEAL WITH THE HISTORIES THAT WE HAVE HAD HERE ON THIS CONTINENT AND IN LOS ANGELES. SO, WE SUPPORT THE MOTION, BUT WE MUST -- I REALLY APPRECIATED MS. MITCHELL'S STATEMENTS BECAUSE, AS WE SAW AND AS WE HAVE SEEN AT THE LAST REDISTRICTING THAT TOOK PLACE, THEY OBLITERATED ONE OF THE LARGEST CONGRESSIONAL SEATS REPRESENTING MEXICAN AMERICANS. AND THE HISTORY IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAD TWO DEMOCRATS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL, NOT SUPPORT A SECOND SEAT FOR MEXICAN AMERICANS. THAT WOUND STILL HURTS. IN CURRENT TIMES, EVEN WHEN YOUR FATHER, MR. HAHN, WHO HE SUPPORTED TO REPLACE --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHAWN MCMORRIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SHAWN MCMORRIS:** HELLO, SHAWN MCMORRIS WITH CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE. I'M WRITING TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. L.A. COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, AND WE BELIEVE REPRESENTATION COULD IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH MORE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE  ALSO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 13, WHICH WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS BOARD WILL SUPPORT BOTH ITEMS. WE THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD REFORMS THAT ARE IN 13 THAT WILL COMPLEMENT THIS MOTION. SO WE HOPE THE BOARD WILL WORK TOGETHER AND PASS BOTH. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ROB QUAN. YOU MAY GIVEN.

**ROB QUAN:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU

**ROB QUAN:** THANK YOU. MUCH APPRECIATED. I LOVE THIS ITEM, BUT AS MUCH AS I LOVE IT, I THINK YOU SHOULD MOVE ITEM 13 INSTEAD. I THINK PROCESS MATTERS, AND WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF VOTERS. THEY ARE GOING TO BE SIZING UP THIS PROPOSAL DOWN THE LINE. AND ARE THEY GOING TO TRUST A PROCESS THAT WAS BORN OUT OF COUNTY COUNSEL AND DRIVEN OUT OF THE BOARD ITSELF OR ONE THAT WAS DONE IN A MORE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN WAY. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY SILVER BULLET HERE AS MUCH AS I LIKE EXPANSION AND THINK WE NEED TO DO IT. I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH. SUPERVISOR HAHN IS SOMEBODY THAT HAS SPOKEN UP ABOUT THE NEED TO POTENTIALLY HAVE AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE REALLY VALID TO HAVE INVOLVED IN THIS CONVERSATION. ANOTHER THING WE HAVE TO ATTEND TO IS CAMPAIGN FINANCE. WE NEED TO HAVE LIMITED FUNDRAISING WINDOWS TO PREVENT CANDIDATES FROM TRANSFERRING IN WAR CHESTS FROM ZOMBIE ACCOUNTS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. WE CANNOT INCREASE THE SIZE OF OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS WITHOUT LOOKING AT CAMPAIGN FINANCE AS WELL. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT AND TALK ON 13.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SONNY WAKNAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SONNY WALKNAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SUNNY WALKNAN, AND I AM A VOTER RIGHTS ATTORNEY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. I THINK THAT EXPLORING EXPANDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN LOS ANGELES IS THE RIGHT CHOICE, SPECIFICALLY ITEM 7, BECAUSE IT WILL SHOW THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO AN EQUITABLE DEMOCRACY IN GOVERNMENT. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT COUNTY COUNSEL, AS A NEUTRAL PARTY, LEAD THE RESEARCH AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS, AGAIN, A CLEAR, EQUITABLE PROCESS IN HOW THE COUNTY EXPLORES THE EXPANSION. SO I SUPPORT ITEM 7, THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EVRAN ARRAT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**EVRAN ARRAT:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EVRAN ARRAT, AND I'M WITH [INDISCERNIBLE], INC., WHICH PROVIDES SERVICES TO UNHOUSED YOUTH THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO ADVOCATE FOR GREATER M.H.S.A. FLEXIBILITY FROM THE STATE. THE MOTION IS TIMELY GIVEN THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN FACING. AS AN INNOVATION TWO PARTNER, WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ON OUR STREETS AND UNDERSTAND INTIMATELY THE ROLE THAT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLAY IN HELPING OUR YOUTH ACHIEVE HOUSING SECURITY. THE M.H.S.A.

CARRIES SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS ON SPENDING AND TIMELINES THAT CAN IMPEDE GETTING RESOURCES INTO IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AS QUICKLY AS NEEDED. THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT ITEM 9, WHICH WILL ADVOCATE FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO MEET THE CURRENT NEED, WHILE STILL SAFEGUARDING IMPORTANT COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND TRANSPARENCY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JACKIE WU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JACKIE WU:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JACKIE WU, AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA NUMBER 7. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND CHAIR JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION TO ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY LOOKING TO EXPAND THE BOARD. L.A. COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES WITH OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE, AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ENGAGE OUR MOST UNDERREPRESENTED AND HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. I AM SPECIFICALLY PART OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CAUSE INVOLVED WITH THE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOMES ARE ARE TRULY COMMUNITY-DRIVEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JORDAN WYNN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JORDAN WYNN:** HI THERE, ACTUALLY, I AM GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 13. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS.

**ROY HUMPHREYS:** YES. ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AND THIS MEASURE GUARANTEES NOTHING BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF POSITIVE CHANGE HERE AND CERTAINLY THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GANG OF FOUR NEVER RETURNING TO THIS BOARD AND ALSO THAT RETURN TO THE RULE OF LAW AS RESPECT TO THE BROWN ACT AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH THIS BOARD HAS SUBVERTED AND PERVERTED FOR ITS OWN MEASURES TO CONTROL THE INPUT OF THE CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NOW WE ARE GOING TO IN-PERSON. HELLO, WELCOME.

**DONALD HARLAN:** HI, I'M DONALD HARLAN. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. THIS IS SOME KIND OF EQUITY TO TRANSFER POWER AWAY FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND. AND SAY HA, HA, HA. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? THEY ARE TRYING TO TAKE POWER AWAY FROM YOU GUYS AND

DILUTE WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? NOW THEY ARE DOING IT TO YOU. WOULD YOU WASTE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU GUYS THAT? HELL NO, TAKE IT. THAT'S AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE TRANSFERRING YOUR POWER AWAY. EVERY SUPERVISOR SEAT HAS AN OWNER, A TITLE HOLDER, AND YOU, YOU ARE JUST THE ADMINISTRATOR. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? YOU DON'T HOLD THE ELECTORAL VOTE FOR THAT DISTRICT YOU REPRESENT. YOU DON'T HOLD THE GOVERNORSHIP RIGHT FOR THAT DISTRICT YOU REPRESENT. AND NOW THEY ARE GOING TO TRANSFER YOUR POWER AWAY. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

**RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RICHARD ZALDOVAR. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE FOUNDER OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE]. MANY OF YOU KNOW  MY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING IN HEALTH PREVENTION IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY IS HURTING, BUT IT IS ALSO HURTING WHEN WE GO LOOKING FOR FUNDS, WHEN WE LOOK FOR PROGRAMS, WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE FOLKS THAT REALLY LISTEN TO US. AND SO, THERE ARE A LOT OF COMMUNITIES OUT THERE THAT ARE

SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR REPRESENTATION, YOUR TYPE OF REPRESENTATION. THAT'S WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXPAND THE BOARD, CONSIDERATION FOR EXPANDING THE BOARD. THE SECOND THING I WANT TO SAY, IN THIS DAY WHERE OUR DEMOCRACY IS CONSTANTLY BEING ATTACKED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO CAN CONNECT WITH SUPERVISORS IN THEIR OWN REGIONS. THAT'S WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NOT JUST FOR THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT, FOR THE FUNCTIONS OF PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR YOUR VISION ON THIS. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**DR. JULIE FUN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR. JULIE FUN, AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR OVER 40 YEARS. IT IS THE REGION THAT HAS THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE GROUP OF ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS. WE ARE ALSO ARGUABLY HOME TO THE BEST ASIAN FOOD IN THE NATION. SPECIFICALLY, I GREW UP IN MONTEREY PARK AND CURRENTLY RESIDE IN THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL. TODAY, I COME BEFORE YOU ALL TODAY TO SHARE MY FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. AS A MEMBER, A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WHO WORKED WITH CAUSE IN THE 2020 REDISTRICTING PROCESS WITH THE

STATE'S CALIFORNIA CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO NOT DIVIDE THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES. AS A FAMILY MEMBER OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE MASS SHOOTING IN MONTEREY PARK, I KNOW PERSONALLY THE NEED FOR RESOURCES AND REPRESENTATION. FOR THAT, I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES. AS AN EDUCATOR AT CAL STATE L.A. THAT SEES EVERY DAY THE IMPORTANCE OF EQUITY, I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES. IT IS NOT ONLY HISTORICAL BUT INCLUDES ALL OF OUR VOICES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

**NANCY YAP:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS NANCY YAP, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ASIAN AMERICANS UNITED FOR SELF-EMPOWERMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS CAUSE. OUR WORK INCLUDES INCREASING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND CHAIR HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION TO ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY LOOKING TO EXPAND THE BOARD. CAUSE SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS ARE 17% AND A FAST GROWING POPULATION IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE WANT TO BE PART OF THIS PROCESS OF EXPLORING WHAT EXPANSION CAN MEAN BECAUSE EXPANSION OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO EXPAND REPRESENTATION OF OUR DIVERSE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES. AND REPRESENTATION LEADS TO OUR COMMUNITIES FEELING SEEN, HEARD,

AND INSPIRED TO ENGAGE. CAUSE SUPPORTS THE USE OF RESEARCH THAT UTILIZES DATA ABOUT A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND ENGAGES WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF EACH ONE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING THOUGHTFUL ABOUT EQUITY AND REPRESENTATION AND THANK YOU FOR COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITIES TO GET THERE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE WE WILL GO NOW TO THE PHONE. NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JACQUELINE CODO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JACQUELINE CODO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE CODO WITH [INDISCERNIBLE] EDUCATIONAL FUND, THE LEADING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT FACILITATES FULL LATINO PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS FROM CITIZENS. [INDISCERNIBLE] PUBLIC SERVICE, WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION TO POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AGENDA ITEM 7. THIS MOTION WILL PROVIDE FOR MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AND A MORE MEANINGFUL VOICE TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY'S DIVERSE POPULATION. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY BECAUSE LATINOS COMPRISE

NEARLY HALF, 48%, OF THE L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION. WE URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION TO ADVANCE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AND STRENGTHEN THE DEMOCRACY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID DIAZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DAVID DIAZ:** GOOD MORNING, FOLKS. MY NAME IS DAVID DIAZ, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE SANE GABRIEL VALLEY. WE ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND CHAIR JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION TO ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY LOOKING TO EXPAND THE BOARD. MOST SIGNIFICANT IS THE FAST GROWTH OF LATINO AND ASIAN POPULATIONS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY NOT EQUITABLY REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND CHAIR HAHN FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION TO PUT THIS QUESTION TO THE L.A. COUNTY VOTERS AGAIN. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES. THANK YOU AGAIN. HAVING A GREAT DAY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BECAUSE I WAS IN SUPPORT OF THAT MOTION MANY YEARS AGO. I THINK THAT THE NUMBER IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE PEOPLE. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVE THAT MOTION APPROVED AND TO REALLY EXPAND THE BOARD. THAT WOULD BE MORE PEOPLE I GET TO TALK TO. ANYWAY, HAVE A GOOD DAY. BYE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU DONE, OR DO YOU HAVE MORE TO SAY?

**DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I AM, OF COURSE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I CAN'T HEAR WHETHER SHE IS DONE. DID WE LOSE THE CALL? OKAY.

**MODERATOR:** SHE SAID SHE WAS FINISHED.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. AND WHAT AN INTERESTING ITEM. I KNOW IT'S COME UP A LOT, AND OF COURSE MORE MOM AND POP DISTRICTS WITH MORE LITTLE SUPERVISORS WOULD BE GOOD IN A WAY, BUT IT WOULD BE COSTLY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON IS GOING COST A BUNDLE ALREADY, COMING UP ON APRIL 24TH, BUT IMAGINE IF WE HAD 15 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, WE WOULD HAVE TO CHARTER SOME KIND OF A PLANE, WHICH I AM NOT OPPOSED TO BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF SAVINGS THERE. I AM A LITTLE WORRIED THAT THE PARK HYATT IS 600 A NIGHT. I THOUGHT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE IN THE GOVERNMENT SORT OF AFFORDABLE, BUT WE'LL FIND A PLACE. AND I THINK THAT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE STUFF WILL FOLLOW. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY CORRUPT SYSTEM, AND THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN ALMOST ANYBODY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS WE KNOW, BUT THAT'S EXCITING. WHY NOT? LET'S ALL GO TO WASHINGTON WE NEED MORE RESOURCES, AND THE RESOURCES WILL TELL US WHERE WE NEED TO GO, WHICH IS TO A MUCH BIGGER SET OF -- EVERY SUPERVISOR HAS SEVERAL DISTRICT OFFICES. IF EACH ONE HAD A NEW --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ERIC. THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT

**MODERATOR:** OUR PARTICIPANT IS LYDIA CAMARILO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**LYDIA CAMARILO:** GOOD MORNING, THIS IS LYDIA CAMARILO. I'M PRESIDENT OF [INDISCERNIBLE] VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD, JANICE HAHN, FOR PROVIDING LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW THE SIZE OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH A MOTION TO EXPAND THE BOARD. IT IS TIME TO INCREASE THE BOARD TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO ALL RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. W.C.V.I, S.R.E.P., AND LATINOS CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION HAVE MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION IN THE PAST AND HAVE PROVIDED SOUND REASONS FOR THIS TO TAKE PLACE. THE 2021 INDEPENDENT CITIZEN REDISTRIBUTING COMMISSION MADE THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS. A REPRESENTATION THAT IS EQUITABLE IS WHAT LOS ANGELES NEEDS. WITH THE DEMOGRAPHICS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMPRISED OF 49.1% LATINO AND LIKELY MORE BECAUSE OF THE UNDERCOUNT, 25.3% WHITE, 15.6%, ASIAN, 9% AFRICAN AMERICAN, 1% OF NATIVE AMERICAN, AND TWO OR MORE RACES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE EXPAND THE BOARD. DEVELOPING THE BOARD --

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSA SOTO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ROSA SOTO:** HI. THIS IS ROSA SOTO WITH THE WELLMAN CENTER L.A. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION, EQUAL REPRESENTATION, FOR COMMUNITIES. IT HAS BEEN SINCE 2000 THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN LOOKED AT, AND WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE BOARD. WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION. WE ARE IN SUPPORT.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JORDAN WYNN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**JORDAN WYNN:** HI THERE. ORIGINALLY, I WAS GOING TO SPEAK ON 13, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU WILL GET THERE BEFORE I HAVE TO LEAVE. SO I WILL SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7 SINCE IT IS IN PARALLEL. MY NAME IS JORDAN WYNN. I AM PART OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, AND I WANT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT IN GENERAL OF THE TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT AND INCREASED REPRESENTATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF L.A.COUNTY IN THE POLICY PROCESS. THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER L.A. IS AN ADVOCATE TO CREATE THE BEST POSSIBLE POLICIES THAT SERVE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. ADEQUATE AND EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNMENT IS KEY TO THIS. UNITED WAY HAS FOSTERED THAT KIND OF ADVOCACY AND EQUITY THROUGH OUR CAMPAIGNS TO END HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISES

ACROSS L.A. AND THROUGH OUR INVOLVEMENT IN OUR FUTURE LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS SEEKING A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS MOTION, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THIS WILL BEST SERVE THE RESIDENT AND PROMOTE A PROSPEROUS AND MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL. AND WE ENCOURAGE MORE DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW TO BEST EXPAND THE REPRESENTATION POSSIBILITIES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT THE REMAINING SPEAKERS?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE NOR NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, THIS ITEM -- I UNDERSTAND THERE'S SOME ANXIETY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MAYBE ASKING FOR THIS REPORT BACK, WHICH WOULD BE GIVING THE COUNTY COUNSEL 90 DAYS TO REPORT BACK ON THE OPTIONS TO EXPAND THE BOARD. AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S SOME CONCERN THAT MAYBE SUPERVISOR HORVATH YOU INDICATED THAT IF YOU VOTED FOR THIS ONE AND 13, SOMEHOW THERE WOULD BE CONFLICTING DIRECTIONS. I WAS GOING TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL BECAUSE THERE WAS A THOUGHT TO HOLD THESE TWO TOGETHER, SO IF THEY HAD BEEN HELD

TOGETHER, IT IS THE SAME MOTIONS, BUT WOULD THEY HAVE GIVEN CONFLICTING DIRECTIONS ON LOOKING AT EXPANDING THE BOARD?

**ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T KNOW SO MUCH THAT THEY ARE CONFLICTING. THEY ARE DIFFERENT HOW-TOS. SO, ONE IS DIRECTING ME WITH THE AUTHORITY TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT, BUT I AM REPORTING BACK IN 90 DAYS. WHEREAS THE OTHER, 13, IS DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DO A REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INFORMATION OR INTEREST, WHICH IS A PROCESS THAT TAKES TIME, IN ORDER TO GET A CONSULTANT ON BOARD TO DO THE WORK OF REVIEWING BASICALLY THE SAME LOOK AT AND LOOK-SEE IN TERMS OF OPTIONS TO EXPAND THE BOARD. SO I WOULDN'T SAY THEY ARE IN CONFLICT. THEY ARE JUST DIFFERENT HOWS, DIFFERENT PROCESSES TO GET TO THAT REPORT BACK.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I MEAN THAT'S HOW I SEE IT, COLLEAGUES. WE ARE MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. I UNDERSTAND CERTAINLY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAYING IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT EXPANDING THE BOARD. IF WE DON'T CHANGE THE GOVERNANCE -- AND THE REASON I HELD THEM SEPARATELY BECAUSE I FELT LIKE THERE ARE SOME OPINIONS ON JUST REPRESENTATION THAT I THOUGHT PEOPLE VOICES NEEDED TO BE HEARD ABOUT IN TERMS OF JUST EXPANDING THE BOARD. AND I ALSO THOUGHT 13 WAS LARGE ENOUGH AND COVERED SOME PRETTY SIGNIFICANT IDEAS ABOUT HOW WE GOVERN OURSELVES THAT THAT ALSO DESERVED ITS OWN SPACE THIS MORNING. AND I KNOW EVEN

FOR ME, I HAVE DIFFERENT THINGS TO SAY ABOUT BOTH OF THEM. SO THAT'S WHY I HELD THEM SEPARATELY, BUT IF I CAUSED ANXIETY BY DOING THAT, I APOLOGIZE. I THINK WE CAN -- I DO THINK WE ARE ROWING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. SO I WOULD THINK GETTING THE REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WOULD ACTUALLY HELP IF THE CONSULTANT COMES ON BOARD AND LOOKS AT A NUMBER OF THINGS ON ITEM 13, NOT JUST EXPANDING THE BOARD. IT WOULD GIVE THEM A LEG UP, I THINK, IN EXPLORING AT LEAST THIS ISSUE. SO THAT WAS MY THINKING. I APOLOGIZE IF IT GAVE YOU ANXIETY ON VOTING FOR BOTH OF THEM.

**SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, OUR MOTION ACTUALLY DIRECTS COUNTY COUNSEL TO BE ENGAGED BUT TO ALSO ENGAGE WITH A CONSULTANT AND HELP US, SO IT ISN'T LIKE WE ARE CUTTING ANYTHING OFF. IT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE, WHO KNOWS, THE SAME NUMBER OF PEOPLE, OR -- I DON'T KNOW, BUT I AM JUST SAYING I DON'T THINK THAT'S --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. AND IT IS A REPORT BACK. SO, AGAIN, WE USUALLY GIVE EACH OTHER THE COURTESY OF A REPORT BACK, SO THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AM SORRY, MS. MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO COUNTY COUNSEL, I SEE IT VERY DIFFERENTLY, WHICH IS WHY ITEM 13 WAS CRAFTED -- THE LANGUAGE WAS CRAFTED THE WAY THAT IT WAS. I AM CLEAR ABOUT THE ROLE OF COUNTY COUNSEL IN PROVIDING COUNSEL IN INTERPRETING THE LAW. WE ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR EXAMPLE, BEFORE I JOINED THE BOARD, ON WHAT LEGAL ACTIONS WE COULD TAKE WITH REGARD TO THE SHERIFF. A REPORT WAS ISSUED. A FULL YEAR LATER, A MOTION WAS PASSED, WHICH BECAME MEASURE A. SO FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, COUNTY COUNSEL OPINES ON THE LAW. THIS IS DIFFERENT. THIS IS PURSUING OPTIONS THAT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY TAKEN BY THIS BOARD QUALIFY AN INITIATIVE FOR THE BALLOT TO EXPAND THE BOARD. AND SO, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS NO STRESS. I HAD HOPED WE COULD DISCUSS THEM TOGETHER, BUT I SEE THEM VERY DIFFERENTLY. THE HOW IS DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF WHO WILL LEAD THAT EFFORT. SO I WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM 7, AGAIN, TO PRESERVE MY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FULLER CONVERSATION ON ITEM 13. I JUST WANTED TO SAY FOR THE RECORD I DO SEE THEM DIFFERENTLY, WHICH IS WHY I WILL BE ABSTAINING.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS? YEAH, I AM CURIOUS IF THEY WERE HELD TOGETHER HOW THAT WOULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU? OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** SILENCE DOESN'T CONNOTE ABSTENTION? ABSTAIN.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** ABSTAIN.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION FAILS 2-0 WITH 3 ABSTENTIONS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE ARE ON TO ITEM 9. WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT ADVOCATING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FLEXIBILITY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, OUR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IS HERE, DR. LISA WONG IS HERE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT TO START US OFF?

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU TOO, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALSO COAUTHORING I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY IS FACING TODAY. AND I AM VERY THANKFUL THAT WE HAVE BOTH OF OUR DIRECTORS HERE THIS MORNING WITH US TO HELP ADD MORE INSIGHT INTO WHY WE ARE DOING THIS TODAY. AND ALL OF US KNOW HERE ON THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY IS FACING A VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND ABOUT THAT. IF YOU'VE BEEN READING THE NEWS FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND BECAUSE OF ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING ON THE STREETS OF L.A. COUNTY AND NOT JUST THE CITY OF L.A. WE SEE THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR US TO ADDRESS THIS. THE CRISIS IS WITH PEOPLE FACING OVERDOSES, CROWDED EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENTS, AS ONE EXAMPLE, THE NEED FOR MORE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES PERIOD IS NOT NEW, AND IT IS A FACT. IT IS SOMETHING THAT CALIFORNIANS HAVE RECOGNIZED WE KNOW FOR DECADES. AND THAT'S WHY IN 2004, CALIFORNIA VOTERS SUPPORT PROPOSITION 63 AND PASSED THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT KNOWN AS M.H.S.A., WHICH IMPOSED, FOR THOSE THAT MAY NOT BE AWARE, A 1% INCOME TAX ON WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS MAKING IN EXCESS OF $1 MILLION. THAT WAS A TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVE AND PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TO EXPAND AND TRANSFORM PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS. HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE USED THIS FUNDING TO SUPPORT A WIDE VARIETY OF CRITICAL INITIATIVES FROM OUR FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS TO SHORT TERM CRISIS BEDS TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. ONE THAT I KNOW MANY OF US PROMOTE AND THAT'S THE PROMOTORAS. THOSE ARE OUR HEALTH NAVIGATORS. AND OVER THE YEARS, THESE PROGRAMS HAVE HELPED KEEP VULNERABLE RESIDENTS OUT OF HOSPITALS, WHICH IS VERY COSTLY FOR US, AND OFF THE STREETS BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS THERE, AND, OF COURSE, VERY OBVIOUSLY OUT OF OUR JAILS. BUT SINCE 2004, NOT ONLY HAVE WE LEARNED MUCH ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES BUT THE NATURE OF HOW THIS CRISIS EVOLVED. THE DEMAND WE KNOW IS SIGNIFICANT. THE NEEDS WE KNOW HAVE CHANGED FOR PEOPLE FACING MENTAL ILLNESS. AND IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT M.H.S.A. AS CONSTRUCTED CURRENTLY NEEDS TO EVOLVE. IT NEEDS TO BE FLEXIBLE,  AND IT NEEDS TO MEET THE

CURRENT NEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY. M.H.S.A. FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED AS WE KNOW INTO SPECIFIC SPENDING CATEGORIES. COUNTIES HAVE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES BY VARYING LEVELS OF RESTRICTIONS, WHICH CAN HURT US, IN EACH CATEGORY FOR HOW FUNDING CAN BE SPENT. AND I THINK THAT'S THE NEXUS THAT WE ARE RYE TRYING TO GET HERE TO. FOR EXAMPLE, WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES AND THE INNOVATION CATEGORIES, WE HAVE GREATER, I UNDERSTAND, FLEXIBILITY TO SPEND MONEY, LETTING US SUPPORT CRITICAL PROGRAMS LIKE FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTPATIENT CARE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, BUT IN OTHER CATEGORIES OF THAT FUNDING, IN PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION, WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE NEED TO SPEND OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. BUT DUE TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS, WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING THAT MONEY OUT. M.H.S.A. FUNDING ALSO CARRIES A LONG REVIEW PROCESS BEFORE THE MONEY CAN BE DISTRIBUTED. AND WHAT THAT PROVIDES I THINK IS AN IMPORTANT LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY, FOR THE MOST PART, AND ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT IT NEEDS TO NIMBLER. WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW CONTRACT THAT SO WE CAN ET THE FUNDING OUT AND BE ABLE TO ADDRESS EMERGENCIES THAT THIS COUNTY IS FACING. AND DURING THE TIME IN WHICH WE KNOW WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGE, WE ALL KNOW THIS, OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS ACROSS VARYING LEVELS OF CARE, AND ESPECIALLY LONG TERM SUB-ACUTE BEDS, M.S.H.A. CAN'T BE USED TO BUILD AND SUPPORT THEM. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. THIS IS

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN THE INCREASE OF THE DEMAND AS WE JOINED OUR FIRST COHORT OF CARE COURT. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE NOW -- WE HAVE TO ACCEPT WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. MEANWHILE, WE ARE SEEING THIS CRISIS PLAY OUT IN REAL TIME WITH RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CRISIS, AS WE SEE IN OUR STREETS. AND PEOPLE ARE LANGUISHING ALSO IN OUR JAILS. AND WE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. IT IS VERY COSTLY. LAWSUITS, OTHER THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING. THE OVERCROWDING. ALSO NOT JUST IN OUR JAILS BECAUSE OF THAT, BUT EVEN IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS. AND WE SEE THAT ACROSS THE BOARD. I AM HEARING, LIKE MANY OF YOU, FROM OUR RESIDENTS LOUD AND CLEAR. WE NEED TO SOLVE THIS NOW. AND WE NEED TO DO IT IN A COMPASSIONATE WAY THAT WILL DRIVE CARE FIRST. HAVING GREATER FLEXIBILITIES WITH THIS AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCE WILL ENABLE US, I BELIEVE, TO DO JUST THAT. AND REST ASSURED, I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN SPEAKING, AND I KNOW MANY OF US HAVE, TO SECRETARY MARK ALLEY, WHO IS PLAYING A VERY, VERY BIG ROLE HERE AND ADVOCATING FOR THIS CHANGE AS WELL, WHICH I THINK IS COMMENDABLE. BUT I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC AND TO ALL THOSE THAT I AM HEARING SOME NARRATIVES IN THAT COMMUNITY THAT THIS IS INTERPRETING TO BE MORE THAN WHAT IT IS INTENDED TO DO. THE MOTION IS NOT TRYING TO REMOVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OR TRANSPARENCY. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK WE KNOW IS ESSENTIAL AND CRITICAL, AND IT HAS TO REMAIN ROBUST. AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC

FUNDING REMAINS ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR COMMUNITIES' DESIRES. NO DOUBT. THE MOTION SIMPLY ASKS FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO UTILIZE FUNDS THAT ARE UNSPENT AND TO SPEED UP THAT PROCESS SO FUNDING CAN BE DISTRIBUTED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO MEET OUR NEEDS HERE. AND I RECOGNIZE THAT SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE VERY WARY BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT SOMEHOW COMMUNITY INPUT AND FEEDBACK IS GOING TO BE REMOVED BECAUSE OF THIS. IT IS NOT. THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION SIMPLY IS THAT WE PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE GET THIS FUNDING TO THOSE MOST IN NEED. THAT MEANS OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WHO KNOWS BEST THAN SOME IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE AREN'T GOING TO CUT AND SEVER THAT PARTNERSHIP. HOW COULD WE? WHETHER IT IS PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON SKID ROW, OR A.A.P.I. RESIDENTS NEEDING GREATER ACCESS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, LATINO RESIDENTS IN EAST L.A. FACING STIGMA, AND ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTY. WITH THAT, I THINK WE HAVE A NEED. AND THAT'S JUST ME SPEAKING FOR MY DISTRICT, BUT I THINK OTHER MEMBERS AND COLLEAGUES HERE WOULD SAY THEY WANT TO ADD TO THAT. BUT I DO WANT TO THANK BOTH DR. WONG AND GHALY FOR JOINING US, AND I DO HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

**SUP. SOLIS:** SO DR. WONG, CAN YOU SHARE WITH US SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED WITH SPENDING M.H.S.A. FUNDING IN RECENT YEARS?

**DR. WONG:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS AND FOR TACKLING THIS REALLY IMPORTANT TOPIC. YOUR KNOW, WE HAVE HAD SOME CHALLENGES IN OUR M.H.S.A. SPENDING DUE TO KIND OF THE CATEGORICAL NATURE OF THE SPENDING. AND THIS HAS BEEN DUE TO -- WE HAVE HAD SOME UNEXPECTED INCREASES IN FUNDING, WHICH IS ALWAYS A GOOD THING, BUT IT WAS -- IT IS UNEXPECTED, SO NOT BUDGETED FOR. WE ALSO WENT THROUGH A HIRING FREEZE, AND WE WENT THROUGH REALLY UNPRECEDENTED STAFF SHORTAGES BECAUSE OF THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH STAFF SHORTAGE. AND BECAUSE OF ALL THESE FACTORS, WE ENDED UP WITH SOME UNSPENT DOLLARS THAT END UP IN A CATEGORY THAT IS RESTRICTED.

**SUP. SOLIS:** SO THAT HAS BEEN AN IMPEDIMENT FOR US, SO WE CAN'T QUICKLY MOVE THOSE ITEMS INTO ANOTHER BUDGET ITEM.

**DR. WONG:** YES, AND IT'S ESPECIALLY PAINFUL DURING THIS TIME OF GREAT NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AND DURING THE PANDEMIC. I MEAN A LOT OF OUR HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS SUFFERED. I KEEP HEARING THAT IS

THE THEME ACROSS THE BOARD. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE SOME OF THE FLEXIBILITIES THAT WE SHOULD BE MOVING FORWARD ON OR ADVOCATING FOR AND ACCELERATING THE TIME LINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT?

**DR. WONG:** I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY BENEFICIAL TO HAVE INCREASED FLEXIBILITIES PARTICULARLY RELATED TO THE UNSPENT DOLLARS AND INCREASED FLEXIBILITY TO UTILIZE P.E.I. AND INNOVATIONS TO PURCHASE OR BUILD CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY YOU KNOW WHO ARE EXPERIENCING SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND HOMELESSNESS. I THINK, ADDITIONALLY, THE ABILITY TO USE P.E.I. AND INNOVATIONS FOR ONGOING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS WOULD ALLOW FOR SUSTAINABLE EXPANSIONS OF OUR PROGRAMS, INCLUDING STREET ENGAGEMENT TEAMS, INTENSIVE FIELD BASED TREATMENT SERVICES, AND CRISIS SERVICES.

**SUP. SOLIS:** SO I AM THINKING ABOUT, FOR EXAMPLE, WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO BUILD THINGS RIGHT AWAY, BUT WE CAN ACQUIRE BUILD PERHAPS IF WE HAVE FLEXIBILITY, SUCH AS BOARD AND CARE.

**DR. WONG:** YES.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AND OTHER ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES THAT WE NEED BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE OR BEDS FOR THAT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT OUR -- I THINK OUR PROBLEM HAS BEEN. I KNOW KNOW MY FRUSTRATION HAS IN LOOKING AT WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. IN OUR RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE TO QUICKLY RAMP UP THE NEED BECAUSE WE KNEW GOING IN A COUPLE YEARS AGO, WE WOULD BE FACED WITH THAT. BUT IT IS A STRUGGLE. IT IS A STRUGGLE FOR US. CAN YOU ALSO PROVIDE, DR. WONG, SOME ASSURANCES TO THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES THAT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY WILL BE MAINTAINED IF WE ARE GRANTED THIS FLEXIBILITY?

**DR. WONG:** DEFINITELY. M.H.S.A. REGULATIONS ARE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT HAVING THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK. AND, IN FACT, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN REVAMPING OUR PROCESSES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. WE RECENTLY HAD A STAKEHOLDER EVENT, WHERE WE GOT A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK FOR SOME OF THE CHANGES MADE. SO WE WOULD NEVER WANT TO ENDANGER THAT BY RESTRICTING THAT OR DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK. WE DEFINITELY WANT THAT TO BE A GUIDING LIGHT FOR US. AND WE WANT THAT KIND OF FEEDBACK TO BE ABLE TO SERVE OUR PEOPLE IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE AND TO MEET THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF NEED.

**SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO ASK DR. GHALY TOO. I KNOW D.M.H. IS BEGINNING TO PARTNER WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS ON THEIR PROGRAMS, AND YOU HAVE BEEN DOING THAT FOR SOME TIME, BUT I THINK THERE'S PROBABLY A NEED HOPEFULLY TO DO MORE IF WE CAN CREATE THESE CATEGORIES SO THAT MORE FUNDING CAN BE AVAILABLE. SO CAN YOU SHARE WHAT ACCESS, AND -- IN THIS TERM OF FLEXIBILITY WOULD MEAN FOR SOME OF THE KEY D.H.S. INITIATIVES THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING, INCLUDING DECOMPRESSING THE JAILS, HARM REDUCTION, AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

**DR. GHALY:** SURE, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. IT IS VERY EXCITING. I APPRECIATE THE SPONSORSHIP OF THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE CO-SPONSORSHIP, CHAIR HAHN. THE FLEXIBILITY IS REALLY WHAT HAS BEEN MISSING AND IS SORELY NEEDED IN M.H.S.A. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, BUT BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND THE VERY RIGID CATEGORIES, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SOME FUNDING USED EVEN FOR THOSE PROJECTS AND THOSE INITIATIVES WHERE THERE IS REALLY BROAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT. AND I KNOW I HAVE, AND I NOW DR. WONG AND MANY OTHERS, WE GO TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS. AND HEAR FROM MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, THE O.D.R. PERMANENT STEERING COMMITTEE, C.F.C.I., A NUMBER OF OTHER SETTINGS IN WHICH PEOPLE WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW -- THEY ARE

AWARE THAT M.H.S.A. EXISTS, AND THEY SEE THE NEEDS ON THE STREET, THEY SEE THE NEEDS IN ENCAMPMENTS, AMONG UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS IN THE JAILS, IN THE EMERGENCY ROOMS, AS YOU POINT OUT, BUT THERE'S NOT THE ABILITY TO USE THE FUNDING IN THE WAY THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT WANT IT FOR. WE HAVE USED M.H.S.A. IN THE PAST FOR A VERY SMALL TEAM DOING REENTRY AND TRANSITION WORK OUT OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL. THAT SUPPORTED ABOUT 11 INDIVIDUALS IN THE PAST, BUT THAT'S THE EXTENT OF THE FUNDING THAT'S BEEN ABLE TO BE USED IN THE JAILS. AND THEN WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PROPOSAL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BE ABLE TO USE M.H.S.A. FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT O.D.R. HOUSING, BUT, AGAIN, SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN M.H.S.A. HAVE CAUSED THAT TO BE MORE LIMITED THAN POTENTIALLY IT MIGHT BE. AND I THINK WHAT YOU SAID IN YOUR COMMENTS ARE SO APPROPRIATE IN THAT IT IS THE FLEXIBILITY. THE INTENT IS NOT TO LIMIT COMMUNITY INPUT OR THAT -- THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, WHICH IS PART AND PARCEL OF M.H.S.A., BUT TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM AND THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT THE NEEDS ARE RIGHT NOW IN 2023, WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, AND WE NEED TO GET SERVICES OUT MORE RAPIDLY TO PEOPLE. AND THE FLEXIBILITY ON THE GROUND AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THE PROGRAMS AND ARE EXPERIENCING THE NEED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT KNOW WHAT WOULD WORK. SO THAT FLEXIBILITY IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKING THE CHANGES HAPPEN.

**SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. SO AND JUST TO BE CONCISE, I THINK WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS MORE NIMBLENESS. MAYBE THAT'S THE KEYWORD, TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND NIMBLE IN HOW WE USE THEM BECAUSE I HATE WHEN WE CRITICIZED THAT WE HAVEN'T SPENT MONEY. WE DO HAVE INITIATIVES. WE DO HAVE PROGRAMS. AND WE KNOW WHERE WE WANT TO GO, BUT WE ARE LOCKED INTO THIS FORMULA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. YOU AND I HAVE BEEN IN TALKS RECENTLY WITH MAYOR BASS. L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, YOU HAVE BEEN IN SOME OF THOSE TALKS, ALONG WITH THE COURTS AND ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY TO CREATE MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. THAT SEEMS TO BE AT THE CRUX OF ADDRESSING OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, THOSE ON THE STREETS. I THINK THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF THAT THAT MANY OF THOSE UNHOUSED HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, AND WE JUST, AT THIS POINT, FEEL LIKE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MENTAL HEALTH BEDS TO PROVIDE THAT CRITICAL SERVICE TO THOSE ON OUR STREETS. THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE L.A. ALLIANCE ELEMENTS, BUT THEY UNDERSCORE THE NEED, THE GENERAL NEED, THAT I THINK WE ALL HAVE IN TERMS OF CREATING MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. AND AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON IT. THIS IS WHAT THE PUBLIC HATES. THIS WAS A TAX ON THE WEALTHY. THIS WAS

SORT OF THE MILLIONAIRE'S TAX. IT WAS GOING TO GO TOWARDS HELPING ADDRESS THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY. SO THEN WHEN THEY HEAR THAT WE HAVE THAT MONEY BUT CAN'T SPEND IT, IT REALLY DRIVES PEOPLE CRAZY. SO I THINK THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEND THIS LETTER TO SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE MORE FLEXIBILITY AVAILABLE TO US IS IMPORTANT. AND YOU KNOW, THESE FUNDS ARE IN CERTAIN BUCKETS. AND THESE BUCKETS ARE KIND OF WHERE THE FORMULA LIES IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN SPEND THEM ON EVERYTHING LIKE CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BUILDING THOSE MOST CRITICAL MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. SO JUST ONE MORE TIME, DR. WONG, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, SO WHY CAN'T D.M.H. TAKE ALL OF ITS UNALLOCATED M.H.S. DOLLARS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT BUCKET IT IS IN, AND USE IT TO OBTAIN MOST OF THESE CRITICAL BEDS IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE?

**DR. WONG:** JUST THAT THE REGULATIONS RESTRICT THE SPENDING IN THAT CATEGORY. IT IS REALLY THAT SIMPLE. AND HAVING THE FLEXIBILITY TO DO MORE IN THAT AREA I THINK WILL HELP MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY IN HIGH NEED.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO PLAIN AND SIMPLE, IF WE GET MORE FLEXIBILITY, HOW IS THAT GOING TO HELP YOU?

**DR. WONG:** WE'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND IN THE PLACES THAT PEOPLE REALLY NEED THE SERVICES, AND THEY TEND TO BE FOR OUR HIGHER ACUITY FOLKS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD, WELL I HOPE THIS -- I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I HOPE THIS LETTER FROM OUR COUNTY WILL GET THEM TO THE TABLE AT THE STATE LEVEL TO LOOK AT HOW -- BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, I FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE TO FEEL THE SAME WAY. THEY WANT THE MONEY TO GO WHERE IT IS MOST NEEDED, AND IF WE ARE HIGHLIGHTING HOW IT IS NOT GOING TO WHERE IT IS MOST NEEDED, I FEEL HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL AGREE TO COME TO THE TABLE TO NEGOTIATE THAT. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND YOU KNOW, I AGREE. AND OBVIOUSLY, M.H.S.A. FLEXIBILITY IS AT THE CORE OF ANY DISCUSSION AROUND MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING, WHETHER IT BE CARE COURT, WHETHER IT BE THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS AND EXPANSION, ALTHOUGH THAT HAS TO DO WITH OTHER ISSUES AS WELL. I'VE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WITH C.S.A.C. AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ALSO WITH N.A.C.O., BOTH OF US, AND AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH DOLLARS CONSTANTLY COMES UP. AND SURPRISINGLY, MANY PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE OF THE LIMITATIONS THAT COME WITH M.H.S.A. AND TO YOUR POINT, WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THE USE OF WHAT WE CAN WITH THE EXISTING COLLARS, BUT WE NEED THE

FLEXIBILITY TO EXPAND IN THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. IN RESPONSE TO THIS LAST YEAR, SENATOR EGGMAN BROUGHT IN S.B.970, TO AMEND M.H.S.A. AND MAKE THESE DOLLARS MORE FLEXIBLE. I BROUGHT IN THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THAT LEGISLATION. UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE. SO THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THIS BOARD HAS BEEN PUSHING -- I HAVE BEEN PUSHING. AND KNOWING THERE IS A CONSENSUS FOR THIS FLEXIBILITY, I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE STATE WILL LISTEN TO US, ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE DOING AS RELATES TO CARE COURT. BUT WE MUST CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGES AT THE STATE AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH LAWS AND THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT AND THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION BECAUSE WE TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, BUT IF WE DON'T GET THAT WAIVER, AND THE STATE DOESN'T APPLY, YOU WON'T HAVE A LOT OF BEDS COMING ONLINE BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL RISK TO DO SO. SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE FLEXIBILITY, BUT ALSO CONTINUE TO PUSH THE STATE TO ACT ON THE WAIVER, AND I KNOW THEY WERE BACK IN D.C., THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR, AND DR. GHALY WAS BACK THERE WITH HIM. AND I KNOW THAT THEY DID HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE REGARDING THIS. SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN MOVE THAT ALONG, BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT M.H.S.A. FLEXIBILITY IS A NECESSITY FOR US TO REALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT MAYOR BASS HAS BROUGHT FORWARD AS IT RELATES TO THOSE, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON SKID ROW. AND I KNOW THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. I GUESS I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ASKED

THIS, AND IF YOU DID I APOLOGIZE. THERE'S THIS MISCONCEPTION WE ARE SITTING ON A BILLION DOLLARS. CAN YOU CLARIFY THAT BECAUSE I AM TOLD THAT MONEY IS, IN FACT, ENCUMBERED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME? IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US AND THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY THE AMOUNT THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S BEEN THROWN OUT FROM THE STATE THAT WE ARE SITTING ON $1 BILLION, AND I KNOW THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

**DR. WONG:** I AM HAPPY TO CLARIFY THAT. THAT REALLY HAUNTS US, TOO, THIS MYTH OUT THERE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS SITTING OWN $1 BILLION. IF WE HAD THAT MONEY, BELIEVE ME, WE WOULD BE RIGHT UP THERE SPENDING IT. SO RIGHT OFF THE BAT, ABOUT HALF OF THAT IS MONEY THAT'S ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED BECAUSE THE WAY THAT M.H.S.A. DOLLARS WORK IS THERE ARE CERTAIN CATEGORIES LIKE INNOVATIONS, IT WILL BE ON THE BOOKS FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS. SO IF YOU ONLY SPENT YEAR ONE, THE  REST OF IT REMAINS ON THE TABLE. BUT IT ISN'T THAT YOU CAN REALLOCATE IT BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT. JUST LIKE IF  WE ALLOCATED A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR A CONTRACT FOR A LEGAL ENTITY, IF THEY HAVEN'T UTILIZED A PORTION OF THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE SHORT ON STAFF, THEN WE WON'T GIVE THAT MONEY AWAY BECAUSE THEN THAT MONEY WON'T BE THERE THEIR BUDGET WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO HIRE UP. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS LIKE THAT THAT ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT HALF OF THAT $1 BILLION ALREADY. AND THEN THE OTHER HALF OF THAT $1 BILLION

ARE THERE ARE ALL THESE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY KIND OF PUT TOGETHER AND PUT FORWARD FOR APPROVAL, SO THOSE DOLLARS GET ALLOCATED EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT SPEND YET. THEY END UP ON THE TABLE STILL. SO WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, IT LEAVES US WITH 100 TO $200 MILLION THAT WE CAN USE THEN TO EITHER SPEND HOPEFULLY MORE FLEXIBLY OR TO ENTERTAIN FURTHER PROPOSALS FROM THE COMMUNITY WITHIN THEIR CATEGORIES.

**SUP. BARGER:** SO I WAS TOLD THAT -- BECAUSE SENATOR STEINBERG AT THE TIME, NOW MAYOR STEINBERG, IS THE ONE THAT ORCHESTRATED, REALLY PUT THIS TOGETHER. WAS HE DOWN HERE? WAS THERE A MEETING WHERE WE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME TALK THAT WE WERE INTERPRETING IT TOO STRICTLY? IS THAT A WORD, STRICTLY? YEAH, OKAY. I JUST WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION ON THAT. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING WAS.

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I THINK I CAN ANSWER THAT. FIRST OF ALL, THANKS TO MAYOR STEINBERG WHO CAME DOWN AND SHARED INFORMATION WITH US. AT THE END OF THE DAY, COMING OUT OF THAT CONVERSATION, MR. STEINBERG DID NOT PROVIDE TO US INFORMATION THAT ALLOWED US TO SPEND MONEY ACROSS CATEGORIES BASICALLY TO GET RID OF THE FIVE BUCKETS TO ALLOW US TO COMBINE BUCKET FUNDING WITHIN THE BUCKETS AND USE THEM MORE STRATEGICALLY. HIS COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REALLY

FOCUSED AROUND RE-PRIORITIZING AND MODIFYING THE SPENDING THAT WE ARE DOING WITHIN OUR EXISTING CATEGORIES AND ELEVATING CERTAIN POPULATIONS, THE T.A.Y. POPULATION, WITHIN OUR EXISTING CATEGORIES. AND I THINK MISS WONG WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO MAKE IT TO THAT MEETING, AND A LOT OF HIS COMMENTS ASSUMED THINGS THAT WE WEREN'T ALREADY DOING, LIKE SERVING ENCAMPMENTS, USING OUR FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP DOLLARS TO SERVE ENCAMPMENTS OR OUR T.A.Y. POPULATION.

**SUP. BARGER:** SO IS THE ANSWER THEN THAT HE FELT THAT THERE IS FLEXIBILITY THAT WE ARE MISINTERPRETING?

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** NO, THAT WAS NOT HIS CONCLUSION THAT WE WERE READING THE STATUTE TOO NARROWLY AND THEREFORE MISSING THE BOAT, SO TO SPEAK, ON SPENDING, MORE FLEXIBLE SPENDING.

**SUP. BARGER:** WELL, I HOPE WE HAVE BEEN ON RECORD SUPPORTING THE FLEXIBILITY ISSUE FOR YEARS. HOPEFULLY MAYBE THIS LETTER WILL DRIVE IT, MAYBE IN COMBINATION WITH THE CARE COURT TO BRING IT OVER THE FINISH LINE BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS TO ME THERE'S MISSED OPPORTUNITIES. I KNOW WHEN WE LOOK AT THE HOMELESS ISSUE, WE LOOK AT FLEXIBILITY AND THE NEED TO BE NIMBLE AND RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL. SO I WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I WILL SAY I WAS IN THAT MEETING, AND I DO THINK THE OTHER THING THAT I PICKED UP ON FROM DARRELL STEINBERG WAS HE ENCOURAGED US TO MAKE MORE EFFORT IN THE INNOVATION FUND BUCKET AND URGED US TO GO AHEAD AND REQUEST THAT MONEY TO BE USED FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS, AND HE FELT LIKE MAYBE WE HADN'T BEEN AS AGGRESSIVE PUSHING THE ENVELOPE IN THAT BUCKET THAT WE COULD. SO I WOULD ALSO URGE US, WHILE WE ARE ASKING FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY, I DO THINK WE COULD PITCH MORE PROJECTS THAT COULD BE FUNDED BY THAT BUCKET. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS SO FRUSTRATING. IT IS NOT A NEW ISSUE, AND IT IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY. THERE ARE COUNTIES ACROSS THIS STATE THAT ARE SITTING ON MONEY BECAUSE IT IS TOO RESTRICTIVE. IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE REGULATIONS. AND IT HIT ME. ARE SAID REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE INITIATIVE OR NO?

**DR. WONG:** THEY ARE A PART OF THE LEGISLATION.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** OF THE BALLOT INITIATIVE?

**DR. WONG:** YES.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT LEGISLATION -- IF LEGISLATION CAN CHANGE IT ENOUGH TO GIVE US THE FLEXIBILITY WE SEEK, OR IF IT HAS TO BE AGAIN BY THE WILL OF THE VOTERS BECAUSE THE GENERAL RULE IS WHAT IS PASSED BY THE VOTERS CAN ONLY BE CHANGED BY THE VOTERS. SO IF THERE ARE REGULATIONS THAT WERE SET FORTH IN THE INITIATIVE THAT ARE PROBLEMATIC, WE JUST NEED TO BE CLEAR AS WE GO FORWARD. I WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT SUPERVISOR FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER NOT JUST ADDRESS THE GOVERNOR BUT THE LEGISLATURE BECAUSE THE EGGMAN BILL DIED BEFORE IT EVEN GOT TO THE GOVERNOR. BECAUSE IT'S REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN THE INITIATIVE, I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S ANYTHING HE CAN DO ABOUT IT THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER. I THINK WE NEED LEGISLATION. AND SO, THE FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER COULD BE SENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AND THE GOVERNOR. I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL GIVEN THE EGGMAN LETTER -- THE EGGMAN BILL DIDN'T SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY. SO WE NEED TO RE-EDUCATE OUR LEGISLATIVE COLLEAGUES. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT, AND IT IS FLEXIBILITY. I AM CLEAR. I AM GLAD YOU PROVIDED THAT CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT IS NOT ABOUT LIMITING PUBLIC INPUT. HOWEVER, EVEN PUBLIC INPUT IS -- HAS A STRANGLEHOLD, CASE IN POINT. OUR VERY OWN L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION AND SOUGHT TO DIRECT M.H.S.A. FUNDS TO SUPPORT BEDS IN L.A.COUNTY. AND THE HOOPS THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN TERMS OF THE TIMING AND

WHEN THE PLAN HAS TO BE APPROVED WERE ALL VERY COMPLICATED. AND I KNOW OUR OWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WERE VERY FRUSTRATED BY THE PROCESS. SO AS WE TALK ABOUT FLEXIBILITY, IT IS NOT REMOVING COMMUNITY ACCESS OR ENGAGEMENT, BUT COULD ALSO MAKE IT EASIER FOR OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO HELP PRIORITIZE HOW M.H.S.A. FUNDS ARE TO BE USED IN THE COMMUNITY. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. I HOPE WE CAN ADD THE LEGISLATURE IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE COVERED ALL OF OUR BASES. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND CHAIR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD. I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF SENDING A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER THE STATE SEEKING FLEXIBILITY ON THE USE OF OUR M.H.S.A. FUNDS, AND I THANK OUR DIRECTORS WHO ARE HERE WHO I KNOW HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THIS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THIS BOARD. THE INTENT, OBVIOUSLY, OF OUR FUNDS, WHICH WERE APPROVED BY CALIFORNIA VOTERS IN 2004, IS TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF CARE TO TREAT THE WHOLE PERSON WITH A FOCUS ON WELLNESS, RECOVERY, AND RESILIENCE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE YEARS THAT THE RESTRICTIONS TIED TO THE FUNDS HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO INVEST IN SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED. AND AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS

COMMENTS, AND I SAW BEFORE SERVING IN THIS SEAT, WE HEARD THE FRUSTRATION OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THEIR PERCEIVED -- THEIR PERCEPTIONS AROUND THE COUNTY NOT SPENDING THIS MONEY WHEN WE SEE THE CRISIS ON THE STREETS, BUT WE ARE IN A TIME OF CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS WHY THIS BOARD DECLARED A LOCAL MERGE ORDER ON HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED THE FLEXIBILITY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS MORE QUICKLY AND TO A VARIETY OF USES SO WE CAN ANSWER THE CALL. BUT OUR SYSTEM OF CARE IS NOT STATIC. AND THE POPULATION AND SERVICES NEED CHANGES OVER TIME, ESPECIALLY IN A TIME LIKE THIS ONE, A TIME OF CRISIS. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORTS THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD AND CONSISTENTLY BRING FORWARD TO REALIZE THE GOALS THAT WE WANT TO SEE ON OUR STREETS AND PROVIDING THE CARE THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES THAT IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED. AND I HOPE THAT THIS CALL TO THE STATE FOR THAT FLEXIBILITY WILL FINALLY DELIVER WHAT WE HAVE BEEN BEGGING FOR FOR A VERY LONG TIME, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPECT. THANK YOU.9

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THIS ONE? SEEING NONE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

**OPERATOR:** WILL ADRIANA BAUTISTA, JASMINE RICHARDS ABDULLAH, MAYESHA MCCOY, AND RICHARD ZALDOVAR PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I'M THE C.O.O. OF ALMA COMMUNITY SERVICES, WHICH OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH, TO INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS CRITICAL MOTION, AND ALSO COMMEND DR. WONG'S LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTING THIS TIMELY EFFORT. AS A CLINICAL DIRECTOR, I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW INCREDIBLY VALUABLE M.H.S.A. FUNDS ARE. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE EXPERIENCING AN UNPRECEDENTED MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC. WHILE SERVICING AS A CRITICAL RESOURCE, M.H.S.A.  FUNDS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY RESTRICTED BY SPENDING GUIDELINES, WHICH DELAY UTILIZATION AND MAKES IT HARDER TO SUPPORT IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AS EQUALLY AS NEEDED. THAT'S WHY WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADVOCATING FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO MEET THE CURRENT NEEDS WE SEE IN OUR STREETS, IN OUR CLINICS, IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, AND IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. AS SERVICE

PROVIDERS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TOWARDS PROMOTING CRITICAL COMMUNITY INPUT AND PARTICIPATION AND SAFEGUARDING TRANSPARENCY TO MAKE SURE THESE FUNDS CAN DELIVER A LIFE AFFIRMING BELIEF AND SUPPORT TO IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARMEN PEREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**CARMEN PEREZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARMEN PEREZ, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO ADVOCATE FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY OF M.H.S.A. FUNDS. THIS MOTION WILL HELP OUR COMMUNITIES SPEND NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES MORE QUICKLY. WE HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RIGHT NOW, AND WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP PEOPLE RECEIVE SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES HEAL.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. HELLO?

**HECTOR RAMIREZ:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, NOW WE CAN.

**HECTOR RAMIREZ:** HELLO?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

**HECTOR RAMIREZ:** OKAY, THANK YOU. HELLO, MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM [INDISCERNIBLE] APACHE AND MEXICAN. I'M A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY, AND I AM A CONSUMER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I AM ONE OF THE 250,000 PEOPLE THAT HAVE RECEIVED SERVICES, AND I AM AT WEST VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC. WE HAVE THE LARGEST COUNTY OPERATED CLINIC WITH OVER 4,185 CLIENTS, A MAJORITY WHO ARE HISPANIC OR LATINX. I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION TO ADVOCATE FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR M.H.S.A. FUNDS WITH THE STATE. RIGHT NOW, M.H.S.A. FUNDS AND PROCESSES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY D.M.H. ARE ACTUALLY NOT TRANSPARENT. THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE. THEY ARE NOT EVEN ACCURATE OR ALIGNED WITH THE SPIRIT OF WHAT THE LAW IS AND VARY OTHER STATE KIND OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GREAT FUNDING

THAT WE HAVE. WE TALK ABOUT THE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE FOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, I THINK THIS REALLY IS AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE THIS IS AN M.H.S.A. MATTER THAT OUR COMMUNITY REALLY SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RELALY PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT OR HAVE QUESTIONS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

**HECTOR RAMIREZ:** SO IT REALLY KIND OF SHOWS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**HECTOR RAMIREZ:** AND WHEN I TALK ABOUT ACCURACY --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA WILLIAMS.

**DIANA WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THIS EFFORT THAT YOU ARE PUTTING FORTH. I IT IS EXEMPLARY, AND IT'S INSIGHTFUL. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE WORD "ACCOUNTABILITY" ATTACHED TO THE WORD "FLEXIBILITY," AS WELL. I AM IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, 35 YEARS. AND EVEN NOW, WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH JUST THE HOMELESS. WE ACT LIKE THE HOMELESS ARE THE

ONLY POPULATION THAT IS AFFECTED. IT'S NOT TRUE. I AM A KAISER PERMANENTE MEMBER. I COULD NOT GET INTO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MYSELF. AND SO, I WENT TO THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY TOLD ME THEY COULDN'T SERVICE ME BECAUSE I WAS A KAISER PATIENT. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT KAISER WITH ITS $8.2 BILLION NET PROFIT, THEY ARE NOT PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SO MY CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE FULL ON PARTNERSHIPS BUT NOT WITH THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO USE OUR MONEY TO ACCELERATE THEIR PROFIT SCALE, BUT THAT WE ARE USING OUR MONEY TO HELP ALL PEOPLE NOT JUST THE HOMELESS

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AGAIN. I'M FULLY SUPPORT OF THAT, AND I HOPE WE CAN BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO REALLY PROVIDE THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND NOT WASTE A LOT THE FUNDS. THANK YOU, GOODBYE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSA SOTO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ROSA SOTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEM 9 IN SUPPORT. I AM WITH THE ROBLES CENTER AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. THIS IS A ONE STOP CENTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND THE NUMBER ONE NEED THAT MOST OF OUR PATIENTS AND MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS COME FOR IS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THIS IS AN AREA THAT HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO REFER OUR PATIENTS TO. AND IT'S BECOME EVEN MORE DIFFICULT DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE GREATER FLEXIBILITY OPPORTUNITY ALLOWS US MORE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR PARTNERS HERE IN THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT BETTER SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPER TREATMENT THAT IS NEEDED FROM PREVENTION ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO DEEPER LEVELS OF CARE. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION AND SAY AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. COMING TO YOU FROM MY CELLPHONE. I HAD TO CHANGE PHONES. THIS IS SO HEARTBREAKING BECAUSE, WHEN YOU SEE A BIG PILE OF MONEY AND AN ENORMOUS PROBLEM, AND YOU CAN'T MATCH THEM UP, IT JUST FEELS TERRIBLE. AND THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE WITH MENTAL HEALTH IN CALIFORNIA AND AMERICA, BUT I

REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE PUTTING THE LAW INTO EFFECT TO TAKE PEOPLE OUT OF BRUTAL SITUATIONS, BUT THEY FORGOT TO PUT THE MONEY IN PLACE -- INTENTIONALLY FORGOT TO PUT THE MONEY IN PLACE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS POPULATION. SO THIS IS JUST LIKE A NATIONAL FIASCO I THINK IS THE RIGHT WORD. SO I APPRECIATE WHAT THE TEAM IS DOING HERE TRYING TO LOOSEN THE RULES AND MAKE JUST AN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT. IT IS SO DISAPPOINTING THAT AT THE GREAT HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, THERE'S A GUY LYING OUT ON THE -- WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. WE HAVE TO. AND I KNOW WE ARE TRYING, SO GREAT WORK. LET'S GET TO THE GRATITUDE, QUICKLY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, LET'S GO IN-PERSON. HELLO, WELCOME.

**ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ADRIANA BAUTISTA, AND WHEN MENTAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THE COST IS ACTUAL PEOPLE'S LIVES. CHARLES TOWNS WAS MURDERED BY L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, CLARISSA PARENTIS, AND ELIZAR MORALES, ON JANUARY 22ND OF THIS YEAR. HE WAS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHOTIC EPISODE DUE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER, AND HE WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF HIS OWN COMMUNITY. WHEN HIS SONS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, DEPUTIES IGNORED THEM, HARASSED HIS FAMILY, LAUGHED IN FRONT OF THEIR FACES. AND KATHRYN BARGER, THIS IS UP TO YOU. YOU NEED TO FIRE

THESE DEPUTIES IMMEDIATELY. WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HIRE DEPUTIES, SO YOU CAN ALSO FIRE THEM. MAKE SURE SHERIFF LUNA DOES HIS JOB. THIS NEEDS TO GO TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

**ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** AND IMMEDIATE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**JASMINE ABDULLAH:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JASMINE ABDULLAH, BLACK LIVES MATTER PASADENA. WE WOULD LIKE KATHRYN BARGER AND THE REST OF THE TEAM TO ACTUALLY HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE M.E.T. TEAM, THERE'S ONLY ONE M.E.T. TEAM PER DISTRICT. AND SO, IF SOMEBODY IS HAVING A PSYCHOSIS IN ONE DISTRICT, TWO PEOPLE, THEN THEY HAVE TO CHOOSE. THEY ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE 24/7. THAT'S A PROBLEM. I ACTUALLY WENT TO THE ALTADENA SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND SPOKE WITH THE SERGEANTS, AND THEY SAID THERE'S ONLY ONE PER DISTRICT. THAT'S A PROBLEM. CHARLES TOWNS WAS MURDERED RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS COMMUNITY JANUARY 22ND, 2023. AND SO, THE COMMUNITY IS ASKING FOR THE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM AS WELL TO COME TALK TO THE COMMUNITY, RIGHT? BECAUSE WHAT THEY WERE -- WHAT WAS HAPPENING WAS THERE

WAS A SERGEANT AND -- THEY WERE MET WITH MORE POLICE. WE WERE MET WITH MORE POLICE INSTEAD OF A CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM THAT WAS ABLE TO TALK AND CALM THE FAMILY DOWN, TALK TO THE FAMILY AND LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS. SO KATHRYN BARGER, THIS IS ON YOU. IF YOU DON'T HELP US, WE WILL BE VOTING IN ANOTHER PERSON, WHICH HIS GOING TO BE --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MAYESHA MCCOY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MAYESHA MCCOY. MENTAL HEALTH NEGLECTED MY FATHER. MY FATHER SUFFERED FROM SCHIZOPHRENIC AND BIPOLAR BECAUSE HE WAS BEATEN BY SAINT FRANCIS POLICE OFFICERS AT THE AGE OF 16, WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO VISIT MY BABY SISTER WHEN SHE WAS FIRST BORN. HE ALSO SUFFERED FROM DIABETES AND HEART FAILURE. HE NEEDED DIALYSIS, BUT, DUE TO NEGLECT, HE WASN'T GIVEN THE SERVICES HE NEEDED. I WATCHED MENTAL HEALTH ABANDON HIM, NEGLECTED HIM DURING THE PANDEMIC. MY FATHER DIED ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHILE BEING ON PROBATION. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN KNOWN TO FREE MENTAL ILLNESS PRISONERS WITH NOWHERE TO GO, PLACING THEM ON HOUSE ARREST BUT LEAVING THEM ON THE STREETS TO DIE. I ASK THE BOARD TO TAKE MENTAL ILLNESS SERIOUSLY AND GIVE US THE SUPPORT WE NEED. COMPTON, WATTS,  SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., AND NORTH LONG BEACH, I ASK THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SHERIFFS DROPPING OFF HOMELESS MENTAL ILL PEOPLE IN OTHER CITIES. STOP

IT. SEND THEM TO A SHELTER NOT THE STREETS. I ALSO ASK L.A. COUNTY TO INVESTIGATE IN ALL THESE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES WHO HAS BEEN NEGLECTING MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE. IT'S A KNOWN FACT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** YEAH, RICHARD ZALDOVAR, AGAIN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WELLNESS [INDISCERNIBLE]. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT, AND I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMMITTEE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND WE HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE LOOKING AT THESE -- MANY OF THESE ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND KNOWING THAT MANY COUNTIES DON'T SPEND OUT THEIR DOLLARS BECAUSE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS. WE ARE ALSO DEALING WITH HIGH SUICIDE RATES, AND WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION, PARTICULARLY IN THE LATINO AND A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. L.G.B.T.Q. ELDERS ARE EXPERIENCING TREMENDOUS TRAUMA. AND SO, WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND AGAIN, WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT MENTAL HEALTH, WE'RE N NOT JUST LOOKING AT TREATMENT BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT PREVENTION BECAUSE PROMOTORAS MODELS AND ALL THE PREVENTION WORK THAT IS GOING ON

IN THE COMMUNITY HAS GREAT RESULTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME TODAY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

**SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT TALKED ABOUT THE SHOOTING THAT THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW IS IN FACT INVOLVED AND AS IS THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS IS PROTOCOL. AND THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW IS SEPARATE FROM THE SHERIFF, SO IT IS AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW THAT IS TAKING PLACE, AND I COULD NOT AGREE WITH YOU MORE ABOUT THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM. THAT'S WHY, WHEN FIRST ELECTED, ONE OF THE FIRST MOTIONS I BROUGHT IN WAS TO EXPAND THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM, AND I KNOW THAT MY TRIBE RISE HEAVENLY ALSO HAS SUBMITTED THE SAME REQUEST. AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT. IT IS A STAFFING ISSUE, WHICH IS NOT UNIQUE TO THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM. WE JUST HEARD OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, DR. WONG, TALK ABOUT THE INABILITY TO RECRUIT BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OUT THERE. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER, AND IT IS BEING INVESTIGATED OUTSIDE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO I JUST WANTED TO LET THAT BE FOR THE RECORD, BUT I APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN AND VOICING YOUR OPINION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE OTHER THING YOU SHOULD CLARIFY IS THAT WE CANNOT FIRE DEPUTIES. THAT IS ONLY THE SHERIFF CAN HIRE AND FIRE DEPUTIES. THE -- WELL, THE COUNTY CODE DOES NOT ALLOW -- THANK YOU, THERE WILL BE NO YELLING FROM THE AUDIENCE. WE ARE JUST CLARIFYING SOMETHING.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NO OTHER SPEAKERS. OKAY, CAN WE HAVE A QUIET IN THE AUDIENCE?

**SPEAKER:** WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, YOU ARE GOING TO BE QUIET NOW SO WE CAN CONTINUE THE MEETING. CAN WE HAVE PEACE IN THE AUDITORIUM, PLEASE? WE SAT HERE AND LISTENED TO YOU SPEAK, SO NOW WE APPRECIATE YOU LISTENING TO US WHILE WE CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 9 IS NOW BEFORE US. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL SECOND IT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ITEM 12, ESTABLISHING A FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE --

**SUP. BARGER:** CAN WE JUST TAKE A MINUTE SO THAT THEY CAN GET THIS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE WILL GO AHEAD TO ITEM 12, ESTABLISHING A FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE NOW PRESS 1 AND 0 TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START IT OFF.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE REPORT BACKS AND THEIR LEADERSHIP IN ENSURING A SHARE CHANCE FOR EVERY ANGELENO. FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS, THE PROMISE OF A FAIR CHANCE IS A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE A BETTER LIFE. WHILE MANY EMPLOYERS KEEP THAT PROMISE, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN MAKING IT REAL FOR EVERY JOB SEEKER. RESEARCH HAS PROVEN THAT BIASES THAT OFTEN DENY SYSTEM IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS CRITICAL OPPORTUNITIES, FINDING THAT THEY PERFORM AS WELL AS OR BETTER THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS. DESPITE THIS, MORE THAN A QUARTER OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS ARE UNEMPLOYED, ON AVERAGE, IN CONTRAST TO THE HISTORICALLY LOW RATES FOR THE GENERAL

POPULATION. AS A RESULT, THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS, LIVE IN POVERTY, AND DEAL WITH HEALTH ISSUES FURTHER EXASPERATING RACIAL INEQUITIES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO ACCOUNT FOR A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE POPULATION THAT IS INCARCERATED OR ON PROBATION OR INVOLVED IN SOME OTHER CARCERAL SYSTEM. WHILE THE PASSAGE OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT STARTED TO MOVE CALIFORNIA IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, JOB SEEKERS AND REENTRY PARTNERS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED SHORTCOMINGS IN ITS ACTUAL ENFORCEMENT. JOB CANDIDATES CAN WAIT WEEKS, EVEN MONTHS, FOR A FINAL HIRING DECISION AFTER A BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, OFTEN FORCING THEM TO SEEK LOWER PAYING OPPORTUNITIES. WHEN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CONVICTIONS IS NOT PROVIDED IN WRITING, CANDIDATES ARE CHALLENGED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WHEN AN OFFER IS REVOKED. THE COUNTY SHOULD ADD TEETH AND GUIDANCE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT TO ENSURE THAT ITS INTENT IS FOLLOWED MORE CONSISTENTLY. SO, THIS MOTION ASKS STAFF TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED JOB SEEKERS AND TO CREATE TOOLS FOR STRONGER ENFORCEMENT. AS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN THE REGION, THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND TO ENSURE THAT OUR HIRING PRACTICES ARE EQUITABLE AND TRANSPARENT. THE MOTION CALLS FOR A STRONGER COUNTY FAIR CHANCE POLICY AS WELL AS COMPLIANCE, AUDITS, AND REQUIREMENTS

FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION TO STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR WITH YOU ON THIS MOTION. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, I HAVE BEEN A LONGTIME PROPONENT OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, LONG BEFORE I EVEN CAME TO THIS BOARD. AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, WE WORKED WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA ON CREATING THE FIRST OF ITS KIND PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH AND FORMALLY JUSTICE INVOLVED. AND I WORKED ALONGSIDE WITH THEN OUR A.G. HOLDER, WHO ALSO, ERIC HOLDER, WHO WAS VERY MUCH A PART OF THIS EFFORT WITH US ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. BUT SO MUCH HAS CHANGED HERE IN THE COUNTY. DURING THE GREAT RECESSION, MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS THAT COULD HAVE IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE TARGETING HIGH POVERTY AND HIGH CRIME AREAS TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN DEMAND INDUSTRIES AND OPERATIONS DIDN'T ALWAYS COME TO FRUITION. NOW, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE HAPPEN. I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, FOUR YEARS, CARRYING DIFFERENT MOTIONS, STARTING AS FAR BACK AS 2017 TO ESTABLISH THE FAIR CHANCE TASKFORCE AND ALSO DEVELOPING AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO HELP EDUCATE OUR

EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS ABOUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAIR CHANCE ACT. AND THEN IN 2009, I CARRIED A MOTION TO INCREASE HIRING OF JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS FOR OUR COUNTY. SO I THINK ALL OF US HAVE BEEN MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION, BUT NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO MORE. I KNOW THAT THIS MOTION WILL HELP US BASED ON THE RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS MUCH OF THIS MOTION AND WITH WHERE WE NEED TO GO. SO I, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY, ARE VERY MUCH SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS ABOUT CARE FIRST. AND IT REALLY DOES HELP US WITH PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM. WE HEARD EARLIER TODAY FROM SOME OF OUR FOLKS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT, WHO HAVE BEEN DOING AND DEMONSTRATING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WITH PEOPLE THAT COME RIGHT OUT OF PRISON. AND I WAS HAPPY TO BE A PARTNER WITH THEM AND L.A. TRADE TECH ON HELPING TO GET THAT GOING, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE. WE NEED GET BUSINESSES MORE ENGAGED. SO HOPEFULLY THIS WILL CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING DOWN THOSE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT AND PROVIDE DIGNITY AND RESPECT TO ALL. SO VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF THIS, AND THANK YOU AGAIN. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** IN THE INTEREST OF TIME. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I KNOW I HAVE WORKED WITH FLINTRIDGE IN MY DISTRICT AND HAVE SEEN THE FACT THAT EMPLOYMENT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO SUCCESSFUL REENTRY FOR INDIVIDUALS. WE TELL THEM TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE AND GET A JOB, AND THEN WE PUT UP BARRIERS. SO IT IS TIME FOR US TO ADDRESS THAT ACROSS THE BOARD. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER WE PUT TOGETHER IS SUCCESSFUL. SO I HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND I KNOW WE'VE SHARED IT, TO CONSULT WITH STAKEHOLDERS SUCH A SMALL BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, NON-PROFITS, LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, BIZ FED, AND L.A. E.D.C. TO PROVIDE INPUT ON ANY DRAFT ORDINANCE PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD. AND THE THE SECOND IS TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD EVERY TWO YEARS BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE TO REALLY SEE THE FRUITS OF THE SUCCESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ORDINANCE ON THE IMPACT OF THIS POLICY, INCLUDING AN IMPACT ON RECIDIVISM, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEMS IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS. THAT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, IT ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE THE BODY OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, BUT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS AND BELIEVE IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** ACCEPTED.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD THAT HONORS EVERY PERSON'S FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. AS THEY WROTE IN TODAY'S MOTION, THE RATE OF EMPLOYERS CONDUCTING BACKGROUND CHECKS HAS RISEN, WHICH HAS IMPACTED RATES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR SYSTEM IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS AND IMPLICITLY NORMALIZES THE ASSUMPTION THAT, DESPITE KNOWN RACIAL BIASES IN POLICING AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM, THOSE CONVICTED OF A CRIME ARE TO BE VIEWED WITH SUSPICION EVEN AFTER RETURNING FROM INCARCERATION. FOR FAR TOO LONG, SOCIETY HAS SET UP A DOUBLE STANDARD FOR PEOPLE RETURNING HOME FROM INCARCERATION. ON ONE HAND, A PERSON RETURNING HOME IS EXPECTED TO BE A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. ON THE OTHER HAND, PEOPLE ARE SET UP TO FAIL, WHETHER IT IS FINDING A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, GETTING A JOB, OR EVEN THE SIMPLE ACT OF RECONNECTING WITH FAMILY, THE BARRIERS PEOPLE FACE ARE OFTEN INSURMOUNTABLE. WE MUST PUSH BACK ON THE SYSTEMS THAT FUEL THIS DOUBLE STANDARD, AND TODAY'S MOTION IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THAT DIRECTION. NOW THAT WE HAVE DONE OUR DUE DILIGENCE AND WORKED ON GATHERING STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK, I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THIS MOTION CALLS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS FOR VERY THOUGHTFUL DIRECTIVE THAT ASKS COUNTY LEADERS ON THIS

ISSUE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX ABOUT PROVISIONS THAT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY ORDINANCE. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD BY ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE THAT HONORS THE SECOND CHANCE WE PROMISE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE RETURNING HOME FROM INCARCERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE DRAFT ORDINANCE. I AM EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY, AND I AM GRATEFUL IT IS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU --

**SUP. BARGER:** NOPE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE FORMALLY INCARCERATED AND DESERVE TO HAVE ACCESS TO JOBS AND FOR OUR EMPLOYERS AND BUSINESSES WHO HAVE BEEN REALLY STRUGGLING TO HIRE AS WE COME OUT OF THE PANDEMIC. I HEAR THAT ALL TIME. THEY'RE LIKE WHERE ARE THE WORKERS. WHY CAN'T WE HIRE PEOPLE? SO ESTABLISHING THIS FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE WILL HELP MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE THAT HAVE A PAST ARREST OR CONVICTION ARE NOT UNFAIRLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WHEN LOOKING FOR WORK. IT CAN BE REALLY DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE WHO IS FORMALLY INCARCERATED OR WHO HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD EVEN FROM MANY YEARS AGO TO FIND WORK. AND THAT CAN MAKE THEIR REENTRY JOURNEY SO MUCH HARDER. THE STATE PASSED THE FAIR CHANCE ACT IN 2018 TO TRY AND LOWER

THIS OBSTACLE, BUT IT IS TIME FOR US HERE IN L.A. COUNTY TO CODIFY THE STATE LAW INTO AN ORDINANCE SO WE CAN ENFORCE IT AND GO EVEN A SMALL STEP FURTHER BY CLOSING ANY LOOPHOLES. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ORDINANCE. WE CANNOT EXEMPT OURSELVES. AND I'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE SOME CONFLICT OF INTEREST CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP BUT OUR COUNTY LAWYERS NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN MAKE THAT WORK. L.A. COUNTY IS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR COUNTY  DEPARTMENTAL JOBS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE. AND THIS ORDINANCE WILL HOPEFULLY GET US THERE. SO I JUST WANTED TO TELL OUR COUNTY COUNSEL THAT I THINK WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAKE IT WORK FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL. BUT OVERALL, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP AS WE TRY TO BE SO MUCH MORE INCLUSIVE AND LESS DISCRIMINATORY IN HOW WE ALLOW PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR GOOD PAYING JOBS. THANK YOU. SO EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO BE HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM HERE IN THE BOARDROOM. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JOSE USUNA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JOSE USUNA:** HELLO, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOSE USUNA, AND TODAY I AM REPRESENTING BRILLIANT CORNERS. WE'RE A STATEWIDE HOUSING ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP. AND I AM THE FOURTH DISTRICT APPOINTEE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY FULL SUPPORT FOR ITEM 12. I THINK IT IS A GREAT STEP FOR L.A. COUNTY. I THINK THAT I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS NEED TO BE ALIGNED WITH THIS ITEM WHEN IT IS IMPLEMENTED, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS IS THE CREATION OF A STRONGER FAIR CHANCE POLICY BY INCLUDING REGULAR PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS. BY CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE AUDITS, WE CAN ENSURE THAT FEWER INSTANCES OF BUSINESSES VIOLATING FAIR CHANCE PROTECTIONS, AND WE CAN ENSURE GREATER SAFEGUARDS FOR SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY, THOSE OF US THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED INCARCERATION. I URGE IS THIS VOTE TO UNANIMOUSLY PASS THIS ITEM TODAY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I SUPPORT THIS AS WELL. IT IS A QUESTION ABOUT CERTAINLY THE COUNTY HAS TO OPT IN. IF THE COUNTY COUNSEL COMES ONE A SNEAKY, WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T BECAUSE OF SOME OVERRULE OR LAW, OF COURSE, THE PROVERBIAL EYEBROW WILL POP OFF THE FACE. THIS HAS TO BE FOR GOOD COUNTY JOBS TOO. IT IS LONG OVERDUE. AGAIN, IT FEELS ALMOST LIKE WE ARE IN A TIME WARP BECAUSE THESE THINGS SHOULD BE LEGITIMATELY EASY FOR PEOPLE, AND EASIER, AND IT GOES BACK TO THE BEGINNING, IT'S THE WONDERFUL NEW FIRE CHIEF, WHO IS NOW SORT OF MIRED IN CONTROVERSY BECAUSE THERE WAS A WHOLE GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO APPLY. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND. HOW ABOUT JUST A SINGLE CHANCE WOULD BE GOOD. THEY DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SECOND CHANCE. ALL CHANCES SHOULD BE EASIER AND MADE MORE EFFICIENT. AND THE ONLY THING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT ANY OF THIS STUFF IS ALL THE CONSULTANTS WHO ARE HAPPILY CIRCLING AROUND TELLING THE COUNTY WHAT TO DO. THE COUNTY KNOWS WHAT TO DO. SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT. THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT WORK, AMAZING.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**SOFIA QUINONES:** YES, I'M IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. AND I ECHO MRS. HAHN'S COMMENTS REGARDING COUNTY AGENCIES WEIGHING IN DUE TO THE PRIVATIZATION OF WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH REENTRY. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT OUR COUNTY WORKERS. THAT'S WE FOUGHT FOR BAN THE BOX. WE NEED OUR EMPLOYEES TO HAVE PENSIONS AND TO HAVE A UNION, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. SO I AM IN SUPPORT OF IT AND ALSO THE TRANSPARENCY AND ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO WEIGH IN ON LETTERS BEFORE THE COUNTY SENDS SOMETHING OFF. I THINK THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT NOT ONLY IN THIS AREA, BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, FULLY SUPPORT THIS ITEM HERE, BUT THERE'S ALSO A WORK AROUND ON IT WHERE THE EMPLOYER SAYS WHEN YOU'RE APPLYING, "WHAT IS YOUR WORK HISTORY?" AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU WELL, I'VE BEEN IN PRISON FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, ONE OF THOSE SITUATIONS LIKE THAT. AND ALSO I MUST COMMEND YOU, THE BOARD, ON FINALLY TAKING DOWN THAT HIDEOUS ON SCREEN CLOCK TIMER SITUATION. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SEEING NO ORE SPEAKERS, ITEM 12 IS NOW BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**SUP. BARGER:** AS AMENDED.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 12 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME JUST TAKE A BRIEF MOMENT. [NO AUDIO]

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 13 IMPROVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD GOVERNANCE TO STRENGTHEN EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST, LET ME READ IN AN AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVES 1 AND 4 TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO IDENTIFY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY CONSULTANT. AND THE DIRECTIVE READS AS FOLLOWS: DIRECT EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONDUCT AN EXPEDITED REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST COMPETITIVE

SOLICITATION AND REPORT TO THE BOARD IN WRITING WITHIN 180 DAYS, WE ARE STRIKING THE 90 DAYS, 180 DAYS WITH A RECOMMENDED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY ENTITY TO WORK WITH THE E.O. THE REST OF THE LANGUAGE REMAINS THE SAME. THE SAME CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE TO DIRECTIVE 4, AGAIN, TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR COUNTY COUNSEL IN CONSULTATION WITH A.R.D.I. TO REPORT BACK WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM. AND THAT DIRECTIVE READS: DIRECT THE INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE C.E.O.'S ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 180 DAYS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS TO ADVANCE A MORE EQUITABLE PROCESS, AND THAT LANGUAGE CONTINUES. SO NOW THAT WE HAVE THAT CLEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO KIND OF LEVEL SET, IF YOU WILL, TO TALK ABOUT HOW THIS MOTION CAME TO BE BEFORE US TODAY. WE TOOK OUR FIRST BITE OF THE APPLE ON JANUARY 24TH WITH A MOTION THAT WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. AND THEN WE READ IN TODAY'S GOVERNANCE MOTION ON FEBRUARY 7TH, SO REALLY MY COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAD THE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO MEANINGFULLY REVIEW IT BEFORE WE VOTE ON IT TODAY. PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 24TH MOTION, WE HAD SPENT MONTHS IN CONSULTATION WITH C.S.A.C., N.A.C.O. AND LOOKING AT MODELS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO REALLY VERIFY THERE WERE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH COUNTY GOVERNANCE HAPPENS. AGAIN, BETWEEN THAT AND THE FEBRUARY 7TH READ IN, WE SPENT MORE TIME IN CONSULTATION. SINCE READING IN THE MOTION, MY STAFF AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH

VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SHARED CONCERNS WITH THE COUNTY'S CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL. ORGANIZATIONS HAVE COMMENTED ON THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AROUND THE COUNTY'S BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND CONFUSION AROUND THE ROLE THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS COULD PLAY IN SHAPING THE COUNTY'S $44 BILLION BUDGET. OTHERS HAVE SHARED THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO THOUGHTFULLY WEIGH IN ON A MOTION WHEN, FRANKLY, SOME MOTIONS CAN BE PUBLISHED ON AS LATE AS FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH ONLY THE WEEKEND AND MONDAY TO REVIEW THEM. THESE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED AREN'T NEW, AND WE HAVE HEARD CALLS FOR MEANINGFUL REFORM FROM ADVOCATES ACROSS THE STATE. SO OUR GOAL, WITH THE MOTION TODAY, IS THAT THIS BOARDED PROACTIVELY TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR CONSTITUENTS' FAITH IN THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE MODEL SO THAT IT BETTER REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND INCLUSIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE WAY WE MAKE POLICY DECISIONS AND ALLOCATE RESOURCES. IF PEOPLE BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THEIR LOCAL DEMOCRACY, I HOPE THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO VOTE TO EXPAND THE BUDGET AS WE DISCUSSED EARLIER. THE CORE OF THIS MOTION IS A REQUEST FOR A REPORT, A REPORT BACK, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL PROCESS TO REVIEW L.A. COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE MODEL TO STUDY EQUITABLE BEST PRACTICES AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN OUR POLICY AND

BUDGET PROCESSES AND INCREASE EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. THE STUDY COULD CONSIDER WAYS WE PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC ADVANCED REVIEW OF PROPOSED MOTIONS AND BOARD LETTERS, WAYS TO MAKE THE CURRENT POLICY CLUSTER SYSTEM MORE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC INPUT, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AT MULTIPLE POINTS IN THE ANNUAL PROCESS. THE STUDY WOULD ALSO INVOLVE EXPLORING POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING BOARD EXPANSION LIKE WE HEARD ABOUT EARLIER. ALL OF THESE POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE STUDIED WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING A MORE TRANSPARENT, INCLUSIVE GOVERNMENT AND ULTIMATELY ADVANCING MORE EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. I THINK THE COUNTY HAS DONE HARD WORK IN THE PAST TO IMPROVE OUR MODEL, AND I THINK WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR GROWTH. AFTER THE READ IN ON THE 7TH, WE BEGAN TO HEAR INQUIRIES FROM A BROAD GROUP OF PEOPLE. SOME SAY, WELL, CAN'T YOU DO THIS YOURSELF BY CHANGING YOUR OWN RULES. TRUE. THE POINT OF THE REPORT BACK IS TO MAKE -- GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY SO LOOK AT BEST PRACTICES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO INFORM OUR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. SOME HAVE QUESTIONS THE QUESTION WHY NOW OR WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU ARE SOLVING FOR. IF WE LOOK BACK OVER TIME, AND THERE ARE REFORM TRENDS, THEY ARE OFTEN INITIATED FROM ANOTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, EITHER VIA REFERENDUM OR LEGISLATIVE ACTION FROM EITHER THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CASE IN POINT, THE BROWN ACT, CAMPAIGN

FINANCE REFORM, TERM LIMITS, THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, WE TALKED ABOUT THE REDISTRICTING MISSION AT LENGTH EARLIER. THAT CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF A STATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION BACK IN 2016 THAT THE SEATED BOARD AT THAT TIME OPPOSED OFFICIALLY, AND WHEN IT, PASSED L.A. COUNTY SUED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. L.A. COUNTY LOST. SO THE POINT IS I SAY WHY SHOULDN'T WE BE PROACTIVE IN IDENTIFYING GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS SO THEY CAN FEEL HEARD AND ENGAGED. THAT WE CAN WORK TOWARD A GOAL OF INCREASING CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY CREATING A CLEAR, CONSISTENT, TRANSPARENT PROCESS THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS FEEL IS ACCESSIBLE. YOU KNOW, IN OUR M.H.S.A.  DISCUSSION JUST A COUPLE OF MOTIONS AGO, IT WAS STATED THAT OF COURSE WE WANT TO LISTEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN INFORMING POLICIES THAT WE BRING FORWARD. I THINK THAT APPLIES NOT ONLY TO THE ALLOCATION OF M.H.S.A. FUNDS, BUT IT SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE DEVELOP POLICIES AND VOTE ON A BUDGET THAT GOVERNS A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE AND STRUCTURE. I DON'T BELIEVE WE WILL EVER ACHIEVE OUR GOAL OF AN EQUITABLE L.A. COUNTY WHEN OUR OWN STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES DON'T EXPLICITLY BUILD IN CLEAR, TRANSPARENT WAYS FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS TO HAVE MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. AGAIN, THIS IS A REPORT BACK TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REVIEW OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US. IT CASTS A BROAD NET TO TALK ABOUT, YES, EXPANDING THE SIZE OF THE BOARD, BUT ALSO THE WAY

IN WHICH THE BOARD CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS. FOR THOSE REASONS, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR HEARING AND DISCUSSING THIS ITEM, WHICH IS ABOUT BEING THE BEST COUNTY GOVERNMENT POSSIBLE. WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR 10 MILLION PEOPLE AND TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE $44 BILLION THAT OUR PUBLIC FUNDS. WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY COMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEANINGFULLY LIFT UP ALL VOICES THROUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF A MORE TRANSPARENT LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, ELECTING A BOARD THAT IS LARGER TO MORE EQUITABLY REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITIES, ALLOWING FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGNS OR MATCHING FUNDS, AND OFFERING REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY ENDS. I JOIN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IN ASKING THAT WE BE A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO EVOLVING AND INSTITUTING BEST PRACTICES THAT GIVES THE PUBLIC MORE OF A SEAT AT THE TABLE. THERE ARE NO FINAL ACTIONS TAKEN AS A PART OF THIS ITEM TODAY, BUT THIS IS A FIRST OF -- FIRST AND VERY IMPORTANT STEP. INSTEAD, WE ARE ASKING AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY, AS WELL AS COUNTY STAFF, EXAMINE THESE ITEMS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON BEST PRACTICES AND THEIR FEASIBILITY. SPECIFICALLY, THERE ARE FOUR DIFFERENT REQUESTS. THE FIRST TWO ACTIONS INVOLVE THE SAME

REQUEST, WHICH IS THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY STUDY, WHICH WOULD LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: EXPLORING A PROCESS FOR ADVANCED REVIEW OF PROPOSED MOTIONS AND BOARD LETTERS IN ORDER INCREASE ANALYSIS AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND INPUT BEFORE THEY ARE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD, REVIEW OF THE CURRENT POLICY CLUSTER SYSTEM AND BUDGETING PROCESSES, DEVELOPMENT OF A PROCEDURE FOR ROUTINE REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE AND COUNTY CHARTER, AND REVIEW OF POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING ITS EXPANSION. THE THIRD REQUEST INVOLVES ENHANCING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY EXAMINING LEGISLATIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERMANENT AS WELL AS VIRTUAL ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE FOURTH REQUEST ASKS COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON VARIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS, INCLUDING ADJUSTING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, CREATING A9 MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM AT THE COUNTY, ESTABLISHING FULLY PUBLICLY FINANCED ELECTIONS, AND CREATING A PROCESS FOR ROUTINE REVIEW OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ETHICS AFTER EACH ELECTION. THESE ITEMS ARE ALL DESIGNED TO LOOK AT THE WAY WE DO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY, AND IF THERE ARE MORE EFFICIENT, TRANSPARENT, AND RESPONSIVE WAYS OF DOING SO, THAT WE CONSIDER THEM. KEY AMONGST THESE ITEMS IS EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, AS WE HEARD FROM TESTIMONY ALREADY TODAY, BECAUSE OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE REPRESENTATION THAT IS GREATER

THAN ONE PERSON PER 2 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS. IN FACT, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS LARGER IN ITS EARLIER STAGES, AT ONE POINT HAVING SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES, AND, AT ANOTHER POINT, ONE DISTRICT WAS ALSO REPRESENTED BY MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE. SO THERE ARE -- THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES IN OUR COUNTY'S HISTORY WHERE THIS BOARD WAS CONSTITUTED A BIT DIFFERENTLY, AND I THINK WE CAN CONSIDER WHAT MAKES SENSE TODAY. OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE MEANINGFUL REPRESENTATION, WHICH IS WHY I SUPPORT THIS ITEM TO EVALUATE GOVERNANCE REFORMS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING EXPANDING THE NUMBER HAVE SUPERVISORS ON THE BOARD. WE MAY HAVE -- WE FACE MANY SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN THE COUNTY. RE-EXAMINING THE WAY WE DO OUR WORK WILL BE BENEFICIAL AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN TACKLING THOSE CHALLENGES. PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE GOALS OF THIS MOTION AND PAST MOTION 7 IS CLEAR. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THE WORK THAT IS OURS AND PROVIDE ANALYSIS FOR THE PART THAT IS PUBLIC'S IN MAKING CHANGE POSSIBLE. I THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR, AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR CONSIDERING THIS ITEM, AND I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS? NO? OKAY, I'LL SAY A FEW THINGS. I WANTED TO SAY I APPRECIATE THIS VERSION 2.0 OF COUNTY GOVERNANCE. IT IS A TAD DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE THAT WAS BEFORE US THREE WEEKS AGO, WHICH I COULDN'T SUPPORT MAINLY BECAUSE IT INCLUDED THINGS

LIKE PROPOSING A CHIEF [INDISCERNIBLE] OFFICE, WHICH I DIDN'T REALLY AGREE WITH. I THOUGHT IT WOULD SLOW DOWN OUR WORK HERE ON THE COUNTY BOARD AND HINDER OUR ABILITY TO GET THING DONE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE THINGS, I THINK, IN A COUNTY LIKE THIS, PARTICULARLY WITH VARIOUS CRISES AND EMERGENCIES THAT FACE US, WE NEED THAT AGILITY. AND IT ALSO INCLUDED A PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS TO OUR CAMPAIGNS, AND, AGAIN, FOR ME, AT A TIME WHEN WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC IS THEY WANT IT SEE LESS MONEY AND GET SOME OF THE MONEY OUT OF POLITICS, THAT SEEMED A LITTLE BIT LIKE  GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, AND I COULDN'T SUPPORT THAT EITHER. BUT THE MOTION IN FRONT OF US TODAY IS A LITTLE BIT LESS PRESCRIPTIVE, AND I HOPE THAT IT BROADENS THE KIND OF PROPOSALS AND IDEAS THAT WE MIGHT GET BACK FROM THIS REPORT. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE NEED TO TRY TO GET OUR CITIZENS MORE ENGAGED IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. WHEN I WAS -- I STARTED MY ELECTED CAREER AS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE CITY CHARTER COMMISSION IN 1997, AND THAT WAS A WHOLE COMMITTEE THAT WE FORMED WAS  CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT, AND THAT'S WHERE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS CAME TO BE. AND I WAS CONSIDERED THE CHAMPION OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS BECAUSE IT GAVE THE CITIZENS A HEADS UP ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WOULD BE TAKING UP AND GAVE THEM TIME TO WEIGH IN. IF IT WAS WORKING PERFECTLY, THEY WOULD EACH -- I BELIEVE THERE IS 99 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. THERE MIGHT BE MORE AT LAST COUNT. IT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO GIVE THEIR COMMUNITY IMPACT

STATEMENT, LIKE REALLY WEIGH IN ON WHAT THE MOTIONS THE FOLKS AT CITY HALL DO, HOW THAT IMPACTS THE NEIGHBORHOOD, HOW THAT REALLY IMPACTS A COMMUNITY. AND IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE WRITTEN ON THE AGENDA. WE WOULD HAVE IT IN WRITING WHAT A PARTICULAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WANTED US TO KNOW, HOW THEY WANTED US TO VOTE. THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO SHOW UP A MEETING OR CALL IN. IT WAS ACTUALLY ON THE WRITTEN AGENDA. SO, IT WILL BE INTERESTING. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE DIRECTION WE ARE GOING TO WANT TO GO  IS CREATE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN THE COUNTY, BUT CERTAINLY I THINK WE CAN LEARN FROM THAT KIND OF DIRECT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT, AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THIS REPORT BACK WILL LOOK AT AND TALK ABOUT. I'M HOPING THAT THE REPORT BACK WILL FOCUS A LITTLE BIT ON OUR CITIZEN COMMISSIONS BECAUSE WE DO HAVE HUNDREDS OF -- I HATE TO USE THE WORD "AVERAGE PEOPLE" BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL ABOVE AVERAGE IN MY OPINION IF THEY AGREED TO VOLUNTEER ON ONE OF THESE COMMISSIONS, BUT WE HAVE CITIZENS WHO ARE KIND OF THE BUFFER BETWEEN US AND MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS. THEY MEET REGULARLY. THEY GIVE US IDEAS. AND I THINK THEY'RE UNDERUTILIZED TO SOME EXTENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAYBE THIS REPORT LOOK BACK AT HOW WE STRENGTHEN OUR CITIZEN COMMISSIONS, GIVE THEM A MORE DIRECT ROLE IN POLICY AND DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE. I WILL SAY I'M A LITTLE SKEPTICAL OF PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS. I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THIS REPORT WILL LOOK AT, OR THIS CONSULTANT ULTIMATELY WILL LOOK AT. I THINK THE SUPREME COURT

DECISION ON CITIZENS UNITED HAS ALL BEEN GUARANTEED THERE WILL BE A TOXIC AMOUNT OF MONEY IN POLITICS. AND PUBLIC FINANCING, WHILE I CAN SEE THERE IS SOME VALUE TO THAT, THAT REALLY -- I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE ALWAYS REALIZE, THAT'S TAXPAYER DOLLARS. THAT WOULD COME OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND, AND WE WOULD BE HANDING OVER THOSE DOLLARS TO PAY FOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGNS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST AND WHAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO CUT BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE ALL ABOUT BUILDING MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND MAKING SOME CHANGES IN WHETHER IT'S OUR JAILS OR OUR JUVENILE HALLS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT'S TAXPAYER DOLLARS THAT ARE GIVEN TO PEOPLE TO PAY FOR THEIR CAMPAIGNS BASICALLY. AND THEN ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS GOING TO ASK THE AUTHORS IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER BROADENING THE CRITERIA FOR WHO CAN REPLY TO THIS R.F.S.I. IT'S PRETTY PRESCRIPTIVE THAT IT HAS TO BE ACADEMIA AND THEN GOVERNMENT AND EQUITY. I LOVE THOSE IN ACADEMIA, BUT SOMETIMES THERE MIGHT BE SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE THAT BACKGROUND BUT MIGHT REPLY TO THIS AND THEN MAYBE WE WOULD GET A BROADER GROUP OF FOLKS WHO MAYBE WANT TO LOOK AT OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND THEN MAYBE WE COULD THEN LOOK AND SEE WHICH ONE WE THOUGHT FIT BETTER. SO THAT'S JUST AN IDEA TO EXPAND THAT CRITERIA A LITTLE BIT.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** SURE. I THINK THE REASON YOU SEE ACADEMIA IS BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNANCE INSTITUTES THAT ARE ACROSS THE

COUNTRY WHO STUDY GOVERNANCE. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BUT FOR US TO LOOK AT MODELS FROM WHICH TO SELECT FROM, BUT I DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE OF EXPANDING IT, BUT I WANTED TO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS WERE THERE BECAUSE THERE ARE AMAZING INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS TO STUDY THE ART OF GOVERNANCE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AGREE. I JUST DON'T THINK THE CONSULTANT -- - WHICH THE CONSULTANT COULD CERTAINLY, THAT COULD BE SOMETHING WE STILL SAY PART OF IS WE REALLY WANT YOU TO LOOK AT IT, BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT PERSON HAS TO HAVE THAT BACKGROUND.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT'S FINE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THE OTHER THING, IS THERE A WAY THAT WE COULD, BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING IN HERE ABOUT COST OF THE CONSULTANT, IT WAS PRETTY MUCH HIRE THE CONSULTANT AND THEN ASKING FESIA TO JUST INCLUDE THAT NUMBER IN OUR BUDGET. THERE'S NO "NOT TO  EXCEED" OR EVEN A RANGE. SO I WAS WONDERING IF THE R.F.S.I., REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST, MAYBE THAT WE COULD LOOK AT THAT BEFORE IT WAS ISSUED AND THERE COULD BE -- BECAUSE I'M SURE IF YOU'RE GOING TO ISSUE ONE, YOU'LL HAVE TO SOME RANGE OF A SALARY. CAN WE LOOK AT

THAT AT LEAST BEFORE WE JUST INSTRUCT HER TO INCLUDE IT IN THE BUDGET?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** I'M OPEN TO THAT, AND I THINK WE MODEL IT OFF OF -- I'VE SEEN IN THE TWO YEARS HERE, I'VE BEEN HERE A REAL MIXED BAG. WE HAVE HIRED CONSULTANTS AND HAVE HAD MOTIONS WHERE THERE WAS NO DOLLAR AMOUNT. SO, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN THAT WHERE NO DOLLAR AMOUNT BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY LOOKED. SO I WOULD LOOK TO THE C.E.O.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, THIS ONE IS UNIQUE, AND IT'S SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER EMBARKED ON. IT SEEMS PRETTY EXPANSIVE. SO I WOULD BE INTERESTED AT LEAST SEEING THAT RANGE OF SALARY. AND ALSO, I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW THE R.F.S.I. IS WRITTEN BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU ONLY GET BACK WHAT YOU ASK FOR. AND I THINK WE ALL WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ASKING FOR THE RIGHT PERSON.

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I THINK ONE WAY TO ADDRESS BOTH CONCERNS IS TO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE COME BACK WITH THE REPORT BACK AFTER THEY'VE RECEIVED ALL THE REQUESTS FOR THE R.F.S.I.S, ANY POTENTIAL COST ESTIMATES THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THE R.F.S.I., AND THEY COULD BRIEF YOUR BOARD, NOT NECESSARILY FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION, BUT TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE THEY'RE LANDING. IT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT OF A TEMPERATURE CHECK.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOULD THERE ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT, AS I SAID, YOU ONLY GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR, AND WE HAVE NEVER REALLY WRITTEN THIS -- ASKED FOR THIS KIND OF CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT THE ENTIRE GOVERNANCE OF THE COUNTY. SO, THERE IS A WAY TO LOOK AT THE R.F.S.I. BEFORE IT GOES OUT?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AND LET ME CLARIFY. IT'S NOT THE ENTIRE GOVERNANCE OF THE COUNTY. IT'S  THE GOVERNANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE THE COUNTY.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** [LAUGHS].

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE.

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I THINK, I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR CELIA, BUT I THINK HER TEAM CAN WORK WITH YOUR OFFICES AND YOUR BOARD DEPUTIES BEFORE THE R.F.S.I. IS FINALIZED.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AND THAT'S THE PLAN. WE WON'T ISSUE THE REPORT BACK, AND THEN WE'LL GIVE A TEMPERATURE CHECK LIKE FESIA SAID.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I WOULD JUST SAY THAT BECAUSE IT IS A UNIQUE APPROACH AND STRATEGY, THAT IS ALSO WHY WE DIDN'T PUT IN THE DOLLAR FIGURE IN THERE BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE, AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TAKEN THIS KIND OF A LOOK.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE REQUEST. PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO BE INTERESTED UNLESS THEY KNOW WHAT THE SALARY WOULD BE.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** I THINK THAT WE HAVE -- SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE, WE HAVE PUT FORWARD REQUESTS FOR --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, WE HAVE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A RANGE ON THIS ONE, PERSONALLY, BEFORE WE -- BECAUSE THIS ONE IS HIRE, PUTTING IN THE BUDGET, AND DONE BEFORE WE -- AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BEING TRANSPARENT ON THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT'S FINE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MOTION. I THINK OVERALL, THERE ARE

GOOD THINGS THAT I CAN SUPPORT, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS THAT I AM RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT. I AM OPEN TO OBVIOUSLY SEEING THAT WE HAVE MORE ACCESS TO THE BROWN ACT TO OUR CLUSTER MEETINGS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS. THAT'S A NO-BRAINER I THINK FOR A LOT OF US. I'M ALSO THINKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, MADAM CHAIR, REGARDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. FOR US, IT'S OUR COMMISSIONERS, AND THEY ARE APPOINTED BY US, AND THEY COME FROM OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO AGREE THAT, SINCE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTITUTED, THAT THEY COULD BE CONSIDERED OUR PUBLIC VOICES, NOT MINE IN PARTICULAR, BUT TO BE ABLE TO HEAR THINGS VETTED WHEN DEPARTMENTS COME TO SPEAK TO THEM BECAUSE I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT THERE'S -- THAT IT'S CLOISTERED AND THAT PEOPLE CAN'T HAVE ACCESS TO THAT. I DISAGREE. I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF COMMISSIONERS WHO CALL IN TO OUR MEETING HERE. THEY GO TO OUR MEETINGS. THEY  VOLUNTEER. MANY OF THEM DON'T GET PAID, AND THEY HAVE OTHER JOBS. I WOULD RATHER SEE A STRUCTURE TO ALLOW FOR A LOOK AT THAT AS OPPOSED TO TAKING AWAY OUR ABILITY TO HAVE SAY MOTIONS AND THINGS THAT EITHER OUR OFFICER COMES UP FROM THE COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE WE HAVE COMMISSIONERS WHO COME UP WITH IDEAS. SO THERE IS DIFFERENT SYSTEMS NOW IN PLACE THAT ALLOW FOR THAT. SO FOR PEOPLE TO THINK THAT ISN'T HAPPENING, I WANT TO SAY, NOT FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN, AND I'VE BEEN HERE THE LONGEST. SEEING HOW THERE ARE AVENUES FOR PEOPLE TO BRING UP MOTIONS AND IDEAS AND

WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS. MAYBE IT COULD BE BROADENED, OKAY, FINE. I THINK MAKING THAT AVAILABLE THROUGH VIRTUAL MEETINGS SO MORE PEOPLE COULD PARTICIPATE, BUT I HOPE THAT IT DOESN'T SLOW DOWN OUR PROCESS FOR DELIBERATION BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE ARE A BOARD THAT HAS TO REACT VERY QUICKLY WHEN THERE ARE INCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN. AND PART OF IT IS, FOR EXAMPLE, DIRECTING DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO QUICKLY COALESCE AROUND CATASTROPHES LIKE SHOOTINGS THAT JUST HAPPENED IN MONTEREY PARK. THAT'S A BUDGETARY ISSUE. I THINK WE ALL AGREE -- I'M NOT GOING TO MICROMANAGE AND TELL EACH DEPARTMENT WHAT DO AND NOT TO DO, BUT THEY KNOW THE URGENCY OF WHAT THIS BOARD OFFICE IS SAYING WHEN WE NEED TO HAVE THAT ATTENTION IMMEDIATE. SO I DON'T WANT TO GIVEAWAY -- I JUST DON'T WANT TO GIVEAWAY MY AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE JUDGMENTS BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE DO ELECT US, AND I DO THINK WE HAVE VENUES FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND SPEAK TO US. AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW I HAVE OPERATED. I ALSO THINK THAT THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM, I AGREE THERE HAS TO BE SOME DELIBERATION THERE, BUT I WANT IT DONE IN A BROADER CONTEXT, NOT JUST SIMPLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE. AND I THINK I CAN SPEAK TO THAT BECAUSE I JUST CAME OUT OF MY OWN ELECTION, AND THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER, COULDN'T PROVIDE ME WITH INFORMATION, AND I DON'T THINK IT HELPS ANYBODY WHEN PEOPLE ARE DISADVANTAGED, WHEN THEY'RE NOT

FULLY AWARE OF WHAT OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE, INCLUDING F.P.C.C. AND THE FACT THAT WE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE FOLLOWING ALONG THE LINES OF F.P.C.C. WHEN YOU'RE REPORTING USE OF FUNDS, HOW THEY ARE SPENT BY A CANDIDATE, WHERE THEY COME FROM, AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT -- THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO REPORT THEM IN THE WAY THAT THEY ARE THEMSELVES PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR CAMPAIGN BUDGET REPORTS TO US OR TO F.P.C.C. AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY ABOUT THAT IS A PERSON COULD SAY THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDING ON THEIR OWN AND WON'T REPORT THAT THEY'RE GETTING OUTSIDE INCOME BECAUSE THEY'RE SAYING, WELL, I'M A BUSINESS PERSON, AND I CAN AFFORD TO DO ALL THIS, BUT YET THEY'RE NOT SHOWING ANY OF THEIR INCOME OR HOW THAT MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON STATEMENTS, ON THINGS, ON HIRING, AND DIFFERENT THINGS THAT GO ON IN CAMPAIGNS. SO I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. AND I KNOW THAT I HAVE RAISED THAT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND WANT TO SEE MORE OF A DRILL DOWN ON THAT. SO I ALMOST DON'T WANT TO JUST LEAVE IT AT WHAT THIS MOTION IS SAYING. I WOULD WANT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ANOTHER BITE AT THIS BECAUSE I HAVE SOME CONCRETE THINGS THAT I THINK COULD BE USEFUL FOR OTHER BOARD MEMBERS MOVING FORWARD ON THIS BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE -- WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MEMBERS HERE THAT ARE GOING TO BE UP FOR ELECTION IN ABOUT A YEAR OR SO, AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT MAY NOT BE CHANGED AS QUICKLY THAT CAN ACTUALLY LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD. I DO HAVE A LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT HAVING TO PAY

OUT OF OUR OWN BUDGETS -- OUT OF OUR OVERALL BUDGET FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCING. I WOULD WANT TO EXPLORE THAT MORE, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, AND ESPECIALLY IF WE HAVE MORE CANDIDATES, IF WE HAVE MORE SEATS. IF WE DO REDISTRICT AND HAVE MORE SEATS, MAYBE THAT MIGHT MAKE SENSE. OKAY? BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET. I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO COME OUT SAYING THAT THAT'S THE BEST THING TO DO. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO WEIGH ALL OF THAT BECAUSE A LOT OF IT IS TIMING, TIMING, FOR ME ANYWAY. I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF. CAN WE HAVE MORE PARTICIPATION WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS, TOO? I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. A LOT OF TIMES OUR DEPARTMENTS MAKE DECISIONS, AND THEY COME TO US WITH BOARD LETTERS, AND I UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE LIKE, WELL, WHERE DID THAT COME FROM? HOW DID THAT GET VETTED? I THINK THEY OUGHT TO BE A PART OF A ROBUST DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC. SO BEFORE THINGS COME UP TO US, EITHER IT GOES THROUGH CLUSTER, BUT THEY MAKE AVAILABLE THOSE INTENTS TO THE PUBLIC. MAYBE THAT MIGHT HELP. I HOPE IT DOESN'T RETARD THE QUICKNESS OR AGILITY OF DEPARTMENTS TO GET THINGS DONE BECAUSE THEY'RE ALSO UNDER THE GUN AS WELL TO DO THINGS, AND MANY TIMES IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING THEM TO DO SOMETHING RIGHT AWAY. SO, I'M JUST THINKING THAT THAT'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE BROADLY LOOKED AT. I THINK FOR ME, EARLIER I HAD A MOTION TO EXPAND THE BOARD, AND MY WHOLE INTENT THERE WAS REALLY JUST TO SEE HOW WE COULD GO ABOUT EXPEDITING IT THROUGH A LEGAL PROCESS SO THAT IT'S DONE CORRECTLY, AND IF THERE IS A CONSULTANT BROUGHT ON, THAT

THAT ALSO BE VETTED. THAT TO ME MAKES SENSE. SO, I'M SORRY MY MOTION AND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DID NOT GET THROUGH, BUT THAT WAS MY INTENT THERE. SO, THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS WITH THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD, BUT, LIKE I SAID, THERE ARE SOME THAT DO AGREE WITH BUT SOME THAT I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DO YOU WANT TO TALK AGAIN?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE HEARTY DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS ISSUE. THAT WAS REALLY THE GOAL ALL ALONG. AND LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANSWERS TO MANY OF THE QUESTIONS AND ISSUES THAT PEOPLE HAVE RAISED. THE WHOLE POINT OF THE MOTION IS TO ENGAGE IN AN EXPLORATION PROCESS TO ALLOW US TO LOOK AT BEST PRACTICES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO INFORM THE DECISION WE CAN OR MAY NOT MAKE AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. I DON'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES AS YOU IDENTIFIED SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WITH THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION. I BELIEVE THAT IS OUT OF OUR SCOPE. THAT MAY BE A DIFFERENT ENGAGEMENT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE WE DON'T HAVE THE SCOPE OR THE POWER TO IMPACT FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY THEIR RULES, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN INFORM THEIR POLICYMAKING PROCESS. WITH REGARD TO NEEDING TO MOVE QUICKLY

AND NIMBLY AS A LOCAL LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, I THINK EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND IN THE EVENT OF A CRISES, BUT THAT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IS THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE. SO, TO HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE THAT ALLOWS FOR THOUGHTFUL, DELIBERATIVE POLICYMAKING I THINK IS CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE SIZE AND SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF L.A. COUNTY AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE WAYS IN WHICH, WHEN EMERGENCIES STRIKE, WHEN CRISES STRIKE, THAT THE LEADER OF THE BOARD OR THE BOARD CAN TAKE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. AGAIN, I BELIEVE THAT'S THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE AND SHOULDN'T PRECLUDE US FROM PUTTING FORTH A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS FOR ENGAGEMENT. NOTHING IN THIS MOTION FOR EXPLORATION SHOULD SUGGEST THAT WE STOP ENGAGING IN THE PROCESS OF GATHERING MOTION IDEAS FROM SITTING COMMISSIONERS, NOT AT ALL. THE POINT IS MAKING SURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY UNDERSTANDS OUR PROCESS, HAS ACCESS TO MOTION LANGUAGE IN ENOUGH TIME TO BE ABLE TO OPINE. YES, WE HAVE I THINK 300 COMMISSIONS. IT WAS OVERWHELMING TO ME WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED TO REALIZE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONS WE HAVE AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE HAVE TO APPOINT, BUT WE HAVE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. AND SO, THERE ARE A LOT MORE COUNTY RESIDENTS THAN THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SERVE ON COMMISSIONS, SO I THINK WE SHOULD CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE ACCESS AND FEEL THEY HAVE THE COMMUNITY AND THE KNOW HOW TO KNOW HOW TO ENGAGE AND WHEN TO INFORM BUDGETING AND

POLICYMAKING FOR THE COUNTY THAT THEY CALL HOME. I APPRECIATE THE RICH DIALOGUE. I LEARNED MORE ABOUT CONCERNS THAT MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAD THAT I HAVE KNOWN UP TO THIS POINT. I APPRECIATE YOU SHARING. THIS IS A REPORT BACK. WE WILL NOT CHANGE THE WAY WE GOVERN BASED ON THE PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION. THIS CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK FAR AND WIDE TO LEARN BEST PRACTICES AROUND GOVERNANCE TO BE BETTER FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND THAT'S OUR GOAL. I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

**OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU, ADRIANA BAUTISTA, ALIYAH YOSIFEE, DONALD HARLAN, EFRAN ESCOVERO, LAURA COLHOWEN, LAUREN AKIM, MEGAN CASTILLO, AND PRINCE OSAMWANGEE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS AARON ROBERTSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**AARON ROBERTSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AARON ROBERTSON. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL VOICE AT CATALYST CALIFORNIA. I URGE TO YOU SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND HORVATH'S MOTION

TO IMPROVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD GOVERNANCE AND STRENGTHEN EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY. IN THE PAST, THE BOARD HAS TAKEN BOLD ACTION TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES SUCH AS IN 2020 WHEN IT ESTABLISHED THE ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE. MORE ACTION IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS A WIDE RANGE STRUCTURAL BASED DISPARITIES IN PASSING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE. OUR RESEARCH AND THAT OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS SHOWS SIGNIFICANT RACIAL AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DISPARITIES WHEN CONTACTING ELECTED OFFICIALS. GAPS LIKE THESE INDICATE OFFICIALS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO HEAR FROM WHITE RESIDENCES THAN RESIDENTS OF COLOR. THE MOTION TO IMPROVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD GOVERNANCE TO STRENGTHEN EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO COMPLEMENT THE BOARD'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A.R.D.I. BY IDENTIFYING STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES AND GOVERNMENT THAT EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH RACIAL DISPARITIES AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE URGE TO YOU VOTE YES ON AGENDA ITEM 13.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA FERRIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JESSICA FERRIS:** HELLO. I'M JESS FERRIS, AND I'M SENIOR POLICY COUNSEL AT A.C.L.U. SOCAL AND A DISTRICT FOUR RESIDENT. WE

THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH FOR THIS MOTION AND URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT AS WELL. THE PROCESS OUTLINED IN THE MOTION CAN UNCOVER BARRIERS FOR ANGELENOS TO PARTICIPATE IN POLICY AND BUDGET DECISIONS, WHICH IS THE FIRST STEP IN EXPLORING REMEDIES TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSIVITY IN YOUR DECISIONS. WE AND OUR PARTNERS OFTEN HAVE A REALLY HARD TIME KEEPING UP WITH THE SPEED OF MOTIONS AND ACCESS TO THE BUDGETING PROCESS EVEN THOUGH IT'S OUR LIKE DAY TO DAY JOBS TO STAY ON TOP OF IT. WE UNDERSTAND ABSOLUTELY THE NEED FOR BOARD AGILITY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, BUT L.A. COUNTY WILL REALLY ONLY REALIZE ITS CARE FIRST VISION THROUGH MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY INPUT TO ENSURE INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITIES WITH A HISTORY OF DISINVESTMENT. AND THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE LONG LIVED A FIGHT TO HAVE A SAY IN THE BUDGET PROCESS AND SHOULD HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE BECAUSE THEY'RE USUALLY THE ONES MOST NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE BOARD'S FUNDING DECISIONS. AND WE THINK THIS MOTION COULD HELP THAT HAPPEN. COMMUNITY INPUT SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY AS THE COUNTY DECIDES HOW TO SPEND OUR TAX DOLLARS AND WHICH MOTIONS TO PASS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, ERIC. HELLO? ERIC?

**MODERATOR:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I GUESS. TRY TO FIND HIM.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEREMY PAYNE.

**JEREMY PAYNE:** HI, MY NAME IS JEREMY PAYNE, AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF CATALYST CALIFORNIA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. I ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE MOTION IMPROVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD GOVERNANCE TO STRENGTHEN EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN PLAGUED BY STRUCTURAL BASED RACIAL DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, BUT BOLD ACTION BY THIS BOARD, INCLUDING THE ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSIVITY INITIATIVE AND THIS NEW MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH OFFERS US STEPS TO IDENTIFY STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN GOVERNANCE TO EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH RACIAL DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. RACIAL DISPARITIES LIKE HOW IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST THREE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WHITES HAVE VOTED AT A RATE OF 66%, WHILE OUR BLACK COMMUNITY VOTES AT A RATE OF 56.6%, AND 53.5% FOR OUR LATINX COMMUNITY, AND 53.1% A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. RACIAL DISPARITIES LIKE HOW OUR COUNTY SUFFERS FROM CIVIC DESERTS, AREAS THAT PERSISTENTLY HAVE LOW VOTER PARTICIPATION, CONCENTRATED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, THE EAST SIDE OF LOS

ANGELES, SOUTH L.A., LONG BEACH, AND THE WILMINGTON-CARSON AREA. A SINCERE EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE BOARD'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IS  AN OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY STRUCTURAL BARRIERS THAT IMPEDE PARTICIPATION AND EXPLORE HOW THEY CAN BE REMOVED.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JENNIFER WILLIAMS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JENNIFER TREMLEY WILLIAMS. I AM A  DELEGATE [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR 8061, A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WESTMONT, AND A MEMBER OF THE WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT TASKFORCE. I ALWAYS SUPPORT EFFORTS TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT AND POLICYMAKING. I BELIEVE THIS IS HOW LOVE CAN BE EMBODIED THROUGH THE INSTITUTION OF GOVERNMENT, BUT WHAT IS EQUITY FOR THIS PARTICULAR POLICY. WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THAT. IN A COUNTY WITH OVER 10 MILLION FOLKS, 1 MILLION OF WHICH LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WHO RELY FOR THE COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES, IF UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES ARE NOT CENTERED IN THE REDESIGN OF L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT,  THAT IS NOT EQUITY. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES

WILL BE CENTERED, CALLED IN, AND ENGAGED WITH THOUGHTFULLY TO INFLUENCE THIS POLICY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY. YOU MAY BEGIN. MODERATOR: PARDON ME. JUST A MOMENT. KATHLEEN CROWLEY, YOU MAY -- PARDON ME. WE APOLOGIZE, MS. CROWLEY. PLEASE QUEUE UP AGAIN. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMIE MARTINEZ.

**JAMIE MARTINEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JAMIE MARTINEZ. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES, AND I'M THE [INDISCERNIBLE] COORDINATOR FOR HOMELESS AMIGOS. I BELIEVE WE NEED TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT ITEM 13.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHAWN MCMORRIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SHAWN MCMORRIS:** HELLO. THIS IS SHAWN MCMORRIS AGAIN WITH CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE, JUST CALLING IN TO SUPPORT SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH'S MOTION, ITEM 13, LOOKING AT A LOT OF VERY GOOD GOVERNMENT REFORMS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD

TO PARTICIPATING IN THAT ENGAGEMENT AND ALSO WITH ANY SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE REFORMS THAT ARE IN THERE. WE WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT BOTH ITEMS 7 AND 13 HAD PASSED. WE THINK THEY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER, BUT IT WOULD BE A REAL SHAME IF NEITHER PASSED. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS.

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT THREE, AND I WANTED TO SUPPORT EXPANDING THE BOARD. REITERATING WHAT WAS ALREADY SAID, L.A. IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE U.S., AND IT IS HOME TO MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. BECAUSE THE FIVE MEMBER BOARD IS LOCKED IN SIZE, INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS ARE BEING TASKED WITH REPRESENTING ROUGHLY 2 MILLION RESIDENTS, AND THAT IS AN UNMANAGEABLE NUMBER OF CONSTITUENTS WITH PRESSING AND DIVERSE NEEDS. THE BOARD STRUCTURE MEANS THAT THE AVERAGE RESIDENT HAS NO MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE THEIR SUPERVISOR ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THEIR FAMILIES --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS.

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** OH, SORRY. AND I'LL SAY THAT COMMUNITY INPUT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY AS THE COUNTY DECIDES HOW TO SPEND OUR TAX DOLLARS, WHICH MOTIONS TO PASS, AND HOW TO BEST SERVE ITS 10 MILLION. AND THIS IS AN IMPERATIVE FIRST STEP. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**BYRON JOSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BYRON JOSE, AND I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF S.D.2. I'M PART OF THE LATINO COALITION, WHICH IS PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. AND REIMAGINE L.A. COALITIONS IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, HAHN, SOLIS, AND BARGER FOR THEIR UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ADDRESSING THE INEQUITIES OF FACING TRANSGENDER, NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES MOTION LAST NOVEMBER. AND WE WANT TO WELCOME SUPERVISOR HORVATH. WITH OUR T.L.C. AND OUR COALITION PARTNERS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH THE BOARD AND SUPPORTING MORE EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE MODELS IN THAT ADDRESS THIS MOTION -- ADDRESSED IN THIS MOTION, SUCH AS EXPANDING THE BOARD AND BUILDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MODELS TOWARD A TRUE CARE FIRST BUDGET, WHICH INCLUDES CODIFYING A MINIMUM $900 MILLION IN C.S.C.I. FUNDING, MOVING YOUTH OF PROBATION, AND DEFUNDING THE LARGEST CARCERAL SYSTEMS TO TRULY INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WE

LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU TO ENSURE THAT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, TRANSGENDER EXPANSIVE AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE POLICIES YOU'RE CREATING AND THE FUNDING ALLOCATION SO THAT WE MOVE BEYOND JUST WORDS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JILLIAN VERGOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JILLIAN VERGOS:** HI, IT IS IMPERATIVE WE EXPAND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CURRENTLY, EACH SUPERVISOR REPRESENTS ABOUT 2 MILLION PEOPLE. THE CURRENT SYSTEM SETS EVERYONE UP FOR FAILURE, BUT WE HAVE A CHANCE WITH ITEM 13 TO GET FAIR REPRESENTATION. FINANCE REFORM IS LONG NEEDED. CURRENTLY, IT IS DAUNTING FOR THE AVERAGE ANGELENO TO CONSIDER A RUN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE POSITION, ESPECIALLY THOSE SUCH AS MYSELF WHO ARE RUNNING GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNS THAT ARE NOT BEHOLDEN TO SPECIAL INTERESTS. IF YOU CLAIM TO BE ANTIRACIST AND CHAMPION UPLIFTING MARGINALIZED VOICES, THIS IS CRUCIAL. GET POLICE, REALTOR, AND CORPORATE MONEY OUR OF ELECTIONS AND CAP THE AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN COSTS. REDISTRICTING IS ALSO NEEDED SO THAT EACH DISTRICT CAN BE FAIRLY ADDRESSED. DISTRICT 3 HAS LANCASTER, MILHO, AND SAN DIMAS, WHICH HAVE VASTLY DIFFERENT NEEDS. AND THE DISENFRANCHISED VOICES CAN GET DROWNED OUT. ALSO, I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO ALLOW REMOTE

COMMENTS. THIS ALLOWS PEOPLE WITH JOBS, CHILDHOOD NEEDS, AND MOBILITY ISSUES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR GOVERNMENT. AND PLEASE CONSIDER MOVING YOUR MEETINGS TO A DIFFERENT TIME FROM L.A. CITY COUNCIL AND POLICE COMMISSION. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THREE WHEN THEY HAPPEN SIMULTANEOUSLY --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO TO IN THE ROOM, IN-PERSON. WELCOME.

**ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** MY NAME IS ADRIANA BAUTISTA, AND I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS AGENDA ITEM. I THINK THAT STRENGTHENING EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR BOARD GOVERNANCE IS IMPERATIVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS NATION, NOT JUST THIS COUNTY, DOES HAVE WHITE SUPREMACIST BACKGROUND. ALSO THERE WAS MENTION OF THE BROWN ACT, EVEN THE ONE MINUTE HAS BEEN BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOUND TO BE UNREASONABLE AMOUNT. THEY DECIDED 90 SECONDS WAS MORE REASONABLE. SO, THERE'S JUST I THINK EVERY FACET OF THIS GOVERNANCE BOARD COULD BE REEVALUATED. ALSO, WITH KENNETH HAHN HAVING BEEN IN SUPPORT OF THE UNAMERICAN COMMITTEE HOUSE ACTS COMMITTEE, WHICH DID NOT WANT TO INVESTIGATE THE K.K.K.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ALIYAH USEFY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALIYAH USEFY. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN [INDISCERNIBLE]

RELATIONS, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, C.A.R.E.S., ALSO A PROUD CO-CHAIR OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. CAMPAIGN, A DIVERSE COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVE THAT SEEKS EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION. THE E.R.L.A.C. CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS TO MAKE THE L.A. COUNTY BUDGET MORE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, WHICH MAKES UP 35% OF THE COUNTY. IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE AN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT TIME ACCESSING AND UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGET PROCESS. ONE OF THE BENEFICIAL ITEMS IN THE MOTION IS PERMANENTLY ALLOWING REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS BEYOND THE DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES TEND TO HAVE A TOUGHER TIME TRAVELING FURTHER DISTANCES AND HAVE LESS ABILITY TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS IN PERSON. SO THIS IS JUST ONE STEP THAT WOULD MAKE FOR GREATER INPUT FROM IMMIGRANTS. WE URGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON THIS ITEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE RESULTS OF A THIRD PARTY REVIEW --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**PRINCE USUNGI:** MY NAME IS PRINCE USUNGI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

**PRINCE USUNGI:** MY NAME IS PRINCE USUNGI. I RESIDE IN SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 13. AS A SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE AT INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY, AND L.A. BASED C.F.I., AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION BASED ON MY ORGANIZATION'S NEARLY TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTLY SERVICING THOUSANDS OF LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES, ENTREPRENEURS, AND SIDEWALK VENDORS. FROM OUR LEARNED EXPERIENCE, WE FOUND THE TRUE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE IN GATHERING AND INCORPORATING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO INFORM OF PRACTICES AND WORK. THAT BEING SAID, I BELIEVE THIS MOTION IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND ULTIMATELY STRENGTHENS THIS GOVERNMENT'S IMPACT BY ENHANCING ITS TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY PROCESSES. I'M CONFIDENT THIS MOTION CAN BRING VALUE TO THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD AND GOVERNMENT BY LEARNING BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPALITIES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I'M CONFIDENT THAT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**LAURA:** HELLO MY NAME IS LAURA, SPEAKING IN UNEQUIVOCAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 13, THE REPORT BACK MOTION ON COUNTY GOVERNANCE REFORM. I LIVE IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2 AND ORGANIZE WITH REIMAGINE L.A. AND JUSTICE L.A.

AND OUR PARTNERS AND THE COALITIONS THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH FOR PUTTING FORWARD A MOTION TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S GOVERNANCE MODEL AND IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE STRONGLY URGE ALL SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. FIRST OF ALL, I SUPPORT INVESTIGATING WAYS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD. BOARD EXPANSION COULD ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES HAVE MORE DIRECT REPRESENTATION AND ACCESS TO THEIR SUPERVISOR. MORE DECISION MAKERS RESULTS IN MORE DIFFUSE POWER, THUS THIS OPTION IS A STEP FORWARD. I ALSO SUPPORT INVESTIGATING THE NEED FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM. THESE MEASURES  WOULD MAKE RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR POOR AND WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. FINALLY, I SUPPORT THE OTHER MEASURES FOR ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND EQUITY. WE KNOW THAT IT'S PIVOTAL THAT MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO GIVING INPUT ON THE BUDGET, AND THIS MOTION WOULD MOVE US TOWARDS THAT. FOR THIS REASON, I ONCE AGAIN --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EFRAIN ESCOVARO, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CENTER FOR NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT. I HAVE ENGAGED WITH L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM

MULTIPLE SECTORS, NON-PROFIT, PHILANTHROPY, AND EVEN AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I'M ENERGIZED BY YOUR LEADERSHIP TOWARD MUCH NEEDED GOVERNMENT TRANSFORMATION, INCLUDING EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS. WHILE COVID-19 SHONE A LIGHT ON SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES IN OUR REGION, T THE COUNTY WAS RESILIENT IN LARGE PART DUE TO YOUR WISDOM WORKING COLLABORATIVELY AND TRANSPARENCY WITH COMMUNITY, PHILANTHROPY, BUSINESS, ACADEMIA TO IDENTIFY AND ADAPT SERVICES FOR HARD TO REACH COMMUNITIES AND PRIORITIZE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO SAVE LIVES AND KEEP OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY RUNNING. WE MUST SEEK TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THIS MORE OPEN AND COLLABORATIVE DEMOCRACY BEYOND JUST YOUR TERMS. CURRENTLY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICYMAKING PROCESSES PROVIDE LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT, PUBLIC DELIBERATION, AND TRANSPARENCY. ALIGNING POWER TO SERVE JUSTICE THROUGH INCLUSION REQUIRES COURAGE. I URGE YOUR COURAGEOUS SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MEGAN CASTILLO:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO, AND I'M THE COALITION COORDINATOR FOR THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION, AS WELL AS THE POLICY AND ADVOCACY MANAGER AT LA DEFENSA. I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, AND I'M HERE TO UPLIFT MY SUPPORT FOR 13. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING A MOTION THAT

USHERS US AND OUR COMMUNITIES TOWARD A CARE FIRST VISION THAT THE BOARD COMMITTED TO IN 2020. HISTORICALLY, BUDGE PROCESSES HAVE BEEN EXCLUSIONARY TO ANGELENOS. AND ANGELENOS HAVE HISTORICALLY NOT BEEN PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. DESPITE DEEP ENGAGEMENT IN THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP PROCESS AND THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE STILL OFTEN UNDERMINED, OVERLOOKED, AND FORGOTTEN. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENCOUNTER GREAT DIFFICULTY WHEN TRYING TO ACCESS AND PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY MEETINGS, AND I BELIEVE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF MOTIONS BEFORE THEY'RE CONSIDERED ENABLES DEEPER POLICY ANALYSIS AND GREATER AUTHENTIC INPUT FROM COUNTY. GIVEN THAT L.A. IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION IT'S PERTINENT THAT WE EXPLORE STRUCTURAL CHANGES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM AND EXPANDING THE COUNCIL. FOR TOO LONG, IT SEEMS LIKE CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES POLITICS HAS BEEN STALE WHEN IT COMES TO LEADERSHIP. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CHURNING OF LEADERSHIP THAT A DEMOCRACY REQUIRES. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHICS, OVER HALF OF L.A. COUNTY IS UNDER THE AGE OF 40 BUT IS REPRESENTED BY ZERO PERCENT OF THIS BOARD. OVER HALF OF THE UNITED STATES IS UNDER 40, BUT REPRESENTED BY ONLY 5% OF

CONGRESS. OVER HALF OF LOS ANGELES CITY IS REPRESENTED BY PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 40, BUT IS ONLY REPRESENTED BY 10% OF CITY COUNCIL. THAT IS NOT BY FAULT AND ACCIDENT. THAT IS BY DESIGN. THAT IS BY CITIZENS UNITED PREVENTING PEOPLE WITHOUT RESOURCES, SAYING THAT MONEY IS SPEECH, AND BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T HAVE MONEY, THEREFORE THEY HAVE LIMITED SPEECH, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT ANY CONNECTIONS WITH POLITICIANS IN THE DEMOCRATIC ESTABLISHMENT, THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM HAVING ANY OPPORTUNITY OF REPRESENTATION ON THIS COUNCIL. THAT'S A GLARING FACT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WAS JUST SO ENGAGED, I GAVE YOU MORE TIME. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOING TO THE TELEPHONIC, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. LET'S GO TO THE TELEPHONE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ROY HUMPHREYS:** THAT IS NOT MY ALL AN ACCIDENT. THAT IS BY DESIGN. THAT IS BY CITIZENS UNITED PREVENTING PEOPLE WITHOUT RESOURCES --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S LIKE A RECORDING OF THE -- IT'S A DELAY.

**MODERATOR:** IT WAS, MADAM CHAIR. MAY I MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PERSON?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ROB QUAN.

**ROB QUAN:** ROB QUAN WITH [INDISCERNIBLE] L.A. AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD WITHOUT RETAILORING OUR CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND ASSESSING THE BROADER GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE. WE NEED TO GIVE VOTERS A REASON TO TRUST THE PROCESS WHERE THEY ARE CREATING MORE POLITICIANS. WE NEED TO MATCH THAT WITH MORE ACCOUNTABILITY. AND FRANKLY, THE COUNTY'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE DATABASE IS A DISGRACE TO TRANSPARENCY. WE NEED TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION AND TAKE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ADMINISTRATION OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE REGISTRAR. AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REPRESENTATION, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE C.E.O.. THEY AREN'T ELECTED, YET THE C.E.O. IS THE MOST POWER -- ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE COUNTY. AND 99% OF VOTERS DON'T EVEN KNOW THEIR NAME. WE NEED MORE

REPRESENTATION, BUT WE ALSO NEED MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT. EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT TAKING CHARGE OF HOMELESSNESS, BUT REPLACING A FIVE-HEADED MONSTER WITH AN ELEVEN-HEADED MONSTER WILL ONLY OBFUSCATE LEADERSHIP. ELECTING A COUNTY C.E.O. WOULD CLARIFY LEADERSHIP AND WOULD OFFER A CLEARER PATH TO LOGICALLY RESTRUCTURING L.A.H.S.A. --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FRED SUTTON.YOU MAY BEGIN.

**FRED SUTTON:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**MODERATOR:** YES.

**FRED SUTTON:** HELLO, FRED SUTTON, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. OUR MEMBERS HELP HOUSE LOS ANGELES. WE THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS LONG POINTED OUT THAT IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO TRACK AND PROVIDE INPUT ON LEGISLATION. UNLIKE OTHER JURISDICTIONS, THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A COMMITTEE PROCESS THAT VETS MAJOR ISSUES, AND DEPUTY MEETINGS DON'T APPEAR TO BE THE BEST PLACES FOR DEEP POLICY CONVERSATION. A POLICY PROPOSAL COMES FORWARD, A DECISION IS MADE IN THE BOARD MEETING, AND WE OFTEN DON'T HEAR OR SEE MUCH

ABOUT IT UNTIL A FINAL PROPOSAL IS READY TO BE VOTED ON AGAIN. IT'S IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK IS RECEIVED, ITEMS ARE THOROUGHLY DELIBERATED ON, AND THE PROCESS IS TRANSPARENT AS THE BOARD MAKES THEIR ULTIMATE DECISIONS. IF PASSED, WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING INPUT WHERE APPROPRIATE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENTS. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS IVETTE ALE FERLITO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**IVETTE ALE FERLITO:** IVETTE ALE FERLITO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LA DEFENSA, DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT, AND COMMISSIONER ON THE GRACKEN P.S.R.T. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND COMMEND SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH. I'VE BEEN ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS FOR NEARLY SEVEN YEARS NOW, AND I HAVE WITNESSED THE BOARD TAKING BOLD, TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION. TO BE FRANK, THIS MOTION IS NOT BOLD, TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION. IT IS A PRAGMATIC, FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE NECESSARY REFORMS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT YOUR TRANSFORMATIVE VISION. I'VE BEEN PROUD THAT MY SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LED THE CHARGE TO STOP JAIL EXPANSION AND ADOPT THE CARE FIRST VISION, BUT WHAT HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY CLEAR IS THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS VISION IS ENCUMBERED BY THE CURREN BUDGET PROCESSES AND GOVERNANCE MODEL. OUR

COMMUNITY WANT TO BE INVOLVED. WE SAW THIS THROUGH THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP PROCESS, WHICH REMAINS THE GOLD STANDARD. WHILE I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS THAT COMMISSIONERS ARE A VALUABLE ASSET TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND IDEAS, IT'S ALSO INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT, EVEN FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO IS VERY INVOLVED IN COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND VERSED IN COUNTY PROCESSES, TO KEEP UP WITH THE VOLUME AND DEPTH OF THE POLICIES AND BUDGET ITEMS WE ARE EXPECTED TO DIGEST AND PROVIDE COMMENT ON. WE NEED MORE VOICES AT THE TABLE TO MAKE PARTICIPATION BOTH SUSTAINABLE AND MORE NUANCED FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT FULL-TIME ADVOCATES. THE COUNTY'S CURRENT PROCESSES ARE JUST SIMPLY INACCESSIBLE, AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY COST, AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAP OUR COUNTY'S COLLECTIVE GENIUS THAT WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO IGNORE. I WILL CAUTION THAT EFFICIENCY IS NOT ALWAYS THE RIGHT METRIC. YOU ALL KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT TRUE DEMOCRACY THAT SEEKS TO INCLUDE ALL VOICES --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES. YOU MAY BEGIN. MS. QUINONES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DIANA WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY IT'S NOT THE NUMBER, IT'S THE QUALITY. DO NOT PUT THE SPOTLIGHT ON US BECAUSE WE HAVE, THE VOTERS HAVE, PARTICIPATED. BUT BECAUSE THINGS ARE NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH ON, KATHRYN, OR MIKE DENIED YOU, OR BECAUSE PEOPLE GET AWAY WITH NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES, THAT'S THE PROBLEM, LADIES. IT'S NOT US NOT CARING. IT'S THE BOARD NOT CARRYING THROUGH ON THE POWERS THEY DID HAVE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATHLEEN CROWLEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

**KATHLEEN CROWLEY:** HI, I'M KATHLEEN CROWLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY INSTITUTE. AND I'M VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. I LIVED IN MADISON, WISCONSIN FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WHICH IS ALSO COUNTY RUN, AND IT

WAS VERY, VERY EASY TO CONTACT AND MAKE CONNECTIONS AND WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE IT WAS MUCH SMALLER, THEY REPRESENTED FEWER PEOPLE. AND I HIGHLY RESPECT ALL FIVE OF YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL FIVE OF YOU, BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PROVIDE THE TYPE OF ACCESS THAT IS REALLY NEEDED TO CREATE THE SOLUTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED, AND WE NEED A LOT MORE INNOVATION AND A LOT MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND A LOT MORE COLLABORATION IN L.A. AND I THINK EXPANSION WOULD DO THAT. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**HECTOR RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU, MY NAME IS HECTOR. I'M A I'M A CONSUMER OF D.M.H. AND LIVE IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2 IN CHATSWORTH. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH FOR PUTTING FORWARD THIS MOTION FOR THE EXPLORATION OF BEST PRACTICES AROUND GOVERNANCE, WHICH I SUPPORT. BEING THE BEST COUNTY POSSIBLE NEEDS TO MEAN THAT IT'S INCLUSIVE, DIVERSE, EQUITABLE AND ACCESSIBLE. A COUNTY THAT IS DILIGENT IN ITS OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE FUNDS IT HAS BEEN TASKED TO OVERSEE WHILE ENGAGING ITS RESIDENTS IN A PARTICIPATORY MANNER THAT IS TRANSPARENT,

REPRESENTATIVE, AND FORWARD-THINKING. AS A FORMER COMMISSIONER AND SOMEBODY WHO HELPED OUT IN THE PROJECT J COMMITTEE, IT'S SO FRUSTRATING TO SEE ALL THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE SHOWING UP TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND GREAT ADVICE BUT ARE NOT NECESSARILY OFTENTIMES AT THE TABLE AS -- GOES FORWARD. AND I LOOK TO THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION AS THAT WHICH HAS BEEN REALLY DIFFICULT TO ENGAGE BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THEY LACK THE NECESSARY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID LEVITAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**DAVID LEVITAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID LEVITAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L.A. FORWARD. WE REPRESENT 15,000 PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTY AND WORK FOR A FAIR, FLOURISHING COUNTY FOR EVERYBODY AND REALLY HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I FEEL LIKE IT'S NOT A PRESCRIPTIVE MOTION THAT IS SAYING THIS IS WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE EXACTLY. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS IS A STUDY OF CONSIDERATION OF WHAT'S WORKING AND WHAT'S NOT, WHAT ARE BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER PLACES, AND I THINK IN A COUNTY THIS LARGE WITH A BUDGET AS LARGE AS IT IS, IT'S INCUMBENT UPON US TO REVIEW HOW

GOVERNMENT IS WORKING AND TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK EVEN BETTER. SO I RESPECT FOR ALL OF YOU FOR ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND JUST WOULD URGE THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS MOTION TO STUDY CHANGES TO MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK EVEN BETTER FOR THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE, WHO LIVE IN OUR COUNTY. SO THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS.

**ROY HUMPHREYS:** THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA. AND A COUPLE OF WORDS. SOME CALL TRANSPARENCY IS A BUZZWORD. YOU KEEP THROWING IT AROUND, THROWING IT AROUND, BUT SO FAR AS TRANSPARENCY GOES, IT DOESN'T EXIST IN THE PRESENT FORM, AND YOUR SUBVERSION OF THE BROWN ACT WITH THE PRESENT METHOD OF CALLING IN SO FORTH AND ADDRESSING THE BOARD JUST GOES TO THAT. AS FAR AS EQUITY GOES, THERE ARE FEW IF ANY THINGS IN LIFE OR IN NATURE THAT EQUITY IS INVOLVED. THE ONLY THING IF WE WANT TO ASSURE THERE IS EQUITY OF OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES.

**SOFIA QUNIONES:** YES, I SUPPORT THE MOTION. 1850, IT'S 173 YEARS SINCE THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES HAVE BEEN SEGREGATED. MS. MITCHELL, I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP THIS MOTION. I THINK WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT UNINCORPORATED AREAS HAVE A PATHWAY TO BECOME CITIES BECAUSE WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A SEAT TABLE WHEN IT DEALS WITH AGENCIES ACROSS THIS STATE WHERE WE'RE DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM. AS FAR AS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, WHEN THE CITY CREATED THAT, THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT BECAUSE IT EXCLUDED THE POWER OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. AND NOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT SYSTEMICALLY, THE HOMEOWNERS ARE OUTVOTED EVERY TIME, AND DEVELOPERS AND SPECIAL INTEREST, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE COMPOSURE OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IF YOU ARE GOING TO CREATE THEM. WE NEED CITYHOOD IN UNINCORPORATED, SEGREGATED AREAS THAT HAVE EXISTED  SINCE 1850. NOW, I THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND I THINK COMMISSIONERS ARE ONE THING, BUT WE SAW THE FIASCO THAT HAPPENED WITH THE 5G TOWERS AND HOW YOUR COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTED IT WHEN THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE INVOLVED KNOW THE HISTORY OF THE PROBLEMS WITH 5G WERE IGNORED. SO WE HOPE THAT YOU EXPAND THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BY THE WAY, THERE IS A PROCESS FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO BECOME CORPORATED, AND IT'S CALLED L.A.F.C.O. AND IT'S AN AGENCY LOOKS AT REQUESTS FROM UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY TO BECOME THEIR OWN CITY.

SO THERE IS A PROCESS. THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER MEMBERS ON THE PHONE?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 13 AS AMENDED AND EXCEPTING SOME OF THE THINGS WE DISCUSSED IS BEFORE US.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** DO YOU MIND IF WE STATE THEM --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** JUST SO EVERYBODY' CLEAR IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I GOT THEM RIGHT. HANG ON. I WRITE THEM DOWN. ONE QUICK SECOND. THE READ IN THAT I GAVE THE 180 DAYS, THE ABILITY TO HAVE ACADEMIA POLICY TO PARTNER WITH OTHER CONSULTANTS OUTSIDE OF AREAS OF EXPERTISE, AND THE C.E.O. TO ADVISE THE BOARD ON COST.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND WE'RE GOING TO GET TO SEE THE POSSIBLY THE R.F.S.I. BEFORE IT GOES OUT SO WE ALL MAKE SURE WE'RE ALL -- IT'S ASKING WHAT WE WANT IT TO ASK? YEAH, BUT WE CAN SEE IT. OKAY. THEN IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL

AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY NOW WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM 4, CONSENT DECREES, ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE SHERIFF, WHO HAS ARRIVED TO BE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 4, CONSENT DECREES, ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START, OR DO YOU WANT TO WAIT FOR -- ?

**SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I WAS GOING TO HAND IT OFF TO THE SHERIFF WHEN HE COMES IN, BUT I CAN START. A FEW MONTHS AGO, THIS BOARD HAD BEFORE IT A BUNDLE OF SETTLEMENTS THAT TOTALED OVER $40 MILLION IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALONE. WHILE I SHARED CONCERNS, AS DID ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, OVER THE FINANCIAL TOLL THAT THESE SETTLEMENTS ARE  HAVING ON OUR TAXPAYERS, IT'S NOT EXCLUSIVE TO ONE DEPARTMENT. IT MADE ME THINK OF THE VARIOUS SETTLEMENTS THE COUNTY HAS ENTERED INTO OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES. THE COUNTY HAS ENTERED INTO MANY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO RESOLVE LITIGATION REGARDING ALLEGED UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR OTHERWISE INADEQUATE PRACTICES BY PROBATION, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, D.C.F.S., AND OTHERS. THESE CONSENT DECREES TYPICALLY CONTAIN SEVERAL PROVISIONS,

INCLUDING REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO ENACT POLICIES AND OTHERWISE CHANGE ITS ALLEGED INADEQUATE PROCEDURES AND OUGHT TO PROVIDE TIMELINESS BY WHICH THESE CHANGES MUST OCCUR. THE CONSENT DECREES ARE GENERALLY TO APPOINT A MONITOR OR MONITORING TEAM THAT OVERSEES THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH THE CONSENT DECREES. ISSUES PERIODICALLY ARE REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE AND BRINGS TO THE COURTS ATTENTION SERIOUS COMPLIANCE FAILURES OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMPLIANCE ISSUES. THE COUNTY ALSO GENERALLY MUST PAY THE FEES AND COST OF THE CONSENT DECREE MONITORS, WHICH HAVE OVER TIME RUN INTO THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SEVERAL OF THE CONSENT DECREES HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR MANY YEARS, CREATING LITIGATION, REPORTING AND MONITORING COST THAT MAY HAMPER COUNTY EFFORTS TO PROACTIVELY AND AFFIRMATIVELY HELP THE SAME VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT THE CONSENT DECREES ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE. ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLY KNOWN CONSENT DECREES INVOLVES THE JAILS, SO I WANTED TO INVITE SHERIFF LUNA TO SHARE MORE ABOUT HIS RECENT EFFORTS THAT WILL HELP BRING HIS DEPARTMENT INTO COMPLIANCE. SO, SHERIFF LUNA,  THANK YOU FOR BEING SO PATIENT AND FOR BEING HERE, BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT.

**SHERIFF LUNA:** WELL, GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYBODY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE ALL OF YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR THIS MOTION, AS I BELIEVE IT DEMONSTRATES A CONCERTED EFFORT TO COLLECTIVELY ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO THE CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS AND COURT JUDGMENTS. AND JUST TO MAKE IT CLEAR, AS I DO TALK ABOUT THESE, I UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE. THEY'RE VERY SIGNIFICANT. TO SUCCEED WE MUST WORK COLLABORATIVELY AS A UNIFIED BODY WITH A COMMON MISSION AND PURPOSE TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE AND THEN ULTIMATELY GET OURSELVES OUT OF THESE AGREEMENTS. I VIEW YOUR MOTION AS PART OF THAT EFFORT. I ALSO VIEW THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGGIE CARTER AS THE COUNTY-WIDE COORDINATOR AS PART OF THAT EFFORT. I HAVE HEARD NOTHING BUT GREAT THINGS ABOUT MS. CARTER AND HER ABILITIES. AND I WANT HER TO KNOW THAT SHE HAS MY FULL SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN HER EFFORTS. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND ON THE OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING, WHICH -- THAT I CREATED, AND WHY I CREATED IT, AND WHAT THEY ARE CHARGED WITH DOING AS THEY MOVE FORWARD. FIRST, AS YOUR MOTION NOTES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CON SENT DECREES, LAWSUITS, SETTLEMENT, JUDGMENTS, COURT ORDERS, AND PENDING INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING ONE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ALL FOCUSED ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MANY OF THESE HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR YEARS. AND THEY ARE COSTING THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY CONSIDERABLE FUNDS TO ADDRESS. SIGNIFICANT TO ALL OF THESE ORDERS ARE THE DEPARTMENT'S INABILITY, SOME MIGHT SAY FAILURE, IN ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATED

REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDERS. ONE NEED ONLY TO READ THE REPORTS OF THE MONITORS FILED IN COURT TO SEE THAT WE ARE NOT IN FULL COMPLIANCE. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPTABLE. AND LET US BE CLEAR, IF WE DO NOT ACHIEVE SUCCESS, MORE COURT ORDERS, MORE CONSENT DECREES, MORE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WILL BE COMING TOWARDS US. PART OF THE REASON THAT SUCCESS HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED IS COMPLIANCE HAS NOT BEEN A FOCUS OF THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. COORDINATION HAS NOT BEEN TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT EITHER. AND DIRECTION HAS NOT COME FROM THE TOP RANKS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL. MY INTENT IS TO ABSOLUTELY CHANGE THIS, CHANGE COURSE. THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING IS MY FIRST STEP TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. FIRST, I AM SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THESE ORDERS. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NOT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE. SECOND, THIS TEAM WILL BE FOCUSED ON THIS EFFORT, COMPLIANCE. THEY'LL BRING THE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER, THE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER, TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THEY'LL COORDINATE ALL OF OUR EFFORTS. THEY WILL MEASURE COMPLIANCE AND FOCUS ON THE ISSUES. THIS OFFICE IS A DIRECT REPORT TO ME. IT CANNOT BE ANY HIGHER IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE MESSAGE TO EVERYONE WILL BE CLEAR AND IS CLEAR, WE MUST WORK IN A UNIFIED APPROACH TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE COMPLIANCE ISSUES. THE OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING WILL BE FOCUSED ON THIS MISSION AND WILL DIRECT THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO BE

FOCUSED ON THIS IN A COMPREHENSIVE, SYSTEMATIC, AND SENSIBLE MANNER. OF COURSE, THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT DO THIS ALONE. THE ISSUES IN THE JAIL ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX. WE WILL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER THROUGH THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL. THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE ONLY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY'S CUSTODY. SIMILARLY, SOME OF OUR TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ARE INADEQUATE. WE WILL NEED TO UPGRADE OUR SYSTEMS AND WILL HAVE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A PLAN TO DO THAT. IN OTHER WORDS, COUNTY-WIDE COORDINATION WILL BE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO ADDRESS THESE MORE SYSTEMATIC ISSUE THAT'S WE WILL COORDINATE PROPERLY, AND WE WILL A UNIFIED PLAN TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE ISSUES. IN SHORT, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DID NOT GET TO THIS POSITION OVERNIGHT. THE THE COUNTY DID NOT GET IN THIS POSITION OVERNIGHT. SADLY, WE WILL NOT GET OUT OF THIS OVERNIGHT, AS WELL, BUT WE MUST DEVELOP A BETTER METHOD TO DO SO. I BELIEVE THE OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING THESE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AND ADDRESSING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO GET OUT OF THESE COURT ORDERS BECAUSE IF WE DO NOT, THE PROBLEM IS ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE. AND I DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN ON MY WATCH, AND I DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN ON YOUR WATCH EITHER. FINALLY, AS I SAID EARLIER, THIS OFFICE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH MS. CARTER AND ANY OTHER PERSON YOU DESIGNATE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES

COMPREHENSIVELY. THE COUNTY CAN ONLY ADDRESS THIS COLLABORATIVELY, AND NONE OF US CAN DO THIS ALONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF LUNA, AND REALLY WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO  BE HERE. I DO FIRMLY BELIEVE YOUR OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING IS A GREAT STEP, SPECIALLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EILEEN DECKER. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, WE HAVE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ALSO UNDER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. LAST WEEK, THE MONITOR ASSIGNED TO OVERSEEING COMPLIANCE FOR THE CONDITIONS AT PROBATION JUVENILES HALLS SENT A LETTER TO THIS BOARD WHICH STATED, "THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE TO NO PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLIANCE ON MAJOR PORTIONS OF THE PROVISIONS WITHIN THE JUDGMENT AND THE DETAILED PLAN. IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, PROVISIONS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY RELATED AS IN PROGRESS HAVE BEEN MOVED BACK TO NON-COMPLIANCE STATUS." THESE FACTS ARE SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. MAKING THE REQUIRED COMPLIANCE CHANGES HAS OFTEN REQUIRED SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED RESOURCES OR STAFFING, CHANGES IN POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING, AD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO PHYSICAL FACILITIES. THESE CHALLENGES, HOWEVER, CANNOT BECOME AN EXCUSE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OR FOR REVERSING PROGRESS MADE. AND I KNOW WE ALL FEEL THAT WAY. IT IS MY HOPE THIS MOTION ESTABLISHES A CLEAR PATH FORWARD WHILE OFFERING SOME LESSONS LEARNED ON THESE AGREEMENTS, NOT ONLY THAT CARRY A HIGH PRICE TAG, BUT WITHOUT COMPLIANCE WE ARE

ALSO DOING A DISSERVICE TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THEY ARE AIMING TO PROTECT. COLLEAGUES, I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. AND AGAIN, I THINK WHAT SHERIFF LUNA HAS DONE WITH THE HIRING OF EILEEN DECKER IS TRULY ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. SO I THANK YOU FOR LEADING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SHERIFF LUNA:** THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SHERIFF, FOR BEING HERE, AND I TOO THANK YOU FOR CREATING THIS OFFICE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF EILEEN DECKER. I THINK THAT GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING TO RESTORE THE TRUST WITH THE PUBLIC AND EVEN WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THAT ISSUE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR THIS MOTION. WHEN YOU LOOK AT ALL OF THESE CONSENT DECREES TOGETHER, WHICH IS WHAT WE'LL BE SEEING, IT'S A LITTLE ASTONISHING HOW MANY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS CURRENTLY UNDER. CONSENT DECREES ARE SORT OF A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO COERCE US DO TO DO WHAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO THE FACT THAT WE'RE UNDER SO MANY CONSENT DECREES MEANS BOTTOM LINE WE HAVEN'T LIVED UP TO WHAT WE NEED TO DO, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR JAILS, IN OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES, AND IN OUR FOSTER CARE. I WISH IT DIDN'T TAKE A LAWSUIT TO GET US TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO, BUT THAT'S WHERE WE ARE. AND SO, I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT -- I THINK

SHERIFF HAS TAKEN A BIG FIRST STEP. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE COME INTO COMPLIANCE ON ALL THESE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND I THINK THIS MOTION WILL HELP US GET THERE BECAUSE IT WILL TELL US A DETAILED LIST OF OUR CONSENT DECREES, WHERE WE'RE OUT OF COMPLIANCE, HOW WE ARE GOING TO GET THERE, AND A PLAN THAT WE CAN ALL REALLY RALLY BEHIND AND SUPPORT. SO, I KNOW EVERYONE HAS MY SUPPORT TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN. SHERIFF, YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT AS YOU WORK TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. YOU KNOW, COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSENT DECREE SHOULD BE PERCEIVED AS THE FLOOR. THAT'S THE BARE MINIMUM UNDER THE LAW THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING IN TERMS OF PROVISION OF SERVICE. SO WHAT I AM HOPING, IS THAT OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO COURSE CORRECT AND TO STOP THE ACTIONS THAT ARE LEADING TO LITIGATION AND CONSENT DECREES IN THE FIRST PLACE. UNDER A CONSENT DECREE, WE FINALLY GET INTO COMPLIANCE. WE NEED TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR. AND WE HAVE TO LEARN FROM THOSE EXPERIENCES SO WE DON'T CONTINUE ON THIS HAMSTER WHEEL. SO THAT'S THE PIECE I DIDN'T HEAR THAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE. IT ISN'T JUST GETTING INTO COMPLIANCE, ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLIANCE IS THE FLOOR, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE IMPROVING

THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, AND WE DO THAT BY CHANGES THE BEHAVIORS OF COUNTY PERSONNEL IN THEIR TREATMENT OF THE PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR CHARGE. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT TO OUR ATTENTION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THIS MOTION. HAPPY TO SEE THE SHERIFF HERE. IT IS ACTUALLY REFRESHING TO BE ABLE TO HEAR FROM OUR SHERIFF. I KNOW A LOT OF CHANGES ARE OCCURRING UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, SHERIFF LUNA. AND THIS IS ONE I THINK THAT REALLY HAS BEEN BOTHERING MANY OF US FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE THERE'S JUST TOO MANY CONSENT DECREES, NOT ALL UNDER YOUR PURVIEW BUT MANY THAT WE KNOW HAVE TO BE CORRECTED. AND I BELIEVE WITH THE FACT THAT IT IS I GUESS THE STANDARD TO TRY TO GET US OUT OF THE CONSENT DECREES. WE HAVE TO DO MUCH MUCH MORE. AND I THINK THEY DISCUSSIONS TODAY WERE CENTERED AROUND A LOT OF THAT, BETTER GOVERNANCE, CHANGING THE CULTURE IN OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT TAKE AS LOT OF WORK. AND IT ALSO TAKE AS LOT OF WORK DEALING WITH OUR BARGAINING UNITS, MANY OF WHOM MAY NOT HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO ALONG TO ASSIST IN SOME OF THESE CHANGES THAT ARE VERY NECESSARY. SO HOPEFULLY UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE, AND HOPEFULLY, WE CAN HAVE A DOMINO EFFECT IN SOME OF OUR OTHER

DEPARTMENTS. SO I THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW TEAM THAT YOU ARE AMASSING AND PUTTING TOGETHER. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. L.A. COUNTY HAS HISTORICALLY ENTERED INTO VARIOUS CONSENT DECREES FOR THE RIGHT REASONS, AND THIS IS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE K.D.A. CONSENT DECREE WAS ABOUT ENSURING CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE RECEIVE ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. IT WAS MEANT TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN D.C.F.S. AND D.M.H. THE COUNTY ENTERS INTO THESE CONSENT DECREES IN RECOGNITION OF OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE PEOPLE WE BRING INTO OUR SYSTEMS. OVER THE YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS STRUGGLED TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE CONSENT DECREES, AND THEY CONTINUE TO REMAIN ACTIVE, WHICH IS DISTURBING, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT WE ARE NOT SOLVING THE PROBLEM, BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE ARE SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. I SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION BECAUSE, IN ORDER TO DO BETTER, WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO ASK WHY DO WE CONSISTENTLY FALL SHORT. I EXPECT THESE REPORT BACKS TO SHED

LIGHT ON THE KEY CHALLENGES WE FACE AND SERVE AS A GLOBAL ROAD MAP OF HOW TO GET THE WORK DONE. FURTHERMORE, I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE LESSONS LEARNED, IN PARTICULAR IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS WE AGREED TO THAT, IN HINDSIGHT, WERE UNATTAINABLE FROM THE START. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR THIS MOTION. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORTS BACK, AND I KNOW THE PUBLIC WILL, AS WELL.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ADRIANA BAUTISTA, JASMINE RICHARDS ABDULLAH, AND WENDOLYN JULIAN.

**SUP. BARGER:** AND SHERIFF, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I KNOW YOU HAVE A CONFLICT AND A MEETING TO GO TO. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. WE KNOW WE KEPT YOU LONG ENOUGH.

**SPEAKER:** [AUDIENCE SPEAKING]

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME, SHE IS BEING DISRUPTIVE, YOU ARE DISRUPTING THE MEETING. THIS IS YOUR FIRST WARNING.

**ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS ACTUALLY HER THIRD WARNING. WE HAD THE CODE OF CONDUCT. YOU WARNED HER EARLIER.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, OKAY, THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING. YOU ARE CONTINUING TO DISRUPT THE MEETING. THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING. PLEASE SIT DOWN. PLEASE SIT DOWN. THANK YOU. OKAY, LET'S CALL UP THE SPEAKERS, AND PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL WHEN YOU COME UP --

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ON THE PHONE, THANK YOU.

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, NO ONE IS QUEUED UP. PARDON ME, SOMEONE JUST DID QUEUE UP.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

**ROY HUMPHREYS:** YES. I KNOW A BIT FROM WHICH I -- KENNETH, MY BROTHER WORKED AT THE SHERIFF'S WAYSIDE FOR THREE YEARS AND WATTS FOR FOUR BACK IN THE DAY. AND WITH LEROY BACA AND HIS CREW, I SUBMIT THAT THE ENTIRE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD HAVE GONE TO FEDERAL PENITENTIARY ALONG WITH HIM, AND THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN A BASTION ORGANIZED CRIME FOR DECADES. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, ON THE PHONE, IF THERE IS ONE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE WILL GO.

**SUP. BARGER:** WENDOLYN JULIAN WITH THE PROBATION COMMISSION HAD TO LEAVE, BUT SHE PUT IN WRITING HER SUPPORT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO IN-PERSON.

**ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** MY NAME IS ADRIANA BAUTISTA. AND SHERIFF LUNA, YOU CAN FIRE CLARISSA PRENTISS AND ELIZAR TODAY. YOU HAVE  YOU HAVE THAT POWER. YOU CAN FIRE THEM. THEY KILLED CHARLES TOWNS A FEW WEEKS AGO IN ALTADENA. THERE WAS NO EFFORT MADE TO EVALUATE THE SCENE. THERE WAS NO EFFORT MADE TO CALL A M.E.T. TEAM. THEY JUST POINT BLANK EXECUTED A MAN HAVING A PSYCHOTIC EPISODE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET AFTER HE HAD ALREADY PUT HIS HANDS UP AND WAS TRYING TO RUN AWAY FOR HIS LIFE. THE VIDEO NEEDS TO BE RELEASED UNEDITED, ALL OF IT, BY THE END OF TODAY. AND YOU HAVE THAT POWER. ALSO, JALANI LOVETT, HE WAS EXECUTED BY L.A. SHERIFFS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND HIS FAMILY STILL HAS ZERO ANSWERS. HIS CAUSE OF DEATH WAS DETERMINED UN -- LIKE REFERRED FOR OVER A MONTH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SPEAKER:** WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND COMPLIANCE, RIGHT? WELL, OFFICER ELIZAR MORALES NEVER HAD ON HIS BODY CAM. RIGHT? YOU RELEASED, WE'RE GOING TO SAY HIS NAME, CHARLES TOWNS, CHARLES TOWNS  WAS MURDERED JANUARY 22ND IN ALTADENA. THERE WAS NINE ENTRY WOUNDS, FIVE EXIT WOUNDS, SEVEN SHOTS AT A DOWNWARD ANGLE. THE D.O.J. HAS TAKEN THIS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THESE OFFICERS ARE OUT OF POLICY. WE HAVE DEMANDS. RELEASE ALL BODY CAM OF ALL OF THE OFFICERS INVOLVED UNEDITED. NOW WE KNOW THAT ONE OF YOUR OFFICERS WAS OUT OF COMPLIANCE BECAUSE HIS

BODY CAM FOOTAGE WAS NOT RELEASED BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE IT ON. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT ABOUT THAT? 2) RELEASE THE NAMES OF ALL OFFICERS. WE HAD TO FIND THAT OUT OURSELVES BECAUSE I'M FROM THAT COMMUNITY. 3) RELEASE THE RESTRAINING ORDER ON THE AUTOPSY REPORT. WHY ARE YOU HIDING THE AUTOPSY REPORT? BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOUR OFFICES ARE OUT OF POLICY. WE ALSO WANT YOU TO WORK WITH D.M.H. TO ENSURE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO QUICK RESPOND THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY 24/7, THAT THEY ARE ON CALL. NOW, WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO FIRE OFFICER ELIZAR MORALES AND CLARISSA PRENTISS. IT IS ON YOU. IT IS ON YOU. THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS. HIS NAME IS CHARLES TOWNS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER:** HE WAS A FRIEND. HE WAS MY FAMILY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER:** AND HIS BLOOD --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. OKAY, THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP. IS THERE -- [AUDIENCE DISRUPTION] IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN THE AUDITORIUM?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS. OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS. OKAY GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

**SPEAKER:** I AM HERE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT NOW THAT THIS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, WE ARE ON ITEM 4.

**SPEAKER:** I KNOW. AND WHEN I SAW THIS COMING ON WITH THIS PERFECT OPPORTUNITY. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS YOU. I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO MS. WILLIAMS'S OFFICE A FEW WEEKS AGO. I ACTUALLY HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE BEACHES AND HARBOR FOR AN ACTUAL INCIDENT THAT IS HAPPENING WRIGHT NOW. MY -- I AM NOT BEING ALLOWED TO HAVE A TOW HEARING --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST STOP YOU. HOLD HIS TIME. SO THAT IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS RIGHT NOW IS ON THE CONSENT DECREES AND ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE.

**SPEAKER:** I AGREE TO THAT, YES.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO STICK TO THIS ITEM.

**SPEAKER:** YES, I AM SAYING BECAUSE I HAVE THAT, I AM IN TOTAL IN FAVOR OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE. AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING THIS PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF POLICING AND YOU REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE BETTER STAFF. I SUPPORT YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, WE WILL NOW [DISRUPTION FROM AUDIENCE] THAT'S YOUR -- [DISRUPTION FROM AUDIENCE] THAT'S YOUR FINAL WARNING. [DISRUPTION FROM AUDIENCE] EXCUSE ME. THAT'S YOUR FINAL WARNING. WE UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU CANNOT DISRUPT THE MEETING. YOU CANNOT DISRUPT THE MEETING. THAT'S YOUR FINAL WARNING. OKAY, WE WILL NOW -- I THINK WE WILL CLEAR THE DAIS AND MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENT IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.1, [INDISCERNIBLE] EMPLOYMENT  CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER, ITEM C.S.2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM C.S.3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS 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 MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ITEM 15, WE'LL NOW MOVE TO ITEM 15, FIGHTING BACK AGAINST RACIAL BIAS IN APPRAISALS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FIGHTING BACK AGAINST BIAS IN APPRAISALS IS BEFORE US TODAY, WHICH LEVERAGES THE COUNTY'S ROLE AS A CLIENT OF APPRAISAL CONTRACTORS. THE COUNTY CONDUCTS, ON AVERAGE, JUST UNDER A DOZEN APPRAISALS A YEAR TO PRIVATELY OWNED LAND WE MIGHT NEED TO ACQUIRE, USUALLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF A CAPITAL PROJECT. PROPERTIES IN BLACK AND LATINX NEIGHBORHOODS CONSISTENTLY APPRAISE FOR LESS THAN THE CONTRACT PRICE AND MORE OFTEN APPRAISE FOR LESS THAN THE CONTRACTED PRICE IN PREDOMINATELY WHITE COMMUNITIES. ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECENTLY FROM FREDDIE MAC, 12.5% OF APPRAISALS IN BLACK MAJORITY NEIGHBORHOODS APPRAISE BELOW THE CONTRACT PRICE OF THE HOME COMPARED TO 7.4% OF APPRAISALS IN WHITE TRACTS. IT STANDS TO REASON THAT BIAS IN APPRAISALS CONTRIBUTES TO DISPARITIES IN FINANCIAL EQUITY FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR. WHEN A HOME APPRAISES FOR LESS, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY A FAMILY CAN BORROW AGAINST IT IS IMPACTED, WHICH HINDERS A FAMILY'S

ABILITY TO BUILD WEALTH FROM THEIR HOME ASSET. THIS IS ONE PIECE OF A LARGER LEGACY IN OUR COUNTRY AND COUNTY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN HOME BUYING AND HISTORICAL EXCLUSION OF BLACK AND LATINX COMMUNITIES FROM WEALTH BUILDING. ADMITTEDLY, THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE APPRAISAL ISSUE IS VERY NARROW, BUT, AS AN EMPLOYER OF FIRMS THAT SERVE OUR REGION, WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO INCENTIVIZE THE APPRAISAL INDUSTRY TO DO MORE ON THIS ISSUE. WE MUST ALSO LEVERAGE THE COUNTY'S BULLY PULPIT TO MAKE SURE OUR FAMILIES UNDERSTAND HOW TO REPORT SUSPECTED BIAS IN APPRAISALS. THIS ISSUE GAINED NATIONAL ATTENTION IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS WHEN THE FORMER MAYOR OF STOCKTON, MICHAEL TUBBS, WAS A VICTIM HIMSELF IN ATTEMPTING TO GET AN APPRAISAL FOR A HOUSE HE WAS SELLING IN STOCKTON. THE MAYOR OF THE CITY'S APPRAISAL CAME IN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LESS THAN HIS NEIGHBORS ON HIS VERY SAME BLOCK. SO,  THIS IS ASK ISSUE THAT IS FAR REACHING. AS THE COUNTY'S PRIMARY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER, WE MUST ALSO LEVERAGE OUR ROLE TO ENCOURAGE MORE DIVERSITY IN THE APPRAISAL INDUSTRY TO SUPPORT FURTHER CHALLENGING APPRAISAL ASSUMPTIONS AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL. IN 2021, PRESIDENT BIDEN LAUNCHED A POVERTY APPRAISAL AND VALUATION EQUITY PROGRAM, WHICH IS A FIRST OF ITS KIND INTERAGENCY TASKFORCE DEDICATED TO ENDING BIAS IN HOME VALUATION. I HAVE READ THE REPORT, WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO SO. IT IS DEEPLY TROUBLING. I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON THE

SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT ITEM FORWARD. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE RECENTLY SEEN THERE'S RACIAL BIAS IN APPRAISALS. FOR MOST PEOPLE, THEIR HOME IS THEIR MOST VALUABLE ALSO SET. THERE HOME REPRESENTS A LIFE'S WORTH OF WORK AND, IN MANY CASES, THEIR RETIREMENT. A FAIR APPRAISAL CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TENS OF  THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND MAKE OR BREAK A HOME SALE. UNFORTUNATELY, RECENT STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT PROPERTIES IN BLACK AND LATINX NEIGHBORHOODS MORE FREQUENTLY APPRAISE FOR LESS THAN THE AGREED UPON CONTRACT PRICE THAN PROPERTIES IN WHITE AREAS. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT A APPRAISALS ARE FAIR FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF THE RACE OF THE HOMEOWNER, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THIS PAVES THE WAY FOR GENTRIFICATION. RECENTLY, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND VALUATION EQUITY HAS OUTLINED ACTIONS TO ADVANCE EQUITY IN HOME APPRAISALS, SUCH AS INCREASING OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE APPRAISAL INDUSTRY. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT EQUAL STEPS ARE TAKEN WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,

PARTICULARLY WHEN THE COUNTY IS PURCHASING PROPERTY. FOR THESE REASONS, I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S ITEM, WHICH WILL HELP TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT BIAS AND ALSO ENSURE THAT A APPRAISAL BIAS IS NOT OCCURRING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING WHEN THE COUNTY IS PURCHASING PROPERTY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, VERY TIMELY. I THINK MANY OF US KNOW THE PAST DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES THAT TAKE PLACE WITH RESPECT TO RED-LINING, AND THIS IS NOT DIFFERENT. AND IT HURTS OUR COMMUNITIES. IT KEEPS COMMUNITIES IN POVERTY. IT KEEPS THEM IN CRIME-RIDDEN STATUS IN MANY WAYS. SO YES, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOTION TO LOOK AT THAT. THIS IN PARTICULAR IMPACTS A LOT OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENT, AND IT IMPEDES OUR ABILITY TO VENTILATE WEALTH. SO IF THEIR PROPERTIES ARE NOT INCREASING IN VALUE, AS OTHERS ARE IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS, THEN ARE COMMITTING, IN MY OPINION, A GROSS UNDERREPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE AND SUPPRESSING THEM. I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WHO OFTEN WORK IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY. AND SINCE THEY ARE SHUT OUT OF MORE TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT, IT IS EVEN

HARDER FOR THEM TO COLLECT THEIR FUNDING, TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY, AND WHAT HAVE YOU. I THINK THE STATE, AS WE KNOW ALREADY, REQUIRES APPRAISERS TO COMPLETE QUALIFYING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND ANTI-BIAS. CONTRACTORS WHO WORK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY SHOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED WITH THE SAME TRAINING AS OUR OWN EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING. THE COUNTY ALREADY REQUIRES CONTRACTORS TO TAKE COUNTY'S EQUITY AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAININGS. I ALSO AGREE THAT WE NEED TO GO BEYOND JUST OUR OWN CONTRACTED APPRAISERS AND CHANGE THE INDUSTRY TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE. A FEW YEARS AGO, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO WORK WITH THE ASSESSORS OFFICE TO PILOT A PROGRAM AT MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE TO CREATE A PIPELINE FOR ENTRY LEVEL APPRAISERS. I AM INTERESTED TO HEAR STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A PEER REVIEW PROCESS TO OFFER INPUT ON THE WORK OF CONSULTANT APPRAISERS WHO PERFORM MORE THAN 10 OR MORE APPRAISALS. THIS IS A NOVEL PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY CONTRACTOR TO WORK OUTSIDE OF DESIGN REVIEWS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND I HOPE THAT THESE RESULTS WILL BE EQUITABLE. I SUPPORT THE MOTION AND HOPE THAT WE CAN -- YES, AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO ALSO BE COAUTHOR FOR THIS. AND I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO ADDRESS THESE INEQUITIES AS WE GO FORWARD. I WAS WATCHING, OH GOD, "THE EQUALIZER."

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** "THE EQUALIZER." IT WAS ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

**SUP. SOLIS:** IT WAS ABOUT THIS TOPIC, APPRAISERS. AND I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT IT IS GOING ON RIGHT UNDERNEATH OUR NOSE. SO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I, YES, WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T REALIZE SHE WAS COAUTHOR.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** SHE IS NOW BECAUSE I WOULD USUALLY CALL ON THE COAUTHOR AFTER THE AUTHOR SPEAKS.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** SHE IS NOW, THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. WELL, REALLY GLAD YOU BROUGHT THIS FORWARD. AGAIN, IT HAS SO MANY HISTORIC ROOTS IN JUST THE DENIAL OF GENERATIONAL WEALTH, PARTICULARLY WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES. "THE EQUALIZER" JUST HAD THAT EPISODE SUNDAY NIGHT. I LOVE THAT PROGRAM, BUT, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS. THAT WAS A GOOD EPISODE THAT TOLD HOW A BLACK FAMILY GOT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT APPRAISAL THAN THE WHITE FAMILY RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET WITH A HOME THAT HAD LESS UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS. ANYWAY, I LOVE THAT SHOW, BUT IT DID HIGHLIGHT THIS ISSUE. SO, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT FORWARD. YES, MS. BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. I THE STORY AS IT WAS TOLD WITH THE MAYOR. AND I HAVE TO WONDER HOW OFTEN IT HAS HAPPENED IF NOT FOR IT BEING A MAYOR TO SHED LIGHT ON AND MAKE LIGHT OF THE FACT OF WHAT IS OCCURRING. SO I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO MORE TRAINING AND MORE ACCOUNTABILITY IN ALL INDUSTRIES TO ENSURE THAT THESE TYPE OF SITUATIONS OR APPRAISALS THAT ARE CLEARLY, TO ME, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING YOU ON THIS. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN-HOUSE OR ON THE PHONE? OKAY. HEARING NO COMMENTS, ITEM 15 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 21, ENSURING RELIABLE ACCESS TO READING MATERIALS FOR INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED IN OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 21. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND JOINING IN ON

THIS ITEM AS A COAUTHOR. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO THANK AHMANISE SANATI FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE, NOT ONLY TO OUR ATTENTION, BUT TO THE ATTENTION OF MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE TAKEN AN INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE AND REACHED OUT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HER EFFORTS, NOT ONLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT SHE HAS BEEN CONTACTED NATIONWIDE ABOUT EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS CHANGE THAT WE ARE ABOUT THE MAKE TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA AND THE CUSTODY INMATE SERVICES TEAM, WHO HAVE ALL COMMITTED TO WORKING ON THIS INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR BOARD. THE BOARD FACES MANY CHALLENGES WHEN IT COMES TO THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN OUR JAILS. AND IN RECENT WEEKS, WE HAVE DEALT WITH THE CHALLENGES OF PROVIDING MEANINGFUL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ADDRESSING OVERCROWDING, AND SOLVING OTHER HIGHLY COMPLEX ISSUES. PUSHING OUR CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST INITIATIVE HAS REMINDED US THAT OUR OWN SCOPE AND AUTHORITY MAY AT TIMES BE LIMITED AND THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO ACHIEVE OUR AMBITIONS GOALS, BUT GIVING PEOPLE RELIABLE ACCESS TO READING MATERIALS ISN'T FRAUGHT WITH THE SAME COMPLEXITIES. WE HAVE THE BOOKS. MANY PEOPLE WANT TO CONTRIBUTE. AND MANY PEOPLE -- EVEN MORE PEOPLE WOULD LOVE TO DO MORE IF WE JUST TELL THEM WHERE AND HOW TO DO SO. WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO RUN A LIBRARY WITHIN THEIR OWN LIVING UNIT. WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO EXPLORE GIVING PEOPLE THE GREATEST ACCESS POSSIBLE TO BOOKS

AND GAMES, AND WE HAVE THE WILL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. THIS, TO ME, IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THINGS, ONCE AGAIN, BEING WRITTEN DOWN ON PAPER BUT NOT PUT INTO PRACTICE. NO ONE DISPUTES THE POWER OF READING AS A THERAPEUTIC TOOL. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IT IS AN INVALUABLE TEACHING TOOL. IN ITS VERY SIMPLEST FORM, IT IS A LOW COST, EASY TO ACCESS PAST-TIME. NO ONE SHOULD BE DEPRIVED OF ANY OF THESE BENEFITS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE INCARCERATED. IN A SETTING THAT IS OTHERWISE FRAUGHT WITH SADNESS, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE JOY, AND NOTHING SHOULD DETER US FROM DOING SO. I ONCE AGAIN WANT TO THANK AHMANISE FOR HER LEADERSHIP. IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF WHEN THE COMMUNITY SPEAKS UP IN IDENTIFYING A SOLUTION WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH US TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. HER EXAMPLE I HOPE WE CAN ALL TAKE TO HEART. AND COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY EFFORT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. BARGER:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, I AM REALLY HAPPY TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH. A FEW YEARS AGO, THE FIFTH DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS ASSISTED WITH THE CREATION OF HUNTER'S LIBRARY AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. A GROUP OF WOMEN CAME TOGETHER, AND I REMEMBERED IT AS THOUGHT IT WAS YESTERDAY, TO ESTABLISH HUNTER'S LIBRARY, WHICH WAS NAMED AFTER THE SON OF ONE OF THE LADIES IN THE GROUP, WHO SAW A PROFOUND CHANGE IN HER SON WHO WANTED TO READ AS MANY BOOKS AS HE COULD GET HIS

HANDS ON WHILE SERVING AT M.C.J. WHILE I UNDERSTAND HUNTER'S LIBRARY IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION, SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T KNOW, AND I WAS DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT SURPRISED THAT THE PRIOR SHERIFF DECIDED, I GUESS, TO REMOVE IT FROM THE JAILS, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT ACCESS TO BOOKS CAN HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT WHEN IT COMES TO REHABILITATION. ALSO, THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE CRAVING -- EVEN IN OUR PROBATION CAMPS, WHEN WE WENT AND TOURED BARRY J. NIDORF, THEY WANT TO LEARN. THEY WANT TO READ. SO THE GOOD NEWS IS WE HAVE ALREADY EXHAUSTED ALL THE LEGAL AVENUES THAT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. SO HOPEFULLY, THEY CAN FIND THE BOOKS BECAUSE THERE WERE A LOT OF BOOKS THAT WERE DONATED TO YOUR POINT. PEOPLE WERE BRINGING IN BOOKS, DONATING BOOKS, AND GET THIS UP AND RUNNING. AND I APPRECIATE YOU SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE FACT THAT IT WAS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

**SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO OUR ATTENTION. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AVOID ANY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES BECAUSE OF AN EXPERIENCE I HAD AS A SITTING MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE ON A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WHERE WE WERE HEARING FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE INCARCERATED IN C.D.C.R., WHO EXPERIENCED SITUATIONS WHERE

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WOULD MAKE ARBITRARY JUDGMENTS ON AN INMATE'S PAROLE SUITABILITY BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE BOOKS THEY HAD IN THEIR CELL. AND THE EXAMPLE I WAS GIVEN WAS ELDRIDGE CLEAVER'S "SOUL ON ICE." AND SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO READ WHAT THEY CHOOSE, AND SHERIFFS DON'T MAKE JUDGMENTS BASED ON WHAT THEY CHOOSE TO CONSUME. IF YOU HAVE READ THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X, HE TELLS A STORY OF READING THE DICTIONARY, BEING INTRODUCED TO THE DICTIONARY WHILE IN JAIL AND READING EVERY WORD IN THE DICTIONARY THAT LED TO HIM BECOMING THE MAN HE WAS. SO, I JUST HAD A HORRIBLE FLASHBACK TO THAT EXPERIENCE AND LEARNING THAT PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY HARMED BASED ON THEIR READING MATERIAL CHOICE, AND WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE THAT HAPPEN HERE.

**SUP. HORVATH:** IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, THAT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE INTENTION OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT ISSUE, AND IF YOU HAVE AN ACTION ITEM THAT HELPS US ADDRESS THAT MORE CONCRETELY, I WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME IT, BUT I APPRECIATE YOU RAISING IT HERE FOR THE RECORD SO WE CAN BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT OUR INTENTIONS ARE WITH THIS ITEM.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK HER POINT WAS UNINTENDED.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** YES.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOT WHAT THE INTENTIONS ARE BUT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. SO THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

**SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AM SORRY. THERE YOU ARE. OKAY, NOW YOU'RE THERE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS OF THIS MOTION. I THINK IT IS REALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE PROVIDE WHATEVER PROGRAMING AND ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE IN OUR CUSTODY, AND READING BOOKS AND HAVING ACCESS TO TABLETS AND ALL OF THAT ARE REALLY ESSENTIAL. THEIR LEARNING SHOULD CONTINUE. NOTHING SHOULD PRECLUDE THEM FROM READING WHAT THEY WANT BUT ALSO  HAVING ACCESS. REMINDED OF THE MOVIE "SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION," WHATEVER IT IS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** "SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION." I AM INTO MOVIES AND T.V.

**SUP. SOLIS:** REMEMBER, THEY WERE CARTING THE BOOKS AROUND AND HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE -- THAT WERE IN PRISON HAD ACCESS TO BOOKS. IT IS A WAY OF ALSO EDUCATING YOURSELF, BUT ALSO AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH STRESS

RELIEVERS. AND I THINK IT IS REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING, AND I WOULD EQUALLY SAY IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO AT ALL OUR PROBATION CAMPS AND ANY OF OUR CUSTODY FACILITIES, WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT WITH WE ARE OVERSEEING. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS. I WILL SUPPORT IT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXCEPT FOR THE ICE PICK THAT THEY HID IN THE BIBLE IN THAT. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC `THAT HAVE SIGNED UP? YES.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU, NATASHA KHAMASHTA. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND BARGER FOR AUTHORIZING THIS CRITICAL MOTION. IT IS CRITICAL TO RECOGNIZE THE NEEDS FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO COMMIT TO PROVIDING FOLKS WHO ARE INCARCERATED WITH THE TOOLS THAT WILL SUPPORT THEIR HUMANITY AS WELL AS THEIR DIGNITY. AND IT IS ALSO IMPERATIVE THIS MOTION DOES NOT

RESULT IN MORE FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOTORIOUS FOR ABUSING OVERTIME HOURS AND USING OPERATING COSTS OF L.A. COUNTY JAILS AS A SLUSH FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MUST NOT USE THIS LIBRARY AS A WAY TO GET MORE FUNDING FOR THEIR DEPARTMENT. SO I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO TREAD CAREFULLY AND MONITOR THE BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT CLOSELY. THE BOARD HAS ALREADY COMMITTED TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE BOARD MUST SET A TIMELINE FOR THIS CLOSURE. THE CRISIS IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER IS GETTING WORSE. AND THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DO THE BARE MINIMUM TO BRING ABOUT THE SAFETY OF --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** A LIBRARY WILL NOT CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. LET'S GO IN- PERSON. HELLO, WELCOME.

**NATASHA KHAMASHTA:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NATASHA KHAMASHTA. AND I AM A 22 AND 1/2 YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I THINK I HAVE MET MANY OF YOU, BUT, MS. HORVATH, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION. AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE L.A COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER UNION, LOCAL 148, AND MYSELF. IN PLAYA DEL REY, ME AND AHMANISE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT FOR

OVER TWO YEARS. WE MET THROUGH THE BUY NOTHING GROUP. AND OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY HAVE DONATED DOZENS AND DOZENS AND BOXES OF BOXES, AS HAVE PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO WE ARE VERY, VERY THRILLED THIS MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT THIS FORWARD, HORVATH, AND THAT, BARGER, YOU HAVE ADDED TO THAT. THE ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD IS THAT WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT NONE OF THESE -- THAT THESE FUNDS ARE INDEPENDENT AND THAT THE INMATE WELFARE FUND IS NOT UTILIZED FOR THIS PROJECT. THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOOKS OUT THERE. THE LIBRARY IS WONDERFUL, THAT THEY WILL COOPERATE AND WILL HELP WITH THIS ENDEAVOR, BUT WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT NO COMMISSARY FUNDS ARE USED FOR THIS OR THE INMATE WELFARE FUND BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE COMMISSARY FEES.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THAT'S IT. OKAY, HEARING NO ORE COMMENTS, ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I HAVE THE NEXT ITEM IS 67B. IS THAT RIGHT? IS THAT WHERE WE ARE? SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1090, CODIFYING SHERIFF REMOVAL? IS THAT MY -- THAT'S NOT ON MY SCRIPT. THERE IT IS. YOU ARE RIGHT. IT IS 23. TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU,

SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU COAUTHORED THIS MOTION. AND AS CHAIR, IN MARCH OF 2020, YOU WERE THE ONE THAT DECLARED THE LOCAL EMERGENCY AT THE START OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC. AND AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS NO PLAY BOOK, THERE WAS NO RULE BOOK. THIS WAS LIKE NOTHING WE HAD EVER EXPERIENCED. WE WERE CONTINUALLY WALKING THE LINE OF PROTECTING PEOPLE'S LIVES AND PROTECTING THEIR LIVELIHOODS, AND SOMETIMES THOSE TWO THINGS CONFLICTED. MANY PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS. PEOPLE LOST THEIR BUSINESS. 35,000 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS LOST THEIR LIVES. SUPERVISE HORVATH, I THINK ABOUT THAT NUMBER. THAT'S THE SIZE OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, THE CITY THAT YOU CAME FROM. THESE PAST FEW YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY THAT FIRST YEAR BEFORE WE HAD THE VACCINES, WERE THE DARKEST YEARS MANY OF US HAVE LIVED THROUGH. AND I REALLY WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO HAS HELPED US GET THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE. THANK YOU, FIRST OFF, TO THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY KEEPING THE NECESSARY PIECES OF SOCIETY FUNCTIONING WHILE SO MANY OF US HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING FROM THE SAFETY OF OUR HOMES. THANK YOU TO THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY WHO MADE UNIMAGINABLE SACRIFICES UNDER UNPRECEDENTED STRESS TO UPHOLD THEIR OATH AND COMMITMENT TO THEIR PATIENTS. THANK YOU TO THE L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO SERVE OUR RESIDENTS IN CRISIS, OFTEN IN ROLES THAT WERE FAR FROM YOUR NORMAL JOBS, WHETHER IT WAS THE L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS WHO WERE DEPLOYED TO OUR PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES OR

OUR LIBRARIANS WHO BECAME CONTACT TRACERS. AND THANK YOU TO OUR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEAD, DR. BARBARA FERRER, WHO NEVER STOPPED WORKING TO SAVE LIVES AND FOUND HERSELF THRUST INTO A NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT. IT IS BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN A VERY DIFFERENT REALITY TODAY. COVID IS STILL WITH US, BUT IT IS NO LONGER AN EMERGENCY. AND IT IS TIME FOR US IN L.A. COUNTY TO END OUR EMERGENCY ORDERS. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, OUR EMERGENCY ORDERS ALLOWED US TO STAND UP PROJECT ROOM KEY LOCATIONS, SET UP MASS TESTING SITES AT CLOSED MALL, AND HUGE DRIVE THROUGH VACCINE SITES. WE FAST-TRACKED THE OUTDOOR DINING POLICY AND DEPLOYED COUNTY STAFF TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T GET OUT TO BUY GROCERIES. THE EMERGENCY ORDER IS ALSO THE TOOL THAT GAVE THIS BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT COUNTY- WIDE TENANT PROTECTIONS. TODAY, THE VIRUS HAS BECOME SOMETHING WE ARE LEARNING TO LIVE WITH, MANAGE, AND EVEN PREDICT. OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE PLANNING AHEAD, COPING WITH COVID, AND ROLLING THAT INTO THEIR NEW NORMAL. FOR INSTANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL CONTINUE TO TRACK COVID AND MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC HAS THE INFORMATION AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, BUT THEY ARE NO LONGER RELYING ON DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS AND EMERGENCY ORDERS. THEY WILL ALSO CONTINUE THE MOBILE VACCINE VANS, AS THAT HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL WAY TO GET VACCINES OUT WHERE PEOPLE ARE. THIS MOTION, IF APPROVED TODAY, WOULD END THE LOCAL

EMERGENCY DECLARATION NEXT MONTH ON MARCH 31ST, WHICH MEANS THERE'S FOUR WEEKS FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE AND TALK TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT HOW COUNTY BUSINESS WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE DECLARED EMERGENCY IS OVER. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A LOT OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND I THINK THERE WERE THINGS THAT THE LOCAL EMERGENCY ALLOWED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO DO, AS I MENTIONED, WHICH, IN TALKING TO US GOING FORWARD, WE WILL SEE IF THERE STILL MAKES SENSE TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE THINGS THAT WE DO. IT IS RIGHT TIME TO END THIS EMERGENCY AND OFFICIALLY TRANSITION OUR APPROACH TO DEAL WITH THIS NEW NORMAL. SO THANK YOU, AND, WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE -- COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, CHAIR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. IT WAS JUST UNDER THREE YEARS AGO THAT, AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I AUTHORED A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVELOPING COVID-19 CRISIS. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT WAS UNCHARTERED WATER, AND REALLY NONE OF US KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT. AT THE TIME OF THIS EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WE WERE STILL VERY UNCERTAIN OF THE IMPACT THAT THIS WOULD HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY. THE URGENCY AND THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE OUR HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS HAD THE RESOURCES AND FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE DYNAMIC

NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY AMONG OTHER THINGS. NOW, THREE YEARS LATER, WE ARE NO LONGER AT THAT POINT OF NEEDING THE SAME LEVEL OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE. ALTHOUGH COVID-19 IS STILL PRESENT, DUE TO VACCINATIONS, NATURAL IMMUNITY, THERAPEUTICS, AND MANY OTHER EFFECTIVE TOOLS, WE ARE AT LESS RISK OF CRIPPLING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND MAKING IT BECOME OVERWHELMED. WHILE I AM GLAD WE ARE MOVING TO END THIS EMERGENCY AT THE END OF THE MONTH, I KNOW WE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT ALIGNING IT WITH THE STATE. MY PREFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT, BUT I AM GRATEFUL, AND I UNDERSTAND THE THOUGHT PROCESS OF ALLOWING FOUR WEEKS TO GET DEPARTMENTS READY. I THINK THAT IS ACTUALLY A SMART MOVE SO THAT WE CAN DO IT ACROSS THE BOARD. OUR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS HAVE BEEN CLEAR THEY HAVE APPRECIATED THE FLEXIBILITY AND RESOURCES THAT CAME WITH THE STATE'S EMERGENCY, AND IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THESE BE PROTECTED. I HOPE THE STATE WILL MOVE TO PERMANENTLY CODIFY MANY  OF THE FLEXIBILITIES THAT ALLOW OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TO MORE EFFECTIVELY STAFF AND RESOURCE OUR HOSPITALS AND CLINICS. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF LESSONS LEARNED THAT WE COULD HAVE AS TAKEAWAYS. THE ONGOING EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO CAST CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY INTO OUR SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. MANY ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THE IMPACT OF COVID EMERGENCY MEASURES, AND THE HEARTBREAKING CONSEQUENCES, WHICH I KNOW WE HAVE ALL TALKED ABOUT FACED BY OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN STILL BEING UNDERSTOOD. IN ALL OF OUR

COMMUNITIES, THEY ARE LOOKING TO THE COUNTY FOR GUIDANCE ON NOT HOW TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGING CRISIS BUT HOW TO LIVE WITH THIS VIRUS IN THE FUTURE, AND YOU TOUCHED ON THAT. GETTING RID OF THE EMERGENCY ORDER DOES NOT MEAN THAT COVID IS NO LONGER HERE. IT IS. AS WE DO WITH ALL DEVELOPING OR KNOWN COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, IT IS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE COMMON SENSE ADVICE TO RESIDENTS ON HOW THEY CAN LIVE AND GO ABOUT THEIR DAYS RESPONSIBLY. I WANT TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO THANK AND SHOW MY GRATITUDE TO SO MANY WHO ROSE TO THE OCCASION IN THIS CRISIS, AND I THINK IT REALLY SPEAKS TO WHAT AN AMAZING COUNTY WE HAVE. OBVIOUSLY, THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FRONT LINE WORKERS, OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, EDUCATORS WHO HAD TO ADAPT TO ZOOM, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO CAME IN AND WORKED EVEN THOUGH THEY FACED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACTING THE VIRUS, BUSINESSES THAT CONSTANTLY ADJUSTED TO CREATE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS, IN PARTICULAR THE RESTAURANTS, AND ALL OTHERS WHO STEPPED UP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN YOU AND I -- WE ALL SIT ON SANITATION. THEY ARE MONITORING THIS, AS WELL. SO WE GET A UPDATE FROM SANITATION DISTRICT IN TERMS OF WHETHER IT GETS A TICK UP OR A TICK DOWN. AND SO, I THINK IT IS VITAL FOR US TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS BUT ALSO ON ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASE THAT MAY COME INTO THE COUNTY. WE HAD PEOPLE TESTIFY ABOUT A NEW STRAIN OF S.T.D. THAT  ACTUALLY IS RESISTANT TO MEDICATION. SO IT IS

IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE VIGILANT ACROSS THE BOARD. AND IF COVID HAS NOT TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT SHOULD HAVE CAUGHT US THAT ANY GIVEN DAY WHAT YOU HAVE CAN BE TAKEN AWAY QUICKLY. SO, WITH THAT, I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS, AND I'M READY TO SUPPORT AND VOTE YES.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY. NEXT YEAR WILL MARK THE THIRD YEAR SINCE THE BOARD PROCLAIMED AND RATIFIED COVID-19 EMERGENCY. THESE HAVE BEEN I THINK THREE OF THE MOST INCREDIBLY LONG YEARS FOR SOME OF US. THE PANDEMIC HAD DEVASTATING IMPACTS ON THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF SO MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS SEEN OVER 3.7 MILLION CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19. AND SADLY, OVER 35,000 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF IT. WE KNOW THAT, THOUGH THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED EVERYONE, IT ALSO DID NOT IMPACT EVERYONE EQUALLY. COMMUNITIES IN MY DISTRICT WERE ESPECIALLY HARD HIT. OVER 750,000 RESIDENTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT HAVE CONFIRMED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, AND 8,710 RESIDENTS PASSED AWAY. THAT'S THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE COUNTY. THESE ARE NOT JUST STATISTICS. THESE ARE MOTHERS, FATHERS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, ABUELAS, ABUELOS, WHO ARE NO LONGER AT THE FAMILY DINING TABLE. AND OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW

OF RESIDENTS WHO LOST THEIR JOBS, SMALL BUSINESS THAT CLOSED THEIR DOORS NEVER TO OPEN AGAIN, AND PEOPLE LOSING THEIR HOMES AND FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. THE UNPRECEDENTED TRAGEDY OF THE LAST THREE YEARS CAN'T BE UNDERSTATED, BUT IN THE MIDST OF THIS LOSS, THERE WAS ALSO INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE. WE SAW OUR COUNTY COME TOGETHER. THIS BOARD, OUR DEPARTMENTS, OUR WORKFORCE OUR RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THEY ALL BANDED TOGETHER TO LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER. WE STOOD UP EXTENSIVE COUNTY-WIDE TESTING NETWORKS, AN ENTIRE VACCINE INFRASTRUCTURE, MOBILE CLINICS, AND TEST TO TREAT SYSTEM THAT SERVED AS A NATIONAL MODEL. WE DEPLOYED RESOURCES FROM FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LEVELS TO STRUGGLING BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ACTIONS, MEMBERS, HAVE SAVED LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS. AND WE ALL WEATHERED THE WAVE AFTER WAVE, SURGE AFTER SURGE, FROM THE VIRUS, WHICH KEPT EVOLVING AND CHANGING US. FROM THE ORIGINAL COVID TO THE ALPHA VARIANT TO THE DELTA AND TO THE OMICRON, THESE -- THIS VIRUS KEPT THROWING CURVE BALLS OUR WAY, AND THE COUNTY KEPT RESPONDING LINKING ARMS TOGETHER TO MEET THAT CRISIS. AND THE LOCAL EMERGENCY AND THE HEALTH EMERGENCY GAVE US THE TOOLS WE NEEDED TO DO SO. I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL TO DR. BARBARA FERRER, WHO IS HERE IN THE BACK THERE. HELLO, BARBARA. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP WITH US. DR. DAVIS, DR. GHALY, AND SO MANY OTHERS WHO HELPED LEAD AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE DURING THE PANDEMIC. THANKS TO THEIR ACTIONS AND THE WORK OF SO MANY

OTHERS, THE COUNTY IS NOW IN A MUCH DIFFERENT PLACE. YES, COVID IS STILL WITH US. NO, WE DON'T WANT TO ABANDON THOSE TOOLS THAT GOT US INTO THIS PLACE WHERE WE HAVE THE INTERVENTIONS NEEDED NOW TO SAVE LIVES, BUT WITH EFFECTIVE VACCINES, TESTING, AND TREATMENTS ABUNDANTLY AVAILABLE, WE CAN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19. I WANT TO STRESS TO OUR RESIDENTS JUST BECAUSE WE WILL BE LIFTING THE EMERGENCY ORDERS AT THE END OF MARCH, WE CAN'T FORGET THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THIS PANDEMIC. THIS, OF COURSE, INCLUDES COVID-SPECIFIC RESPONSES. FOR EXAMPLE, STAY AT HOME IF YOU FEEL SICK. GET TESTED. GET VACCINATED, AND, FOR GOD'S SAKE, GET BOOSTED, BUT IT ALSO MEANS LOOKING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER, PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE, WORKING TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH THAT CREATED SIGNIFICANT HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT COVID BROUGHT TO LIGHT. THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. I WILL BE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET THE LAST THREE YEARS, AND I WON'T STOP WORKING TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR RESIDENTS, NOT JUST IN S.D.1, BUT COUNTY- WIDE. AND I WILL KEEP WORKING TO FIND SUSTAINABLE PATHS FORWARD TO CONTINUE SOME OF THESE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS THAT WE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE PANDEMIC TO HELP ADDRESS THIS AND OTHER CRISES LIKE HOMELESSNESSES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DECOMPRESSING OUR EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU TO ALL, AND TO O.E.M., AS WELL. I SEE THEM IN THE BACK.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MADAM CHAIR FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. I KNOW WE ALL HAVE VERY VIVID IMAGES OF THE WAYS THAT WE HAVE BEEN IMPACTED, THE DEVASTATION THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AS A RESULT OF THIS PANDEMIC. AND I KNOW WE ARE ALL RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT, GIVEN THE COVID-19 METRICS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DR. FERRER FEEL COMFORTABLE ENDING THE L.A. COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS FOR COVID-19. IT IS WONDERFUL TO HAVE NEWS TO HAVE AN END IN SIGHT FOR THIS EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR A PANDEMIC THAT HAS HAD DEVASTATING IMPACTS ON OUR HEALTH, SOCIAL ECONOMIC WELLBEING, MENTAL HEALTH, YOU NAME IT FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH THE STATE ENDING ITS EMERGENCY DECLARATION TODAY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENDING IN MAY, AND THE COUNTY WITH THIS MOTION ENDING ON MARCH 31ST, IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WE UNDERSTAND HOW EACH OF THESE WILL IMPACT OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OUR CONSTITUENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK IN THIS MOTION THAT WILL OUTLINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF ENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION, AS WELL AS AN

OUTREACH PLAN TO OUR CONSTITUENTS TO SHARE -- TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND PREVENT CONFUSION AND ENSURE MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES AND FUNDING CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL STRUGGLING AND NEED OUR HELP. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, ALTHOUGH THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION MAY BE ENDING, COVID-19 IS NOT. THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY MUCH AROUND US, AND WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO REMAIN VIGILANT ABOUT ANY POTENTIAL FUTURE NEW VIRUS THAT MAY EMERGE. THEREFORE, IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE REPORT BACK ALSO INCLUDES THE AUTHORITY THAT D.P.H. HAS TO QUICKLY SCALE UP, GOD FORBID IT IS NEEDED. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WERE YOU ON HERE?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** I WAS, BUT I --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TOOK YOURSELF OFF.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** I TOOK MY HAND OFF BECAUSE I THINK, IN LISTENING TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I UNDERSTOOD THE REPORT BACK WAS GOING TO GIVE US SOME OF THE ANSWERS I AM LOOKING FOR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT, THANK YOU. PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU, ANTIGONE ROBINSON, ARNOLD SACHS, BOBBA ADAMS, G.G. SAI, IAN JAMISON, JENNIFER KENNEDY, LAUREN NATOLI, LYNETTE ROB, ROXANNE BECKFORD HOGUE, STEVEN FIGAROA, AND VINCENT SAI. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS SALLY MASLAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**SALLY MASLAN:** HELLO.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO, GO AHEAD.

**SALLY MASLAN:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

**SALLY MASLAN:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

**SALLY MASLAN:** OH, HI. YES. VERY MUCH FOR STOPPING THIS EMERGENCY. I AM HOPING THIS WILL ALSO PUT AN END TO ANY

FURTHER VACCINE MANDATES THAT THERE ARE, MASK MANDATES THAT THERE ARE AND FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, FOR THE UNNECESSARY, REALLY. AND FURTHERMORE, I NOTE THAT THERE ARE -- WHILE CONTINUED ADVOCACY OF VACCINES AND BOOSTERS GO ON, THERE'S A NOTABLE LACK OF ANY DISCUSSION OF ANY SIDE EFFECTS OR IMPACTS FROM THE, NEGATIVE IMPACTS FROM THESE VACCINES AND FROM THESE BOOSTERS. SO, THAT'S MY COMMENT. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT -- PLEASE, NO OUTBURSTS FROM THE AUDITORIUM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRITTNEY BENESEE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**BRITTNEY BENESEE:** GREETINGS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS TO ASK THAT PRIOR TO TERMINATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION, YOU CAN RECONSIDER EXTENDING THE EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS AND UNAUTHORIZED PETS TO ALIGN WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. A REVERSAL OF THESE PROTECTIONS WILL FORCE MANY RESIDENTS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR PETS AND THEIR HOME, INEVITABLY RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ANIMAL SURRENDERS AT A TIME WHEN OUR SHELTERS ARE SEVERELY STRUGGLING WITH OVERCROWDING AND CAPACITY ISSUES. THE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS RECOGNIZED THE CHALLENGES THAT ENDING THESE EVICTION PROTECTIONS WOULD BRING AND HAS VOTED TO EXTEND PROTECTIONS THROUGH JANUARY 31ST OF 2024. IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AMONG L.A. RESIDENTS AND ENSURE THE BEST OUTCOME FOR PETS AND THE FAMILIES THAT LOVE THEM, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE VOTE NO ON AGENDA ITEM 23 UNTIL THESE POLICIES CAN BE ALIGNED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EILEEN SAILOR. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**EILEEN SAILOR:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AM ADDRESSING YOU TODAY IN ORDER TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE VOTE YES TO END THE EMERGENCY. IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS. FOR WHAT? ACCORDING TO THE META-ANALYSIS RELEASED BY THE LANCET, NATURAL IMMUNITY IS A THING. I URGE YOU TO PLEASE CLOSE THE GAP AND BRING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. YOU HAVE FIRED A LOT OF EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO A VACCINE MANDATE, WHICH IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. I BEG YOU, PLEASE HIRE THEM BACK BECAUSE NATURAL IMMUNITY IS A THING. STOP URGING PEOPLE TO GET BOOSTERS. THERE IS AN INCREASE OF DEATHS. WE NEED TO TAKE THAT

INTO ACCOUNT. PLEASE, BOARD MEMBERS, VOTE YES AND END THE EMERGENCY STATE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S GO IN-PERSON HERE IN THE AUDITORIUM. NEXT SPEAKER.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 8 SAYS INTRODUCTION OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19, A NOVEL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, WHICH FIRST DETECTED IN WUHAN CITY IN CHINA RATIFIED BY THE BOARD IN MARCH 4TH OF 2020. I AM WONDERING, YOU SAID THERE WAS 25,000 PEOPLE THAT DIED. THERE SEEMS TO BE A LACK OF FUNERALS. I DON'T SEE TOO MANY PEOPLE BEING BURIED. DO YOU KNOW WHY PEOPLE AREN'T BEING BURIED? IT SEEMS TO BE A REAL WASTE OF TALENT. I HAVE MY VACCINE CARD. IT SAYS 2021-2022 INFLUENZA VACCINATION CARD. IT IS INFLUENZA. THAT'S THE FLU. WHAT ABOUT S.A.R.S.? WHAT ABOUT CORONAVIRUS? WHAT ABOUT THE MONKEYPOX? WHAT ABOUT THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES CITY DECLARING HEALTH EMERGENCIES? WHERE IS THE MAYOR TO TALK ABOUT THE HEALTH EMERGENCIES IN THE CITY?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SPEAKER:** BEFORE I START. THIS IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE BIT OF A LOW I.Q. MOMENT BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO PREPARE --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. NO, THAT WAY TO THE MICROPHONE.

**SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY THIS IS GOING TO BE A LOW I.Q. MOMENT BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO DO RESEARCH OR PREPARE A SPEECH, BUT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO HEAD.

**SPEAKER:** SO, I DIDN'T GET A PREPARE A SPEECH. AND I ONLY GOT TWO HOURS OF SLEEP LAST NIGHT, AND THE EVIDENCE, MY FACE. BUT I'M AWAKE TO KNOW THAT KEEPING THIS AWAY FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS IS LIKE CRAZY. YOU UNGRATEFUL LITTLE [INDISCERNIBLE]. AND ON TOP OF THAT, RESCINDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DOESN'T END THE MANDATE FOR 112 L.A. COUNTY WORKERS. MY SISTER BEING ONE WHO HAD TO GET THE VACCINE TO KEEP HER JOB, DESPITE IT BEING AGAINST HER BELIEFS. MY SISTER JUST SIMPLY BELIEVES THAT SOMEONE'S VACCINE STATUS IS NO ONE ELSE'S BUSINESS. I, PERSONALLY, FOR ME, IT'S MY RELIGION, MY [INDISCERNIBLE] NATIONALISM, MY DOYLE-ISM, PATRIOTISM, AND CONSTITUTIONAL EXTREMISM. I KNOW THAT'S A LOT. SO, MY SISTER DOESN'T AGREE BECAUSE SHE'S NOT AS EPIC, FRANKLY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE TEXAS MOVE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**IAN JANIS:** IAN JANIS, CALIFORNIA LEFTISTS FOR FREEDOM. IN 1973, THE FEDERAL SUPREME COURT IN 7-2 DECISION DECLARED THAT THE PENUMBRA OF THE 1ST, 4TH, 5TH, 9TH, AND 14TH AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION GUARANTEED TO ALL AMERICANS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MEDICAL PRIVACY AND BODILY AUTONOMY. THAT DECISION WAS ROE V. WADE. YOU ARE ALL VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF 112,000 PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. BY IMPOSING A NOW YEAR AND HALF OLD VACCINE MANDATE ON THEM. KATHRYN BARGER, YOU JUST AFFIRMED THE LEGITIMACY OF NATURAL IMMUNITY. WHY DO WE STILL HAVE A MANDATE THEN? SO, ENDING THE S.O.E. A MONTH AFTER CALIFORNIA DOES, RIDICULOUS, BUT THAT'S THE THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. GET OF THE VACCINE MANDATE, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE. REHIRE ALL TERMINATED EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE HAD THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS VIOLATED. RETURN TO FULL CAPACITY MEETINGS, AND THEN ALL OF YOU FASCISTS RESIGN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**LAUREN NATOLI:** HELLO, I'M LAUREN NATOLI FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. L.A. IS PROUD OF HOW COVID AND, ADDITIONALLY, MONKEYPOX WERE HANDLED, AND THE MEASURES WE USED SHOULD BE MODELS AND BASELINES OF WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES. THEY ALLOW US TO ACT SWIFTLY AND

EFFICIENTLY. AS THIS MEASURE COMES TO AN END, I ASK THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING. I THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER RECENTLY FOR MENTIONING ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT GONORRHEA IN HER REMARKS AS THIS IS A GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT TO WHICH WE HAVE NO MEDICAL SOLUTION. COVID SHOWED US THAT, IN DIRE TIMES, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE BUREAUCRACY OF THINGS. POP UP CLINICS, MOBILE TESTING WERE RELIED ON HEAVILY AS WELL COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN L.A.C.D.P.H. AND C.B.O.S. AN EMERGENCY WILL INCREASE TESTING, IDENTIFICATION, AND TREATMENT. WE NEED TO TREAT S.T.I.S LIKE THE CRISIS THEY ARE AND DECLARE A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ROXANNE HOGUE:** IT'S ME. HI, I'M ROXANNE HOGUE. AND NICE TO SEE ALL OF YOU. CONGRATULATIONS, LINDSEY, AND WELCOME ABOARD. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY TODAY. AN EMERGENCY IS DEFINED AS SOMETHING THAT COMES UP SUDDENLY, HORRENDOUSLY. OH MY GOD, WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. THE OTHER DAY, I CAME UP UPON A HORRIBLE CAR ACCIDENT OFF THE 170. IT WAS TRAGIC, A CAR COMPLETELY TURNED OVER, AND ANGELENOS CAME FROM ALL OVER. WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER TO GET OUT THE BABY AND THE MOTHER. FIRST RESPONDERS CAME. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL THING, AND THEN IT ENDED. THREE YEARS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY. HIROO

ONODA WAS THE LAST SOLDIER TO SURRENDER FROM WORLD WAR II, THE LAST JAPANESE SOLDIER. HE DID SO IN 1974. SO THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR PEOPLE HOLDING ON TO THINGS WELL PAST THEIR SELL BY DATE. I'D REMIND YOU THAT OUR CHILDREN HERE AT SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES ARE STILL SUBJECT TO A 10-DAY CLOSE CONTACT MASK RULE, WHICH MAKES NO SENSE BECAUSE THIS PACKAGE SAYS RIGHT HERE WARNING IT WILL NOT PROTECT YOU FROM CONTACTING A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER? NO. OKAY, SEEING NO MORE SPEAKERS, ITEM 23 IS NOW BEFORE US TO END OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO ITEM 67B, SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1090, CODIFYING SHERIFF REMOVAL POWERS AND ALTERNATIVE JUVENILE MANAGEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. [OUTBURST IN THE AUDIENCE] OKAY, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON 67B?

**SUP. HORVATH:** SO  MANY THINGS TO SAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ASSEMBLY BILL 1090, SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER JONES-SAWYER IS A NOD TO THE WORK THIS BOARD HAS DONE ALREADY DONE AND A LIFELINE THAT CAN HELP US ADDRESS OUR ONGOING CHALLENGES WITH

THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE BILL HAS TWO KEY COMPONENTS, 1) IT GRANTS L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE A SHERIFF FROM OFFICE FOR CAUSE BY A 4/5 VOTE, WHICH IS THE AUTHORITY WE HAVE THANKS TO MEASURE A, AND IT AUTHORIZES A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO MANAGE AND CONTROL THE COUNTY JUVENILE HALLS. A.B.1090 MIRRORS THE LEAD THIS BOARD TOOK BY CREATING A NEARLY IDENTICAL SHERIFF REMOVAL PROCESS IN STATE LAW. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS SUFFERED THROUGH DECADES OF CORRUPTION AND FRAUD. WE NOW SEE THAT SHERIFF LUNA IS WORKING HARD TO RESTORE THE COMMUNITY'S TRUST IN HIS DEPARTMENT. I LOOK FORWARD SEEING WHAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. HOWEVER, THE SECOND COMPONENT OF A.B.1090 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A REAL LIFELINE FOR THIS BOARD. THE ABILITY TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OVERSEE THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS COULD PROVE TO BE AN INDISPENSABLE TOOL FOR THIS BOARD. IT IS NO SECRET THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS STRUGGLED TO FIND STEADY STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF MULTIPLE CONSENT DECREES, AS WE HEARD EARLIER, COSTLY LITIGATION, AND UTTER FAILURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DUE TO MISMANAGEMENT OF OUR LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES. WE JUST RECENTLY HEARD THAT NARCAN SAVED A LIFE FOR ONE OF OUR YOUTH IN FACILITIES,  THANKS TO A MOTION THAT WE RECENTLY BROUGHT FORWARD, AND MULTIPLE MOTIONS ON PEPPER SPRAY HAVE BEEN

BROUGHT FORWARD, AND THERE STILL HAS BEEN FAILURE IN COMPLIANCE. WITH THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMES THE FLEXIBILITY TO LOOK BEYOND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS AND TO FILL THE POSITION WITH A PERSON WHO IS EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE CARE, TREATMENT, AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CUSTODY. I UNDERSTAND FROM OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER THAT FURTHER WORK MAY BE NEEDED TO ALIGN THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION WITH EXISTING LAW, BUT, BY SUPPORTING THIS BILL, THE COUNTY STANDS READY TO WORK WITH THE AUTHOR'S OFFICE IN WHATEVER WAY IS HELPFUL TO GET THIS BILL IN ITS CURRENT FORM ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DESPERATELY NEED US TO DO THE HARD WORK, AND I STAND WITH THE STATE LEADERS WHO ARE WILLING TO DO IT. SINCE MY TIME ON THIS BOARD, THERE HASN'T BEEN A MEETING DAY WHERE THE TROUBLE WITH OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT HASN'T BEEN ON OUR AGENDA, WHICH LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT WANTS US TO TAKE IT OVER. WE NEED STATE LAW TO CHANGE TO DO IT. AND WE NEED DRAMATIC DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF THESE PROBLEMS, WHICH IS WHY I'M  WORKING ON A COUPLE OF MOTIONS WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO DO EXACTLY THAT. I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION AS ONE MORE WAY WE CAN GIVE OURSELVES A FIGHTING CHANCE TO MAKE REAL CHANGE IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS, AND TO BE CLEAR, THIS ITEM WILL ISSUE A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. I WOULD ASK THAT IT DO SO SO LONG AS

PROBATION PROVISIONS REMAIN IN THE BILL, WHICH WILL PROVIDE US THE AUTHORITY WE NEED TO TAKE THESE ACTIONS. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** YOU JUST ACTUALLY READ WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AUTHOR IS CONSIDERING PULLING OUT PROBATION JUST -- I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU KNEW THAT. SO I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT. AND IF I'M CORRECT, AND I'M LOOKING TO YOU BECAUSE I'M NOT REALLY CLEAR, DOES THAT MEAN THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO BE POST-CERTIFIED? IS THAT WHAT REALLY WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE PROBATION CHIEF? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE INTENT --

**SUP. HORVATH:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THAT REQUIREMENT WOULD NO LONGER BE A REQUIREMENT.

**SUP. BARGER:** SO IT WOULD TAKE AWAY -- BECAUSE THAT DOES LIMIT THE POOL OF APPLICATIONS THAT WE HAVE COME IN. SO, I DO AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THE NET A LOT WIDER. AND, QUITE FRANKLY, I'M THINKING THAT MAYBE AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS MORE OF WHAT IS NEEDED THAN SOMEONE WHO IS POST-CERTIFIED TO OVERSEE THIS DEPARTMENT. I'LL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT I WAS OPPOSED TO THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE SHERIFF, BUT

IT HAS BEEN THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. SO I HAVE TO RESPECT THE FACT THAT PEOPLE VOTED IN SUPPORT OF THAT, BUT I'M GLAD THAT YOU AT THE END OF YOUR COMMENTS SAID WHAT YOU SAID BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS BILL IS GOING TO CHANGE, AND WE NEED TO HAVE OUR LEG PEOPLE UP IN SACRAMENTO, FESIA, REALLY FOCUSED ON THIS LEGISLATION AND KEEP US IN REAL-TIME WHAT'S GOING ON.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WAS ALSO GOING TO BRING THAT UP BEFORE I CALL ON YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE I UNDERSTOOD THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL, REGGIE JONES-SAWYER, WAS GOING TO REMOVE PROBATION FROM THE BILL. THAT WAS THE WORD I GOT THIS MORNING, AND ALSO, IF I'M NOT MISUNDERSTANDING, I UNDERSTOOD IT TO BE THAT IF WE NEEDED TO ALMOST LIKE CREATE OUR OWN RECEIVERSHIP, THAT THE PERSON WE PUT IN CHARGE OF THE HALLS COULD BE NON-POST- CERTIFIED, NOT THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER WOULD EVER BE NOT REQUIRED TO BE POST-CERTIFIED. THAT'S HOW I READ THE BILL. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANY CLARIFICATION HERE BY ANYBODY. THAT'S HOW I READ IT THAT WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER COULD EVER BE NOT POST-CERTIFIED, BUT IT WOULD BE LIKE WE COULD PUT A PERSON IN CHARGE OF JUST THE HALLS, NOT THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT PERSON DID NOT HAVE TO BE POST-CERTIFIED. THAT'S HOW I READ IT, BUT I ALSO AM CONCERNED THAT THE AUTHOR MAY CHANGE IT. SO I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE PREMATURE IN SUPPORTING IT TODAY, BUT -- SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** I WAS GOING TO ASK IF PEOPLE WERE AWARE OF WHY THE AUTHOR WAS CONSIDERING CHANGING IT AND JUST, GIVEN THE PACE WITH WHICH THINGS CAN CHANGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ARENA, PERHAPS OUR FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER NEEDS TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT SAYS OUR SUPPORT IS CONTINGENT UPON PROBATION BEING INCLUDED SO THE AUTHOR IS CLEAR ABOUT L.A. COUNTY'S POSITION, PROACTIVELY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, THAT'S A GOOD POINT, THAT THE NOTE THAT I WAS READING THIS MORNING WAS LIKE THEY, AGAIN, HOLLY, YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW THIS WORKS IN SACRAMENTO THAN ME, BUT SOMETHING ABOUT IT COULDN'T BE ACTED ON FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, SO WE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW IF THAT AMENDMENT HAPPENED. WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

**SUP. MITCHELL:** WELL BECAUSE, IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, ONCE THE BILL IS INTRODUCED -- AND I THINK IT WAS INTRODUCED THIS WEEK -- NO ACTION CAN TAKE PLACE ON THE BILL FOR 30 DAYS TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. SO, THAT'S GOOD. IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUR FIVE- SIGNATURE LETTER THERE WITH OUR CONDITIONAL SUPPORT, BASED ON WHAT I HEARD FROM ALL OF US.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO ONE HAD THE ANSWER ON THE CONSERVATORSHIP PIECE OF THE BILL.

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO OUR READING IN THE C.E.O. IS THAT IT WOULD ALLOW A NON-POST-CERTIFIED PERSON TO MANAGE THE JUVENILE HALLS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. OKAY. BUT WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT THIS BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THIS ONLY IF PROBATION WAS A PART OF IT. DOES THAT MEAN THE PART ABOUT REMOVING THE SHERIFF, WE WOULD TAKE OUR SUPPORT AWAY FROM THAT?

**SUP. HORVATH:** THE POINT, FOR ME, IN BRINGING THIS FORWARD IS THE PIECE IN PROBATION. AND I THINK, TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S POINT, THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO CLEARLY COMMUNICATE WHY WE WOULD SUPPORT THE BILL. WE ALREADY HAVE MEASURE A IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, FOR ME, THAT ISN'T THE MOTIVATION HERE. MY MOTIVATION IS GETTING US THE AUTHORITY THAT WE ALL KNOW WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE OVER THE JUVENILE HALLS AND APPOINT SOMEBODY ELSE AS NEED. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL WOULD PROVIDE, AND I WANT THE AUTHOR TO BE MOTIVATED TO KEEP THAT LANGUAGE IN THERE, KNOWING THAT'S REALLY WHAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS SEEKING IN SUPPORTING THAT BILL.

**SUP. BARGER:** CAN I ASK FOR CLARIFICATION? SO, WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT THIS LEGISLATION DOES NOT TAKE AWAY POST-CERTIFICATION FOR THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. IT ALLOWS FOR US TO HIRE SOMEONE WHO IS NOT POST- CERTIFIED TO OVERSEE OUR HALLS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

**SUP. BARGER:** I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD TO BE POST- CERTIFIED, THE PEOPLE THAT WERE OVER OUR HALLS. I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD TO BE POST-CERTIFIED. I'M JUST SURPRISED.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE HAVEN'T PUT A SEPARATE PERSON IN.

**SUP. BARGER:** EVEN THE SUPERINTENDENTS THAT ARE THERE --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT THIS IS ABOUT PUTTING --

**SUP. BARGER:** WE COULD DO IT NOW IS MY POINT.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** BUT THIS IS STATE-WIDE BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY DONE THE FIRST ELEMENT OF THIS BILL --

**SUP. BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT PROBATION NOW. THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE COULDN'T DO THAT.

**SUP. HORVATH:** STATE LAW CURRENTLY REQUIRES THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER BE IN CHARGE --

**SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT DOES NOT EXEMPT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. THEY STILL HAVE TO BE POST-CERTIFIED.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

**FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE ISSUE HERE IS, THIS BOARD, IN THE PAST, HAVE ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL CAN WE TAKE JUVENILE SERVICES OUT OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND I THINK THE ANSWER WAS BASICALLY NO BECAUSE WE WOULD REQUIRE SOME CHANGES IN THE LAW REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE YOUTH AS WELL AS THE FUNDING. AND I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE LEGISLATOR HERE, BUT I THINK THIS WOULD BE BE AN EARLY ATTEMPT AT MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. AND SO, INSTEAD OF TAKING JUVENILE SERVICES COMPLETELY OUT OF A PROBATION DEPARTMENT, TO ALLOW TO ALLOW, LET'S SAY, AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, A PERSON WITH SOME AUTHORITY, TO RUN THE JUVENILE SERVICES HALLS AND CAMPS, WHILE THAT ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT REMAINED IN A PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LEGISLATION.

**SUP. BARGER:** OKAY SO, IF THE AUTHOR TAKES PROBATION OUT, WHERE DOES THE BOARD LAND ON THIS?

**SUP. HORVATH:** WE CAN HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT WHATEVER FUTURE VERSION OF THE BILL --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT YOU'RE SAYING THIS WOULD BE SUPPORT UNLESS IT'S AMENDED?

**SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, THAT'S ACTUALLY --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S HOW I'M HEARING THIS THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT IT UNLESS IT'S AMENDED TO REMOVE PROBATION.

**SUP. HORVATH:** CORRECT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, THAT'S -- SO THEN, WE WON'T KNOW -- THEN I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT ANOTHER BILL. I THINK IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT TO WAIT UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT THIS BILL SAYS, BUT I'LL GO ALONG WITH THE WILL OF THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** KNOWING WE'RE HAVING A BOARD MEETING NEXT WEEK, CAN WE GET CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL BECAUSE I'VE HEARD HE'S GOING TO DO IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO AND THEN TAKE A VOTE NEXT WEEK BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

I'M NOT STILL REAL CLEAR ON HOW THIS LEGISLATION CAN BE USED WHEN I FEEL LIKE WE ALREADY HAVE THAT TOOL, BUT I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING IT. THAT'S MY PROBLEM.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF JUST A WEEK UNTIL WE GET A LITTLE BIT MORE CLARIFICATION SO THAT WE CAN ALL SUPPORT IT.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THE TOOL WE DON'T HAVE RIGHT NOW IS THE ABILITY TO APPOINT SOMEBODY OVER THE HALLS TO HAVE THAT AUTHORITY TO TAKE OVER WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE JUVENILE HALLS. THIS BILL, AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN, WOULD PROVIDE THAT AUTHORITY, WHICH I THINK WE ALL WANT. AND MY CONCERN IS IF WE DON'T

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S NOT CURRENTLY WRITTEN.

**SUP. HORVATH:** WELL, EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO VOTE ON WHAT THEY WANT ON THIS ITEM, CERTAINLY. MY INTENTION WITH THIS ITEM, IF THAT IS YOUR DESIRE, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ON RECORD ABOUT THAT, THAT WE NEED THE HELP FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO GIVE US THIS AUTHORITY TO HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO COMMUNICATE BY TAKING ACTION NOW. IF WE WAIT AND DON'T TAKE ACTION AND AREN'T ON RECORD THAT THAT'S WHAT WE WANT, WE MIGHT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT JUST TO BE CLEAR, THIS BILL IS NOT WRITTEN YET. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DID YOU WANT -- ?

**SUP. HORVATH:** IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** I THINK IT'S IN PRINT. IT CAN'T BE MOVE. IT CAN'T BE ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE FOR 30 DAYS. SO, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WAITING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEMBER. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE. IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY REQUIRE A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE LEGISLATOR OUR DESIRE THAT PROBATION STAY IN IT OR EVEN GET THE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY WE'RE HEARING IT MIGHT COME OUT. SO, I WOULDN'T WAIT UNTIL THE BILL MOVES. IT'S AN L.A. COUNTY LEGISLATOR. WE SHOULD TELL HIM WHAT L.A. COUNTY --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IF YOU DON'T MIND, THE MAKER, TO CONTINUE THIS FOR A WEEK AND DIRECT OUR SACRAMENTO TEAM TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR OR A PHONE CALL FROM ONE OF US TO TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL SO WE'RE CLEAR NEXT TUESDAY ON EXACTLY WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT, AND WHAT IT MEANS. OKAY. IS THAT THE WILL OF THE BOARD? DO WE NEED A VOTE? OKAY. LET'S VOTE ON CONTINUING IT. IS THERE A SECOND? I MOVE THAT WE CONTINUE IT JUST FOR A WEEK. I DON'T THINK WE WANT IT ANY LONGER THAN THAT. SECOND? OKAY, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE NEED TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THAT?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE'LL TAKE A VOTE NOW. IT WAS MOVED BY YOU AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO CONTINUE TO MARCH 7TH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HORVATH:** IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I JUST ASKED THAT.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S TAKE THAT. I ASKED THAT.

**OPERATOR:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS AND COOKIE LAMEL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE WE IN-PERSON OR REMOTE? OKAY, IN-PERSON, MR. SACHS.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, YOU MENTIONED THE SIGNATURE, FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. WILL YOU BE SIGNING YOUR SIGNATURE TO THAT LETTER? WILL BE THE BOARD BE SIGNING THAT LETTER, THE FIVE-SIGNATURES? WILL YOU BE SIGNING THAT LETTER? THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE, IF YOU DON'T SIGN THE LETTER, WHO IS GOING TO SIGN THE LETTER? AND THIS STUFF ABOUT CODIFYING THE LETTER OF THE LAW AND INTENT OF THE LAW, I'M WONDERING, THERE WAS A SHERIFF IN ORANGE COUNTY WHO WAS REMOVED BECAUSE HE WAS CORRUPT AND SOMEBODY STOOD UP AND SAID HE'S NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE THE COUNTY APPOINT LEGISLATION FOR -- APPOINT A LAWYER FOR HIM BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT. I THINK IT WAS CALLED GADFLY. THEY WERE A GADFLY. THE SHERIFF WAS SHERIFF CORONA IN ORANGE COUNTY, AND HE WAS REMOVED FOR DUE CAUSE BECAUSE HE WAS CORRUPT. AND THIS STUFF ABOUT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. YOU HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH PROBATION BECAUSE IT'S ALL SCREWED UP. THERE IS NOBODY IN CONTROL. THERE IS NOBODY IN CONTROL OF PROBATION. THERE IS NOBODY IN CONTROL OF THE JUVENILE HALL. IT'S A DISASTER. AND IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME JANICE. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**COOKIE LAMEL:** HI MY NAME IS COOKIE LAMEL. I'M THE MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH CONSULTANT FOR LOCAL 685, THE PROBATION OFFICERS UNION. WE OPPOSE THIS ITEM IN ITS CURRENT FORM. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU OPPOSE CONTINUING IT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE ARE -- ? NO. YOU JUST OPPOSE THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. OKAY.

**COOKIE LAMEL:** NOT THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. IN THE WAY IT'S NOW -- THE ITEM IS NOW WRITTEN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, COOKIE. IS THERE ANYBODY ON THE PHONE?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE HAVE BEFORE US, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED JUST TO CONTINUE THIS ONE WEEK AND TAKE IT UP AND GET SOME CLARIFICATION AND ALSO TO HAVE OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM IN SACRAMENTO WORK ON THIS. OKAY, PLEASE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CALL THE ROLL.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO TO CONTINUE TO MARCH 2ND. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I'M SORRY MARCH 7TH.

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE NOW GOING TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU'LL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE'LL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

**OPERATOR:** WILL MAX SHERMAN, LAUREN NATOLI, MIGUEL ORTIZ, GABRIEL PIRATERRA, MAYESHA MCCOY, ARNOLD SACHS, DONALD HARLAN, DALE LOCOX, SELENA COLEMAN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** IS ERIC SHEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ERIC SHEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 67C AS IN CHARLIE. HONORABLE CHAIR HAHN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE ECO RAPID TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE WANT TO EXTEND THE WARMEST WELCOME TO THE COUNTY FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES, ECO RAPID TRANSIT CONTINUES ADVOCATING FOR AND EFFICIENT, SAFE, AND SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTION TO CONNECT THE BURBANK-HOLLYWOOD AIRPORT, DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AND THE SOUTHEAST PORT REGION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE WEST SAINT ANNA BRANCH PROJECT, AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO COLLABORATE AMONG OUR MEMBER AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ALSO [INDISCERNIBLE]. ADDITIONALLY, ECO RAPID TRANSIT COLLABORATES ACROSS ARE JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES, SUCH AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING MANAGEMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEW --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATTHEW BUCK. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**MATTHEW BUCK:** ITEM 11 ONLY. HELLO, ITEM 11?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GO AHEAD.

**MATTHEW BUCK:** YES, ITEM 11 AND GENERAL COMMENT. THANK YOU. MATTHEW BUCK, VICE PRESIDENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. ON ITEM 11, JUST PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE STAKEHOLDERS AND GET SOME FEEDBACK ON THE ISSUE FOR RETROFIT, THINGS LIKE TIME LINES THAT ARE SHORTER RIGHT NOW. EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF L.A. HAS 25 YEARS TO COMPLETE THE RETROFIT. OUR MEMBERS DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY. THIS IS NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, BUT WE DO NEED TO MAKE SURE WE GET THIS DONE RIGHT. THERE'S BEEN A RENT FREEZE IN PLACE FOR THREE YEARS, SO REAL CONSIDERATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE COST FOR RETROFITTING. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARNITA WATSON. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ARNITA WATSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 14. MY NAME IS ARNITA WATSON. I AM A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF WEST ATHENS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT TASKFORCE. ONE PROJECT EXAMPLE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUPPORT TOWARDS IS A COMMITMENT AND FUNDING TOWARDS THE REMEDIATION OF THE CALTRANS LAND SITES 15 AND 16 BEING USED TO STORE CARGO CONTAINERS FROM THE PORT OF L.A. INSIDE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT PROPER PERMITTING NOR COMMUNITY INPUT. THESE SITES, 15 AND 16, ARE LOCATED RESPECTIVELY AT CORNERS OF WESTERN AVENUE AND 120TH STREET AS WELL THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET ON NORMANDY AVENUE AND [INDISCERNIBLE] STREET. IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2022, OUR ROADS HAVE DETERIORATED WITH INCREASED TRUCKING TRAFFIC THROUGH OUR COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S OFFICE FOR HER CONTINUED SUPPORT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AHMANISE SANATI. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**AHMANISE SANATI:** HI, EVEN THOUGH I CALLED ON TWO OTHER ITEMS, I'M DOING NUMBER 21. FIRST OF ALL, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS AHMANISE SANATI, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AS A FORMER MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL SUPERVISOR WITH D.H.S., A.F.M.E. DISTRICT 36 E-BOARD MEMBERS, AND CURRENTLY AS THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF N.A.S.W., I HAVE HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE TO WORK WITH EACH OF YOUR TEAMS AS THEY ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT MY FORMER WORKPLACE, TWIN TOWERS. IN OVER A DECADE OF SERVICE AT THE JAIL, TO BE SPEAKING WITH YOU IN THIS CAPACITY IS AN HONOR. THANK YOU. HOWEVER, TODAY, ALTHOUGH I'M NO LONGER EMPLOYED THERE, MY COMMITMENT TO THIS WORK CONTINUES. I'D LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ADDRESS THIS LARGELY UNKNOWN INJUSTICE BROUGHT TO LIGHT. I CAN TELL YOU NOW, AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR, THE POWER OF AN EFFORT LIKE THIS GOES BEYOND THE BARS BECAUSE EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BELONG TO A FAMILY AND A COMMUNITY TO WHICH MANY WILL RETURN. IT'S AN EFFORT TO HEAL OUR SOCIETY FROM THE INSIDE OUT. MY HOPE WITH THE PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION IS THAT THIS IS SIMPLY A START. MOVING FORWARD, I WOULD BE HONORED TO CONTINUE THIS WORK WITH YOU IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VANESSA COMARESI. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. MS. COMARESI YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALI TAJ. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ALI TAJ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALI TAJ. I AM CHAIR FOR ECO  RAPID TRANSIT, AND I, FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY BOARD MEMBER FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR ITEM NUMBER 67. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO MADAM CHAIR FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE FOREFRONT, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE. LIKE I SAID, I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 67C BECAUSE THIS WILL HAVE A VOTING MEMBER VOICE AT THE ECO RAPID TRANSIT, WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED. AS EARLIER ERIC HAD SAID, THIS IS GOING TO A POINT WHERE IT IS GOING TO BE E.A.R. AND SHOVEL READY PROJECT. SO THE VOICE OF SUPERVISOR

OR THE BOARD IS REALLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME. SO, I'M JUST SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF IT AND SUPPORT THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALI TAJ, FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMBROSE BROOKS. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**AMBROSE BROOKS:** HI. THIS IS AMBROSE BROOKS, COORDINATOR FOR THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 32, 52, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM NUMBER 32, THIS YEAR'S LITIGATION COST REPORT IS ANOTHER CASE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TERRORIZING L.A. COMMUNITY AND WASTING MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 SAW A MASSIVE INCREASE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S LITIGATION COST BECAUSE THE COUNTY ALLOWS THEIR MISCONDUCT TO CONTINUE UNCHECKED DESPITE THE TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED BY THE SHERIFF. THE DEPARTMENT'S MISCONDUCT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HALF OF LITIGATION EXPENSES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE OUT OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS COSTING THE COUNTY $73.2 MILLION IN JUDGMENTS, SETTLEMENTS, FEES, AND COSTS. THE SECOND HIGHEST DEPARTMENT COST THE COUNTY LESS THAN A THIRD OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LITIGATION EXPENSES. NO

DEPARTMENT COMES CLOSE TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SQUANDERED BY L.A.S.D.'S MISCONDUCT. THIS FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY SATISFIED 14 JUDGMENTS, SEVEN OF WHICH WERE AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. OF THE $26.5 MILLION SPENT ON JUDGMENTS, $25 MILLION, OR 95%, WERE DUE TO SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S MISCONDUCT. THE MOST EXPENSIVE JUDGMENTS WERE AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DUE TO CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS SUCH AS STRIP SEARCHES, UNSANITARY CONDITIONS, AND UNLAWFUL DETAINMENT. THIS IS A 157% INCREASE IN JUDGMENT PAYOUTS COMPARED TO LAST FISCAL YEAR, AND IT IS ENTIRELY DUE TO L.A.S.D.'S INCREASINGLY VIOLENT BEHAVIOR. OF THE 12 COSTLIEST LAWSUITS LAST YEAR, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR THE MAJORITY OF SETTLEMENT PAYOUTS, SEVEN WERE AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. JUST THESE SEVEN LAWSUITS AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTED FOR $13.1 MILLION IN SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS TO RECTIFY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S VIOLENT MISCONDUCT. YET THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ONCE AGAIN ASKING THE BOARD FOR MORE MONEY, MORE MONEY FOR OFFICERS, MORE MONEY FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, FOR SERGEANTS. YET, HOW AND WHEN WILL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ADDRESS THE LITIGATION EXPENSES THAT ARE PAID FOR BY COUNTY TAXPAYERS. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY FOR THE MURDEROUS COPS' LAWSUITS. THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. ON ITEM NUMBER 52, THIS IS THE OFFENDER MONITORING SERVICES SOLE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS. THE COUNTY MUST IMMEDIATELY CANCEL ALL CONTRACTS FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING. WE KNOW ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS INCARCERATION.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING VIOLATES PERSONAL LIBERTY, INFRINGES ON PRIVACY, AND CAN PHYSICALLY HARM INDIVIDUALS. BILLION DOLLAR CORPORATIONS ARE THE ONES MAKING MONEY OFF OF THESE ELECTRONIC MONITORING CONTRACTS. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT AUDITING THE WAY THAT THIS COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH TECH COMPANIES FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING SURVEILLANCE. CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE IS NOT A RELEASE OR FREEDOM. NOT ONLY ARE INDIVIDUALS ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING SUBJECT TO PERPETUAL SURVEILLANCE, BUT THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM ARE, AS WELL.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE'LL GO TO IN-PERSON. WELCOME.

**MARILYN KAMIMORA:** HI. MY NAME IS MARILYN KAMIMORA. IT HAS DO WITH ITEM NUMBER 22. I GOT THREE MINUTES. MY NAME IS MARILYN KAMIMORA, A RESIDENT OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS, NORTH WHITTIER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ITEM NUMBER 22, PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE FORMER EXIDE FACILITY BY MONITORING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLEANUP EFFORTS. OH, I THOUGH I HAD THREE MINUTES. CAN I START AGAIN THE BECAUSE IT WENT TO 3, AND THEN IT WENT TO ONE. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S HOLD ON. HOLD ON. HOW MUCH TIME DOES SHE GET?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SHE HASN'T SAID WHAT ITEMS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEMS ARE YOU SPEAKING ON?

**MARILYN KAMIORA:** OH, ITEM NUMBER 22.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO ONE ITEM, THAT'S ONE MINUTE.

**MARILYN KAMIMORA:** CAN I START AGAIN, THEN, BECAUSE THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S START AGAIN. WE'LL GIVE YOU A MINUTE.

**MARILYN KAMIMORA:** THANK YOU. THEN I CAN SCOOT IT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. GO AHEAD.

**MARILYN KAMIMORA:** MY NAME IS MARILYN KAMIMORA. I ALREADY SAID THAT. IT IS ITEM NUMBER 22, AND I THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I LISTENED TO THE WHOLE D.T.S.C. TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE RESIDENTS SURROUNDING THE FORMER EXIDE FACILITY ON FEBRUARY 23RD. THE ANGUISH OF BEING FAILED WAS APPARENT. THE FAILURE OF THE DEPARTMENT D.T.S.C. OVERSIGHT WAS REPEATED OVER

AND AGAIN. I LIVE WITHIN THE TWO MILE RADIUS FROM QUEMETCO. WE ARE THE OTHER EXIDE. D.T.S.C. HAS FAILED US WITH COMPLICIT ENFORCEMENT. A SETTLEMENT OF THE 29 VIOLATIONS IS AN EXAMPLE. A SETTLEMENT OF $2.3 MILLION WAS A TOKEN. A TRUE FINE FOR UNCORRECTED 29 VIOLATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO $1 BILLION. I'M HERE TO OPPOSE RENEWAL OF THE PERMITTING OF QUEMETCO THROUGH D.T.S.C. AND SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. AS A CONSTITUENT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU STAYING THROUGH THE MEETING AND HEARING YOUR COMMENTS, BUT YOUR TIME IS UP. EVEN THE EXTRA TIME IS UP. BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. I KNOW YOU HAVE TWO SUPERVISORS UP HERE WHO AGREE WITH YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**RICHARD KAMIMORA:** HELLO? AM I ON?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

**RICHARD KAMIMORA:** MY NAME IS RICHARD KAMIMORA, RESIDENT OF NORTH WHITTIER, BELONG TO THE C.A.C., CLEAN AIR COALITION, OF NORTH WHITTIER AND AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND OUR PARTNERS IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, LA PUENTE. MAINLY I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING UP OUR CONCERNS AND STANDING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IN THE BEHAVIOR OF D.T.S.C. IS VERY CONCERNING,

ESPECIALLY ON THEIR LAST LAWSUIT CONCERNING THE 29 VIOLATIONS. IT WAS JUST A SLAP ON THE HAND AND A SLAP IN THE FACE TO OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY. SO IF WE APPRECIATE IT AND IF YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

**SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST -- I THANK THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS. THEY REPRESENT MY DISTRICT, AND THEY SHOULD KNOW, AND THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING OUR WORK ON THE ISSUE, QUEMETCO, WHEN YOU REPRESENTED THE AREA AS WELL, SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO D.T.S.C., AND THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT OUR CONCERNS ARE, BUT I WOULD ALSO URGE THE COMMUNITY TO CONTACT THEIR STATE LEGISLATORS BECAUSE D.T.S.C. IS DIRECTLY UNDER THEIR PURVIEW. SO THE ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS, YOUR SENATOR AND ASSEMBLY PEOPLE, SHOULD BE CONTACTED. THEY ALSO HAVE MORE, IN SPANISH, WE SAY [SPEAKING SPANISH] -- THEY CAN DO A LOT MORE, AS WELL. SO I WOULD URGE THAT, AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER ON THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE AND STAYING ALL DAY LONG. THANK YOU. BYE-BYE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I HAVE ONE ITEM ON PUBLIC COMMENT AND ONE ITEM ON 67A. WHAT SHOULD I

TALK ABOUT? OKAY. 67A REFERS TO ENDING FOSTER CARE GOING TO HOMELESSNESSES, TO HOMELESSNESS PIPELINE. SHOULDN'T IT BE REVERSED? DON'T YOU WANT TO TAKE PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESSES AND PUT THEM IN FOSTER CARE? 67A REFERS TO A.B., SAVANO, A.B. BILL, BUT IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY MONEY? WHEREAS ITEM NUMBER 5 REFERS TO ASSEMBLYMAN TANG GIVING $16 MILLION, THE SAME THING. SO WHICH WOULD YOU SUPPORT? WHY WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL THAT HAS NO MONEY IN IT? AND WHY IS IT HOMELESSNESS? DON'T YOU HAVE A HOMELESS INITIATIVE FROM THE COUNTY THAT WAS STARTED IN 2017? SURE, YOU DO. IT IS ON THE WALL IN THE HALLWAY. NOW, IT IS HOMELESSNESS. THEY ARE DIFFERENT. WHY ARE THEY DIFFERENT? YOU HAVE OVER 24A ITEMS IN YOUR AGENDA IN THE BACK OF YOUR BOOK, 24 A ITEMS. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START GO THROUGH SOME OF THESE A ITEMS? THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT. THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IS A.A., THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT THAT WAS CREATED BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION. YOU COULD HAVE USED THAT HEALTHCARE TO GET RID OF A LOT OF -- TO HELP PEOPLE GET HEALTHCARE, BUT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT. AND THIS STUFF ABOUT RACIAL BIAS, JANICE HAHN, WEREN'T YOU SITTING IN THE CITY COUNCIL WHEN MICHAEL HUNT SHOWED UP AS A BLACK MAN DRESSED IN A K.K.K. OUTFIT?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**LAUREN NATOLI:** HELLO, AGAIN.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. SACHS, YOU ARE DONE. WE ARE LISTENING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

**LAUREN NATOLI:** HELLO, AGAIN. I AM LAUREN NATOLI FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY COLLEAGUES AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR VISITING OUR WELLNESS ON WESTERN CLINIC YESTERDAY. WE REALLY ENJOYED HAVING HER AT OUR BUSIEST L.A. SITE, SEEING OUR WORK, MEETING THE PEOPLE THAT WORK THERE, AND LEARNING ABOUT OUR CUTTING EDGE H.I.V. AND S.T.I. SERVICES. WE APPRECIATE HAVING A CONTINUED CONVERSATION ABOUT L.A.C.D.P.H. AND C.B.O.S COLLABORATING TOGETHER FOR S.T.I. SERVICES. SO THANK YOU, AND I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT A RENEWED FOCUS ON SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES IN L.A. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MIGUEL ORIZ:** THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MIGUEL ORTIZ. I AM FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. THE MOST RECENT S.T.D. REPORT BACK HIGHLIGHTED THE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING ACQUIRED FOR L.A. COUNTY'S S.T.I. EFFORTS. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT SPECIFY WHERE THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL GO. WHAT

PERCENTAGE WILL GO TO THE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS WHO SERVE HIGH RISK COMMUNITIES? WILL A LARGE PORTION GO TO TESTING AND TREATMENT? IDEALLY, 80% OF THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE EXPANDED TESTING AND TREATMENT EFFORTS DETAILED IN L.A.C.D.P.H.'S NEW S.T.I. PLAN, BUT ENOUGH SHOULD ALSO BE SET ASIDE TO RESUME PROCESSING C.B.O. SPECIMENS AT THE COUNTY LAB. THESE FUNDS COULD ALSO BE USED FOR ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT TESTING, AS SUPERVISOR BARGER STATED EARLIER, OR TO INCREASE OPERATING HOURS FOR D.P.H. CLINICS, SERVING CLIENTS AT NIGHT, AFTER WORK, OR ON WEEKENDS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT L.A.C.D.P.H. CAN BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT S.T.I. FUNDING BECAUSE IT IS A SERIOUS CRISIS.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**GABRIEL PREVETERRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS GABRIEL PREVETERRA. I AM ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ONE OF THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS AT THE A.H.F., OR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION'S PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION. I WOULD LIKE TO QUICKLY THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ACKNOWLEDGING DRUG RESISTANT STRAINS OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS EARLIER. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE CUTS TO LABORATORY FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S. MANY PEOPLE COME TO A.H.F. AND OTHER C.B.O.S LIKE THE L.G.B.T.Q. CENTER AND A.P.L.A. INSTEAD OF THEIR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER BECAUSE WE

DO NOT JUDGE THEM. WE DO NOT SEND E.O.B.S TO THEIR HOME THAT SOMEONE ELSE MAY READ, AND OUR CLINICS ARE A SAFE SPACE TO ADDRESS THEIR SEXUAL HEALTH. WITH THE EVER RISING RATES OF S.T.I.S, WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO DISRUPT DISCREET SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM THE MOST? A.P.L.A., L.G.B.T.Q. CENTER, A.H.F., AND OTHERS ARE TRUSTED IN THE COMMUNITY AS PLACES TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITHOUT JUDGMENT. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO INTERRUPT THAT PROCESS WHEN S.T.I. RATES ARE SO DIRE? THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MAX SHERMAN:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MAX SHERMAN. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL COMMENT AND AGENDA ITEM 11. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH AN ORDINANCE ON SOFT STORY SEISMIC RETROFIT UNTIL RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS HAVE MORE TIME TO FINANCIALLY RECOVER FROM THE PAST THREE YEARS OF RISING OPERATING COSTS, RENT INCREASE FREEZE, AND EVICTION MORATORIUM. WHILE SEISMIC RETROFITTING SERVES A VITAL NEED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THESE PROJECTS ARE EXTREMELY COSTLY. OUR MEMBERS ARE STILL WAITING TO RECOUP MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF PAST DUE RENTS AND ARE BARELY SURVIVING AS IT STAND. ONCE AN INVENTORY IS CREATED, HOUSING PROVIDERS WILL LIKELY SEE THEIR INSURANCE PREMIUMS DRAMATICALLY INCREASE ON TOP OF THE ALREADY 40 TO 50% PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM

INCREASES SEEN DURING THE PANDEMIC. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE COUNTY CONDUCTING AN INVENTORY OF THEIR PROPERTIES AND TAKING ANY NECESSARY RELATED STEPS, BUT WE ASK THE COUNTY TO NOT START THIS PROCESS WITH HOUSING PROVIDERS STILL REELING FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS. WE, AGAIN, ASK YOU TO ALLOW RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS TIME TO RECOVER BEFORE STARTING A PROCESS THAT WILL SURELY LEAD TO SUBSTANTIAL ADDED RETROFITTING COSTS AND CAUSE CATASTROPHIC FINANCIAL STRAIN LEADING TO LOSS OF EVEN MORE NATURALLY-OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THE REQUIREMENT -- AND LIMIT THE SCOPE TO HIGH-RISE, NON-DUCTILE CONCRETE BUILDINGS, WHICH WAS THE PRIMARY MOTIVATION FOR THE CREATION OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SELENA COLEMAN:** MY NAME IS SELENA COLEMAN, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 5, AND I BELIEVE IT IS 67, AND GENERAL COMMENT. COMMENT. I WROTE A PERSONAL LETTER THAT I WANT TO GIVE TO YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT I DON'T WANT TO ACTUALLY READ. I WANT TO GIVE THAT TO YOU. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO -- BASICALLY, I AM HERE BECAUSE I WORK FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM A D.P.S.S. EMPLOYEE, AND I AM ALSO A UNION STEWARD FOR 20 YEARS. I WROTE A LETTER TO YOU GUYS IN THE BEGINNING OF -- I WANT TO SAY 2022 OR TOWARDS THE

END OF 2021 ABOUT A FAIR UNION ELECTION BECAUSE I WAS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. 721. WITH THAT SAID, I WAS ALSO FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE AS  HEALTH ISSUES, AND I WAS GOING THROUGH MY OWN HEALTH ISSUES THROUGH THIS PROCESS. AND IT WAS UNFAIR. AND IT IS STILL UNFAIR, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I AM HERE TO SAY THAT THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOU. I GO BACK WITH YOU, MS. MITCHELL, WHEN I WAS WORKING WITH 660, AND I WAS AS A DELEGATE WITH ALEJANDRO STEVENS. AND SO,  MY JOURNEY THROUGH L.A. COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN CHALLENGING. AND SO, ONCE YOU READ MY LETTER, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHO I AM. MS. HAHN, I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET YOU AT, EXCUSE ME, I AM SO JUST - -

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU ARE DOING FINE.

**SELENA COLEMAN:** AT KAREN BASS'S EVENT, WHICH WAS SO POWERFUL. AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF YOU THROUGH THE CARD OF MR. JOHNSON, WHICH, EVIDENTLY, IT IS HARDER THAN YOU THINK WHEN YOU GIVE THAT CARD AND TELL THEM TO REACH OUT BECAUSE HE DID EVERYTHING IN HIS HUMAN POSSIBLY FOR ME NOT TO BE ABLE TO BE ON YOUR CALENDAR. SO, I TOOK THE TIME OUT OF MY DAY. I TOOK A VACATION TODAY. TODAY, MY SECOND OLDEST DAUGHTER IS 32 YEARS OLD. AND IT IS HER BIRTHDAY. AND SO, I DECIDED TO TAKE THAT DAY OFF AND CELEBRATE IT WITH YOU GUYS. I DROVE FROM

CALIFORNIA CITY, WHICH IS KERN COUNTY. I ENDED UP IN KERN COUNTY WITH MY JOURNEY OF FLIGHT, RIGHT, TO GET OUT OF L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE IT IS TOO MUCH. BUT WITH ALL OF THAT, I AM A HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST. MY ACTIVISM HAS NO RACE, COLOR, OR CREED. AND SO, I AM HERE AS A VESSEL TO YOU GUYS IN HOPE THAT YOU ACCEPT WHAT I AM TRYING TO OFFER AND ALLOW ME TO BE PART OF THIS TRANSFORMATION OF L.A. COUNTY. AND, AGAIN, I SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I AM GOING TO HAVE ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS GO OUT AND TALK WITH YOU RIGHT NOW JUST TO FIND OUT A LITTLE BIT MORE HOW WE CAN BE OF HELP OR HOW YOU CAN HELP US. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MAYESHA MCCOY:** HELLO, MY MAKE IS MAYESHA MCCOY, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA 67A, 67B, 72, AND NUMBER 2, PLUS PUBLIC COMMENTS. OKAY. SO THE FIRST THING I WILL TALK ABOUT IS AGENDA 2. THE ONLY THING I ASK IS THAT YOU HIRE MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE, CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, AND EX-CONS. BRINGING THESE PROGRAMS TO CITIES LIKE COMPTON, WATTS, SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., AND LONG BEACH WILL GIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED A CHANCE. AND FOR THE CHILDREN WHO STRUGGLE WHO WANTS TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE WORKER BUT DON'T HAVE THE DRIVE BECAUSE OF ACADEMICS. SECOND, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY IF THEY CAN LOOK TO HIRING THE INMATES FOR NUMBER 72, WHO USED

TO BE IN FIRE CAMPS. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE PERSONALLY WHO WAS IN FIRE CAMP FOR OUR COUNTY, DURING THE FIRE STORMS, WHO WANTS TO BE FIREFIGHTERS BUT DENIED BECAUSE THEY HAVE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. I THINK IN CITIES LIKE COMPTON, WATTS, L.A., AND LONG BEACH, THEY WOULD BENEFIT OFF OF THAT PROGRAM BECAUSE I KNOW THEY WANT TO BE FIREFIGHTERS AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. 67A, BECAUSE I WAS A FOSTER YOUTH, I DO AGREE WITH HELPING FOSTER YOUTH WITH HOUSING AFTER THEY EXIT THE PROGRAM BECAUSE A LOT OF CHILDREN ON THE STREETS, BECAUSE I'M AN ADVOCATE, IS DEALING WITH SUICIDAL, DRUG ADDICTION BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. WHEN YOU GUYS TAKE US FROM OUR FAMILIES, WE GET DISTANCE. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AT. SO WE GO TO THE STREETS. SO I DO ASK THAT YOU GUYS APPROVE THAT BILL. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, FOR THE BILL 67B, THE MISCONDUCT OF  PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, PROBATION HAS BEEN NEGLECTING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN. THEY HAVE BEEN KEEPING UP DRAMA WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND THE LATINO CHILDREN. I KNOW. I HAVE CALLED  DOWN THERE AND MADE COMPLAINTS. I HAVE BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO RUNS EAST LAKE FACILITY IN REGARDS TO SEVERAL INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN. THAT FACILITY NEEDS TO BE HIGHLY INVESTIGATED WITH THEIR PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND LAST BUT NOT AT LEAST, I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF SIX CHILDREN. I HAVE REACHED OUT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE, HOLLY MITCHELL'S

OFFICE, JANICE HAHN'S OFFICE, KATHRYN'S, AND HEIDI'S OFFICE IN REGARDS TO MY HOMELESSNESS. DURING THE PANDEMIC, I HAVE A NON-PROFIT THAT I STARTED FOR MY FATHER. I WAS OUT THERE FEEDING THE HOMELESS, HOUSING THE HOMELESS, DOING BLANKETS, ME AND MY CHILDREN AND SONS WAS OUT THERE. HOW DO I GO FROM HELPING, RECEIVING AWARDS FROM MY CITY, TO BEING HOMELESS? I AM HOMELESS BECAUSE I REFUSE TO LIVE WITH ROACHES. I REFUSE TO LIVE WITH RATS. I REFUSE LIVE WITH BLACK MOLD. MY DAUGHTER WHO HAS NEVER IN HER LIFE HAD ASTHMA HAS ASTHMA. WHEN WE BECAME HOMELESS, MY DAUGHTER HAD M.S.I.C. NOBODY DECIDES TO HOUSE US. WE WERE ON THE STREETS AFTER MY DAUGHTER GOT HOSPITALIZED, TWO WEEKS. HOLLY MITCHELL, I WOULD APPRECIATE IF I COULD HAVE A SIT DOWN MEETING WITH YOU. I HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH VICTOR, WHO IS ALSO WITH JENNA HIGH'S OFFICE IN REGARDS TO MY HOMELESSNESSES BECAUSE OF SECTION 8. SECTION 8 IS THE REASON WHY. THEY COVER UP ALL OF THESE COMPLAINTS WE HAVE AGAINST THESE OWNERS, AND THEY ARE NOT DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT. AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL HAS BEEN DENYING US. THEY COME IN. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO, FOLLOW UP CALLS, AND SO ON. SO, I WOULD LIKE THAT MEETING WITH YOU MS. MITCHELL.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE A WAY WE CAN GET HER AT LEAST TO TALK TO SOMEBODY TODAY? SEE THAT AREA BACK THERE IN THE AUDITORIUM. WE HAVE PEOPLE RIGHT THERE THAT MAYBE

COULD START TO WORK ON YOUR HOMELESS SITUATION. AND YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN VERY WELL-BEHAVED TODAY. I APPRECIATE THAT. BETTER WELL-BEHAVED THAN SOME ADULTS. OH, THAT'S NICE. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**DALE WILCOX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I'M DALE WILCOX WITH THE RAIN PORT. AND I AM GOING TO SPEAK ON GENERAL COMMENTS. SO JUST ONE MINUTE. GOOD AFTERNOON. AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, I WAS FASCINATED WITH A BOOK BY JOHN HOWARD GRIFFIN ABOUT A WHITE JOURNALIST WHO DARKENED HIS SKIN TO EXPERIENCE LIFE AS A BLACK MAN IN THE DEEP SOUTH. I GAVE THIS A TRY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NOT AS A BLACK MAN, BUT AS A COMMON VOTER IN DISTRICT 2. SO THIS IS FOR SUPERVISOR HOLLY. I MEAN HOLLY MITCHELL. I FOUND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES OUT OF UNIFORM. THE FAMOUS DONUTS, PUBLISHED HOURS NOT BEING HEEDED, VOTER POLICIES NOT FOLLOWED. THEN TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, MY BOAT HAS BEEN TWICE, MRS. MITCHELL. AND YOU HAVE A LETTER TO THIS EFFECT. MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE BEING CURRENTLY VIOLATED. AND NOW, I NEED TO KNOW HOW WILL THIS RIM REPORT THAT I AM CURRENTLY POSTING TO THE LINE END, MISS MITCHELL. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOW WILL THIS STORY UNFOLD? I'D LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU, AND YOU CAN SEE SOME OF MY HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGES, 4K --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**DALE WILCOX:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**DONALD HARLAN:** HI, I AM DONALD HARLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 22, 29, 30, 31, 49, 50.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

**DONALD HARLAN:** PROJECT ROOM KEY, THERE'S A LOT OF ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS ENDORSED BY L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS. THE HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS HOUSING FOR LOS ANGELES IS OUT OF CONTROL. YOU ARE A CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS HOMELESS SCANDAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES. EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU GUYS CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOMELESS SCANDAL WITH ALL THE ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE YOU GUYS HAVE DEVELOPED. CONSIDER THIS. YOU GUYS WERE SUPPOSED TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THERE ARE 834,000 FOR AN APARTMENT. THAT'S AFFORDABLE? AND THEN THOSE PEOPLE IN THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAME BACK HERE AFTER THREE MONTHS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T AFFORD THEIR UTILITIES OR ELECTRICITY. I MEAN HOW FAR ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO PUSH THAT CRAP. THE ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS JUST TOO RIDICULOUS. THEY HAVE DONE OVERLAYS ON ALL THE COUNTY ASSESSOR REPORTS. AND NOW, LISTEN TO THIS. A

BUNCH OF NEW COUNTY ASSESSOR REPORTS SHOWED UP FOR 1967. LOOK AT THAT DATE ON THE COUNTY ASSESSOR REPORTS. ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S A BUNCH OF 1967 DATES THAT SHOWED UP, AND IT SHOWS THERE'S MULTIPLE LAYERS OF OVERLAY ON THOSE PARCEL REPORTS. I WANT YOU GUYS TO REALIZE THAT THOSE ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS CAUSE NATURAL DISASTERS LIKE FLOODS. WHENEVER THERE'S A NATURAL DISASTER, YOU CAN ALWAYS -- OR A HILLSIDE COLLAPSE, OR A LANDSLIDE, YOU CAN ALWAYS TRACE IT BACK TO YOU GUYS' ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. AND SO YOU MOW, MANY COUNTY SUPERVISORS HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS OVER ENDORSING ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS AND THEN SOMEBODY GETTING KILLED IN A LANDSLIDE OR SOMEBODY GETTING KILLED IN A FLOOD. IF ANYBODY DIES, AND YOU GUYS ENDORSED THAT, YOU LOSE YOUR JOBS FOR SURE, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. THE RULE SHOULD ALSO BE THAT IF YOU WORK WITH SOMEBODY THAT ENDORSED ONE OF THOSE ILLEGAL REAL ESTATES THAT GOT SOMEBODY KILLED LIKE THAT THAT YOU SHOULD ALSO LOSE YOUR JOB FOR THAT, TOO. LET'S SEE. THE ANNEXATION OF BRADBURY. THERE'S ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT HERE. NAPLES INFRASTRUCTURE, YOU KNOW NO BODY OVER THERE IN NAPLES NEEDS ANY HELP WITH INFRASTRUCTURE. THOSE PEOPLE DON'T DESERVE A THING. THEY DESTROY INFRASTRUCTURE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE WE ON THE PHONE NOW? LET'S GO TO THE PHONE.

**OPERATOR:** MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADRIANA QUINONES. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ADRIANA QUINONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADRIANA QUINONES, A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. TODAY, I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT ITEM 22. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS, BARGER, AND HAHN FOR TRULY REPRESENTING  THE RESIDENTS IN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN REFERENCE TO EXIDE AND QUEMETCO. WE ARE ASKING FOR SUPPORT FROM SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH. THERE ARE SOME ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT HAVE NOT HAD THE COURAGE TO SCHEDULE TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO HEAR CONCERNS FROM THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE BEING AFFECTED WITH CHEMICALS LIKE ARSENIC AND LEAD. THE RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AVOCADO HEIGHTS, WHITTIER, AND LA PUENTE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENTS OF ROYAL HEIGHTS AND SURROUNDING AREAS. WE HAVE HAD TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES WITH THESE -- IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKS CLOSELY

WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTING COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THESE BAD BUSINESS PARTNERS. TOGETHER, PRESSURE CAN BE PLACED ON D.T.S.C. AND H.M.D. TO NOT AUTHORIZE PERMIT FOR THESE --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VANESSA RAMIREZ. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**VANESSA RAMIREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VANESSA RAMIREZ, AND I AM PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN FAVOR OF ITEM 22. I'M A MEMBER OF EAST GATE COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RESEARCH LEADER AT THE U.S.C. DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF [INDISCERNIBLE] STUDY FROM EAST [INDISCERNIBLE] AND OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE FOUND THAT OVER 70% OF HOMES IN OUR STUDY THAT HAVE BEEN CLEANED BY D.T.S.C. STILL HAVE LEAD LEVELS THAT EXCEED 80P.P.M. AND 97% OF HOMES IN OUR STUDY THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AREA HAVE LEAD LEVELS THAT EXCEED 80P.P.M. I STAND WITH THE COMMUNITY TO REVISE THE CURRENT STRATEGY TO ENSURE COMPLETE CLEANUP OF ALL CONTAMINATED SOIL, INCLUDING --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DID WE LOSE HER?

**MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THE PHONE LINE IS STILL CONNECTED. THEY APPEAR --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, THERE SHE IS. GO AHEAD.

**VANESSA RAMIREZ:** [AUDIO BREAK UP] HI, ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

**VANESSA RAMIREZ:** HELLO?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD.

**VANESSA RAMIREZ:** ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. MAYBE SHE CAN'T HEAR US. YEAH, WE CAN HEAR YOU, BUT APPARENTLY YOU CAN'T HEAR US. GO AHEAD AND TALK.

**VANESSA RAMIREZ:** OKAY. MY NAME IS VANESSA RAMIREZ. I AM PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN FAVOR OF ITEM 22. I AM A MEMBER OF E.C.R. COMMUNITIES AROUND JUSTICE AND RESEARCH COORDINATOR AT THE U.S.C. DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF [INDISCERNIBLE] STUDY WITH E.C.R. AND OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE FOUND THAT OVER 70% OF HOMES IN OUR STUDY THAT HAVE BEEN CLEANED BY D.T.S.C. STILL HAVE LEAD LEVELS THAT EXCEED 80P.P.M. AND 97% OF HOMES IN OUR STUDY THAT ARE OUT --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. PLEASE STATE YOUR ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**ANTHONY ARENAS:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT 3. AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 32, 52, AND GENERAL COMMENT. FOR 32, THIS YEAR'S LITIGATION COST REPORT IS JUST ANOTHER CASE OF HOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO TERRORIZE L.A. COMMUNITIES AND WASTE MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 SAW A MASSIVE INCREASE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LITIGATION COSTS BECAUSE THE COUNTY ALLOWS THEIR MISCONDUCT TO CONTINUE UNCHECKED DESPITE THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED BY THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S MISCONDUCT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HALF OF THE LITIGATION EXPENSES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE DEPARTMENT OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, COSTING

THE COUNTY $73.2 MILLION IN JUDGMENTS, SETTLEMENTS, FEES, AND COSTS. FOR 52, THE COUNTY MUST IMMEDIATELY CANCEL ALL CONTRACTS FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING. ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS INCARCERATION. ELECTRONIC MONITORING ALSO VIOLATES PERSONAL LIBERTY, INFRINGES ON PRIVACY, AND CAN PHYSICALLY HARM INDIVIDUALS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS ALSO HIGHLY INACCURATE, AND ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS CALLS OR TEXT REMINDERS ARE CHEAPER AND MORE EFFECTIVE AT INCREASING COURT APPEARANCES. SO, IN ALL, ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS NOT ALIGNED WITH A CARE FIRST VISION FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND FOR GENERAL COMMENT, I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO ITEM 18. THIS BOARD MUST RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH, INVESTING BY DECARCERATION THE YOUTH POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY, AND PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE CARE THAT IS SEPARATE FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND THE COUNTY CAN TRULY SHOW THE COMMUNITY IT TAKES YOUTH INVESTMENT SERIOUSLY BY REDUCING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, MOVING YOUTH OUT OF BARRY J. NIDORF, AND ENSURING NO YOUTH ARE SUBJECTED TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING. THANK YOU.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER WILLIAMS. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**JENNIFER WILLIAMS:** HI, MY NAME IS JENNIFER WILLIAMS. I AM A RESIDENT OF WESTMONT, AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT TASKFORCE, SPEAKING ON ITEM 14. NOT ON GENERAL COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR PUTTING FORTH THE MOTION TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY ON E.I.S.D.9 FOR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN DISTRICT 2. I AM ESPECIALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS POTENTIAL POLICY GARNERING FUNDING FOR BROWN FIELD REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SITES, NAMELY CAL SITE 15 ON WESTERN AND 120TH AND CAL SITE 16 ON NORMANDY AND ROYAL WITH GROUNDWATER AND SOIL CONTAMINATION. THESE SITES BOTH SIT NEXT TO THE 105 FREEWAY. CONSIDERED TOGETHER, OUR COMMUNITY IS BEING PUMMELED BY ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY AND FORTHCOMING SELF-DETERMINED COMMUNITY-LED  DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

**MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARY JACOBS. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

**MARY JACOBS:** HI. MY NAME IS MARY JACOBS, AND IT IS PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, I

BELIEVE, OR TOMORROW. AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GEORGE FLOYD AND EMMETT TILL, MARTIN LUTHER KING, MALCOLM X, HARRIET TUBMAN, ALICE WALKER, JACKIE ROBINSON, NIPSEY HUSTLE, MY BROTHER, RONALD RAYMOND COLEVICK, WHO WAS HALF BLACK, AND HE WAS TREATED DIFFERENTLY THAN WE WERE. THE BLACK MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY ON THE CORNER OF HOPE AND 7TH, ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, WERE SAVED BECAUSE OF MY CHUTZPAH. AND I NEVER WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT I NEED TO SAY THIS. I WITNESSED WHAT COULD HAVE BECOME ANOTHER GEORGE FLOYD INCIDENT. THERE WAS EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS FROM L.A.P.D. THANK GOOD THEY WEREN'T FROM THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, AND THEY ALL HAD BATONS, AND HE WAS FORCED TO THE GROUND. AND I COULDN'T SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING. SO I THOUGHT I AM GOING TO LOOK FOR THE BIGGEST BEHINDS, KICK IT, AND FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON ON THE GROUND BECAUSE I WON'T BE IN THE CITY OF ANGELS --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

**MARY JACOBS:** AND I STOPPED --

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL.

**MARY JACOBS:** FROM HITTING HIM.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE MOVE ON, I JUST WANT TO -- I AM NOTE SURE ARE WE TALKING I.T. OR SOMEBODY, BUT I KNOW PART OF OUR MOTION ABOUT GOVERNANCE IS TO LOOK AT LONG TERM CONTINUING VIRTUAL CALL. AND I CAN'T SPEAK FOR EVERYBODY, BUT SOMETIMES IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO HEAR THE CALLERS. AND I JUST DON'T KNOW IF IT IS -- I KNOW IT IS THEIR PHONE, OUR THING, BUT IF WE COULD LOOK TO UPGRADE SOME SYSTEM THAT WOULD CLEAN, CLARIFY, GET RID OF STATIC. I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT EXISTS SOMEWHERE, THAT TECHNOLOGY, BECAUSE IF WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO CALL IN, JUST REALLY, IT IS REALLY HARD TO HEAR IT. AND IT IS NO GOOD TO LET PEOPLE SPEAK IF WE CAN'T HEAR. SO LET'S JUST LOOK INTO THAT SYSTEM. AGAIN, I JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT TECHNOLOGY EXISTS.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL LOOK AT IT, SUPERVISOR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 1, 3, 5 AND 6, 8, 10 AND 11, 14 AS REVISED, 16-20, 22, 24-63. 65 AND 66, 67A AS REVISED, 67C AND 67D, 70 AND 71, 73 THROUGH 75, 1D, AND 1P.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

**SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

**SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA OR TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY ,UNLESS I SEE OTHERWISE FROM MY COLLEAGUES. OKAY. THEN WE WILL MOVE ON TO ADJOURNMENTS. AND THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER AND GO IN THE ORDER OF FIVE, ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

**SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF TERRENCE LYNCH, A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81 ON JANUARY 23RD, 2023 SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY. TERRENCE WAS BORN MARCH 7TH, 1941 IN DETROIT,

MICHIGAN AND WAS THE ELDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN. HIS FAMILY WOULD GO ON TO MOVE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND EVENTUALLY LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE WOULD RAISE HIS FAMILY. TERRENCE ATTENDED LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER STUDIED ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY AND THE GOLF TEAM BEFORE BEGINNING A CAREER IN FINANCIAL SERVICES AFTER GRADUATION FROM THE U.S.C. IN 1964. TERRENCE HAD A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN INVESTMENT BANKING THAT INCLUDED TENURES WITH MERRILL LYNCH, HAMBRECHT AND QUIST, TRUST COMPANY OF THE WEST, AND WELLS FARGO. BY THE END OF HIS CAREER, TERRENCE HAD BUILT A REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE TOP INVESTMENT ADVISERS IN LOS ANGELES. WHEN HE WAS NOT WORKING, TERRENCE LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE DAUGHTERS, WHO HE ADORED. TERRENCE WAS ALSO PASSIONATE ABOUT GOLF, TRAVEL, SAILING, CYCLING AND WINE. ALONG WITH THIS, HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, HAVING SERVED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH SCHOOL IN THE PACIFIC PALISADES, DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ROSEMEAD, AS WELL AS PROCTOR ACADEMY, A COED, INDEPENDENT, PREPARATORY BOARDING SCHOOL IN ANDOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE. HE BE DEARLY MISSED BY HIS LOVED ONES AND COMMUNITY. TERRENCE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CONSTANCE HIS THREE DAUGHTERS, ERIN SWEENEY, COURTNEY KOENIG, AND CATHERINE ADAMS, AS WELL AS THREE SIBLINGS, ROSEMARY LYNCH MITCHELL, GERALD JOHN LYNCH, JR., AND JULIE LYNCH RUSSELL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY

OF NELSON RISING, A REAL ESTATE VISIONARY, POLITICAL CAMPAIGN LEADER, AND A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81 AFTER COMPLICATIONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S. NELSON GREW UP IN QUEENS, NEW YORK BEFORE EVENTUALLY MOVING TO GLENDALE. HE ATTENDED U.C.L.A. LAW SCHOOL AND SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS AFTER COLLEGE FOR THREE YEARS. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, NELSON CONTRIBUTED IN SEVERAL WAYS TO BOTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HE IS KNOWN FOR THE CREATION OF PROPERTIES, SUCH AS THE U.S. BANK TOWER, AN ICONIC LANDMARK LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. HE IS ALSO CREDITED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF PLAYA VISTA AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MISSION BAY IN SAN FRANCISCO. NELSON WAS VERY ACTIVE IN POLITICS. HE GOT HIS START IN POLITICS WITH SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS FOR BOTH JOHN TUNNEY FOR THE U.S. SENATE AND TOM BRADLEY FOR THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. HE WOULD LATER GO ON TO HELP PRODUCE THE FILM "THE CANDIDATE," A POLITICAL SATIRE OF POLITICS BASED ON JOHN TUNNEY AND HIS CAMPAIGN. THOSE WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH NELSON ADMIRED HIM FOR HIS ABILITY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH INCREDIBLE FEATS. HIS LEGACY LEFT ON BOTH LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. NELSON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, SHARON, AND HIS TWO SONS, CHRISTOPHER AND MATTHEW. ALL MEMBERS? OKAY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICK N. SHACKELFORD, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 44. PATRICK PROUDLY SERVED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR

OVER 17 YEARS, BEGINNING HIS CAREER A DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL IN 2006. HE WAS PROMOTED THROUGH THE RANKS, BECOMING A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER ONE IN 2008 AT CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER AND LATER SERVED AS FIRESTONE JUVENILE, CAMP PAIGE, CAMPUS KILPATRICK, WHERE HE WAS STATIONED UNTIL HIS UNTIMELY DEATH. PATRICK IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER, TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD, BETTER KNOWN AS SHACK, HIS MOTHER, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KIRSTEN TRIMBLE, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 35 IN NAMPA, IDAHO. KRISTEN ATTENDED BOUQUET ELEMENTARY AND VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL. HER FAVORITE PAST-TIME WAS DANCE. SHE LOVED DANCING AT STUDIO 84 AND WAS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF COMPANY 84 AND THE ARROYO SECO AND VALENCIA HIGH DANCE TEAMS. FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ATTENDED AND GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE WITH A B.A. IN HISTORY. WHILE IN COLLEGE, ONE OF HER FAVORITE JOBS WAS WORKING AT QUANTUM LEARNING SUPER CAMP, WHERE SHE EMPOWERED STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND VARIOUS COUNTRIES. AFTER ACHIEVING HER TEACHING CREDENTIAL, SHE MOVED TO BOISE, IDAHO AND WAS WORKING AS A BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONIST AT GEM PREP, NAMPA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, CAROLYN KLINE BRAUN, BROTHER, RYAN TRIMBLE, STEPDAD JONATHAN BRAUN, STEPBROTHER, CAMERON BRAUN, AND STEPSISTER, AMANDA BRAUN. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOW

INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH. ROBERT LAZARGA CISNEROS, ARMY. PAUL FRANCIS CLARK, MARINE CORPS. HOWARD DAVID GATLIFF, ARMY. GUY LAWRENCE JIN, ARMY. ANDRE JOINER, ARMY. PATRICK LYNN MAHER, ARMY. DANIEL KIM ROGERSON, AIR FORCE. CHARLES SMITH, NAVY. ORLANDO JAMES TAYLOR, AIR FORCE. DAVID EDWARD WALKER, ARMY. MICHAEL JOSEPH WREN, ARMY. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY SHOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

**SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN. VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN WAS BORN IN JIANGDU, CHINA IN 1927 AND DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE PROPAGATION OF HUMANISTIC BUDDHISM. AT THE AGE OF 12, HE WAS TONSURED UNDER VENERABLE MASTER ZHI KAI, AND AT 15, HE RECEIVED FULL ORDINATION. IN 1947, VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN GRADUATED FROM THE JIAOSHAN BUDDHIST COLLEGE, WHERE HE COMPLETED A BUDDHIST EDUCATION. TWO YEARS LATER, HE MOVED TO TAIWAN, WHERE HE ESTABLISHED THE BUDDHIST CULTURAL SERVICE CENTER IN TAIPEI. LATER HE FOUNDED THE FO GUAG SHAN BUDDHIST ORDER, WHERE THE OBJECTIVES TO

PROPAGATE THE DHARMA THROUGH  THROUGH CULTURE, TO BENEFIT SOCIETY THROUGH CHARITY, AND TO PURIFY PEOPLE'S MINDS THROUGH SPIRITUAL CULTIVATION. IN ADDITION, HE INTEGRATED TRADITION AND MODERNITY IN ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS BRINGING BUDDHISM INTO A NEW MILESTONE OF MODERNIZATION. OVER THE COURSE OF HIS LIFETIME, HE SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED OVER 300 TEMPLES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ONE OF THE LARGEST TEMPLES IN NORTH AMERICA. HE ALSO FOUNDED 16 BUDDHIST COLLEGES, 24 ART GALLERIES, LIBRARIES, SEVERAL PUBLISHING COMPANIES, BOOKSTORES, AND MUCH MORE ALL AROUND THE GLOBE. HSI LAI TEMPLE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN'S WORK. IT WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE THOSE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO VISIT IT. VENERABLE MASTER HAS RECEIVED MANY ACCOLADES AND AWARDS DURING HIS LIFETIME FOR HIS WORK, WHERE COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED FROM HIS COMPASSIONATE ENDEAVORS. HIS LIFE WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE TEACHINGS  BUDDHA, AND, DESPITE HIS PASSING, HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN IMPACT AND INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY OVER 2,000 MONASTIC DISCIPLES AND OVER 100 DHARMA HEIRS AND MILLIONS OF FOLLOWERS WORLDWIDE TO CONTINUE HIS TEACHINGS. MAY HE HAVE AN AUSPICIOUS REBIRTH. I MOVE WHEN THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CANON LYDIA LOPEZ. LAST MONTH, ON JANUARY 16TH, WHICH WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, CANON LYDIA LOPEZ PASSED FROM THIS LIFE. A GIANT OF JUSTICE, LYDIA CAME TO

AGE IN THE CHICANO MOVEMENT THROUGH THE CHURCH OF EPIPHANY AND FATHER JOHN LUCE. SHE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS ORGANIZATION, U.N.O. FOR SHORT. SHE ALSO WORKED FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND WAS ON STAFF AT LA PLACITA WITH FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA AND FATHER LUIS OLIVARES AND HELPED FOUND INTERFAITH COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. AT U.N.O., LYDIA PARTNERED WITH ACTOR DENNIS WEAVER TO BATTLE FOOD INSECURITY, LOBBIED HARD TO MAKE SURE L.A. METRO LINES WOULD SERVE WORKING PEOPLE, AND BATTLED INSURANCE REDLINING THAT HURT LATINO NEIGHBORHOODS. A FORMER MEMBER OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES STAFF, SHE COMPLETED A RECORD 27 YEARS ON THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY, HELPING FORM GENERATIONS OF LAY AND ORDAINED LEADERS. MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE. AND LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AUSTIN MAJORS. AUSTIN MAJORS, THE FORMER CHILD ACTOR BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ROLE AS THEO SIPOWICZ IN THE A.B.C. SERIES "N.Y.P.D. BLUE," HAD PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 27. MAJORS WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 23RD, 1995, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2023. MAJORS RECEIVED A YOUNG ARTIST AWARD IN 2002 FOR HIS WORK ON "N.Y.P.D. BLUE," WHICH RAN 12 SEASONS AND WON 20 EMMYS. MAJORS' OTHER TELEVISION CREDITS INCLUDE "E.R.," "N.C.I.S.," "AMERICAN DAD," "DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES," AND "HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER." HE WAS ALSO A GRADUATE OF U.S.C. SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS WITH A PASSION FOR DIRECTING AND PRODUCING MUSIC, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY HIS

TALENT AGENCY. MAJORS TALENTS WERE NOT LIMITED TO ACTING. HE ALSO WORKED AS A PHOTOGRAPHER, VIDEOGRAPHER, DOCUMENTARIAN, AND RELEASED MUSIC UNDER THE NAME "POPE!" DAYS BEFORE HIS PASSING, HE POSTED ON INSTAGRAM THAT HE HAD MET WITH LOS ANGELES MAYOR KAREN BASS. MAJORS' FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND FORMER CO-STARS MOURN THE LOSS OF A TALENTED AND KIND-HEARTED INDIVIDUAL, WHO BROUGHT JOY TO THOSE AROUND HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

**SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I FIRST WANT TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES SILVERSTEIN, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 30TH AND WAS A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY. I KNOW IT IS TYPICALLY OUR PRACTICE TO FOCUS ON L.A. COUNTY, BUT HIS WORK AS A PSYCHOLOGIST, THERAPIST, AND ACTIVIST, WHO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN GETTING HOMOSEXUALITY DECLASSIFIED AS A MENTAL ILLNESS I FELT WARRANTED OUR RECOGNITION. HOMOSEXUALITY WAS CONSIDERED A MENTAL DISORDER AND SEXUAL DEVIATION IN THE DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS, THE AUTHORITATIVE SET OF MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AT THE TIME. IN FEBRUARY 1973, WHEN IT WAS HIS TURN TO SPEAK UP BEFORE AN AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION PANEL ON WHY IT SHOULD STOP CLASSIFYING HOMOSEXUALITY AS A MENTAL DISORDER, HE CHOSE AN UNEXPECTED TOOL FOR HIS RESPONSE. HUMOR.

HE WROTE A SATIRE OF ALL THE ABSURD THINGS THAT THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION HAD DIAGNOSED, ILLNESSES LIKE SYPHILOPHOBIA, IRRATIONAL FEAR OF SYPHILIS. THE TESTIMONY OF DR. SILVERSTEIN, WHO AT THE TIME WAS COMPLETING HIS PH.D. WORK IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, HELPED PERSUADE THE PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE AND ITS D.S.M. OF MENTAL DISORDERS LATER THAT YEAR. THAT REVISION, WHILE NOT COMPLETELY ENDING THE PROFESSION'S PATHOLOGIZING OF HOMOSEXUALITY, WAS A WATERSHED MOMENT THAT LED TO FURTHER REASSESSMENTS. AS A GAY MAN WHO GREW UP WANTING TO BE CURED, HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE'S WORK TO HELPING L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE LIVE WITHOUT SHAME FROM HIS PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICE TO HIS WRITING AND BEYOND. HE ALSO FOUNDED IDENTITY HOUSE, AM L.G.B.T.Q. PEER COUNSELING ORGANIZATION, AND THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN IDENTITY, WHICH PROVIDES L.G.B.T.Q. AFFIRMING PSYCHOTHERAPY AND STARTED OUT WITH GAY AND LESBIAN THERAPISTS VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO SEE L.G.B.T. CLIENTS. HE WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED AS A HERO, AN ACTIVIST, A LEADER, AND A FRIEND, WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PSYCHOLOGY AND THE RIGHTS OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN FELT AROUND THE WORLD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF HOWARD BRAGMAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS GURU, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 11TH AND RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA. HOWARD OFTEN HELPED CELEBRITIES NAVIGATE SENSITIVE OR VOLATILE SPOTLIGHT MOMENTS AND HAD A SPECIALTY OF ADVISING ACTORS AND SPORTS FIGURES WHO WERE

COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET. HE WAS A FAMILIAR FACE IN NEWS COVERAGE AND ON TELEVISION SHOWS LIKE "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA," WHETHER TALKING ABOUT PARTICULAR CLIENTS OR ABOUT THE ART OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND DAMAGE CONTROL. OVER HIS CAREER, HE HANDLED PLENTY OF GARDEN VARIETY PUBLIC RELATIONS CHORES: PROMOTING PRODUCTS, ANNOUNCING ENGAGEMENTS OR DEATHS, BUT CLIENTS OFTEN MADE USE OF HIS SERVICES BECAUSE THEY WERE IN CRISIS MODE. BEHIND THE SCENES, HE WOULD ADVISE CLIENTS LIKE ED MCMAHON, JET BLUE FLIGHT ATTENDANT, STEVEN SLATER, AND ANTHONY SCARAMUCCI ON THINGS LIKE WHICH INTERVIEW REQUESTS TO ACCEPT AND WHAT TO SAY. BUT FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF CLIENT, A GAY MAN OR WOMAN GOING PUBLIC, HE WAS MORE OPEN AND MORE OF AN ACTIVIST. HE WAS GAY HIMSELF. THE GAY GURU, HE WAS SOMETIMES CALLED. AND HE WAS BOTH A COUNSELOR AND AN ADMIRER OF ACTORS, ATHLETES, AND OTHERS WHO WERE COMING OUT. AMONG THE CELEBRITY CLIENTS HE WORKED WITH IN THIS CAPACITY WERE ACTOR DICK SARGENT, T.V. ICON MEREDITH BAXTER, AND COUNTRY SINGER CHELY WRIGHT. HE ALSO WORKED WITH FORMER N.B.A. PLAYER JOHN AMACHEI, N.F.L. PROSPECT MICHAEL SAM, AND FORMER BASKETBALL PLAYER SHERYL SWOOPES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS HUSBAND, MIKE MAIMONE, AND HIS BROTHER, ALAN. FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAQUEL WELCH, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 8TH AND WAS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. A STAR STUDENT, WELCH STARTED WINNING BEAUTY PAGEANTS WHEN SHE WAS 14, ULTIMATELY EARNING THE STATE TITLE OF MAID OF CALIFORNIA

IN 1958, THE YEAR SHE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. THOUGH SHE ATTENDED SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY ON A DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP, SHE DROPPED OUT TO GET MARRIED AND TAKE A JOB AS A WEATHER GIRL AT A LOCAL T.V. STATION. SHE MOVED TO L.A. AND STARTED OUT EARNING SMALL ROLES IN POPULAR T.V. SHOWS AND FILMS, SUCH AS HER TURN AS A COED IN ELVIS PRESLEY'S "ROUSTABOUT." SHE ALSO GOT HER FIRST LEAD ROLE AS A BIKINI CLAD KNOW-IT-ALL IN THE 1965 THE FILM "A SWINGIN' SUMMER." AFTER A SCREEN TEST OPPOSITE JAMES COBURN FOR THE 1966 JAMES BOND SPOOF "OUR MAN FLINT," SHE BECAME ONE OF THE LAST CONTRACT PLAYERS AT 20TH CENTURY FOX TO SIGN A MULTIYEAR DEAL. SHE QUICKLY LANDED A ROLE AS A DOCTOR IN THE 1966 OSCAR-WINNING DRAMA "FANTASTIC VOYAGE," AND THEN HER CAREER-MAKING APPEARANCE IN THE PREHISTORIC REMAKE "ONE MILLION YEARS B.C." THAT FILM'S POSTER LAUNCHED HER TO STARDOM. IN AN ERA WHEN MEN OFTEN CONSIDERED WOMEN LARGELY ORNAMENTAL, SHE EARNED A REPUTATION FOR BEING STRONG- WILLED AND INDEPENDENT. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME A POP CULTURE ICON, EQUAL PARTS SELF-MOCKING BOMBSHELL AND GLAMOUR-DRIVEN VARIETY SHOW HOST. SHE EARNED A GOLDEN GLOBE FOR HER DEMURE ROLE IN THE STAR- STUDDED 1973 COMEDY "THE THREE MUSKETEERS" AND STARRED IN THE ROLLER DERBY DRAMA "KANSAS CITY BOMBER" AND THE NEO-NOIR MYSTERY "THE LAST OF SHEILA." SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, DAMON, HER DAUGHTER, TAHNEE, AND A BROTHER, JIMMY. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

**SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO JOIN THAT ALSO BECAUSE I WANTED TO JUST SAY THAT RAQUEL WELCH WAS ALSO LATINA, BOLIVIAN. AND I DON'T THINK SHE GOT MUCH CREDIT FOR THAT, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE SHE SYMBOLIZED WOMEN AT THAT ERA AND THAT TIME WHEN SO FEW ROLE MODELS LIKE HERSELF WERE OUT THERE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU.

**SUP. HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO JOIN THAT, TOO. AND WASN'T ONE OF HER FIRST PERFORMANCES PLAY RAMONA OUT IN THE RAMONA PAGAENT. YEAH. DID YOU ALREADY SAY THAT?

**SUP. HORVATH:** EVERYONE IS ABLE TO JOIN IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE.

**SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY MAROVICH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. DORA WAS BORN IN CROATIA BUT MOVED TO SAN PEDRO AS A YOUNG GIRL WITH HER FAMILY. SHE ATTENDED SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER STUDIED TO BECOME A NURSE'S AIDE. SHE WAS DEVOTED MEMBER -- SHE WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF THE DALMATIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY. SHE ALSO ENJOYED HOSTING PARTIES AND

TRAVELING BACK TO CROATIA TO VISIT FAMILY. DORA WAS PROCEEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, PETE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, DENISE, PATRICIA, AND STEPHANIE, ALONG WITH SIX GRANDCHILDREN, AND SEVEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH NICHOLAS MARINO, WHO, AGAIN, ANOTHER LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE WAS 95 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE SERVED PROUDLY AS A THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER IN THE U.S. NAVY. HE HAD A PASSION FOR EDUCATION, WHICH SHOWED AS HE SERVED AS A TEACHER, A PRINCIPAL, AND COLLEGE LECTURER FOR OVER 35 YEARS, LEAVING A LASTING IMPACT ON INNUMERABLE STUDENTS. JOE WAS A HUGE FAN OF U.S.C.'S FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS. HE ALSO ENJOYED TRAVELING, PUBLIC SPEAKING, SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AT THE ELKS LODGE AND THE DALMATIAN AMERICAN CLUB. JOE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS LOVE OF HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO. HE LED A LIFE OF FAITH AND PURPOSE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE OF 68 YEARS, MARIAN, CHILDREN, JOSEPH AND NANCY, GRANDCHILDREN, JOSEPH, DANIEL, AND BRANDON, TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, STEVE TRUTANICH. JOE MARINA WAS JUST REALLY WAS SO ABOUT SAN PEDRO. EVERYONE LOVED HIM. SO MANY STUDENTS WERE IMPACTED BY HIM. AND THE ENTIRE TOWN WILL MISS HIM. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KATHLEEN "KAY" ULRICH, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES. SHE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO ELKS LADIES' AUXILIARY CLUB AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

MOST NOTABLY, KAY WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS AND INSPIRED MANY TO GET INVOLVED IN MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY. KAY WAS PROCEEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, TONY, AND HER SON, CHRIS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, CATHY, CONNIE, AND SON, CRAIG, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL TAKE ALL THOSE AS SECONDED. AND IF THAT'S WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. I'M TRYING TO FIND WHERE WE ARE NOW. WE ARE NOW -- WE WILL NOW -- IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AND WE ARE ABOUT TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, BUT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE ARE NOW GOING TO BE SHOWING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS AS WE ARE IN CLOSED SIS. SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S 100 YEAR OF SERVICE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO THE CLOSED SESSION.

**CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER, ITEM C.S.2,

DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM C.S.3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

**[RECORDED] SUP. BARGER:** IT IS MY HONOR TO CELEBRATE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 100 YEARS -- IT IS MY HONOR TO CELEBRATE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE. ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN DECEMBER 1922, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MADE HISTORY AS THE FIRST COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE WERE TASKED TO STUDY ISSUES THE COUNTY FACED REGARDING RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, PUBLIC PARKS, BOULEVARDS, FLOOD CONTROL, SUBDIVISIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS THAT AFFECTED THE COUNTY'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. OVER THE NEXT CENTURY, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND ITS COMMISSIONERS HAVE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH CRUCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON ORDINANCES AND LAND ISSUES. SOME OF THESE LED TO GROUNDBREAKING DECISIONS WITH LASTING IMPACTS, BOTH IN L.A. COUNTY, AND NATIONWIDE LAND USE PLANNING. THIS LEGACY BEGAN WHEN THE COMMISSION DEVELOPED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1927 AS THE FIRST COUNTY ZONING CODE IN THE NATION. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAS SERVED THE PUBLIC DURING MAJOR HISTORIC EVENTS FROM THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND WORLD WAR II TO THE COUNTY-WIDE GENERAL PLAN IN 1980 AND THE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO SEEN THE COUNTY THROUGH MAJOR GROWTH, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974. AND SINCE THE COMMISSION WAS FOUNDED, THE COUNTY HAS SEEN THE INCORPORATION OF 50 CITIES. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FORWARD THINKING, SUSTAINABLE, RESPONSIBLE, AND EQUITABLE ORDINANCES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I AM THANKFUL FOR THEIR WORK TO ENSURE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS WELL PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO AMY BODEK, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND MY APPOINTEE AND CHAIR TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, MICHAEL HASTINGS. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS INCREDIBLE MILESTONE. HERE IS TO MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESS FOR THE COMMISSION.

**MICHAEL HASTINGS:** ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES TON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE, AND FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE, WE HAVE A STAFF THAT IS SECOND TO NONE. AND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, WE ARE GUARDIANS OF THE LAND. AND WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT PLANNING, AND WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY THE BEST WAY WE CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR.

**SPEAKER:** LET LOVE BE THE ANSWER TO HATE AND VIOLENCE AND CHAOS. LET LOVE BE THE KISS OF DEATH TO ALL GREED, LACK, AND INJUSTICE.

**SPEAKER:** WE'RE CELEBRATING AFTER TWO YEARS OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION, AND WE HONORED ALMOST TWO DOZEN INDIVIDUALS FROM OUR COMMUNITY REPRESENTING ALL WALKS OF LIFE, PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY MUCH VESTED IN PROMOTING OPPORTUNITY, EQUITY, AND DIVERSITY, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER.

**SPEAKER:** HISTORY SHOWS US THAT PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION BUILD RESILIENCE.

**SPEAKER:** IT'S REALLY TIME FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER. WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE. AND THIS EVENT REALLY EPITOMIZED THAT PARTICULAR ACTION AND PRIORITY FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER, COLLECTIVELY.

**SPEAKER:** AND NOW WE CAN HONOR EACH OTHER BUT MOVE ON AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO, WHETHER IT'S HELPING PEOPLE FIND NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, WHETHER IT'S FINDING THE ABILITY TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOW-INCOME HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ALSO UNHOUSED, HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE LEAVING THE CARCERAL SYSTEM TO FIND GOOD JOBS AND TO FIND CAREER PATHS IN THE TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, OR WHETHER IT IS LOOKING AT HOW WE ENHANCE OUR

HEALTH SERVICES AND SAFETY NET SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE OUT IN THE STREETS.

**SPEAKER:** I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO BE HONORED FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE SHARE OUR TALENTS WITH THE TOTALITY OF THE POMONA COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE REALLY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

**SPEAKER:** I AM SO EXCITED ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE FACT THAT OUR CHAMPION, BOARD OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, HAS BEEN THE ONE WHO HAS RECOGNIZED THE THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED IN THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE FIRST DISTRICT.

**SPEAKER:** THIS WAS ABOUT BRINGING ALL OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY TOGETHER AND YOU'RE COMMUNITIES, OUR C.B.O.S THAT HELP TO MAKE OUR JOB EASIER BECAUSE THEY ARE THE TRUTH SAYERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'LL CONTINUE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH ONWARD AND NOT JUST DURING FEBRUARY BUT FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

**SPEAKER:** BLACK HISTORY MONTH WAS CREATED IN 1926 IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN HISTORIAN CARTER GODWIN WOODSON AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY ANNOUNCED THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO BE NEGRO HISTORY WEEK. NEGRO HISTORY WEEK GREW IN POPULARITY WITH MAYORS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ENDORSING IT AS A HOLIDAY. BY 1976, BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WAS BEING CELEBRATED ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHEN PRESIDENT GERALD FORD RECOGNIZED THE MONTH DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL. BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS OBSERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN FEBRUARY.

**SUP. MITCHELL:** HI. I'M HOLLY MITCHELL, L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A FEW OF THE COUNTLESS UNSUNG HEROES AND SHEROES IN OUR DISTRICT THAT ARE LEAVING THEIR MARK ON THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FIRST HONOREE IS LATOYA COOPER, WHO IS RECEIVING OUR YOUNG LEADER AWARD. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING LATOYA A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WHILE I WAS IN SACRAMENTO DURING A CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION EVENT. SHE SHADOWED ME FOR AN ENTIRE DAY. SHE CREDITS THAT EXPERIENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE RIGHT WAY FOUNDATION AS THE KEY REASON SHE DESIRES TO LEND HER VOICE ON L.A. COUNTY'S YOUTH COMMISSION, AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE APPOINTED HER. LATOYA HOPES TO INSPIRE OTHER YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT ALREADY SHE IS A RISING LEADER AND AN INSPIRATION TO NOT ONLY ME BUT HER GENERATION AND COMMUNITY. WE SEE YOU, LATOYA, APPRECIATE YOU. OUR SMALL BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENT IS AQUA EQUITY, A BLACK-OWNED SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WATER BOTTLE COMPANY. RYAN MORGAN, FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF AQUA EQUITY, SET OUT TO LOWER THE AMOUNT OF PLASTIC POLLUTION BY USING ALUMINUM BOTTLE, WHILE GIVING

BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY BY DONATING PROCEEDS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS RIGHT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT IN THE COMMUNITY OF WATTS. NOW, THAT'S HOW YOU UPLIFT OTHERS AS YOU CLIMB. THANK YOU, AQUA EQUITY. CHARLI KEMP IS THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FOR HER WORK IN REIMAGINING LEARNING TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. CHARLI IS A NATIVE ANGELENO AND THE FOUNDER OF THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CHANGE THE TUNE, WHICH PROVIDES FREE, INNOVATIVE, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TO STUDENTS ACROSS SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THANKS, CHARLI FOR INSPIRING AND SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH IN ACCESSING DIVERSE LEARNING EXPERIENCES. OLIVIA VALENTINE IS OUR TRAILBLAZER  HONOREE FOR HER PASSION AND ADVOCACY IN SUPPORTING THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE. IN 2011, MS. VALENTINE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE ELECTED TO THE HAWTHORNE CITY COUNCIL. AS A COUNCILMEMBER, SHE ADVOCATED FOR HAWTHORNE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY SAFETY, AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. SHE CREATED VARIOUS LOCAL POLICIES THAT HELPED CONSTITUENCIES AND BUSINESSES FLOURISH BEFORE AND DURING THE PANDEMIC AND STILL ADVOCATES FOR HER COMMUNITY WHILE IN RETIREMENT. CLOSING OUT OUR HONOREES THIS YEAR IS OUR PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT RANDY HUGHES. RANDY FOUNDED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CLUB, AN ORGANIZATION THAT CONNECTS THE COMMUNITY WITH THEIR LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD AND THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE PRESERVED. THANK YOU, RANDY, FOR YOUR

MILITARY SERVICE, FOR MENTORING OUR YOUTH, AND FOR SUPPORTING OUR SENIOR CITIZENS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2023 BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER AND STRONGER EACH AND EVERY DAY. HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

# CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
# FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2023

CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position of the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner. (23-0891)

**The Board selected a final candidate for the position of the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an at-will employment contract, which is approved as to form by the County Counsel. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all Supervisors present.**

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

**No reportable action was taken.**

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

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

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

Specialists; Los Angeles County Public Defenders; and Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

**No reportable action was taken.**

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 February 28, 2023, 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 14th day of March 2023, 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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