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TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022, 9:30 AM

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. THIS FEELS A LITTLE LIKE BACK TO SCHOOL, BUT MAYBE NOT, REALLY. WE ONLY GOT TWO WEEKS, VERSUS THE GOOD OLD FULL SUMMER, BUT IT'S GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022. PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING. WE'LL TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. GOOD MORNING.

SUP. SOLIS: GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: I'M PRESENT.

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

SUP. BARGER: I'M HERE. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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

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

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8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** PRESENT.

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

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

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

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. PLEASE STAND, IF YOU'RE ABLE, AND JOIN ME IN
18 THE PLEDGE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
19 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS:
20 ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
21 FOR ALL, SOMEDAY.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
24 AGENDA, WE'LL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS TODAY,
25 SEPARATELY, FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR THE PUBLIC

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1 HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
2 THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 750 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR
3 TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED,
4 ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
5 CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS.
6 WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT
7 TODAY'S MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL
8 RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
11 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER 1
12 AND 2. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
13 AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS
14 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, AND CONSIDERATIONS OF
15 NECESSARY ACTION. SET MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION AND
16 CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
17 RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19, UPDATES ON MONKEYPOX, AND THE STATUS
18 OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND MONKEYPOX VACCINES. THESE ITEMS WILL
19 BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS
20 3 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS
21 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 POSTED AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING.
23 ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 10
24 THROUGH 29. ON ITEM 10, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED
25 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND

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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
2 17, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
3 AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
4 BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 29. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO INCLUDE, IN THE
7 REPORT-BACK TO THE BOARD, A REVIEW OF BEST MANAGEMENT
8 PRACTICES FOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND DECORATIVE FOUNTAINS. ON
9 ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
10 ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
11 ON PAGE 19, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 30 THROUGH 68. ON
12 PAGE 36, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA,
13 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
14 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 37,
15 SEPARATE MATTERS. ON PAGE 39, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS
16 THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
17 ON PAGE 40, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM CS-5 IS AN
18 ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUEST
19 FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH CS-5, ARE BEFORE YOU.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND THAT
23 WILL BE THE ORDER.

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

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
5 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC
6 HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9. AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE PUBLIC
7 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
8 3 THROUGH 9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
9 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN
10 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
11 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
15 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
16 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
17 6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
18 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
19 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN:
20 WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
21 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
22 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE REGULAR ITEMS, EXCLUDING
23 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9, WHICH HAVE A SEPARATE CALL-
24 IN NUMBER, AND WILL BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 A.M. FOR
25 ALL REGULAR ITEMS, YOU WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ASIA JOHNSON. PLEASE STATE
21 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
22 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ASIA JOHNSON. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM
25 23.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED-- CAN YOU HEAR ME? CAN YOU
5 HEAR ME?

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

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9 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 23. THE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED
10 RECENTLY, ON SLAUSON AND LA BREA, IS UNBELIEVABLE, AND WILL
11 FOREVER BE ETCHED IN MY MEMORY. SO, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T
12 PERSONALLY KNOW ANYONE INVOLVED, MY HEART GRIEVES WITH THE
13 COMMUNITY AND LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THIS
14 SENSELESS TRAFFIC INCIDENT. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION
15 TODAY, BECAUSE I'VE LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY ALL MY LIFE, AND
16 NOTICING THAT THINGS AREN'T AS SAFE AS THEY USED TO BE. PEOPLE
17 DRIVE REALLY RECKLESSLY DOWN LA BREA, DOWN SLAUSON, DOWN
18 ANGELES VISTA, WHICH FREQUENTLY RESULTS IN TRAGIC OUTCOMES,
19 AND SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO RECTIFY THESE SITUATIONS AND
20 MAKE OUR STREETS SAFE AGAIN. THANK YOU.

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

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

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

3

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, AND I'M GOING TO BE
9 SPEAKING ON 14, 31, 33, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR 14,
10 OVER 70 WOMEN HAVE HAD THEIR LIVES DESTROYED OR FOREVER
11 ALTERED BY PROBATION. IT'S REPREHENSIBLE AND IRRESPONSIBLE
12 THAT THE ONLY ACTION THE BOARD CAN THINK TO TAKE IS TO REQUEST
13 A REPORT FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF, ON THE STEPS
14 THEY'RE TAKING TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT. IT'S FAIRLY OBVIOUS
15 THAT PROBATION IS NOT TAKING ANY STEPS AT ALL TO PREVENT
16 SEXUAL ASSAULT. IF THEY WERE, 70 WOMEN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
17 SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. IT'S LAUGHABLE TO DO NOTHING MORE THAN
18 REQUEST A REPORT. AND THE REPORT IS NOT EVEN BY THE INSPECTOR
19 GENERAL, NOR AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, BUT BY THE CHIEF
20 PROBATION OFFICER, THE MOST BIASED POSSIBLE SOURCE. THIS IS A
21 MEANINGLESS MOTION THAT ACCOMPLISHES ESSENTIALLY NOTHING, AND
22 DOES LITTLE TO RECTIFY THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY
23 PROBATION, OR HOLD ANYONE ACCOUNTABLE, AND THE BOARD HAS TO
24 TAKE STEPS, IMMEDIATELY, TO CLOSE JUVENILE FACILITIES, AND
25 DEFUND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. FOR ITEM 31, THERE ARE MANY

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1 L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE BENEFITING FROM THIS INFUSION
2 OF FUNDS FROM MEASURE J, AND THEY'RE CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS
3 USUAL. BUT TO BE CLEAR, MEASURE J/C.F.C.I. FUNDS ARE INTENDED
4 TO BE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE, THE VOTERS, CLEARLY
5 AND LOUDLY SAID THEY WERE, ON NOVEMBER 3RD OF 2020. IT'S VERY
6 CLEAR THAT THE BOARD, THE COUNTY'S C.E.O., AND THE
7 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION TEAMS ARE NOT WILLING TO DO THE
8 HARD WORK REQUIRED TO CREATE THE MEANINGFUL CHANGES THAT
9 MEASURE J VOTERS ASKED FOR. MEMBERS OF THIS BODY HAVE
10 EXPRESSED THE DIFFICULTY IN DETERMINING WHICH CONCEPTS GET
11 INCLUDED IN THE SPENDING PLAN, BECAUSE THERE ARE JUST SO MANY
12 URGENT NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. YET, THE COUNTY'S C.E.O. IS
13 UNWILLING TO FULLY FUND C.F.C.I. THIS BODY SHOULD BE PUSHING
14 FOR GREATER INVESTMENTS IN C.F.C.I. FUNDS, NECESSARY COMMUNITY
15 SERVICES FOR OUR MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. AND FOR 33,
16 THERE'S A CRISIS IN OUR JAILS. IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS ALONE,
17 THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL OVERSIGHT IN
18 THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, COUNTY TRANSPORT BUSES BREAKING
19 DOWN, AND PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE
20 L.A.S.D. HAD A TECHNOLOGICAL MISHAP. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE
21 COUNTY SPENDS \$3.4 BILLION A YEAR ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
22 APPROVED OVER \$3 MILLION TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY
23 TANKS BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, YET THE COUNTY CAN'T PAY
24 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BUSES THAT TRANSPORT PEOPLE TO THEIR
25 COURT HEARINGS? HOW IS THIS A CARE-FIRST APPROACH?

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2 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
3 PLEASE.

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOLORES CANALES. PLEASE
6 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER
7 YOU'LL ALSO ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DOLORES CANALES. I'M
10 CALLING IN, IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 14. INCARCERATION
11 OF OUR YOUTH IS ALREADY TRAUMATIZING ENOUGH, AND TO THINK THAT
12 THESE ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT FORTH OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR
13 YOUNG GIRLS THAT ARE INCARCERATED IN OUR FACILITIES, WE DO
14 NEED ANSWERS, BUT NOT ONLY ANSWERS. WE NEED SOLUTIONS, AND
15 THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT, AS WE WORK TOWARDS THE
16 DECARCERATION OF OUR YOUTH. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION,
17 AND I THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING IT
18 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

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

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1 **PETER WARDA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PETER WARDA, AND I'M
2 WITH V.I.C.A., THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.
3 I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD A MANAGED CARE PLAN PROCUREMENT FOR
5 MANAGED CARE SERVICES FOR MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES THIS YEAR.
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES ANNOUNCED ITS INITIAL
7 RESULTS LAST WEEK. WHILE HEALTH NET'S PROPOSAL WAS SUCCESSFUL
8 IN MANY COUNTIES, D.H.C.S. IGNORED LOCAL VOICES OF
9 ORGANIZATIONS. THE PROPOSED DECISION IS A RADICAL CHANGE IN
10 THE WAY HEALTHCARE WILL BE DELIVERED IN L.A., AND DISRUPT THE
11 ACCESS TO CARE FOR MORE THAN 1 MILLION PEOPLE. HEALTH NET HAS
12 PARTNERED WITH THE STATE FOR DECADES TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE AND
13 QUALITY CARE, AND SWIFTLY IMPLEMENTED MANAGED CARE, AND NOW
14 CALA.I.M. IT'S THESE SAFETY-NET CLINICS, PROVIDERS, AND
15 CALA.I.M.-ENGAGED, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL
16 HAVE TO SCRAMBLE AGAIN TO IMPLEMENT RULINGS FROM THE STATE. WE
17 URGE YOU TO WEIGH IN ON THIS ILL-CONCEIVED DECISION THAT WILL
18 MEANINGFULLY DERAIL THE STATE'S PRIORITY PROGRAM AND IMPACT
19 OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

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

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 23. AND AS A
3 RESIDENT OF VIEW PARK-WINDSOR HILLS, I IMPLORE THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS TO PASS MOTION 23, AS IT WILL SAVE LIVES IN OUR
5 NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CRASH AT LA BREA AND SLAUSON WAS ONE OF MANY
6 FATAL CRASHES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD THIS YEAR. CRASHES ARE
7 INCREASING IN SEVERITY, WITH MANY INNOCENT LIVES LOST. AND
8 IT'S JUST SAD TO SEE PEOPLE DYING ON OUR STREETS EVERY MONTH,
9 AND INNOCENT DRIVERS BEING INJURED VERY FREQUENTLY. IT'S A
10 DANGEROUS ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN OCCURRING AT ALL HOURS, IN THE
11 AFTERNOON AND THE EVENINGS. PEOPLE IN OUR PART OF
12 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY ARE DYING AT RATES NEVER SEEN
13 BEFORE. WE'VE BEEN ASKING THE COUNTY FOR DECADES TO TAKE
14 ACTION ON SPECIFIC INTERSECTIONS AND STREETS, BUT THE RESPONSE
15 HAS BEEN VERY LIMITED. WE DESPERATELY NEED THE COUNTY TO AGREE
16 UPON THIS MOTION, SO WE CAN HAVE COORDINATED EFFORTS TO MAKE
17 VIEW PARK-WINDSOR HILLS SAFE FOR DRIVERS, PEDESTRIANS, AND
18 CYCLISTS, AND ACROSS SOUTH L.A. SO, ROADS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
19 HAVE ENCOURAGED DRIVERS TO SPEED EXCESSIVELY. AS AN EXAMPLE,
20 LA BREA, SLAUSON, LA CIENEGA, AND STOCKER ARE EFFECTIVELY
21 HIGHWAYS THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY EXPANDED IN OUR
22 NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THEY DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE--

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I
8 WILL ADDRESS ITEM 2, 27, AND 33. ITEM 2: IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT-
9 - DR. FERRER ISN'T A MEDICAL DOCTOR. BY NOW, WE HAVE ALMOST NO
10 ADMISSION OF PEOPLE WITH C.O.V.I.D., AND ACTUALLY NONE IN
11 I.C.U., AND I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE START OUR LIFE
12 AGAIN, AND STOP WEARING MASKS EVERYWHERE. ON ITEM 33, I AM
13 GLAD TO SEE THAT THE BOARD IS FOLLOWING A LOT OF THE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIVIL GRAND JURY. ON ITEM 27, WHEN ARE
15 YOU GOING TO REOPEN? THERE IS NO EXCUSE, NOW, NOT TO BE OPEN
16 TO THE PUBLIC. AS IT IS, MANY OTHER CITIES ARE TOTALLY
17 REOPENED. RIGHT NOW, THE COUNTY IS DEFINITELY NOT ALLOWING THE
18 PUBLIC VOICE TO BE HEARD. YOU NEED TO REOPEN. REOPEN, REOPEN,
19 REOPEN. HAVE A NICE WEEK. BYE.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZOE RAWSON. PLEASE STATE
24 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
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2 **ZOE RAWSON:** ZOE RAWSON, WITH ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE
3 NETWORK, AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING, COMMENTING ON 14 AND GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. ITEM 14 IS ABOUT THE EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG
5 PEOPLE IN THE PROBATION SYSTEM. ON EXPLOITATION, MISS BELL
6 HOOKS WRITES, "LOVE AND ABUSE CANNOT COEXIST." ABUSE AND
7 NEGLECT ARE, BY DEFINITION, THE OPPOSITES OF NURTURANCE AND
8 CARE. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CYNICAL ABOUT LOVE. ULTIMATELY,
9 CYNICISM IS THE GREAT MASK OF THE DISAPPOINTED AND BETRAYED
10 HEART. BELL HOOKS WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WHO TAUGHT US HOW
11 PATRIARCHY AND RACISM OPERATE WITHIN SYSTEMS-- SYSTEMS OF
12 INCARCERATION, PROBATION, AND GOVERNMENT-- AS A WAY TO JUSTIFY
13 THE EXPLOITATION, THE UNFAIR TREATMENT, OF SOME FOR THE
14 BENEFIT OF OTHERS, AND HOW THIS EXPLOITATION LEADS
15 SPECIFICALLY TO BLACK WOMEN AND GENDER-NONCONFORMING GROUPS
16 EXPERIENCING THE WORST CONDITIONS OF ANY OTHER GROUP IN
17 AMERICAN SOCIETY. THESE ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE YOUNG WOMEN,
18 IN OUR PROBATION SYSTEM. DENYING THIS TRUTH EMPOWERS ABUSE AND
19 NEGLECT TO CONTINUE, AND THERE IS NOTHING A YOUNG PERSON CAN
20 DO OR SAY THAT IS A JUSTIFICATION FOR A GOVERNMENT SYSTEM
21 ALLOWING THE EXPLOITATION OF THEIR MIND, THEIR BODY, AND THEIR
22 SPIRIT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS THE RESPONSIBLE SYSTEM FOR
23 THE FOLLOWING ABUSES OF POWER BEING CARRIED OUT BY PROBATION:
24 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT YOUTH.
25 THERE HAS BEEN NO DIVESTMENT OF THE PROBATION BUDGET, DESPITE

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1 ABUSE AND NEGLECT. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY FORCED TO BE
2 WITHIN FACILITIES AND CULTURES THAT HARM THEM. THOSE
3 FACILITIES HAVE NOT BEEN SHUT DOWN, AND THOSE PEOPLE THAT
4 ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY THEIR POWER, AND THEIR ABUSE OF POWER, HAVE
5 NOT BEEN PREVENTED FROM HARMING YOUTH. RESOURCES HAVE NOT BEEN
6 COMMITTED ADEQUATELY TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS ARE THE RESPONSIBLE SYSTEM FOR THE FOLLOWING
8 REPARATIONS: DIVESTMENT AND ABOLITION OF PROBATION.

9

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 14 AND GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JOSE OSUNA. I AM A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM, AS APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN, AND I WAS A MEMBER OF THE PROBATION REFORM AND
21 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE P.R.I.T., ALSO
22 APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN
23 AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR ITEM 14, FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION
24 FORWARD. I THINK IT'S A GREAT START, BUT I ALSO HOPE THAT
25 THERE IS A LOT MORE ACTION BEHIND THIS ISSUE. WE KNOW THAT 70-

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1 PLUS YOUNG GIRLS-- THESE ARE NOT-- I WOULDN'T CALL THEM WOMEN.
2 THESE ARE STILL CHILDREN, A LOT OF THEM, THAT HAVE COME
3 FORWARD WITH ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PROBATION STAFF, ALLEGING
4 SEXUAL ABUSE. I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE OTHER GIRLS
5 THAT HAVE NOT COME FORWARD YET. I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE
6 MORE CASES THAT WILL BE PRESENTED, THAT HAVEN'T COME OUT YET.
7 I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, I'M GLAD THAT THE
8 CHIEF OF PROBATION WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PRESENT A REPORT
9 OUT, BUT I THINK THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING. WE KNOW,
10 ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE P.R.I.T. PROCESS, THAT ONE OF THE MAIN
11 COMPONENTS IN THIS DYNAMIC THAT REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR
12 PART IN REFORM, AND IN BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE, IS FRONTLINE
13 STAFF: THE LABOR, THE UNIONS THAT REPRESENT THE PROBATION
14 OFFICERS THAT HAVE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED THESE ACTIONS. I'D LOVE
15 TO HEAR FROM THEM, AS WELL. THEY OFTEN COME TO THE PROBATION
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETINGS, AND TALK IN A VERY NEGATIVE
17 MANNER ABOUT THE WARDS THAT THEY HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF. THEY
18 TALK NEGATIVELY ABOUT THE COMMUNITY. I'D LOVE FOR THEM TO COME
19 FORWARD AND ADDRESS THIS ISSUE THAT THEY ARE BEING ACCUSED OF.
20 I THINK THEY NEED TO BE SOMEONE AT THE TABLE, IN ORDER FOR US
21 TO MOVE THESE TYPE OF ISSUES FORWARD, SO THAT THEY DON'T
22 HAPPEN AGAIN.

23

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

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

5

6 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. AS YOU KNOW, MY NAME IS SAM LEWIS.
7 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C., THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
8 COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 14, AND TO
9 COMMENT ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN TERMS OF THE ALLEGATIONS
10 OF SEXUAL ABUSE BY PROBATION, I BELIEVE THAT WE DO [AUDIO CUTS
11 OUT] ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE SURE NOT ONLY THAT
12 THIS IS INVESTIGATED, AND THOSE THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE ARE
13 BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, BUT NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 THIS NEVER, EVER HAPPENS AGAIN IN THIS DEPARTMENT. IN TERMS OF
15 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO OPPOSING THE USE
16 OF BARRY J. NIDORF AS THE SECURE YOUTH TRACK FACILITY. I DON'T
17 THINK THE COMPOUND IS A PLACE WHERE KIDS SHOULD BE AT. I THINK
18 IT FEELS MORE LIKE A JAIL. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I'M IN BARRY
19 J. EVERY WEEKEND. I'VE ALSO BEEN TO LOS PADRINOS. I BELIEVE
20 THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER USING LOS PADRINOS AS THE FACILITY
21 WHERE YOUTH WILL FINISH OUT THEIR SENTENCES, AND NOT BARRY
22 J. IT'S JUST NOT THE PLACE. HOW DO YOU PUT A KID IN A CELL
23 WITHOUT HAVING A RESTROOM TO USE, AND THEY HAVE TO KNOCK ON
24 THE DOOR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO USE THE RESTROOM? JUST
25 ONE EXAMPLE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT I THINK IS WRONG WITH

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1 BARRY J. SO I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AT LOS PADRINOS AS THE
2 FACILITY THAT SHOULD BE BUILT OUT, AND CONTINUE TO WORK TO
3 SHRINK [AUDIO CUTS OUT] THAT ARE INCARCERATED IN OUR PROBATION
4 SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

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

11

12 **KENT MENDOZA:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES.

15

16 **KENT MENDOZA:** HELLO? OH. HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
17 IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M
18 JUST HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 14. REALLY, THANK
19 YOU TO SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL
20 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I THINK THIS IS JUST ANOTHER
21 SAD THING TO FIND OUT ABOUT A DEPARTMENT THAT CONTINUES TO
22 SHOW THAT THEY ARE NOT CAPABLE OF CARING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO,
23 I THINK THAT IT'S GREAT THAT WE'RE TAKING THE STEPS TO REALLY
24 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
25 CONTINUES TO DO MORE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HELP PREVENT

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1 THESE THINGS FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE, AND TO REALLY HOLD
2 THIS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR EVERYTHING THEY'VE BEEN DOING.
3 AND ALSO, I WOULD LOVE TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
4 THINK ANOTHER THING THAT-- A CRISIS THAT WE'RE SEEING IN L.A.
5 COUNTY, THAT I DON'T THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE REALLY LOOKING
6 AT OR PAYING ATTENTION, ESPECIALLY AT THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, IS THAT THERE'S A BUNCH OF YOUNG KIDS WHO ARE
8 CURRENTLY STUCK IN BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, AKA THE
9 COMPOUND. THIS IS A PLACE THAT I WAS IN, IN 2011. THE SAME
10 THINGS THAT USED TO HAPPEN IN 2011, WHERE KIDS ARE STUCK IN
11 THEIR CELLS MOST OF THE DAY-- THEY CAN'T COME OUT, ONLY SIMPLY
12 TO EAT LUNCH, EAT BREAKFAST, EAT DINNER, SHOWER, AND TO USE
13 THE RESTROOM, AND ONE-HOUR PROGRAMMING-- THESE ARE THE SAME
14 THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING NOW.

15

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

18

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HI. YES, I'M GOING TO BE ADDRESSING SET ITEM 2,
24 PUBLIC HEALTH; AGENDA ITEM 27; AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
25 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE THERE: HOLLY AND

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1 HILDA AND KATHRYN AND JANICE. I'M AFRAID THAT THE L.A. PUBLIC
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS MAKING YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE FOOLS AND A
3 LAUGHINGSTOCK. THEY ARE NO LONGER FOLLOWING ANY SCIENCE. TO
4 HAVE CHILDREN HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO A 10-DAY CLOSE CONTACT
5 MASK MANDATE MEANS THAT, SINCE MAY, OUR CHILDREN IN ALL
6 SCHOOLS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, END UP BEING MASKED ANYWAY. YOU
7 HAVE TO STOP HER. THERE'S A HIGH HEAT WARNING THIS WEEK, AND
8 YET GILCHECK WANTS KIDS TO BE MASKED WHEN THEY SING, WHEN THEY
9 PLAY SPORTS, OR WHERE THEY'RE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE. THIS LEADS
10 TO IDIOCY, LIKE ONE TWIN GETTING A CLOSE CONTACT NOTICE,
11 HAVING TO MASK AT SCHOOL FOR 10 DAYS, WHILE HIS TWIN BROTHER
12 DOES NOT, BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T IN CLOSE CONTACT AT SCHOOL.
13 PUBLIC HEALTH IS USING INCORRECT, OUTDATED INFORMATION ABOUT
14 TRANSMISSION. I HAVE IT ON MY TWITTER FEED, AND I'VE CONTACTED
15 YOU WITH IT, AND THEY'RE NOT ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT OR
16 INTERACTION, WHICH IS A REALLY-- REFLECTS POORLY ON YOU. AS
17 FOR AGENDA ITEM 27, I'M STILL GLAD THAT WE HAVE
18 TELECONFERENCING AND THE ABILITY TO INCLUDE MORE PEOPLE, AND
19 I'M SURE YOU ARE, AS WELL, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE PUBLIC
20 MEETINGS, WITH THE PUBLIC ATTENDING ONCE AGAIN. I KNOW THAT
21 YOU DON'T NEED TO CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCING, BECAUSE I'VE
22 WITNESSED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, INCLUDING SHEILA, HUGGING
23 AND ENJOYING HUMAN CONTACT AT THE FABULOUS LUNCHEON, WHEN DR.
24 FERRER WAS AWARDED WOMAN OF THE YEAR. YOU DON'T NEED TO
25 EXCLUDE THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE, ONLY MAYBE 20 OF WHOM WILL EVER

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1 SHOW UP AT A MEETING ANYMORE. IT IS TIME FOR NORMALCY. THE
2 REST OF THE COUNTRY HAS MOVED ON. THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS
3 MOVED ON. ACTUAL DOCTORS, INCLUDING THE ONES AT L.A. COUNTY
4 U.S.C., SAY THAT C.O.V.I.D. IS ENDEMIC. LET US LIVE OUR LIVES.
5 BY THE WAY, THE LAWSUIT THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST PUBLIC
6 HEALTH WILL ALSO AFFECT YOU, BECAUSE IT WILL BE PAID FOR--
7 IT'S BEING PAID FOR-- OUT OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND OUR BUDGET,
8 AND YOU NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE. I KNOW YOU CAN DO
9 IT. DON'T MAKE AN ALL-FEMALE BOARD LOOK LIKE IDIOTS. THANK YOU
10 SO MUCH, AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

11

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

13

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

18

19 **WENDELYN JULIEN:** GOOD MORNING. WENDELYN JULIEN, EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I WILL BE
21 SPEAKING ON ITEM 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU,
22 MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ITEM 14
23 REPRESENTS A CRUCIAL AND DIFFICULT CONVERSATION ABOUT THE
24 SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN PROBATION HALLS AND CAMPS. THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND CHAIR

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1 MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING. I KNOW YOU WILL ASK THE DIFFICULT
2 QUESTIONS TODAY ABOUT WHY THERE ARE 70 ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL
3 ASSAULT IN OUR FACILITIES. ONE ALLEGATION WOULD BE ALARMING,
4 AND TOO MANY. 70 IS UNIMAGINABLE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN HER PUBLIC MESSAGE ABOUT THIS NEWS, FOR
6 DRAWING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE HORROR OF THESE ALLEGATIONS
7 AND THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE'RE DOING TO DECARCERATE ALL THE
8 GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY, BASED ON
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN'S MOTION LAST YEAR. OUR GOAL,
10 THROUGH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
11 COMMISSION, IS CLEAR: ELIMINATE THE RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION
12 FOR ALL CHILDREN, IN THE SPIRIT OF CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST.
13 THIS IS A GOAL THAT HAS MULTIPLE STEPS, AND SOME OBSTACLES
14 THAT WE'RE WORKING TO OVERCOME. HOWEVER, WITH GIRLS AND
15 GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH, WE HAVE BOTH AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
16 AND AN OBLIGATION, GIVEN THESE ALLEGATIONS AND THE OTHER
17 ISSUES IN THE FACILITIES, TO FIND OTHER OPTIONS FOR THEM RIGHT
18 NOW. THERE ARE FEWER THAN 40 GIRLS INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY
19 TODAY, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE GIRLS HAVE OPEN D.C.F.S.
20 CASES. MANY ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND SOME ARE
21 INCARCERATED MOSTLY BECAUSE THERE IS NOT A SAFE AND
22 APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT FOR THEM, GIVEN THEIR NEEDS. WE OWE IT
23 TO THEM TO FIND ALTERNATIVES. WE OWE IT TO THEM TO ENSURE
24 THEY'RE NOT FURTHER VICTIMIZED INSIDE OUR FACILITIES. AND YOU
25 CAN BE SURE THAT THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL

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1 CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH PUBLIC MEETINGS
2 AND HEARINGS. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING THIS
3 MOTION FORWARD TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND I HOPE YOU WILL
4 ALL SUPPORT IT.

5

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

7

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M CHRISTINA WILSON. I'M CALLING TO
14 PROVIDE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 21. FIRST,
15 THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION
16 SUPPORTING THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT. I'M NOT AFGHAN, BUT I
17 KNOW MANY INCREDIBLE FAMILIES AND SWEET CHILDREN. THEY'VE HAD
18 THEIR HOMELAND TURNED INTO A LIVING HELL, AT NO FAULT OF THEIR
19 OWN. THEY'RE RUNNING OUT OF PLACES TO GO, BEING REJECTED,
20 UNLIKE REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. THE NEWLY ARRIVED AFGHAN
21 DESERVES A PERMANENT PROTECTION AND A PATHWAY TO LEGAL STATUS,
22 IN L.A. AND BEYOND. I KNOW THEY'LL BRING MANY GREAT THINGS TO
23 OUR CITY, WITH THEIR BEAUTIFUL CULTURE AND WARM SPIRIT FROM
24 THE HEART OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS
25 MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

3

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

7

8 **PEGGY LEE KENNEDY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PEGGY LEE KENNEDY, AND I
9 AM WITH THE VENICE JUSTICE COMMITTEE. I'M SORRY SHEILA KUEHL
10 IS ABSENT TODAY, BUT I'LL PRETEND I'M IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
11 DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 31, 33, AND GENERAL
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS
13 FUNDING. THAT'S GREAT. BUT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF A
14 SIDEWAYS SLOW WALK OF WHAT THE INTENT WAS FOR MEASURE J. I
15 FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE
16 SUFFERING, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER, IN THE JAILS RIGHT
17 NOW, BECAUSE THIS BOARD AND THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
18 TEAM ARE NOT LIVING UP TO WHAT THE VOTERS ASKED FOR? WE WANT
19 DECARCERATION, AND YOU NEED TO DO IT, PLEASE, AND FUND IT.
20 THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. ON 33, I COMPLETELY OPPOSE THIS
21 REPORT. ANOTHER REPORT. YET ANOTHER REPORT SUPPORTING MASS
22 INCARCERATION. GOD HELP YOU OR YOUR RELATIVES OR ANYBODY YOU
23 KNOW, WHO GOES TO JAIL IN L.A. COUNTY. I MEAN, GOD HELP YOU.
24 IT'S NOT A GOOD THING. YOU HAVE TO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THIS
25 REPORT, OR TO THE SHERIFFS THAT INFLUENCED IT. IT'S JUST MORE

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1 MASS INCARCERATION, AND IT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT
2 DECARCERATION. THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. PEOPLE SUFFER
3 IN THIS JAIL, AND YOU NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT, PLEASE. FOR MY
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY DAUGHTER IS
5 BLACK. MY DAUGHTER LIVES WITH A MAJOR MENTAL ILLNESS. FROM HER
6 FIRST BREAK UNTIL NOW, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, ESPECIALLY MY
7 DAUGHTER, SOME OF THE MOST HORRIBLE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED TO
8 HER, BECAUSE OF MISDIAGNOSIS, BECAUSE SHE'S BLACK, BECAUSE SHE
9 HAS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THE HOUSING IS AWFUL. IT'S
10 COMPLETELY BEEN ERASED. SHE LIVES IN A BOARD-AND-CARE, ONE OF
11 THE LAST FEW ONES THAT EXIST NOW, AND HER ONLY SOLUTION
12 SOMETIMES SEEMS TO BE THAT IF SHE BECAME HOMELESS, SHE COULD
13 ENTER INTO THIS CRAZY LOTTERY SYSTEM TO GET INTO ONE OF THESE
14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR UNHOUSED PEOPLE, WHICH IS THE WORST
15 THING I CAN IMAGINE HAPPENING FOR HER AND ME. WHY IS IT, WHY,
16 THAT THIS BOARD CAN'T TAKE ACTION, FAST, NOW? YOU HAVE THE
17 MONEY. WE VOTED MEASURE J. DO IT. I MEAN, REALLY. PEOPLE ARE
18 OUT THERE SUFFERING ON THE STREET; PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ME.
19 THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR THEM, REGULARLY. I MEAN, THESE PEOPLE ARE
20 SUFFERING, AND YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WITH
21 THE POLICE, A LOT OF TIMES, AND THEY JUST GET SWEEPED AND MOVED.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
2 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
3 NOT PRESS 1-0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE
4 QUEUE.

5

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

8

9 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

10

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. THANK YOU. I'M CALLING TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON
18 AGENDA ITEM 21, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
20 AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT. I'VE SPENT THE LAST YEAR WORKING
21 CLOSELY ON AFGHANISTAN RELOCATION AND RESETTLEMENT ISSUES,
22 THROUGH AN OPS CENTER BASED IN DOWNTOWN L.A., WITH THE
23 [INAUDIBLE] COALITION. I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT
24 THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT, OR A.A.A., IS. IT'S THE SUREST WAY
25 TO CONTINUE WELCOMING AND INTEGRATING OUR AFGHAN NEIGHBORS

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1 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THROUGHOUT
2 THE U.S. IT PROVIDES A PATHWAY TO LEGAL-PERMIT RESIDENCE FOR
3 OVER 70,000 ALLIES WHO WERE EVACUATED TO THE U.S. AT THIS TIME
4 LAST YEAR. THESE WERE SOME OF OUR CLOSEST SUPPORTERS OF THE
5 U.S. MISSION THROUGHOUT THE LAST 20 YEARS OF U.S. MILITARY
6 ENGAGEMENT, AND THEY CHAMPIONED DEMOCRATIC VALUES DURING OUR
7 COUNTRY'S LONGEST MILITARY WAR. WITHOUT AN ADJUSTMENT ACT,
8 THESE NEWCOMERS WILL FACE ONGOING LEGAL UNCERTAINTY, AN
9 OVERBURDENED ASYLUM SYSTEM, AND THREATS TO THE JOBS WHICH
10 THEY'VE WORKED SO HARD TO SECURE IN THEIR FIRST YEAR IN THE
11 U.S. HERE IN LOS ANGELES, PROVIDING A PATHWAY FOR OUR AFGHAN
12 NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS TO PERMANENT STATUS WILL BE SOMETHING
13 THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF OUR CHARACTER AND VALUE AS A DYNAMIC,
14 DIVERSE, AND GLOBAL CITY. I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS
15 MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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

22
23 **POOJA MITTAL:** HI, GOOD MORNING. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS.
24 I'M CALLING IN ABOUT A GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS POOJA
25 MITTAL. I'VE BEEN WITH HEALTH NET, HEADQUARTERED IN WOODLAND

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1 HILLS FOR SIX YEARS, AND I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT ABOUT THE DECISION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
3 SERVICES, WHICH HAS IMPLICATIONS BEYOND SERVICE DISRUPTION.
4 I'M REALLY CONCERNED FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND SCARED FOR THE
5 FUTURE OF OUR NEIGHBORS' HEALTH AND WELLBEING, AS A RESULT OF
6 THIS ILL-CONCEIVED DECISION. DURING THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS,
7 I HAVE BEEN LEADING THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE RESPONSE, WITH AN
8 EQUITY FOCUS, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND HAVE WORKED WITH
9 COUNTLESS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND BROUGHT VACCINES
10 TO COMMUNITIES, ALONG WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS AND SEVERAL
11 LOCAL CLINICS. WE KNOW THAT OUR WORK, IN WORKING WITH THE
12 COMMUNITIES, ARE EQUITY-FOCUSED, AND FOCUSING ON THINGS THAT
13 ALIGN WITH, OVERALL, L.A. COUNTY'S GOALS AROUND MATERNAL-CHILD
14 HEALTH, LACK OF MATERNAL HEALTH, AND MANY OTHER EQUITY ISSUES
15 ARE KEY TO US BEING SUCCESSFUL, BOTH IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH
16 OF OUR COMMUNITY OVERALL, AND ALSO FURTHERING THE STATE'S
17 AGENDA AROUND CALA.I.M. EVERY DAY, WE WORK TOWARDS MAKING
18 HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE--

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

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

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2 **SOPHIA CRISTO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SOPHIA CRISTO, AND I'M
3 WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM
4 NUMBER 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS
5 DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, IT'S
6 HORRIFYING TO HEAR YOUNG WOMEN HAVE BEEN HURT AT THE HANDS OF
7 THOSE THAT WERE MEANT TO CARE FOR THEM AND PROVIDE THEM WITH
8 SAFETY, ESPECIALLY WHILE THEY'RE AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND
9 ALREADY SUFFERING FROM A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE. HOW MUCH MORE
10 ARE YOU GOING TO SUFFER IN THESE FACILITIES AND AT THE HANDS
11 OF PROBATION STAFF? WHO IS HOLDING THESE STAFF ACCOUNTABLE?
12 THESE STAFF KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE DOING WHEN THEY PREY ON
13 THESE YOUTH DURING A VULNERABLE, CONFUSING, AND SCARY TIME.
14 WHAT'S MORE IS THE FEAR AND TRAUMA THESE YOUNG WOMEN CARRY ON
15 WITH THEM FOR YEARS, THAT KEEP THEM FROM SHARING THEIR STORY
16 AND GETTING THE TRUTH OUT THERE. OVER THE COURSE OF 3 DECADES,
17 THIS ABUSE HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND DURING THAT TIME, NO ONE AND
18 NOTHING INTERFERED TO MAKE IT STOP. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THESE
19 WERE YOUR CHILDREN, SISTERS, NIECES, OR FRIENDS? YOU WOULDN'T
20 SIT BACK AND ALLOW THIS TO GO ON FOR THIS LONG, BUT INSTEAD DO
21 ALL IN YOUR POWER TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR THESE YOUNG WOMEN-- AND
22 ALL YOUTH, FOR THAT MATTER-- TRAPPED IN THESE FACILITIES. I
23 URGE YOU, FOR THE SAKE OF THESE YOUTH AND YOUNG WOMEN, DO MORE
24 THAN JUST REQUEST A REPORT, AND TAKE ACTION NOW TO PREVENT
25 THESE HARMS FROM CONTINUING. THANK YOU.

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SONIA CARINI, AND I'M CALLING TO
9 PROVIDE COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 21 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION
11 IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT. NEWLY ARRIVED AFGHANS
12 DESERVE PERMANENT PROTECTIONS AND A PATHWAY TO LEGAL STATUS,
13 IN L.A. AND BEYOND. I AM AFGHAN-AMERICAN, WHO HAS LIVED IN
14 CALIFORNIA SINCE 1980, AND A RECENT CASE MANAGER WITH REFUGEE
15 RESETTLEMENT. THE AFGHAN FAMILIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED
16 COME OUT OF FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES, AND ARE CHALLENGED BY THE
17 COMPLEX RESETTLEMENT PROCESS. ONE OF MY PREVIOUS CLIENTS, A
18 YOUNG, INTELLIGENT AFGHAN MAN WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE U.S.
19 MILITARY, TOLD ME, "RESETTLEMENT HAS ITS CHALLENGES, BUT TRY
20 SLEEPING WITH ONE EYE OPEN FOR YEARS." THESE AFGHANS CANNOT GO
21 BACK. A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE TRAUMATIC EVACUATION FROM
22 KABUL, AND MOST AFGHAN FAMILIES ARE ALSO LIVING WITH THE FEAR
23 OF DEPORTATION, BECAUSE THEY ARE DEALING WITH A COMPLEX ASYLUM
24 SYSTEM. AS OF LATE JULY 2022, ASYLUM OFFICES HAVE ONLY
25 RECEIVED 2,000 ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, A SMALL FRACTION OF THE

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1 OVER 76,000 EVACUEES. CONGRESS MUST ENSURE AFGHANS THEMSELVES
2 ARE NOT PUNISHED FOR THE EMERGENCY NATURE OF THE EVACUATION,
3 AND THE LIMITATIONS ON THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM. THE AFGHAN
4 ADJUSTMENT ACT WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE WE HAVE MADE, AS
5 AMERICANS, TO THE THOUSANDS OF AFGHANS WHO HAVE RISKED THEIR
6 LIVES. THESE FAMILIES CANNOT RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN. I URGE THE
7 BOARD TO PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION AND WELCOME THESE FAMILIES.
8 THANK YOU.

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

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

16

17 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS, WITH URBAN
18 PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, A
19 CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA
20 ITEM 14, AND GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO EXPRESS
21 MY OUTRAGE AT THE CONSISTENT AND EGREGIOUS FAILURES OF
22 PROBATION, WHO HAVE DONE IRREPARABLE HARM TO YOUTH, AND HAVE
23 YET TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY THE BOARD. THANK YOU,
24 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HAHN, FOR BRINGING FORTH A MOTION TO
25 ADDRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT BY PROBATION. THIS IS CRUCIAL, AND WE

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1 NEED MORE. THE CULTURE OF EXPLOITATION THAT HAS PERSISTED FOR
2 DECADES ON END HAS ALLOWED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF DOZENS OF
3 GIRLS, FOR OFFICERS TO LIE AND NEGLECT THEIR DUTIES
4 CONSISTENTLY, FOR MAGGOTS TO INFEST KIDS' FOOD, FOR CONTINUED
5 USE OF PEPPER SPRAY, MEANT TO HAVE BEEN PHASED OUT YEARS AGO.
6 ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE BY [INAUDIBLE], PROBATION CONTINUES TO
7 PEPPER SPRAY. OFFICERS USED PEPPER SPRAY OVER 42 TIMES IN
8 MARCH, 47 TIMES IN APRIL, AND 48 TIMES IN MAY, MEANING, ON
9 AVERAGE, OFFICERS USED PEPPER SPRAY MORE THAN ONCE A DAY IN
10 EACH OF THESE MONTHS. PROBATION CONTINUES TO [INAUDIBLE],
11 CREATING A DAMAGING AND DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
12 STUCK IN BARRY J. THE BOARD ENABLES ALL OF THIS BY CONTINUING
13 TO INVEST MILLIONS IN PROBATION, THUS ITS FAILURES. LAST WEEK,
14 PROBATION OFFICERS CHANTED, "LOCK THEM UP," REFERRING TO YOU
15 ALL, THE BOARD, RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR OFFICES. THIS IS A
16 DEPARTMENT WITH \$410 MILLION AT ITS DISPOSAL, TO INCARCERATE
17 FEWER THAN 400 YOUTH; A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS CREATED ITS OWN
18 CRISIS, AND BLAMES ANYONE BUT THEMSELVES FOR THE MESS THEY'VE
19 MADE. AND AS A RESULT, YOUTH AND OUR LOVED ONES ARE HARMED.
20 YOU, THE BOARD, MUST CHANGE THE STATUS QUO. IN THE IMMEDIATE,
21 THE BOARD MUST DECLARE AN IMPASSE ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, SO
22 YOUTH CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO CAMP KILPATRICK, WHERE THEY CAN
23 RECEIVE PROGRAMMING, TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, AND THE EDUCATION
24 THEY DESERVE. OVERALL, PROBATION NEEDS TO BE SHUT DOWN
25 ENTIRELY. THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS THE FUTURE OF

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1 HOW TO SUPPORT YOUTH, AND HELP THEM GROW INTO THE NEXT PHASES
2 OF LIFE, AND THE BOARD MUST INVEST IN THIS FUTURE NOW. THANK
3 YOU.

4

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

6

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

10

11 **BETTY AVILA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BETTY AVILA. I AM THE
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SELF HELP GRAPHICS AND ART, AND I AM
13 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 20, AND GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
15 FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM NUMBER 20, AND IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL
16 POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN. I GOT TO PARTICIPATE, AS A COMMITTEE
17 MEMBER, FOR THE ORIGINAL CULTURAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION
18 CREATION OF THE POLICY FOR THE COUNTY, WHICH IS A REALLY
19 INCREDIBLE PROCESS. I THINK IT REALLY SHARED JUST HOW
20 ADVANCED, AND REALLY THE LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS
21 IN ART AND CULTURE, HERE LOCALLY, REGIONALLY. BUT REALLY, L.A.
22 COUNTY IS THE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, AND
23 UNFORTUNATELY-- AND THIS IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY, BUT
24 UNFORTUNATELY, THE WAY THAT THE RESOURCES FOR ART AND CULTURE
25 ARE DISTRIBUTED AND DISPERSED WITHIN THE COUNTY IS NOT

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1 EQUITABLE. SO, I REALLY URGE-- I STRONGLY URGE THE COUNTY
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS THIS STRATEGIC PLAN, AND TO
3 IMPLEMENT WHAT IS AN IMPORTANT POLICY THAT WILL BE
4 TRANSFORMATIONAL FOR THE COUNTY, AND WILL REALLY HELP TO
5 UPLIFT SOME OF OUR MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE
6 COUNTY. IT LEVERAGES THE EXISTING ART AND CULTURAL COUNTY
7 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE, IT SERVICES OUR STRATEGIES, AND REALLY
8 TRYING TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT. THERE'S AN UNPRECEDENTED
9 OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE THE COUNTY'S ASSETS, AND TO DIVERSIFY
10 THOSE RESOURCES AGAIN, TO SUPPORT PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTY,
11 AND PARTICULARLY TO BRING UP AND ELEVATE THOSE FOLKS OF
12 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I REALLY HOPE
13 THAT YOU DO PASS IT TODAY.

14

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

16

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARGARET ANCARA, AND I AM
23 REPRESENTING THE [INAUDIBLE] CENTER FOR THE ARTS, A
24 COMPREHENSIVE, INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, ACCESSIBLE, AND SAFE
25 CULTURAL ARTS SPACE LOCATED IN THE EASTERN CORRIDOR OF L.A.

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1 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 20. I WANT TO THANK
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 20,
3 AND YOU ARE TRULY ARTS CHAMPIONS. L.A. COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN
4 ARTS AND CULTURE, FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, THROUGH COUNTYWIDE
5 CULTURAL VENUES AND GRANT PROGRAMS IS NOBLE, BUT WE MUST
6 CONTINUE TO ADVANCE THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN
7 MADE IN THE MOST RECENT DECADE, THROUGH THE CULTURAL ARTS AND
8 EQUITY INITIATIVE AND MORE. THE TIME IS NOW TO EMPOWER THE
9 AMAZING TEAM AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND
10 CULTURE TO LIFT THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN, WHICH
11 SEEKS TO FOSTER A CULTURE THAT VALUES AND CELEBRATES ARTS AND
12 CULTURE AND CREATIVITY. AND WE KNOW ARTS AND CULTURE--

13

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

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

23

24 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
25 IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA. I AM WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION,

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1 AND A RESIDENT WITHIN THE 4TH DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN
2 SUPPORT OF ITEM 14, AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
3 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR
4 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AS A YOUNG PERSON WHO
5 EXPERIENCED LOCKUP IN L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE HALL, I EXPRESS MY
6 SINCERE CONCERNS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INSIDE.
7 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CALLING OUT THE FINDINGS WITHIN THE
8 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I THINK ABOUT ALL THE TRAUMA THE VICTIMS
9 HAVE FACED IN A SYSTEM THAT IS SUPPOSED TO REHABILITATE, HELP
10 HEAL, AND BETTER A PERSON, BUT WE SEE THE OPPOSITE WITH HOW
11 OUR YOUTH ARE TREATED INSIDE. NO YOUNG GIRL OR BOY SHOULD BE
12 TREATED THIS WAY, AND IT'S HORRIFIC TO SEE HOW MANY SEXUAL
13 ASSAULT CASES HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE
14 MANY MORE UNTOLD STORIES OF TRAUMATIC EVENTS. HOW DO WE HOLD
15 THESE SYSTEMS ACCOUNTABLE AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG
16 PEOPLE? WHAT CHANGES WILL PROBATION MAKE TO ENSURE THIS
17 DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN? THE HARM THAT HAS BEEN PUT ON THESE
18 YOUNG WOMEN CAN'T BE UNDONE, AND THIS IS WHY WE MUST MOVE
19 FORWARD WITH A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST MODEL, AND ENSURE THAT
20 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SAFE AND RESPECTED. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM THE
21 PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHAT EXACT ACTION THEY HAVE TAKEN, NOT
22 ONLY TO ADDRESS THE SEXUAL ABUSE HAPPENING IN THE HALLS AND
23 CAMPS, BUT TO ENSURE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. I ALSO WANT TO
24 REMIND THE BOARD OF THE YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN STUCK INSIDE OF
25 BARRY J. NIDORF. WHILE WE SEE MORE AND MORE EXPOSURE OF THE

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1 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WE ARE ALSO CAUSING MORE AND MORE HARM
2 AND TRAUMA TO THE YOUNG MEN THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE MOVED TO
3 CAMP KILPATRICK. WHY HAVE WE TAKEN SO LONG TO FIGURE OUT PLANS
4 FOR S.Y.T.F. YOUTH? WE ARE AT LEAST 2 YEARS IN THIS PROCESS,
5 AND HAVE NOT MADE MUCH PROGRESS TO ENSURING THAT THESE YOUNG
6 PEOPLE, WHO TOOK DEALS TO BE MOVED OUT OF BARRY J., BE MOVED
7 TO KILPATRICK. D.J.J. IS SET TO CLOSE DOWN IN 2023, AND WE
8 HAVE 19 WEEKS LEFT IN THIS YEAR, SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
9 CREATE A PLAN TO ENSURE A SAFE TRANSITION FOR OUR YOUTH COMING
10 BACK TO OUR COUNTY. THE CAPACITY AT CAMP KILPATRICK WILL TOP
11 OFF, SO I URGE THIS BOARD TO REALLY HAVE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION
12 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BEST SUPPORT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL
13 RETURN TO THE COUNTY FROM D.J.J. BARRY J. NIDORF CANNOT BE THE
14 PLACE TO HOUSE OUR YOUTH. THIS BOARD SHOT DOWN THE MOTION TO
15 USE - -

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

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

23
24 **NANCY WONGVIPAT KALEV:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NANCY WONGVIPAT
25 KALEV. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M ALSO A

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1 CONSTITUENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND PROUD TO, FOR THE PAST
2 20 YEARS, TO WORK FOR HEALTH NET, WITH A DIVERSE WORKFORCE AND
3 A MISSION TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY. HOWEVER, THE DECISION BY
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES HAS IMPLICATIONS BEYOND
5 SERVICE DISRUPTION. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS DEVOTED MY ENTIRE LIFE
6 TO DOING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORK-- I CAME TO THE U.S.
7 AS AN IMMIGRANT FROM THAILAND, WAS UNDOCUMENTED FOR MOST OF MY
8 CHILDHOOD, WITH OFTEN AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING INTERPRETER FOR MY
9 FAMILY, AND EXPERIENCED CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AS MY SINGLE
10 MOTHER NAVIGATED THROUGH VARIOUS UPS AND DOWNS BEFORE FINDING
11 HER FOOTING. I UNDERSTAND OUR MEMBERS' STRUGGLES, AND I ALSO
12 KNOW THAT I, THROUGH HEALTH NET, HAVE BEEN DOING IMPACTFUL
13 WORK THAT IS DIRECTLY HELPING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR
14 THE PAST 20 YEARS, WITH HEALTH NET. IT'S NOW A.I.M. WORK THAT
15 WE ARE DOING IS TRANSFORMING OUR ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BY
16 TRULY LOOKING AT SYSTEMIC AND OTHER FACTORS ADDRESSING HEALTH
17 EQUITY, AND ADDRESSING WHOLE-PERSON CARE BY INTEGRATING
18 PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND SOCIAL CARE, SO WE CAN ADDRESS ALL
19 INTEGRAL PARTS OF OUR LIVES THAT INFLUENCE OUR HEALTH AND
20 WELLBEING. EVERY DAY, I WORK TOWARDS MAKING HEALTHCARE
21 ACCESSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITIES, AND I URGE YOU TO
22 ASK THE STATE TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

5

6 **CHRISTOPHER DESMOND:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER
7 DESMOND, AND I'VE BEEN WITH HEALTH NET, HEADQUARTERED IN
8 WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. TODAY,
9 I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M ALSO A CONSTITUENT
10 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M PROUD TO WORK FOR HEALTH NET, WITH
11 A DIVERSE WORKFORCE AND A MISSION TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY.
12 HOWEVER, THE DECISION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
13 SERVICES HAS IMPLICATIONS BEYOND SERVICE DISRUPTION. I AM
14 CONCERNED FOR MY COMMUNITY, AND SCARED FOR THE FUTURE OF MY
15 NEIGHBORS' HEALTH AND WELLBEING, AS A RESULT OF THIS ILL-
16 CONCEIVED ACTION. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW YEARS OF PLANNING
17 AND EXECUTION ON INITIATIVES, SUCH AS CAL.A.I.M., HAS
18 POSITIVELY IMPACTED L.A.'S MOST UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.
19 D.H.C.S.'S DECISION ENDANGERS THAT IMPACT. EVERY DAY, I WORK
20 TOWARDS MAKING HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE
21 COMMUNITIES, AND I URGE YOU TO ASK THE STATE TO RECONSIDER
22 THEIR DECISION. THANK YOU.

23

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

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

5

6 **ADRIANA HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ADRIANA HERNANDEZ, AND I
7 AM WITH HEALTH NET. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
8 MY COMMENT IS IN REGARDS TO THE ANNOUNCED INITIAL RESULTS MADE
9 LAST WEEK BY D.H.C.S., REGARDING MANAGED CARE PLAN PROCUREMENT
10 FOR MANAGED CARE SERVICES, AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT L.A. COUNTY.
11 I HAVE WORKED AT HEALTH NET FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS, AS THE MAIN
12 POINT OF CONTACT FOR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS AND FEDERALLY
13 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY. TOGETHER WITH THESE
14 PROVIDERS, WE CONTINUOUSLY WORK ON IMPROVING THE CARE
15 DELIVERED TO OUR MEMBERS, INCLUDING SOME OF THE MOST
16 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE STATE'S
17 CHANGE WILL DISRUPT THE HEALTHCARE FOR 1 MILLION PEOPLE IN
18 L.A., AS WELL AS DISRUPT THE WORK THAT HEALTH NET HAS DONE TO
19 HELP LAUNCH CALA.I.M. INITIATIVES FOR L.A. COUNTY. D.H.C.S.
20 IGNORED LOCAL VOICES OF ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, SO
21 WE URGE YOU TO ASK THE STATE TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION AND
22 THE IMPACT THAT THIS WILL HAVE AT A LOCAL LEVEL. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD MORNING, PUBLIC. I'LL ADDRESS
6 ITEM NUMBER 14, 15, 16, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND
7 WHATEVER ELSE I CAN THINK OF. ONE OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS AND
8 CHALLENGES FACING THE BLACK POPULATION IS, WE HAVE NO
9 REPRESENTATION IN A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT. THAT'S
10 OUR PROBLEM, AND IT'S YOUR PROBLEM. WHITE PEOPLE, ASIANS,
11 HISPANICS, EVERYONE-- THESE PEOPLE IN BLACK FACE DO NOT
12 REPRESENT US. THEY REPRESENT ABOUT 20% OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
13 AND 20% OF THIS SO-CALLED BOARD; MITCHELL, SITTING THERE. DUE
14 TO HER ATTEMPTS TO BRING MARKET-RATE GENTRIFYING REAL ESTATE
15 TO LEIMERT PARK, MITCHELL, WE WILL NOT STAND FOR IT. ITEM 14,
16 THE RAPE OF YOUNG GIRLS AT L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN PRISON. THAT'S
17 WHAT THIS MOTION SHOULD BE NAMED AS, AS OPPOSED TO
18 "ALLEGATIONS OF ASSAULT AT PROBATION JUVENILE FACILITY." RAPE
19 OF YOUNG GIRLS AT L.A. COUNTY PRISON. SUPERVISORS, THESE
20 PEOPLE, YOUR LOVED ONES AND KIDS, ARE SAFE. NO BIG HAIRY GUY
21 HUMPING ON THEIR LITTLE GIRLS' GENITALS. SO, WHAT DO WE GET
22 TODAY? WE GET AN UPDATE. ON YOUR WEBSITE, IT SAYS, "A WOMAN'S
23 PLACE IS ON THE COUNTY BOARD." WHY? WE GET AN UPDATE. WOW. WE
24 GET TALKING HEADS. MOST OF THESE LITTLE GIRLS ARE BLACK.
25 MITCHELL AND OUR OTHER BLACK REPRESENTATIVES... HALF THE

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1 POPULATION OF THE HOMELESS ARE BLACK. WE'RE 9% OF THE
2 POPULATION. WHERE IS OUR REPRESENTATIVES? WHAT REPRESENTATION
3 DO WE HAVE, MITCHELL, BESIDES A GENTRIFICATION PROJECT CAUSING
4 MORE HOMELESSNESS, MORE DISRUPTION, MORE DISPLACEMENT? LEIMERT
5 PARK. BACK TO NUMBER 14. WHY ARE WE SITTING HERE, LISTENING?
6 WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE TALK AND TALK AND TALK.
7 THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS. THE FOSTER SYSTEM. OVER
8 22,000 CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY IN FOSTER CARE. 80% OF THE
9 PRISON POPULATION ARE FROM PRIOR FOSTER CHILD ABDUCTEES. 70
10 YOUNG GIRLS, AND THAT'S JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. WE ALL
11 KNOW THAT. YOUNG GIRLS BEING RAPED. AND THESE PEOPLE ARE
12 CALLING IN, THANKING THESE PEOPLE? NO, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE. DO
13 SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I HAVE NOTHING GOOD TO SAY ABOUT YOU.
14 60,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE STREET. THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE--

15

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

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

23

24 **SHAWN VANDIVER:** SURE. HELLO. MY NAME IS SHAWN VANDIVER, AND
25 I'M A NAVY VETERAN FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LEADING AFGHAN

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1 EVAC. I'M CALLING TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 21,
2 AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN
4 ADJUSTMENT ACT. WE STOOD UP IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR TO CREATE A
5 TOWN HALL FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE WITHDRAWAL EFFORTS,
6 AND TODAY MANAGED THE OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP OF THE U.S.
7 GOVERNMENT. IT STARTED WHEN I GOT A SERIES OF TEXTS FROM MY
8 BUDDY LUCKY, WHO WAS STUCK ON A MOUNTAIN IN [INAUDIBLE],
9 SURROUNDED BY THE TALIBAN AND RUNNING OUT OF AMMUNITION. HE
10 THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO DIE, AND HE ASKED ME TO GRANT HIS LAST
11 WISH, AND HELP HIS FAMILY GET OUT OF KABUL. ALL OVER THE
12 WORLD, OTHER VETERANS, FRONT-END CIVILIANS, AND MORE, WERE
13 RECEIVING THAT SAME CALL, THOSE SAME SORTS OF MESSAGES. I
14 THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT WE ALL TALK, AND THAT'S HOW AFGHAN EVAC
15 WAS BORN. TODAY, WE ARE HOME TO MORE THAN 200 ORGANIZATIONS
16 WORKING A FULL PIPELINE OF RELOCATION TO RESETTLEMENT, AND WE
17 MANAGE THE OFFICIAL OPERATIONAL PARTNERSHIP OF THE U.S.
18 GOVERNMENT ON THESE ISSUES. YESTERDAY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
19 UNITED STATES CALLED ME TO THANK OUR COALITION FOR THE IMPACT
20 WE'VE MADE, EMPATHIZE WITH THE PAIN THAT AFGHANS AND ALL
21 INVOLVED FELT, AND HE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THE RELOCATION
22 PIPELINE. IN FACT, HE HAS ASKED FOR THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT
23 IN MULTIPLE REQUESTS TO CONGRESS, AND FINALLY WE HAVE A REAL
24 OPPORTUNITY TO GET IT THROUGH, BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. THIS
25 MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IT'S ALL ABOUT HOW WE SHOW

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1 UP FOR OUR ALLIES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT LOS ANGELES
2 PASSES THIS, BECAUSE SO MANY AFGHANS I KNOW HAVE RESETTLED
3 THERE. AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY BY TAKING THIS UP IS
4 TELLING THEM THAT THEY MATTER. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE
5 THERE IS A STATUE, IN THE HARBOR OF THE ONLY CITY BIGGER THAN
6 LOS ANGELES, THAT SAYS, "BRING US YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR
7 HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE," AND THAT MEANS
8 SOMETHING. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALL REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT
9 COMMUNITIES THAT WE MEET OUR COMMITMENTS. AS I WRAP UP, I WANT
10 TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE AFGHANS AND EVERYONE WHO CALLED IN TO
11 URGE THE BOARD TO STAND WITH VETERANS AND OUR ALLIES BY
12 PASSING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

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

20

21 **ERIC EISENBERG:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND MEMBERS
22 OF THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS ERIC EISENBERG, AND I WILL BE
23 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 20, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IF I
24 RUN OVER TIME. I'M CURRENTLY YOUR PRESIDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT
25 OF ARTS AND CULTURE. ITEM NUMBER 20: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

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1 CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN. THIS IS OF THE UTMOST
2 IMPORTANCE. IF WE, IF WE AS A COUNTY, IF WE AS LEADERS, TRULY
3 CARE ABOUT CULTURAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION, THEN THIS PLAN IS
4 OUR COUNTYWIDE ROADMAP. FROM THE DESERTS TO THE SEA, THE
5 MOUNTAINS TO THE INNER CITY, THIS PLAN WILL EQUALLY SPREAD
6 ARTS ACROSS OUR COUNTY. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INCEPTION
7 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, THERE'S A COUNTYWIDE
8 PLAN. STRATEGY NUMBER 1 OF THIS PLAN IS THE EXPANSION OF THE
9 OPERATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM. O.P.G. IS WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS
10 THE ROAD, OR WHERE THE ARTS MEET THE PEOPLE. O.P.G. IS ALREADY
11 A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. IT'S IN PLACE. IT'S ONE OF OUR BEST.
12 ACCORDING TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN, IT WILL DOUBLE IN SIZE, WHICH
13 WILL SATISFY ONE OF OUR 13 C.E.I.I. SUGGESTIONS. THIS IN
14 ITSELF WILL WORK TO SPREAD THE ARTS AND CULTURE EQUALLY AMONG
15 OUR 88 CITIES. WE HAVE A LARGE AND DIVERSE COUNTY. ARTS,
16 O.P.G., CREATES JOBS. IT CREATES JOBS, AND IT BRINGS ARTS TO
17 THE PEOPLE. EVERYBODY, EVERY PERSON, EVERY OCCUPANT OF OUR
18 COUNTY, DESERVES EQUAL ACCESS TO THE ARTS. SO I IMPORE YOU,
19 PLEASE VOTE TO A POSITIVE ADOPTION OF ITEM NUMBER 20. THANK
20 YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WILL GO BACK TO MY WORK, BUT THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK
22 TODAY.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KILO MONTOYA. PLEASE STATE
2 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
3 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. KILO
4 MONTOYA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MIGHT BE MUTED ON YOUR END.
5 CHECK YOUR MUTE BUTTON, PLEASE.

6

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

8

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

13

14 **DR. N.A. ANAKWENZE:** YEAH. THIS IS DR. N.A. ANAKWENZE. I'M THE
15 CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. OF GLOBAL CARE MEDICAL GROUP, 4,000
16 DOCTORS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW
17 CHANGE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ABOUT CONTRACT
18 AWARDS, LIKE HEALTH NET. I FEEL IT WOULD DISRUPT CARE FOR A
19 LOT OF PEOPLE. HEALTH NET HAS BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR MORE
20 THAN 20 YEARS, PROVIDING QUALITY CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY. THEY
21 HAVE INVESTED A LOT, WITH THOUSANDS OF DOCTORS, HOSPITALS, AND
22 PHARMACIES, AND THEY HAVE SHOWN A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE
23 COMMUNITY. THEY DO A LOT OF THINGS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
24 CARE. THEY WORK WITH BLACK PEOPLE, SPANISH PEOPLE, EVERY
25 GROUP. JEWS, GENTILES-- THEY WORK WITH EVERYBODY. THEY GIVE US

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1 THE SAME OPPORTUNITY. I AM AN AFRICAN, AND I AM TREATED VERY
2 WELL BY THEM. SO, I AM CONCERNED. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK
3 INTO IT, AND RECONSIDER. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

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

11

12 **SOPHIA KLATZKER:** REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 20, AND GENERAL COMMENT.
13 GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS CHANCE TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS SOPHIA
15 KLATZKER, AND I AM A NEW MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL EQUITY AND
16 INCLUSION INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NUMBER 2, SERVING AS A
17 RESIDENT IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I AM ALSO THE
18 FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ARTS FOR L.A., AND CURRENT V.P.
19 OF STRATEGY AT 99% INVISIBLE, AT STITCHER AND SIRIUS X.M. I
20 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
21 AUTHORIZING ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC
22 PLAN. WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF CULTURAL INVESTMENT IN L.A.
23 COUNTY; AND YET, LARGE INEQUITIES, REAL DISPARITIES, REMAIN.
24 THIS IS WHY THE ORIGINAL CULTURAL POLICY WAS INITIATED IN
25 2017, A DIRECT RESPONSE TO YOUR 2015 RESOLUTION, AND WHY IT IS

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1 TIME TO IMPLEMENT THIS ROBUST CULTURAL PLAN NOW. THIS PLAN
2 REPRESENTS AN ONGOING SHIFT, USING A CULTURAL EQUITY LENS TO
3 INCREASE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING FOR ARTISTS, PROGRAMS, AND
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, ELEVATING THE ARTS AS A
5 CROSS-SECTOR STRATEGY, AND INVESTING IN CULTURAL LIFE FOR ALL
6 OF OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU
7 SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC
8 PLAN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. TAO LE. PLEASE STATE
13 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
14 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **DR. TAO LE:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES.

19

20 **DR. TAO LE:** HELLO. I AM DR. TAO LE, AND HAVE BEEN THE MEDICAL
21 DIRECTOR WITH HEALTH NET FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS. I'M SPEAKING
22 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE MANAGED THE CARE OF HEALTH
23 NET MEMBERS, AND LIVED THROUGH THE [INAUDIBLE] CRISIS IN
24 1999/2000. SOME OF YOU MAY BE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THAT
25 TIME, WHEN PATIENTS WERE ASKED TO CHANGE FROM ONE CARE SYSTEM

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1 TO ANOTHER IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE SEEN PATIENTS LOSE ACCESS TO
2 CARE, DELAY IN GETTING SURGERY OR CHEMOTHERAPY. HIGH-RISK
3 PREGNANT WOMEN CANNOT GET AN APPOINTMENT. I'VE SEEN PARENTS
4 TAKING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE E.R. FOR ROUTINE CARE. I HAVE
5 SEEN PLENTY OF PAIN AND SUFFERING FROM PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILY,
6 AND CAREGIVERS. THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ANGELENOS IN 2024,
7 SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES' DECISION TO
8 MOVE 1 MILLION-PLUS CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND SENIORS WITH COMPLEX
9 HEALTH NEEDS FROM HEALTH NET TO ANOTHER MANAGED CARE PLAN.
10 L.A. HAS GONE THROUGH THIS DISASTER BEFORE, IN 2000. ANGELENOS
11 DO NOT WANT TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN IN 2024. I RESPECTFULLY
12 ASK YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO ASK THE STATE TO RECONSIDER THEIR
13 DECISION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

14

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

16

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

21

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

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

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1

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING 14 AND PUBLIC
9 COMMENT. I AM MAURA, WITH [INAUDIBLE] AND L.A.Y.U.P. I AM HERE
10 TO SAY, YOUTH ARE BEING NEGLECTED, ABUSED, FORCED TO BE IN
11 PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED UNSAFE FOR YOUTHS' MENTAL
12 STABILITY. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP, AND HOLD PROBATION
13 STAFF ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. THIS SYSTEM'S WAY OF
14 PUNISHING YOUTH IS COMPLETE TORTURE, INHUMAN, AND
15 UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED MORE PEACEBUILDERS, REAL HEALING, AND
16 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, NOT ABUSE, NOT SEXUAL ASSAULT,
17 NOT TO BE TREATED LIKE ANIMALS, AND NO MORE MONEY POURING INTO
18 [INAUDIBLE] NEGLECT. YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ARE
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE ABUSE AND THE
20 NEGLECT OF THE PROBATION SYSTEM, AND BUILDING A SYSTEM OF
21 HEALING. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
6 GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL
7 WORK THAT YOU DO. MY NAME IS ASTRID REED, AND I AM VERY PROUD
8 TO BE AN ARTS FOR L.A. 2022 ACTIVATE ARTS ADVOCACY LEADER
9 PROGRAM FELLOW. I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
10 ENHANCEMENT, AND EMPOWERMENT, AND HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE THAT
11 FOCUSES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURALLY DIVERSE ART IN L.A.,
12 FOR BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, AND CITIZENS THAT ARE HAPPY
13 AND CONNECTED. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
14 KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL
15 POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
16 ARE VITAL TO L.A. CITIZENS, AND HAVE BEEN HIT HARD BY THE
17 PANDEMIC. BY LINKING ARTS AND CULTURE TO COUNTY PLANS,
18 INITIATIVES, AND PRACTICES, THE CULTURAL POLICY WILL NOT ONLY
19 SERVE AS A ROADMAP TO INCREASING CULTURAL EQUITY IN THE ARTS,
20 BUT AS A VEHICLE FOR ADVANCING ANTI-RACISM AND EQUITY ACROSS
21 ALL POLICY AREAS. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE AWARD-
22 WINNING BROADWAY PRODUCTION OF "HADESTOWN," RECENTLY. THE
23 PALPABLE ENERGY AND DELIGHT OF THE AUDIENCE AROUND ME WAS
24 INCREDIBLE. I HAD FORGOTTEN WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO ATTEND AN
25 EVENT IN PERSON, AND THE MASK ON MY FACE DID NOT REDUCE THIS

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1 FEELING IN ANY WAY. IT IS VITAL THAT ITEM 20 PASS, SO THAT
2 CITIZENS ALL OVER OUR COUNTY HAVE DIVERSE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
3 WHERE THEY CAN RETURN TO ATTENDING LOCAL ARTS AND COMMUNITY
4 EVENTS, AND OUR COUNTY CAN MAKE IMPORTANT POST-PANDEMIC GAINS
5 IN CULTURAL EQUITY. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **ADAM SUKHIJA-COHEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADAM SUKHIJA-
14 COHEN, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, AND I AM SPEAKING
15 ON ITEM NUMBER 2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. THE TOP-DOWN
16 APPROACH L.A. COUNTY HAS CHOSEN TO USE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH
17 DEPARTMENT, WHEN RESPONDING TO MONKEYPOX AND SEXUALLY
18 TRANSMITTED DISEASES, OR S.T.D.S, IS NOT WORKING. THE
19 COMMUNITY NEEDS TO COME FIRST, MEANING THAT PUBLIC HEALTH
20 MEETS THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY ARE, AND ADDRESS THEIR SPECIFIC
21 NEEDS. MONKEYPOX IS LARGELY AFFECTING HARD-TO-REACH AND HIGH-
22 RISK POPULATIONS, AS EVIDENCED BY THE LOW RATE OF VACCINATIONS
23 AND HIGH RATE OF CASES AMONG PEOPLE OF COLOR. COMMUNITY-BASED
24 ORGANIZATIONS ARE WELL POSITIONED TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE
25 TREATMENT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS EPIDEMIC, BUT L.A.

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1 COUNTY HAS TAKEN MONTHS TO RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL OF THESE
2 C.B.O.S. L.A. COUNTY LEADERSHIP HAS ALSO FAILED TO ALLOCATE
3 SUFFICIENT FUNDING TOWARDS TESTING, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION
4 OF OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES, LIKE S.T.D.S. WE NEED \$10
5 MILLION ADDITIONAL DOLLARS IMMEDIATELY, TO ADDRESS MONKEYPOX
6 AND THE S.T.D. RESPONSE NOW. WE ARE ALREADY PROVIDING S.T.D.
7 SERVICES WITH A \$1.5 MILLION MONETARY DEFICIT, AS STATED
8 DURING THE HEALTH DEPUTIES' MEETING ON MARCH 23RD. SO, WE NEED
9 LEADERSHIP THAT PRIORITIZES COMMUNITY HEALTH, AND DOES NOT
10 UNDERFUND CRITICAL SERVICES. SO WE ARE CALLING ON L.A. COUNTY
11 TO RE-EVALUATE THE WAY THEY RESPOND TO PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS,
12 BEFORE THEY FAIL ONCE AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLIVIA LEE. PLEASE STATE
17 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
18 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **OLIVIA LEE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.
21 OLIVIA LEE, WITH ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES, HERE PROVIDING
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS THE LARGEST FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
23 HEALTH CENTER IN CALIFORNIA, SERVING MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLES, WE
24 SUPPORT HEALTH NET AS THE HEALTH PLAN OF CHOICE IN L.A.
25 COUNTY, DUE TO THEIR LONG HISTORY OF SERVING THE MEDI-CAL

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1 POPULATION, AND OUR SHARED MISSION OF SERVING THIS COMMUNITY.
2 HEALTH NET IS COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY, THROUGH THEIR HIGHEST
3 LEVELS OF LEADERSHIP IN THEIR ORGANIZATION. FURTHER, THEY HAVE
4 DEMONSTRATED THEIR LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THE UNDERSERVED, TO
5 BE ON THE MOST COMPLEX, SYSTEMWIDE ISSUES, SUCH AS CAL.A.I.M.
6 THEIR 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HAVE RESULTED IN RELATIONSHIPS
7 WITH OTHER HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS, CREATING TRUST AND
8 ACCOUNTABILITY, TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY.
9 THANK YOU.

10

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M ELLIE COHEN, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
18 FOUNDATION. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 2 AND GENERAL COMMENT. RIGHT
19 NOW, ONLY 3% OF MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE OCCURRED
20 IN HETEROSEXUAL PEOPLE, AND ONLY 1% HAVE OCCURRED IN CISGENDER
21 WOMEN. THESE DEMOGRAPHICS SHOW THAT MONKEYPOX IS CLEARLY BEING
22 SPREAD THROUGH EXISTING GAY SEXUAL NETWORKS. THEREFORE, OUR
23 COLLECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE MUST IMMEDIATELY ADOPT AN
24 APPROACH THAT CONSIDERS MONKEYPOX AN S.T.D. LEANING AWAY FROM
25 ADDRESSING MONKEYPOX AS AN S.T.I., OUT OF FEAR OF STIGMA, HAS

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1 MISINFORMED MANY PEOPLE OF THEIR RISK, AND HOW THEY CAN
2 EFFECTIVELY PREVENT THIS DISEASE. WE NEED CLEAR AND
3 TRANSPARENT PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGING DURING THIS TIME OF
4 CRISIS. THIS MESSAGING NEEDS TO EMPHASIZE SAFER SEX PRACTICES,
5 LIKE PODDING, OR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SEXUAL PARTNERS; ALSO,
6 PAUSING AND PROTECTING, WHICH ARE ACTUALLY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF
7 PREVENTION OF MONKEYPOX. TREATING MONKEYPOX AS AN S.T.I. ALSO
8 ALLOWS FOR MORE ACCURATE POPULATION SCREENINGS AND
9 VACCINATIONS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE L.A. COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO FOLLOW
10 THE NUMBERS AND MAKE SEXUAL PRACTICES THE MAIN CRITERIA FOR
11 VACCINATION ACCESS. HOWEVER, IN ADDITION, WE ASK THAT L.A.
12 COUNTY PROVIDE MORE VACCINES TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
13 THAT WORK IN THE S.T.I. FIELD, LIKE A.H.F. CURRENTLY, ONLY 25
14 [INAUDIBLE] OF REACHING HARD-TO-REACH POPULATIONS. SO, FOR ALL
15 INTENTS AND PURPOSES, MONKEYPOX DESERVES TO BE TREATED AS AN
16 S.T.I., AND WE ASK THE COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE THIS FACT. THANK
17 YOU.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS POSITRON KEBEBEW. PLEASE
20 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
21 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **POSITRON KEBEBEW:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YES. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1

2 **POSITRON KEBEBEW:** I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM. YOU CAN HEAR ME?

3 OKAY. SO, THIS IS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS

4 POSITRON KEBEBEW, AND I AM A MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT HEALTH NET.

5 MY COMMENTS REALLY COME FROM MY PERSONAL LIVED EXPERIENCES,

6 BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL. I AM A FAMILY PHYSICIAN. MY

7 TRAINING WAS WITH THE COUNTY, MY CLINICAL WORK WITH THE COUNTY

8 HEALTH SYSTEM AND F.Q.H.C.S., AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WAS

9 ALSO A RECIPIENT OF MEDI-CAL IN MY YOUNGER DAYS. SO, MY

10 COMMENT IS REALLY OUT OF CONCERN WITH THE RECENT D.H.C.S.

11 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCUREMENT: A PRETTY RADICAL CHANGE IN THE

12 WAY HEALTHCARE WILL BE DELIVERED TO A MILLION MEDI-CAL

13 BENEFICIARIES IN L.A. THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY HUGE

14 DISRUPTION OF HEALTHCARE, AND SEVERELY IMPACTING PATIENTS IN

15 ACUTE CARE, SUCH AS CANCER TREATMENT, MIDDLE OF PREPPING FOR A

16 SURGERY, IN THE MIDDLE OF HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY CARE. I THINK

17 HEALTH NET HAS BEEN A PARTNER WITH THE STATE FOR DECADES, TO

18 PROVIDE EQUITABLE AND QUALITY CARE.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE

21 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIRY WHITEHILL. PLEASE

24 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND

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

3

4 **MIRY WHITEHILL:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS MIRY WHITEHILL. I AM THE
5 FOUNDER OF MIRY'S LIST. WE'RE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING
6 WITH FAMILIES RESETTLING AS REFUGEES. I AM CALLING TO COMMENT
7 ON ITEM NUMBER 21, THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT. I WANTED TO
8 SHARE THAT OUR ORGANIZATION, SINCE THE AUGUST 2021 EVACUATION
9 FROM AFGHANISTAN, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT A VERY SMALL
10 FRACTION OF THE NEED FROM FAMILIES WHO ARE ARRIVING HERE, WHO
11 HAVE REALLY LOST EVERYTHING, AND ARE LOOKING TO REBUILD WITH
12 THEIR FAMILIES. THAT NUMBER, THAT SMALL FRACTION, IS 400
13 FAMILIES. THOSE 400 FAMILIES, WHO WE HAVE HELPED SINCE AUGUST
14 2021, ARE MADE UP OF 2,028 INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS. 1,024 OF
15 THOSE PEOPLE ARE CHILDREN AGES THREE TO 17, AND 164 OF THEM
16 ARE BABIES AGES ZERO TO TWO. I CANNOT TELL YOU ENOUGH ABOUT
17 HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE SHOW UP, AS AMERICANS AND
18 CALIFORNIANS AND ANGELENOS, TO SUPPORT THESE HUMAN BEINGS WHO
19 HAVE COME HERE AFTER LOSING EVERYTHING.

20

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

23

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

4

5 **MANEL PRIETO:** AGENDA ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. MY
6 NAME IS MANUEL PRIETO, AND I AM WITH THE LOS ANGELES MUSIC AND
7 ARTS SCHOOL, FOUNDED IN 1945, WHICH PROVIDES EAST LOS ANGELES
8 YOUTH WITH CREATIVE PATHS TO CREATIVE FUTURES, THROUGH NO-COST
9 AND LOW-COST AFTERSCHOOL MUSIC AND ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS. I
10 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
11 AUTHORIZING ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC
12 PLAN. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE
13 NATION, AND THE LARGEST AND ARGUABLY THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTY
14 IN THE NATION. THERE ARE DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO THE ARTS.
15 AND WHILE L.A. COUNTY HAS INVESTED MEANINGFULLY IN ARTS AND
16 CULTURE FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, THE COUNTY-OWNED CULTURAL
17 VENUES AND GRANT PROGRAMS MORE WORK AS NECESSARY TO SOLIDIFY
18 GAINS MADE, ADVANCE CULTURAL EQUITY, AND INCREASE ACCESS TO
19 THE ARTS IN AS MANY BENEFITS FOR ALL RESIDENTS. THAT IS WHY
20 ITEM 20 MUST PASS: SO THAT DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE CAN
21 MOVE FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC
22 PLAN, WHICH SEEKS TO FOSTER A CULTURE THAT VALUES AND
23 CELEBRATES ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY. BY LINKING ARTS AND
24 CULTURE TO COUNTY PLANS, INITIATIVES, AND PRACTICES, THE
25 CULTURAL POLICY WILL NOT ONLY SERVE AS A ROADMAP TO INCREASING

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1 CULTURAL EQUITY IN THE ARTS, BUT AS A VEHICLE FOR ADVANCING
2 ANTI-RACISM AND EQUITY ACROSS ALL POLICY AREAS, AND IT
3 LEVERAGES ARTS AND CULTURE IN COUNTY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND
4 STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL OF INDIVIDUALS AND
5 COMMUNITIES. YOU HAVE AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE
6 THE COUNTY'S ASSETS, AND DIVERSIFY YOUR RESOURCES, TO MAKE
7 GAINS IN CULTURAL EQUITY AND EXPAND ACCESS TO THE ARTS FOR ALL
8 RESIDENTS. TO THAT END, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON
9 THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

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

16

17 **DANA SHERROD:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DANA SHERROD, AND I
18 AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM HERE REPRESENTING
19 CHERISHED FUTURES FOR BLACK MOMS AND BABIES, OF WHICH HEALTH
20 NET HAS BEEN AN EARLY SUPPORTER, PARTICULARLY OF BLACK
21 MATERNAL HEALTH. WE ARE COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE BIRTH
22 INEQUITIES FOR BLACK MOMS AND OUR BABIES, AND A CRUCIAL
23 ELEMENT TO CLOSING THIS GAP IS ENSURING THAT PREGNANT PEOPLE
24 HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE. THE SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED
25 CHANGES FROM D.H.C.S., IMPACTING MEDICAL PLANS, HAS POTENTIAL

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1 TO CREATE ADDITIONAL CONFUSION, WIDEN THE CARE GAP, AND
2 FURTHER DISRUPT OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS BIRTH
3 INEQUITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PARTICULARLY AS THEY
4 IMPACT BLACK MOMS AND OUR BABIES. SO, WE HOPE THE BOARD WILL
5 URGE THE STATE TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

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

8

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM REGINA BIRDSSELL, THE PRESIDENT OF
15 THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT. I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT
16 ITEM 1 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. I WANTED TO
17 SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM AN ACTIVE
18 MEMBER OF THE EQUITY IN CONTRACTING TEAM, AND I WANTED TO
19 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT, OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, TO
20 ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT NONPROFIT LEADERS HAVE IDENTIFIED TO
21 IMPROVE MORE EQUITABLE CONTRACTING PRACTICES, IDEALLY TO GET
22 MORE SERVICES INTO COMMUNITIES. BUT I AM ON THE AGENDA TODAY
23 BECAUSE, WHILE WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE E.C.C. WORK, WE ARE
24 ALSO FRUSTRATED. THIS MORNING, YOUR OFFICES REFUSED A LETTER
25 SIGNED BY OVER 70 ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS. WE BELIEVE

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1 THAT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT AND
2 EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.
3 WE URGE YOU TO MOVE MORE AGGRESSIVELY AND INTENTIONALLY TO
4 INVEST THOSE DOLLARS INTO COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY THE
5 PANDEMIC. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE STEPPED UP, DOING THE
6 HEAVY LIFTING SUPPORTING COUNTY RESIDENTS. MEANWHILE, ONLY 10%
7 OF TRANCHE-1 DOLLARS WERE DESIGNATED TO COMMUNITY
8 ORGANIZATIONS SERVING RESIDENTS, BUT WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR
9 THOSE CONTRACTS TO COME ONLINE, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO MEET THE
10 NEEDS AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE COUNTING ON COMMUNITY-
11 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, HARDEST HIT BY THE CURRENT HIGH COST OF
12 LIVING AND THE ONGOING CHAOS CREATED BY THE PANDEMIC.
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE RECENTLY SURVEYED REPORT THAT NEED
14 CONTINUES TO GROW ACROSS THE REGION, AND WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
15 MOVE MUCH FASTER, GIVEN THE SCALE OF NEED IN THE COUNTY, TO
16 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DOLLARS IN TRANCHE 2 GOING INTO
17 COMMUNITIES TO MORE THAN 10% OF THE \$900 MILLION, AND TO GET
18 THOSE CONTRACTS POSTED BEFORE THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, SO
19 THAT WE CAN ALL GET TO WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NANCY NYBERG. PLEASE STATE
24 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
25 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENTS. MY NAME IS NANCY. GOOD MORNING. I AM IN WEST LOS
4 ANGELES. I LIVE NEAR TONGVA SPRINGS, WHICH IS NEAR UNIVERSITY
5 HIGH SCHOOL. THIS REMINDS ME OF THE GENERATIONALITY OF THE
6 ARTS, AND THAT'S WHY ITEM 20 IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE IMPLEMENT
7 THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN. THIS WILL ALLOW OUR NEXT
8 GENERATIONS TO EXPRESS THEIR CULTURE, TO EXPLORE IDEAS, TO
9 GAIN NEW SKILLS, AND CONNECT WITH THEIR COMMUNITY. BECAUSE WE
10 ARE THE CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE NATION, WE SHOULD ARGUABLY GO
11 FORWARD AND REACH OUT TO OUR DIVERSE POPULATIONS WITH ARTS
12 PROGRAMS THAT REACH THE YOUNGEST AND THE OLDEST, AND HELP OUR
13 GENERATION AND THE GENERATIONS TO COME. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENTS. MY NAME IS KAREN LEWIS, AND I AM WITH THE
23 NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC SCHOOL IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, WHICH HAS BEEN
24 SERVING THE BOYLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY FOR 108 YEARS WITH MUSIC
25 EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR

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1 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING
2 THE CULTURAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN. I AM VERY PROUD THAT LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY IS THE CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE NATION. AND
4 WHILE WE HAVE INVESTED MEANINGFULLY IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE
5 FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR
6 AWESOME DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, MORE WORK IS NECESSARY
7 TO SOLIDIFY GAINS MADE AND ADVANCE CULTURAL EQUITY, AND
8 INCREASING ACCESS TO THE ARTS AND ITS MANY BENEFITS FOR THE
9 WHOLE COMMUNITY. SO, IN ORDER TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS
10 AND CULTURE MOVE FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL POLICY
11 STRATEGIC PLAN THAT SEEKS TO FOSTER A CULTURE THAT VALUES AND
12 CELEBRATES THE ARTS CULTURE AND COMMUNITY, I URGE YOU TO PASS
13 ITEM 20. BY LINKING ARTS AND CULTURE TO COUNTY PLANS,
14 INITIATIVES, AND PRACTICES, THE CULTURAL POLICY WILL NOT ONLY
15 SERVE AS A ROADMAP TO INCREASING CULTURAL EQUITY IN THE ARTS,
16 BUT ALSO AS A VEHICLE FOR ADVANCING ANTI-RACISM AND EQUITY
17 ACROSS ALL POLICY AREAS, AND IT LEVERAGES ARTS AND CULTURE IN
18 COUNTY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND STRATEGIES, TO ACHIEVE THE
19 HIGHEST POTENTIAL OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES. THIS IS AN
20 AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE THE COUNTY'S ASSETS, AND
21 DIVERSIFY YOUR RESOURCES TO MAKE GAINS IN CULTURAL EQUITY, AND
22 EXPAND ACCESS TO THE ARTS FOR ALL RESIDENTS. AND TO THAT END,
23 I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION, AND THANK
24 YOU SO MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KIM PAGE. PLEASE STATE THE
4 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
5 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **KIM PAGE:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. MY NAME IS KIM PAGE, AND I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO BE
9 IN THE HEALTH NET FAMILY FOR WELL OVER A DECADE, AND I WANT TO
10 EMPHASIZE HOW PROUD I AM TO BELONG TO A CULTURALLY DIVERSE
11 ORGANIZATION, WITH A MISSION TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY. SO, THE
12 PURPOSE OF MY PUBLIC COMMENT IS TO SHARE MY CONCERN, AS AN
13 L.A. CONSTITUENT, A HEALTH NET EMPLOYEE, AND A RELATIVE OF
14 SOME WHO WILL BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY D.H.C.S.'S AWARD
15 DECISION. AND WHILE CONSIDERING HEALTH NET'S PURSUIT IN MAKING
16 HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR UNDERSERVED
17 COMMUNITIES WITH HEALTH DISPARITIES, I URGE TO ASK THE STATE
18 TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

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

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEM 14
3 AND 31, BOTH OF WHICH I AM IN FAVOR OF, AND GENERAL COMMENT,
4 AS WELL, AND AS I SAID, ON THE DISTRICT SIDE. IN TERMS OF
5 NUMBER 14, THIS IS A RECKONING FOR L.A. COUNTY. THE BOARD CAN
6 CHOOSE TO IMPLEMENT MEANINGLESS MOTIONS AND POLICIES THAT WILL
7 NOT ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CULTURE THAT ENCOURAGES CORRUPTION
8 AND ABUSE WITHIN PROBATION. THE PROBATION OFFICERS DIDN'T HAVE
9 A PROBLEM SEXUALLY ASSAULTING AND RAPING UNDERAGE KIDS BEFORE.
10 NEW PROCEDURES CERTAINLY AREN'T GOING TO CHANGE. WE ARE AT A
11 CRITICAL TIME. IT IS NOT THE TIME TO LISTEN AND TO ASK; IT IS
12 THE TIME TO FILE CHARGES, AND TO IMMEDIATELY PROTECT ALL YOUNG
13 GIRLS WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY CAN TRULY
14 SHOW THE COMMUNITY THAT IT TAKES YOUTH WELLBEING AND SAFETY
15 SERIOUSLY, BY REDUCING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET,
16 SHUTTING DOWN NIDORF, AND ENSURING THAT NO YOUTH ARE SUBJECTED
17 TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING. THE BOARD CANNOT ALLOW THIS TYPE OF
18 VIOLENCE AND DEPRAVITY THAT HAS BEEN DISPLAYED BY THE
19 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT HAS GONE UNCHECKED FOR FAR TOO LONG.
20 IN TERMS OF ITEM 31, THE COMMUNITY-- I HAVE BEEN ON MANY, MANY
21 CALLS, CONTINUOUSLY CALLS ON THE COUNTY, TO BE SWIFT AND
22 THOROUGH IN ITS DISTRIBUTION OF C.F.C.I. FUNDS. AS OF NOW,
23 SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE YEAR'S SPENDING PLAN HAS BEEN
24 DISTRIBUTED. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF 10% OF LOCALLY GENERATED
25 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FROM NET COUNTY COSTS IS UPWARD OF

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1 APPROXIMATELY \$990 MILLION, ANNUALLY. THERE ARE MANY L.A.
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS INFUSION OF
3 FUNDS FROM MEASURE J, AND ARE CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS USUAL.
4 MEASURE J FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO BE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY,
5 BECAUSE WE THE VOTERS CLEARLY AND LOUDLY SAID THAT THEY WERE,
6 ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020. IT IS VERY CLEAR THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY'S C.E.O., AND ALTERNATIVES TO
8 INCARCERATION TEAM ARE JUST NOT DOING THE HARD WORK REQUIRED
9 TO CREATE THESE MEANINGFUL CHANGES THAT MEASURE J VOTERS HAVE
10 ASKED. AND FOR MY PUBLIC COMMENT, WE ALL ARE PRETTY SHOCKED AT
11 THE LARGE PAYOUT TO KOBE BRYANT'S FAMILY, FOR THE HORRENDOUS
12 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE SHOULD NOT
13 BE SHOCKED AT THE AMOUNT. WE SHOULD BE ANGRY AND MORE THAN
14 JUST FRUSTRATED WITH SHERIFF VILLANUEVA AND THE L.A. COUNTY
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS TIME TO CUT THE BUDGET OF THE L.A.
16 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THE
17 CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER. WE FINALLY HAVE
18 A CHECK AND BALANCE FOR AN UNRULY AND CRIMINAL SHERIFF, SUCH
19 AS LEE BACA AND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. THANK YOU FOR THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT ALL. [AUDIO OBSCURED BY
6 FEEDBACK] 14, 12, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON NUMBER 14, IF
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PAID FOR THE SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN ALL
8 COUNTY LOCKUPS OVER HISTORY, THE COUNTY WOULD BE PERPETUALLY
9 BANKRUPT. AND ITEM NUMBER 12, HERE, ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE THESE
10 RED HERRINGS. WE'VE GOT NOTHING BETTER TO DO WITH OUR COUNTY
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAN TALK ABOUT GENETIC BALDNESS. THANK
12 YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. AND FOR YOUR OTHER COMMENTS OF OTHER
13 PERSONS TODAY, THEY FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT MEASURE J WAS
14 DUBBED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. AS FAR AS THE AFGHANS AND OTHER
15 PERSONS, AND SO FORTH, WE HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS SPENDING \$13.6
16 MILLION ON A PUBLIC PARK, WHEN WE HAVE A SCOURGE OF TRANSIENTS
17 AND HOMELESS AT VENICE BEACH, AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
18 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. BY THE WAY, NOT ONE PENNY HAS BEEN SPENT TO
19 PROVIDE SECURE CAMPSITES FOR THEM. SO, IT IS GOING TO CONTINUE
20 ON IN THIS MANNER, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS MAKES A CHANGE, AND WE CAN HOPE IN THE MIDTERMS
22 THAT WE CAN TURN OUT THE GANG OF FOUR, BECAUSE WE CAN'T TAKE
23 THIS ANYMORE. THANK YOU.

24

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

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. VICKY SHARKAR, FROM CHILDREN'S DEFENSE
7 FUND CALIFORNIA, AND I AM COMMENTING ON ITEM 14 AND GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. THE LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HORRENDOUS LONG-TERM SEXUAL ABUSE OF
10 CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY'S CUSTODY, AND IT IS YET ANOTHER
11 EXAMPLE OF WHY THIS IS NOT A DEPARTMENT THAT CAN BE REFORMED
12 OR FIXED, LET ALONE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE
13 THAT THEY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THIS BOARD. BY
14 RUBBER-STAMPING APPROVAL OF THE PROBATION BUDGET YEAR AFTER
15 YEAR, WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONING, IS AN INVESTMENT IN ENABLING
16 THIS ABUSE. IN CASE YOU MISSED IT, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, THE
17 PROBATION UNION WAS CALLING FOR YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
18 TO BE LOCKED UP. THEY WERE CHANTING, "LOCK THEM UP." WHY?
19 BECAUSE YOU DARED TO IMAGINE A FUTURE WHERE CHILDREN ARE NOT
20 PUT IN CINDERBLOCK CAGES. ANOTHER GLARING EXAMPLE FOR HOW MUCH
21 CONTEMPT PROBATION HAS FOR THE IDEA THAT YOUTH DESERVE CARE,
22 NOT CAGES, IS THE BAD FAITH SHOWN BY THE PROBATION UNION IN
23 THE SECURE TRACK NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HAVE DRAGGED ON AND ON
24 BECAUSE OF THE PROBATION UNION. IT IS CLEAR TO ANYONE PAYING
25 ATTENTION THAT THE UNION IS NOT NEGOTIATING WITH THE COUNTY IN

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1 GOOD FAITH. INSTEAD, THEY ARE CAPITALIZING ON A CRISIS OF
2 THEIR OWN CREATION, TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH REMAIN IN A PRISON-
3 LIKE FACILITY. THE BOARD MUST DECLARE AN IMPASSE WITH THESE
4 NEGOTIATIONS, AND IMMEDIATELY MOVE YOUTH FROM BARRY J. TO
5 KILPATRICK, WITH NO FURTHER DELAY. AND YOU CAN'T STOP THERE.
6 WE NEED TO MAKE GOOD ON YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND DISBAND
7 JUVENILE PROBATION ALTOGETHER. THIS IS A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS
8 BEEN SUED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ABUSING CHILDREN, BEEN
9 FOUND UNSUITABLE FOR CARING FOR YOUTH TWICE IN THE PAST YEAR,
10 AND HAS PERPETUATED SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST YOUTH IN THEIR CARE,
11 AND HAS RESISTED EVERY CALL FOR REFORM, ALL WHILE CALLING FOR
12 YOU, THE BOARD, TO BE LOCKED UP. SO I THINK IT IS TIME THAT
13 YOU SHUT THEM DOWN, AND DO IT QUICKLY. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

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

21

22 **CARLY GOLDBLATT:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES.

25

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1 **CARLY GOLDBLATT:** OKAY. HI. MY NAME IS CARLY GOLDBLATT, AND I
2 AM A PROGRAM MANAGER WITH HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA. I AM
3 SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. HEALTH NET PROVIDES
4 MEDI-CAL BENEFITS TO ABOUT ONE MILLION MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES.
5 I TAKE PRIDE IN WORKING FOR HEALTH NET, WHICH IS A MANAGED
6 CARE PLAN THAT PROVIDES MEDI-CAL BENEFITS TO THE UNDERSERVED,
7 WITH A MISSION TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE
8 RECEIVED WORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES LAST
9 WEEK THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO SELECT US TO CONTINUE
10 PROVIDING MEDI-CAL BENEFITS TO OUR VALUED MEMBERS IN L.A.
11 COUNTY. THIS IS VERY CONCERNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND WILL
12 CAUSE A SERIOUS DISRUPTION IN HEALTHCARE IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM
13 PASSIONATE ABOUT IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR
14 COMMUNITY, THROUGH PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE, RESPONSIVE, QUALITY,
15 AND EFFECTIVE CARE. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE DOING SO, I URGE YOU
16 TO ASK THE STATE TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION. THANK YOU SO
17 MUCH.

18

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

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

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

5

6 **VILMA CHAMPION:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER THAT
8 HAS PARTICIPATED WITH BOTH HEALTH NET AND L.A. CARE AND THEIR
9 RESPECTIVE PLANNED PARTNERS SINCE THE TWO-PLAN MODEL WENT LIVE
10 OVER 25 YEARS AGO, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CONTINUED
11 PARTICIPATION OF BOTH HEALTH NET AND MOLINA IN L.A. COUNTY. WE
12 NEED THE STABILITY FOR OUR PATIENTS AND OUR HEALTH CENTER, AS
13 WE STRIVE TO MEET THE NEW STATE COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY
14 STRATEGIES, AND AS WE STRIVE TO MOVE OUR OWN ORGANIZATIONS
15 FORWARD WITH VALUE-BASED CARE. LOSING HEALTH NET WOULD NOT BE
16 BENEFICIAL TO THE SAFETY NET, AND ENTAIL SIGNIFICANT WORK TO
17 TERMINATE AND REFORM CURRENT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE
18 WORKING. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** PUBLIC COMMENT. HI. MY NAME IS RHONDA REED, AND WHAT
2 I AM CALLING ABOUT TODAY IS THE FACT THAT I WENT AND VISITED
3 MRS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE WHEN SHE WAS MY STATE SENATOR,
4 REGARDING M.T.A.'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION [INAUDIBLE] GIVE ME
5 WHEN I WAS A BUS DRIVER. I WILL BE FAXING A COPY OF MRS.
6 MITCHELL'S STATEMENT TO ME, VIA HER STAFF. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY
7 THAT THE HONORABLE JUDGE ROGER TOLMAN, A WHITE MAN, UNDER MRS.
8 MITCHELL AND MS. STEPHANIE WIGGINS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN BLACKS,
9 WHO ARE AIDING AND ABETTING M.T.A., AS MRS. MITCHELL'S LETTER
10 WILL SHOW PROOF THAT WHAT SHE SAID TO ME, IN 2016, AS A STATE
11 SENATOR. BUT I SEE SHE RAN TO M.T.A., AND GOT ON M.T.A.'S
12 BOARD. BUT, YOU KNOW, GOD IS GOOD, AND SO I'M GOING TO ADDRESS
13 THE LETTER, AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO STATE THE ISSUE, VIA
14 CONTACTS OF THE STATE OF THIS OFFICE, AND ALSO IN WRITING.
15 MRS. MITCHELL WAS A HORRIBLE STATE SENATOR.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATIE LINDSAY. PLEASE STATE
21 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
22 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS KATIE LINDSAY. I AM A FREELANCE
25 DIRECTOR, WRITER, AND PRODUCER WORKING IN THEATER. MY WORK

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1 CENTERS WOMEN AND QUEER PEOPLE, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM
2 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO
3 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM
4 20, WHICH IS IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL POLICY AND STRATEGIC
5 PLAN. AND AS PEOPLE HAVE STATED BEFORE, L.A. COUNTY IS THE
6 CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE NATION, BUT WE ARE STILL EXPERIENCING
7 DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO THE ARTS, AND IT IS ESPECIALLY
8 CRITICAL THAT WE TAKE ACTION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR ARTS
9 ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, THROUGH THE
10 ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE MOTION.
11 SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, AS A DIRECTOR, I HAVE SEEN
12 FIRSTHAND HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS IMPACTED OUR SECTOR. WE HAVE
13 LOST VITAL MEMBERS OF THE WORKFORCE. PUTTING UP WORK REQUIRES
14 MORE FUNDING TO COMPLY WITH C.O.V.I.D. AND EQUITY MEASURES,
15 AND WE HAVE TO TRY NEW STRATEGIES TO GET AUDIENCE MEMBERS BACK
16 TO THE THEATER IN OUR ONGOING PANDEMIC. IT'S HARDER THAN EVER
17 TO MAKE THEATER RIGHT NOW, AND WE NEED IT MORE THAN EVER TO
18 BRING OUR COMMUNITIES BACK TOGETHER, AND OF COURSE THIS ALL
19 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS SMALLER THEATERS AND ARTS
20 ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES,
21 ESPECIALLY L.G.B.T.Q.+ THEATERS AND THEATERS OF COLOR. AND
22 THIS IS WHY ITEM 20 MUST PASS. SO, TO THAT END, I RESPECTFULLY
23 ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TIME.

25

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

2

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CAMILA CHANCIVAK, AND I AM AN
9 ADVOCATE FOR ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON
10 ITEM 14, AND PROVIDE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, HAHN
11 AND MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING MOTION 14. AS A WOMAN, FORMALLY
12 INCARCERATED AND A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE
13 HOW THESE YOUNG GIRLS FEEL BEING SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY A STAFF
14 IN VARIOUS JUVENILE FACILITIES. IT IS HORRIFYING TO HEAR THAT
15 THESE YOUTH HAVE SUFFERED TRAUMATICALLY AT THE HANDS OF
16 PROBATION. WHILE YOUTH ARE IN JUVENILE FACILITIES, THEY ARE
17 SUPPOSED TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE UTMOST SAFETY AND SECURITY,
18 YET THE SYSTEM SEEMS TO FAIL THEM. ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN
19 IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. I ALSO WANT
20 TO TALK ABOUT MOVING YOUTH OUT OF THE COMPOUND. THERE ARE
21 YOUTH IN THE COMPOUND THAT HAVE BEEN IN THERE FOR YEARS,
22 RECEIVING NO SERVICES OR PROGRAMMING TO HELP THEM BECOME
23 BETTER, OR REACH THEIR REENTRY AND REHABILITATIVE GOALS. THERE
24 IS ALSO CURRENTLY ONLY ONE YOUTH IN CAMP KILPATRICK, WHILE A
25 BUNCH OF YOUTH ARE STUCK IN BARRY J.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC
5 SPEAKERS HAS ENDED, AND WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CALLED
6 IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENT, YOU
7 MAY OF COURSE SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE
8 AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS
9 THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
10 RECORD. AND JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
11 CALLERS CALLING IN ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH NET SCENARIO. I
12 JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION. IT IS THE STATE
13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT MADE THAT DECISION,
14 AND NOT THE COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE YOU SHARING YOUR
15 PERSPECTIVE, BUT IT WAS NOT A DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE TAKE THE VOTE ON
18 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS REQUESTED TO
19 CONTINUE ITEM 31 FOR TWO WEEKS, TO SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2022.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO THAT'S A MOTION?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CORRECT.

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** NO SECOND?

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK A QUESTION? IF IT IS
5 CONTINUED, FESIA, IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH CONTINUING IT? IS
6 THIS TIME-SENSITIVE? I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED, BECAUSE THIS IS
7 ALL KIND OF COMING AT ME LAST MINUTE, AND I AM JUST TRYING TO
8 UNDERSTAND IF THERE IS A NEGATIVE IMPACT TO CONTINUING IT TWO
9 WEEKS.

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T THINK-- SO,
12 THERE'S TWO PIECES TO THIS. I THINK ONE IS THE POLICY
13 DISCUSSION I THINK THAT BOARD OFFICES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ON
14 THE ISSUE OF SOME OF THE-- ONE OR MORE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT
15 ARE LISTED IN THE BOARD LETTER. FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, THERE
16 IS NO ISSUE. ON THE BUDGETARY PERSPECTIVE, THE PREFERENCE OF
17 MY OFFICE WOULD BE, IF THIS MATTER WERE GOING TO BE CONTINUED,
18 TO CONTINUE IT TO SEPTEMBER 6. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT LOCKED
19 AND LOADED, SO THAT WE COULD PUT IT INTO SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
20 WITHOUT CAUSING A BUNCH OF RUSHING ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF. BUT
21 EVEN IF IT DIDN'T GO ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, AND IT WENT ON
22 SEPTEMBER 13TH, WE WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDING
23 FOR YEAR TWO. IT JUST WOULDN'T BE NECESSARILY IN THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BOARD LETTER, AND IT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY
25 APPEAR IN VOLUME TWO OF OUR BUDGET BOOK. SO, IF SOMEONE--

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1 LET'S SAY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY--
2 WERE LOOKING FOR WHAT HAPPENED ON YEAR TWO WITH THAT
3 ALLOCATION, THEY WOULD HAVE TO LOOK A LITTLE HARDER TO FIND
4 THE INFORMATION.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, THE--

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HANG ON A SECOND. LET ME JUST CLARIFY.
9 PROCEDURALLY, WE SHOULDN'T GO INTO A FULL-ON DISCUSSION
10 WITHOUT A SECOND. SO, I KNOW YOU HAD A POINT OF CLARIFICATION,
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL SECOND IT FOR DISCUSSION.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SAY IT AGAIN?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL SECOND IT FOR DISCUSSION, MADAM CHAIR, IF
18 THAT'S OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES. SO, DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION
21 BEFORE I MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, GO AHEAD.

24

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

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YEAH, COLLEAGUES, I REALLY
3 WANTED TO CONTINUE IT UNTIL SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS ABLE TO BE
4 BACK, BECAUSE I KNOW SHE HAS WEIGHED IN A LOT ON BOTH ISSUES--
5 BOTH SOME POLICY ISSUES, AS WELL AS THE FUNDING-- AND I JUST
6 FELT IT WAS RESPECTFUL TO CONTINUE THIS UNTIL SHE WAS ABLE TO
7 WEIGH IN ON IT AND VOTE ON IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO, JUST TO CLARIFY, YOUR MOTION IS
10 TO CONTINUE IT UNTIL THE-- IS IT THE 13TH OF SEPTEMBER? THE
11 13TH? THAT'S YOUR MOTION?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT FOR POINT OF CLARIFICATION, MADAM CHAIR, I
18 WOULD AGREE TO A CONTINUANCE TILL SEPTEMBER 6TH, PER FESIA'S
19 REQUEST, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT FESIA, I THINK, REQUESTED.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT WOULD BE FINE. THAT WOULD BE FINE WITH ME. IS
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL EXPECTED TO BE BACK BY SEPTEMBER 6TH?

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. AND FOR
2 CLARIFICATION, SEPTEMBER 6TH IS A CLOSED-SESSION MEETING. AND
3 SO I DON'T KNOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF WE WOULD ADDRESS
4 THIS ISSUE AT THE TOP OF THE MEETING, AFTER WE TAKE PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. DOES IT NEED TO BE HELD IN A FULL BOARD MEETING, OR
6 CAN IT BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION ONLY?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE CAN ADD AN ITEM IN THE SPECIAL CLOSED
9 SESSION, AT THE TOP OF THE MEETING.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, SEPTEMBER 6TH IS CURRENTLY
12 SCHEDULED AS A SPECIAL CLOSED-SESSION MEETING, AND SO THIS
13 AGENDA ITEM CAN BE ADDED.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YEAH, IT WILL BE AN OPEN SESSION.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** WOULD WE TALK ABOUT IT IN OPEN SESSION?

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, WE WOULD. THAT WAS THE
20 CLARIFICATION. YES.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, OUT OF COURTESY TO SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SEPTEMBER 6TH. NO MORE THAN
3 SEPTEMBER 6TH, WHICH WOULD BE NEXT WEEK.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN DID CHANGE HER
6 MOTION, SO LET'S CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE REQUEST TO CONTINUE ITEM 31 TO
9 SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. MOTION CARRIES,
2 3-1.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
5 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 10
8 THROUGH 13, 15 THROUGH 18, 21, 22 AS REVISED, 24 THROUGH 28,
9 30, 31, 32 THROUGH 65, 66-A THROUGH 66-F, 69, 1-D. 31 WAS
10 CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 6TH. SORRY.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, WE ARE SCRATCHING 31 FROM THAT LIST.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT CHANGE, MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE
18 THESE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL?

10

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

12

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

14 4-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC

17 COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

18 WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.

19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY

20 BEFORE THE BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE

23 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE

24 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY

25 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE

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1 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM THREE IS A HEARING ON THE
2 ANNEXATION OF PETITION NO. 70-1019 TO COUNTY LIGHTING
3 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10006, AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT
4 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1, DIAMOND BAR ZONE, FOR FISCAL
5 YEAR 2023-2024. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED,
6 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM FOUR IS A HEARING ON
7 DECLARATION OF A LEVEL 2 WATER SHORTAGE, ACTING AS THE
8 GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS, THE MARINA
9 DEL REY WATER SYSTEM, AND THE SATIVA WATER SYSTEM, AND
10 CONFIRMING IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL LEVEL 2 WATER SHORTAGE DEMAND
11 REDUCTION MEASURES, AND AMEND THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY
12 PLAN. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO
13 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM FIVE IS A HEARING ON AN
14 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION
15 FRANCHISE TO ESTRELLA SOLAR, L.L.C., TO CONDUCT AND TRANSMIT
16 ELECTRICITY FOR A PERIOD OF 35 YEARS, BEGINNING ON AUGUST
17 30TH, 2022, AND EXPIRING ON AUGUST 29TH, 2057, IN THE
18 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DEL SUR. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
19 PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM SIX IS A
20 HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL
21 TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE TO RACEWAY SOLAR 1, L.L.C., TO CONDUCT
22 AND TRANSMIT ELECTRICITY FOR A PERIOD OF 35 YEARS, BEGINNING
23 ON AUGUST 30TH, 2022, AND EXPIRING ON AUGUST 29TH, 2057, IN
24 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DEL SUR. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
25 WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM SEVEN

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1 IS A HEARING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PROPOSED
2 PUBLISHED CHARGES AND NON-MEDI-CAL BILLING RATES, FISCAL YEAR
3 2022-23, EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
4 WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 8 IS A
5 HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NO. 2019-001063-(1), TO AUTHORIZE
6 A CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT OF 52 DETACHED RESIDENTIAL UNITS,
7 LOCATED AT 15405 LA SUBIDA DRIVE, IN THE UNINCORPORATED
8 COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WITHIN THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS
9 ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY LENNAR HOMES. A WRITTEN
10 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
11 RECEIVED.

12
13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FERNANDO SOLIS, ON BEHALF OF
14 THE APPELLANT, WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES. MR.
15 SOLIS, PLEASE BEGIN.

16
17 **FERNANDO SOLIS:** HELLO, AND THANK YOU. I'LL GET RIGHT TO IT,
18 SINCE TIME IS PRECIOUS HERE. ON JULY 28TH-- I'M SORRY, ON JULY
19 26TH, AMY BODEK, L.A. COUNTY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING,
20 STATED THE FOLLOWING UNDER OATH: "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTENDS
21 THAT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH NAYLOR ACT. THEY DID MAIL
22 SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC NOTICES. OUR OWN DEPARTMENT DID RECEIVE ONE
23 OF THOSE PUBLIC NOTICES, AS DID OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THE
24 COUNTY, SO WE DO KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC NOTICES DID GO OUT." HAD
25 MS. BODEK ACTUALLY INSPECTED ALL OF THE NOTICES, AND READ

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1 NAYLOR ACT ED CODE 17489, SHE WOULD KNOW THAT HER NOTICE WOULD
2 ONLY BE VALID IF IT WAS SENT AND RECEIVED AFTER CHARTER SCHOOL
3 ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED. THE RECORD SHOWS ZERO CHARTER
4 SCHOOLS WERE NOTIFIED. SHE WOULD ALSO KNOW THAT ALL NOTICES
5 SHALL BE SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR CERTIFIED MAIL, AND SHALL
6 INCLUDE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY. NONE OF THE NOTICES
7 CAN BE VALIDATED AS DELIVERED BY CERTIFIED MAIL, BECAUSE IT
8 NEVER HAPPENED. ONE-THIRD OF THE NOTICES DO NOT HAVE A
9 DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO GOV
10 ED CODE 54222-B, THE L.A. COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS NOT A
11 QUALIFIED ENTITY TO RECEIVE ANY NOTICES. IT IS CLEAR AND
12 OBVIOUS THAT MS. BODEK USED HER POSITION AS L.A. COUNTY
13 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO PERSUADE AN APPROVAL IN THIS
14 AND OTHER PROJECTS THROUGH HER MISLEADING, DECEIVING, AND
15 PERJURED STATEMENTS. WE CALL FOR DISTRICT-ONE SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 TO MOTION TO SUSPEND AND CONTINUE TODAY'S HEARING, AND CALL
17 FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION BY THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
18 PUBLIC INTEGRITY DIVISION INTO AMY BODEK'S ATTEMPT TO
19 INFLUENCE THE L.A. COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, AND L.A. COUNTY
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO APPROVE THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS.
21 TODAY AT 7:12 A.M., THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO ALL
22 EIGHT OF OUR P.R.A. QUESTIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING: "THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS NO RESPONSE OF RECORD."

24
25 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE WILL HEAR
3 FROM THE APPLICANTS. DIANA CORONADO AND RYAN LEDERMAN WILL BE
4 GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES. MS. CORONADO, PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **DIANA CORONADO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND MEMBERS. I AM DIANA
7 CORONADO, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS IN THE WEST, FOR
8 LENNAR. WE URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS APPEAL AND SUPPORT THE LA
9 SUBIDA HOUSING. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE DILIGENT WORK DONE BY
10 COUNTY COUNSEL AND PLANNING. AS YOU LISTEN TO TODAY'S
11 COMMENTS, WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY CONCERNS.
12 ONE, YOU'VE ALREADY RECEIVED THE FOUR-YEAR, FORMALLY
13 DOCUMENTED PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORT DONE BY LENNAR. NEARLY 1900
14 RESIDENTS WERE CONTACTED, INCLUDING COMMUNICATION WITH 1254
15 PROPERTIES, AND 168 DOORS WERE KNOCKED ON. TWO, AS SEEN IN THE
16 STAFF REPORT, THESE ARE SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOMES AVERAGING
17 4,000 SQUARE FEET, IN CHARACTER WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY
18 ARE NOT CONDOS. THAT'S A PARTIAL TERM. LASTLY, THE UNUSED
19 SCHOOL HAS BEEN NONOPERATIONAL SINCE 2014, AND [INAUDIBLE]
20 SINCE 2017, BUT IT HAS BEEN THE SOURCE OF AT LEAST 45
21 INCIDENTS OF NUISANCE AND UNSAFE VANDALISM SINCE 2018. IN
22 CONTRAST, THIS WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A SAFE, USABLE SPACE,
23 WITH AMENITIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND \$20 MILLION IN
24 [INAUDIBLE] WILL GO DIRECTLY TO LOCAL COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO

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1 LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUTSIDE COUNSEL MAKING REMARKS AGAINST
2 TODAY'S APPEAL.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS RYAN LEDERMAN. C.E.Q.A.
5 GUIDELINES SAY, "A NEGATIVE DECLARATION SHALL BE ADOPTED IF
6 THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROJECT MAY HAVE A
7 SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, OR IF THE PROJECT'S
8 EFFECTS ARE MITIGATED TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL." THIS
9 RECORD IS REplete WITH SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE [INAUDIBLE]
10 CONFIRM THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS. THERE
11 ARE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS WITH OIL WELL NUMBER 1 ON SITE. IT
12 WAS PREVIOUSLY ABANDONED, AND WOULD BE RE-ABANDONED IN
13 COMPLIANCE WITH CALG.E.M. REQUIREMENTS, AS REQUIRED BY
14 MITIGATION MEASURE M.M. HAZ 3. TWO CORRECTIONS FOR THE RECORD.
15 IN THE IMAGING ON PAGES 7 AND 43, AND IN THE STAGE 1
16 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT, THE LOCATION OF THE ABANDONED
17 OIL WELL IDENTIFIED IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY
18 WAS MISIDENTIFIED AS OIL WELL NUMBER 2. BASED ON A REVIEW OF
19 CALG.E.M.'S RECORDS, THE WELL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WELL
20 NUMBER 1. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ONSITE WELL IS CORRECTLY
21 IDENTIFIED ON PAGE 11 OF THE STAGE 1 REPORT, AND THAT THE
22 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE M.N.D. AND THE PHASE-
23 ONE E.S.A. ARE NOT AFFECTED.

24

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

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANKS TO ALL THE PARTIES THAT CALLED
3 IN. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING
4 ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9 ONLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
5 CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND
6 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
7 ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC
10 COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC
11 HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9 AT THIS TIME. AS
12 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
13 OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9 SHALL
14 CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 443-3663.
15 TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
16 NUMBER 443-3663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO
17 LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-
18 8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
19 CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9, WHEN IT IS YOUR
20 TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE WILL ALLOCATE A
21 TOTAL OF FIVE MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY. EACH
22 PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, AND
23 TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL
24 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
25 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN

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1 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9, YOU MUST BE
2 ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE
3 CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF
4 YOU ARE SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE
5 WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT
6 IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC
7 AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR
8 WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE
9 ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR
10 SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
11 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT
12 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. AGAIN, PLEASE
13 NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
14 HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY AT THIS
15 TIME. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

16

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

21

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

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JUDY JONES FOX. PLEASE
5 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
6 MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8. MY NAME
9 IS JUDY JONES FOX. I WAS A PUBLIC SCHOOLTEACHER FOR MORE THAN
10 40 YEARS, AND ALSO A CAMP COUNSELOR FOR MY FIRST CAMP AT BIG
11 BEAR LAKE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, TOO. NUMEROUS SCIENTIFIC STUDIES
12 HAVE SHOWN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AIR POLLUTION AND ASTHMA.
13 CHILDREN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY THE NEGATIVE
14 HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION. I DISAGREE VEHEMENTLY WITH
15 MR. LEDERMAN THAT THERE WAS NOT GOING TO BE AN ADVERSE EFFECT
16 ON OUR COMMUNITY. THE PROPOSED 52 CONDOS AT LA SUBIDA SCHOOL
17 WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES IN THE AREA. UNTIL AN
18 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW IS CONDUCTED, HOMEOWNERS IN THE
19 SURROUNDING AREA HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING THE AIR QUALITY FOR
20 THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED.
21 PLEASE MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND CONDUCT A
22 FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW FOR THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADAM WOOD. PLEASE STATE THE
3 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ADAM WOOD:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADAM WOOD, WITH
6 THE BUILDING INDUSTRY LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION, HERE TO SPEAK
7 ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ITEM 8, THE HOUSING IN LA SUBIDA. I AM
8 REALLY HERE JUST TO HIGHLIGHT THE LETTER THAT WE SUBMITTED,
9 AND BRING UP THE POINTS THAT THIS IS A PROJECT THAT TRIGGERS
10 STATE HOUSING LAW PROTECTIONS. YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT
11 THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT ULTIMATELY, THIS
12 IS A MATTER THAT HAS BEEN RESOLVED BY SACRAMENTO. A DENIAL
13 HERE WOULD REALLY ONLY SERVE TO EXPOSE THE COUNTY TO
14 LITIGATION COSTS, AND ULTIMATELY THE HOUSING WILL GET BUILT.
15 SO, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE IS JUST A DELAY IN HOUSING
16 OPPORTUNITY, AND AN INCREASED COST TO TAXPAYERS. IT IS NOT THE
17 PATH FORWARD. WE THINK THAT THIS IS A PHENOMENAL PROJECT, WITH
18 A TON OF OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IMPORTANT HOUSING STOCK TO A
19 COMMUNITY WHERE IT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED, AND HOPE THAT YOU
20 WILL NOT APPROVE THIS APPEAL. THANK YOU.

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TIM FOX. PLEASE STATE THE
25 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM TIM FOX, TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
3 8. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A REBUTTAL TO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER.
4 THOSE CONDOMINIUMS ARE LARGELY UNAFFORDABLE FOR ANYBODY IN THE
5 LOCAL COMMUNITY. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP
6 SOLVE THE HOUSING CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO
7 THE NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE
8 DECENT PEOPLE LIVING, ACTUALLY, IN THESE COMMUNITIES. THIS IS
9 A GREEN SPACE. IT IS NOT AN INFILL PROPERTY, AS HAS BEEN
10 DESIGNATED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD. IT IS BEING USED BY MEMBERS OF
11 THE COMMUNITY TO THIS DAY. PEOPLE GET EXERCISE FOR THEMSELVES.
12 PEOPLE GET EXERCISE FOR THEIR DOGS THERE. IT WAS USED AS A
13 PLACE FOR YOUTH SPORTS. THERE IS NO VALID REASON WHY IT SHOULD
14 STOP, OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL BOARD WISHES FOR THIS PROPERTY TO
15 BE SOLD.

16

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIEL BROWN. PLEASE STATE
21 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN. THANK YOU. DANIEL BROWN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS WILSON. PLEASE STATE
2 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **CHRIS WILSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
6 WILSON, REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS
7 FEDERATION. I WISH TO COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 8.
8 THE LA SUBIDA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WILL CREATE EDUCATIONAL
9 OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE STUDENTS, AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
10 FOR FUTURE FAMILIES. ACCORDING TO A STUDY, THE HACIENDA LA
11 PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD SEE AS MUCH AS \$500,000
12 IN REVENUE PER STUDENT TO THE DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THIS
13 PROJECT. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
14 SUPPORT THE LA SUBIDA RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND
15 REJECT THIS APPEAL THAT SEEKS TO HALT THIS PROJECT, AS IT WILL
16 CREATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT OTHER PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
17 IN THE DISTRICT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

18

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NAYIRI BAGHDASSARIAN,
22 PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
23 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **NAYIRI BAGHDASSARIAN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NAYIRI
2 BAGHDASSARIAN, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 8. GOOD
3 MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NAYIRI BAGHDASSARIAN, AND I'M HERE ON
5 BEHALF OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP, TO URGE
6 YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LENNAR LA SUBIDA PROJECT, AND TO DENY THE
7 APPEAL. HOUSING IS A CRITICAL NEED, AND HAS BECOME
8 UNAFFORDABLE IN MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. IN 2012, THE MEDIAN
9 HOME PRICE IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WAS \$425,000. IN 2021, IT WAS
10 \$915,000, DUE IN PART TO A LACK OF NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION
11 NECESSARY TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND. THE LENNAR LA SUBIDA PROJECT
12 WILL ADD 52 NEW HOMES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY, TO HELP ADDRESS OUR
13 CRITICAL HOUSING NEEDS, ON A SITE THAT HAS BEEN VACANT AND
14 UNUSED SINCE 2014; INCREASE THE COUNTY TAX BASE AND BRING
15 SAFETY AND STABILITY TO THIS LOCATION; AND PROVIDE MILLIONS IN
16 FUNDING TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.
17 ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP, I URGE YOU TO ALLOW THE PROJECT
18 TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MANOJ ROYCHOWDHURY. PLEASE
23 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
24 MAY BEGIN.

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1 **MANOJ ROYCHOWDHURY:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, RESPECTED BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MANOJ ROYCHOWDHURY, AND I'M THE
3 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS FOR HACIENDA LA PUENTE
4 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE SERVE OVER 16,500 STUDENTS IN
5 T.K.-12 GRADE, AND ALSO 14,000 ADULT EDUCATION [INAUDIBLE].
6 I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8, ON THE LENNAR HOMES
7 PROJECT AT LA SUBIDA. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH LENNAR HOMES,
8 IN ORDER TO WORK FOR THE BIGGEST PROJECT APPROVALS, AND DO
9 HOPE TO SEE THE PROJECT THROUGH, AS IT BENEFITS OUR DISTRICTS
10 GREATLY. WE SEE THE VALUE OF THE PROJECT, AS IT WILL BRING A
11 ONE-TIME REVENUE IN EXCESS OF \$21 MILLION, WHICH WILL BE
12 UTILIZED BY OUR DISTRICT FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, AS DIRECTED
13 BY OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION. WE ALSO KNOW THE PROJECT WILL
14 ATTRACT NEW FAMILIES TO OUR DISTRICTS, WHICH WILL ADD STUDENTS
15 TO OUR DISTRICT. WITH THE DISTRICTS IN DECLINING ENROLLMENT,
16 WE SEE THIS PROJECT THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE DISTRICTS AND
17 THE COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, WE ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING TO
18 SEE THIS PROJECT COME TO FRUITION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19

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

21

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

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND OUR TIME FOR
2 PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS ENDED. WE WANT TO
3 THANK ALL THOSE WHO CALLED IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
4 YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED
5 ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT THOSE WRITTEN
6 COMMENTS THAT COME IN, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE MEETING'S
7 RECORD. SO, TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,
8 ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, FOLLOWED BY SET MATTERS 1 AND 2.
9 WE'LL THEN GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND WHEN WE RETURN, WE'LL
10 TAKE UP ITEMS 14, 19, AND 29, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER;
11 20; AND THEN WE WILL FINISH WITH ITEM 23. WE'LL NOW TAKE UP
12 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, THE HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND LEVYING
13 OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF
14 DIAMOND BAR. COLLEAGUES, MR. PESTRELLA, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
15 WORKS, IS AVAILABLE IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY
16 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS OR ASK QUESTIONS?
17 SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
18 HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS, AND TABLE THE
19 ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND
20 ACTION BY THE BOARD. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEM 4, HEARING
21 ON THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS' AND MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM'S
22 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN. MR. PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE.
23 MR. PESTRELLA, I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, IF YOU COULD--
24 GOOD MORNING. I SEE YOU.

25

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** GOOD MORNING.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS
4 AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED UTILITY DEBT FORGIVENESS FUNDING FROM THE
5 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT IN ORDER FOR CUSTOMERS TO
6 RECEIVE UTILITY DEBT FUNDS, THEY REALLY HAVE TO APPLY FOR THEM
7 DIRECTLY.

8

9 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MY QUESTION IS, HAVE WE DONE AN
12 ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT BARRIERS FACED BY APPLICANTS WHO MAY
13 NEED TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE, AND HOW WE MIGHT HELP THEM APPLY
14 FOR THESE FUNDS? I'M ASKING THIS QUESTION BECAUSE I AM
15 CONCERNED. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, CURRENTLY, 3600 OF YOUR
16 DEPARTMENT'S 70,000 ACCOUNTS QUALIFY FOR SHUTOFF DUE TO
17 NONPAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE PERIOD AFTER THE UTILITY
18 FORGIVENESS PROGRAM ENDED. SO, I REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE
19 WE'RE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE THE
20 INFORMATION AND WHAT THEY NEED TO APPLY.

21

22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IN FACT, WE'VE
23 ANALYZED THE BILLS THAT WE RECEIVE, AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN
24 DELINQUENT, OR THOSE THAT WE-- WHILE WE DON'T HAVE INCOME DATA
25 ON THE RESIDENTS, WE KNOW ABOUT THE INCOME OF THE GENERAL AREA

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1 OF THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS, AND SO IT'S FAIRLY EASY TO
2 IDENTIFY THOSE THAT MAY BE IN NEED, AND HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY
3 REACHING OUT TO THEM TO PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE. NOW, WHAT'S
4 INTERESTING IS, WE HAVEN'T SEEN AS MUCH PARTICIPATION AS WE
5 WOULD HAVE EXPECTED TO SEE, PARTLY BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME DEBT
6 FORGIVENESS OR BILL FORGIVENESS THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE STATE
7 OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH WE AGGRESSIVELY SOUGHT, AND ACTUALLY
8 PROVIDED SOME RELIEF TO DELINQUENT CUSTOMERS. WHAT I'M
9 EXPECTING TO HAPPEN IS THAT, AS THIS ACTION TODAY, IF IT'S
10 ADOPTED, PEOPLE BECOME AWARE THAT THERE'S NOW THE ABILITY TO
11 SHUT WATER OFF, WHICH WE DON'T INTEND TO DO AND NEVER WANT TO
12 DO-- WE HAVE TO-- THAT THEY WOULD THEN BECOME MORE INTERESTED.
13 BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT, WE AGAIN WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO WHAT
14 WE'RE ALREADY DOING, AND THAT'S AGGRESSIVELY ADVERTISING TO
15 OUR CUSTOMERS THE AVAILABILITY OF THE RESOURCE FROM THE
16 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. YOU MENTIONED IT. THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
17 IS THE L.I.H.W.A.P., WHICH STANDS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD
18 WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND AGAIN, CUSTOMERS CAN RECEIVE UP
19 TO \$2,000 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE, IF THEY
20 PASSED DUE AMOUNT, AND THEIR TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME IS
21 BELOW 60% OF THE STATE MEDIAN INCOME. AND AGAIN, LIKE YOU, I
22 DON'T WANT US TO WAIT TO THE POINT THAT WE'RE GETTING SOMEONE
23 WHERE THEY'RE HAVING TO SHUT OFF THEIR WATER, AND SO WHAT
24 WE'VE DONE IS INVESTED IN MAKING PEOPLE AWARE. I'M GETTING THE

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1 WEBSITE DELIVERED TO ME RIGHT NOW, SO I WILL WANT TO ADVERTISE
2 THAT AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, BEFORE I'M DONE TESTIFYING TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU'VE SAID THAT
5 YOU'VE DONE AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH. GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT
6 THAT LOOKS LIKE, BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING AT--

7

8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S INSERTS IN BILLS. IT'S INSERTED IN
9 BILLS, AS THEY GO OUT TO THE RESIDENTS, AND THEN IT'S
10 ADVERTISING THROUGH OUR WEBSITE. AND THEN, AS WE REACH OUT ON
11 INCENTIVES, WE'RE ALSO INCLUDING THAT. SO, IT'S INSERTS WITHIN
12 THE PHYSICAL BILLS TO THE RESIDENTS THEMSELVES; THE CUSTOMERS.
13 THAT'S OUR CURRENT-- THAT'S OUR MOST AGGRESSIVE APPROACH. THEN
14 WE HAVE OUR ONGOING OUTREACH THAT'S GOING ON ACROSS THE COUNTY
15 ON THIS MATTER. BUT TARGETED OUTREACH IS SOMETHING YOU'RE
16 SUGGESTING, AND I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. WE OUGHT TO GO AND DO
17 SOME TARGETED OUTREACH, EVEN MORE AGGRESSIVELY. AND SO I'LL
18 TAKE THIS JUST AS A DIRECTIVE, THAT WE WILL DO SOME VERY
19 AGGRESSIVE DIRECT TARGETING OF RESIDENTS. MAYBE EVEN DO SOME
20 DOOR HANGERS IN THE SMALLER DISTRICTS IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA,
21 AT THIS POINT.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WOULD AGREE. CAN YOU SHARE WITH US THE
24 REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT PLAN TO AVOID A CUTOFF?

25

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH, AND THAT'S THE WAY THE STEP-DOWN GOES
2 IS, IS WE NOTICE SOMEONE'S DELINQUENT. WE START TO MAKE
3 NOTICES TO THE CUSTOMER. WE MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT THROUGH
4 THEM, THROUGH OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE HELP CENTER. WE INQUIRE
5 ABOUT, OF COURSE, ABOUT THE BILLS THAT ARE DUE, AND THEN WE'RE
6 OFFERING THEM THIS STEP-DOWN. AND WHAT HAPPENS IS, THE
7 CUSTOMER COMES IN, HAS A CONVERSATION WITH OUR CUSTOMER
8 SERVICE FOLKS, AND THE PAYMENT PROCESS IS-- AN ARRANGEMENT IS
9 MADE BETWEEN THE CUSTOMER AND OURSELVES ON A PAYMENT PROCESS
10 OVER 2-3 YEARS BACK PAYMENT OF THOSE OVERDUE FEES.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A
13 REPORT-BACK, BUT LET ME GO TO SUPERVISOR BARGER. I KNOW SHE
14 HAS A QUESTION, ALSO. SUPERVISOR?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, MARK. YOU KNOW, I'M
17 TOLD THAT, ACTUALLY, OUR WATERWORKS DISTRICTS ARE ALMOST
18 MEETING THE REQUIRED REQUEST FOR CUTTING BACK ON WATER. IS
19 THAT CORRECT? MARK?

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THAT'S CORRECT. IN FACT,
22 COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS-- AND THIS IS ALL OF THE
23 DISTRICTS, IN FACT, NOT ONLY WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT
24 IN THE MARINA, AS WELL AS OUT IN THE MALIBU AREA, DISTRICT 21,
25 IN KAGEL CANYON, VAL VERDE-- ALL HAVE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB

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1 AT CONSERVATION, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM FOR THAT.
2 THEY'RE ALL ACHIEVING THE STANDARD THAT WE ASKED FOR. THAT
3 STANDARD'S ANYWHERE BETWEEN 15% AND 20%, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, IN RESPONSE TO THAT, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS
6 THAT I CONTINUE TO GET ASKED, AND I THINK ALL OF US ON THE
7 BOARD, THIS IS GOING TO FACE US AS WE TALK ABOUT THE MARINA
8 NUMBERS IS, WE'RE CONTINUING TO BUILD MORE HOMES AND CREATE
9 NEW DEVELOPMENT. HOW CAN WE RECONCILE THE FACT THAT WE ARE IN
10 A SERIOUS DROUGHT, WITH THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE
11 REQUIRED TO BRING MORE HOUSING ONLINE OVER THE NEXT COURSE OF
12 10 YEARS?

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK YOU'RE AWARE, BUT I WANT
15 TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS THAT ALL THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS
16 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN URBAN WATER
17 MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND THIS URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS
18 REQUIRED TO LOOK AT-- CONTINUING TO LOOK AT THE DEMAND ON
19 WATER SUPPLY AGAINST THE DEMAND FOR HOUSING. AND THE HORIZON
20 ON THESE PLANS IS A 20-YEAR PLANNING DOCUMENT. AND AGAIN,
21 THEY'RE DEVELOPED EVERY 5 YEARS, UPDATED EVERY 5 YEARS, AND
22 LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT CURRENT WATER DEMAND IN THE AREA. AGAIN,
23 DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE-- SO, WE'RE LOOKING AT CLIMATE CHANGE
24 MODELS ON PROJECTIONS ON NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOCAL AREA.
25 NOW, I HAVE STAFF, YOU HAVE STAFF, AT OUR WATERWORKS

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1 DISTRICTS. IT'S SPECIFICALLY THEIR JOB TO KEEP ANALYZING THIS
2 AND UPDATING THAT URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. OUR CURRENT
3 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OUR DISTRICTS SHOW THAT WE
4 HAVE ENOUGH WATER FOR THE PROJECTED DEMAND, OR SUPPLY-- OR,
5 EXCUSE ME, DEMAND FOR HOUSING AND BUSINESSES. WE GET THAT
6 INFORMATION FROM OUR GENERAL PLAN AND FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF
7 REGIONAL PLANNING, AND ALSO LOCAL PLANNING DEPARTMENTS IN THE
8 CITIES THAT WE SERVE.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, MARK, WHEN YOU'VE GOT THINGS LIKE THE PURPLE
11 LINE, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT'S VERY EXPENSIVE TO PUT IN, AND
12 WE'VE GOT IT IN ALL OF OUR PARKS. I MEAN, WE'VE GOT OUR PARKS,
13 WE'VE GOT GOLF COURSES, AND ALL. ARE WE LOOKING AT LEVERAGING
14 THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE TO INVEST IN RESOURCES TO
15 INCREASE THE DISTRICTS' RESILIENCY, AND ALSO TO BUILD
16 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT DOES MOVE US TOWARD USING RECYCLED WATER
17 IN AREAS THAT, RIGHT NOW, HAVE BEEN COST-PROHIBITIVE FOR US TO
18 RETROFIT?

19

20 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, SUPERVISOR. SO, THE B.I.L., IF YOU WILL,
21 THANK GOODNESS IT'S PASSED. WE CELEBRATE THAT IT PASSED LAST
22 YEAR. IT'S A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND ALL OF YOU HAD MAJOR
23 INFLUENCE ON IT. AND ONE OF THE AREAS WE WERE VERY INTERESTED
24 IN IS MAKING SURE THAT WATER WAS COVERED IN THE BILL, AND IN
25 FACT IT HAS EMERGED AS A MAJOR FOCUS FOR THE FEDERAL FUNDS, OR

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1 THE B.I.L. NOW, PUBLIC WORKS IS ACTIVELY PURSUING GRANT
2 OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING NEW FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAW,
3 AND THOSE OPPORTUNITIES ARE CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED AS THEY'RE
4 COMING OUT. THIS IS GOING TO BE SPREAD OVER 5 YEARS. AS YOU
5 KNOW, YOU ALL DIRECTED ME TO PUT TOGETHER INFRASTRUCTURE L.A.,
6 AND TO ASSIST THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNINCORPORATED AREAS
7 IN SEEKING OUR FAIR SHARE AND MORE OF THOSE MONIES, AND ONE
8 SPECIFIC AREA, AGAIN, THAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON IS WATER AND WATER
9 RESOURCES; NOT ONLY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, WHERE WE'RE LOOKING
10 AT IMPROVING OUR DAM SYSTEM TO CAPTURE MORE WATER, OR WE'RE
11 INVESTING IN RECLAIMED WATER, BUT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, WHICH
12 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, SUPERVISOR, RIGHT DOWN TO THE
13 RESIDENTIAL AND THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS. SO, WHAT'S HAPPENING
14 RIGHT NOW IS, WE'RE LOOKING TO POTENTIALLY GET STATE MONEY
15 THROUGH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS GOING TO GET A BIG
16 BUMP IN MONEY FROM THE B.I.L. SO THEY'RE-- YOU KNOW, THIS IS
17 GRANTED DIRECTLY TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM THE FEDERAL
18 GOVERNMENT, AND THEN OUR WATERWORKS DISTRICTS WILL TAKE
19 ADVANTAGE OF THAT STATE REVOLVING FUND AS IT GETS FUNDED UP.
20 AND THESE ARE ESSENTIALLY ZERO-PERCENT LOANS, BECAUSE THE
21 STATE GOVERNMENT IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LOAN, OR ACCEPTOR
22 OF THOSE MONIES. AND SO THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY THAT THE
23 WATERWORKS DISTRICTS IS ALREADY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF, AND WILL
24 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MORE. AND THEN WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR
25 GRANTS, AND WE THINK THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THIS

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1 FOR IMPROVED RESILIENCY OF OUR SYSTEM-- DROUGHT RESILIENCY AND
2 EQUITY, SPECIFICALLY, THOSE SYSTEMS-- THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM
3 LACK OF MAINTENANCE OVER THE YEARS. YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF THE
4 LEAD PIPE SYNDROME. THERE IS SPECIFIC MONEY FOR LEAD PIPE
5 REMEDIATION, AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENT OF DISTRICTS THAT ARE
6 FAILING WITH RESPECT TO THEIR OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, WE ARE
7 AGGRESSIVELY LINING L.A. COUNTY WATERWORKS UP FOR OUR FAIR
8 SHARE, IF YOU WILL AGAIN, AND MORE OF THAT MONEY, AS WE
9 MONITOR WHAT'S COMING OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
10 B.I.L.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, ARE YOU COORDINATING WITH PARKS AND REC, AND
13 DISCUSSING WITH THEM OPPORTUNITIES? AND I KNOW THAT, AND I
14 WANT TO THANK YOU PUBLICLY FOR WORKING WITH THE DESCANSO
15 GARDENS, WHO'S PUTTING TOGETHER A PRETTY AMAZING WATER PROGRAM
16 TO BENEFIT THE DESCANSO, AND ALSO TO ADDRESS THE DROUGHT
17 ISSUE. BUT ARE WE WORKING TO COLLABORATE WITH PARKS AND REC,
18 WHICH HAS GOT BENELLI IN MY DISTRICT, WHITTIER NARROWS, AND
19 SEE IF WE CAN RETROFIT, SO THAT WE ARE USING RECLAIMED WATER?

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IN FACT, DIRECTOR GARCIA AND I HAVE BEEN
22 CLOSELY MONITORING THIS CONSERVATION EFFORT, BECAUSE IT DOES
23 IMPACT, OBVIOUSLY, PARKS AND REC IN AN INTERESTING WAY. THIS
24 FUNCTIONAL LANDSCAPE THAT ACTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITIES AND
25 OUR PARKS, IT NEEDS WATER. AND SO THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THEM IS

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1 IMPORTANT. OF COURSE, WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK TO IMPROVE IT
2 THROUGH THE USE OF RECYCLED WATER OVER THE YEARS, AND WE'RE
3 MONITORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED CONSERVATION AT THE
4 PARKS, AND IMPROVED USE OF THE WATER; SO, BETTER USE, AND NOT
5 NECESSARILY ZEROING THE WATER OUT. NOW, IN TERMS OF
6 COORDINATING OVER THE B.I.L. WITH ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
7 PUBLIC WORKS HAS GATHERED THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS UP UNDER OUR
8 EFFORTS TO SEEK B.I.L. FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, AND
9 REGIONALLY, AGAIN, UNDER THE MONIKER OF INFRASTRUCTURE L.A.,
10 AND DIRECTOR GARCIA, OF PARKS AND REC, IS VERY, VERY MUCH
11 INVOLVED IN THAT EFFORT.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. AND I GUESS WHAT I-- I'LL JUST SAY THIS.
14 YOU KNOW, I NO LONGER TELL PEOPLE WE'RE IN A DROUGHT. THIS HAS
15 TO BE OUR WAY OF LIFE. THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN
16 DOING ALL ALONG. AND IT'S ALWAYS BEEN FRUSTRATING TO ME THAT,
17 RIGHT WHEN WE GET A GOOD RAIN, PEOPLE THINK THAT WE CAN KIND
18 OF LET OFF AND GO BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL. AND I WOULD
19 ARGUE, THIS HAS GOT TO BE OUR WAY OF LIFE: CONSERVATION ACROSS
20 THE BOARD. AND SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO US PUTTING TOGETHER
21 SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE LONG TERM AND SUSTAINABLE, AND
22 NOT JUST ADDRESSING THE DROUGHT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS
23 HERE TO STAY, FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. BUT I DO WANT TO
24 COMMEND OUR COMMUNITIES FOR TAKING THE STEPS TO CONSERVE
25 WATER, AND ALREADY PUTTING US NEAR THE TARGET REDUCTION GOAL.

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1 I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE WORK BEING DONE TO EDUCATE.
2 AND AGAIN, EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO REALLY LETTING PEOPLE KNOW
3 WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP WITH THIS EFFORT. BUT I AM CONCERNED
4 THAT WE, AT ONE POINT, WERE LOOKING TO COME DO A... WHAT WAS
5 THE WORD? WHEN YOU WERE RECOMMENDING SURCHARGES. AND I KNOW
6 YOU'RE NOT RECOMMENDING THAT NOW. WHAT WOULD BE THE TRIGGER
7 FOR YOU TO RECOMMEND SURCHARGES? AND THEN I'LL YIELD BACK THE
8 FLOOR.

9

10 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. YES, THAT
11 WOULD BE WHERE WE ARE IN NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LEVEL 2
12 CONSERVATION, SUPERVISOR. AND THAT MEANS, IF OUR RESIDENTS
13 CAN'T ACHIEVE THESE GOALS SET BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA--
14 THIS 15% TO 20% DECREASE IN USE-- THEN THE NEXT TIER, WE WOULD
15 BE COMING BACK, AND WE WOULD NOT BE IMPOSING THOSE SURCHARGES
16 WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD AND ASKING FOR BOARD
17 PERMISSION TO ACTUALLY DO THAT. SO, A LEVEL 2 PLAN BASICALLY
18 SAYS, GO BACK TO YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT AND SET A GOAL FOR
19 CONSERVATION, AND MEET IT, AND USE ALL THE TOOLS IN IT, AND
20 ONE OF THE TOOLS THAT SOME OF THE DISTRICTS HAVE IMPOSED ARE
21 SURCHARGES ON PEOPLE FOR OVERUSE, OR TIERED LEVELS OF RATES ON
22 RESIDENTS FOR USE.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. WELL, THANK YOU, MARK, AND I LOOK FORWARD
25 TO THE LIST. AND I KNOW, AS A BOARD, COLLECTIVELY, WE WANT TO

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1 WORK TOGETHER TO REALLY BRING THAT MONEY INTO L.A. COUNTY,
2 ESPECIALLY THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN NEED.
3 AND SO, I'M GOING TO BE-- I KNOW WE'RE WORKING WITH YOU RIGHT
4 NOW, MARK, ON THAT LIST, BUT I WANT TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THAT
5 AT THE FOREFRONT FOR DISCUSSION, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY
6 MISSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH THE INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL AS
7 WHAT THE STATE IS PUTTING FORWARD, FINANCIALLY. SO, THANK YOU.
8 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST A QUESTION FOR
13 DIRECTOR PESTRELLA. YOU TALKED ABOUT REBATES THAT THE FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED, AND WHEN DOES THAT END? IS THERE A
15 DEADLINE FOR THAT TO CONCLUDE?

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THERE IS NO KNOWN DEADLINE AT THIS
18 POINT.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. SO, ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS-- AND IT'S NOT SO
21 MUCH RELATED TO THIS PARTICULAR ITEM THAT IMPACTS DISTRICT 2
22 AND 5, BUT JUST OVERALL, WHAT IS OUR POLICY TO REACH OUT TO
23 OUR OTHER UNINCORPORATED, AS WELL AS INCORPORATED CITIES, TO
24 LET THEM BECOME AWARE? I KNOW THAT THE WATER AGENCIES PROBABLY
25 DO SOME OF THAT, BUT I THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALSO

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1 JOIN IN THAT MESSAGE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE I REPRESENT LARGE
2 SEGMENTS OF DISADVANTAGED, UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES THAT
3 REALLY ARE IMPACTED BY THEIR WATER BILLS RIGHT NOW, AND HAVE
4 BEEN.

5

6 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THANKS FOR THE QUESTION. IN FACT,
7 I THINK YOU'RE AWARE, BUT I WANT ALL THE CITIZENS OUT THERE TO
8 BE AWARE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN LEADING AN
9 INITIATIVE TO COORDINATE AMONGST ALL THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS'
10 COMMUNITIES-- MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS THE
11 SPECIAL DISTRICTS-- ON L.A. COUNTY WATER. AND WE ARE FORMING
12 UP, AND GOING TO BE BRINGING TO YOU SHORTLY, OUR COUNTY WATER
13 PLAN. AND WHAT THIS WATER PLAN DOES AND SEEKS TO DO IS
14 DESCRIBE WATER WITHOUT NAMES OF WHO OWNS THE WATER, BUT
15 ACTUALLY LETTING RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND WHERE THEIR WATER COMES
16 FROM, HOW THEY CAN CONSERVE WATER, AND HOW THEY CAN TAKE
17 ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU REFERENCED. RIGHT NOW, ANY
18 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT CAN GO TO WATERFORLA.COM, AND THEY CAN
19 SEEK AND FIND ALL THE INFORMATION YOU ASKED ABOUT-- THE
20 PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, HOW THEY CAN APPLY FOR FEDERAL
21 GRANTS OR FEDERAL RELIEF, HOW THEY CAN APPLY FOR STATE RELIEF,
22 WHO THEIR WATER DISTRICT IS. THIS IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.
23 ALSO, IF RESIDENTS GO TO OUR APP, "THE WORKS." L.A. COUNTY
24 CREATED AN APP FOR DIGITAL PHONE USERS, YOUR SMARTPHONE, THAT
25 SAYS "THE WORKS." AND IF YOU PUT IN WHERE YOU LIVE, YOU CAN

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1 FIND OUT WHICH WATER DISTRICT YOU ACTUALLY ARE SERVED WATER
2 FROM, AND THOSE WATER DISTRICTS HAVE THIS SAME INFORMATION, AS
3 WELL. OUR CAMPAIGN, "WATER FOR L.A.," IS A JOINT PARTNERSHIP
4 AMONGST ALL THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY,
5 INCLUDING CITY OF L.A., AND I THINK IT'S A REALLY, REALLY GOOD
6 SOURCE FOR THE INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE SEEKING TO GET OUT. AND
7 WE ARE PUSHING THIS INFORMATION OUT THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, AND
8 AGAIN, AS I SPOKE TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AGGRESSIVE, DIRECT
9 OUTREACH TO OUR WATERWORKS DISTRICTS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. SO, I THINK THAT'S GREAT. I JUST ENCOURAGE
12 YOU TO DO MORE, AND PERHAPS OUR COUNTY CHANNEL SHOULD DO A
13 WHOLE PROGRAM ON THIS.

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** ANY P.S.A. WE CAN GET, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
16 YEAH.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S ESSENTIAL RIGHT NOW, SO THANK YOU. AND I'M
19 ASSUMING THAT THAT'S ALSO PROVIDED IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AS
20 NECESSARY, RIGHT?

21

22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, IT IS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
25 CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND I
3 THINK MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL PUSH IT OUT, THE INFORMATION OUT, ON
4 OUR OWN SOCIAL MEDIA, AS WELL. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, IN
5 ADDITION TO THE COUNTY CHANNEL. SO, MR. PESTRELLA, I'D LIKE TO
6 ASK THAT YOU REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN 30 DAYS,
7 WITH THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS THAT WERE ABLE TO ENROLL IN THE
8 PAYMENT PLAN, AND HOW MANY STAND TO GET THEIR WATER SHUT OFF,
9 DUE TO NONPAYMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SENSE OF THAT NUMBER
10 BEFORE IT HAPPENS, SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT ELSE WE MUST DO
11 TO ENCOURAGE THOSE CUSTOMERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
12 OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID WATER SHUTOFF.

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
17 QUESTIONS ON ITEM 4? IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
18 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US.
19 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
20 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4, WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S REQUEST
23 FOR A 30-DAY REPORT-BACK TO THE BOARD, IS BEFORE YOU.
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12 MITCHELL?

13

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

15

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

17 4-0.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 5, HEARING TO GRANT

20 AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE TO ESTRELLA SOLAR, L.L.C.

21 AGAIN, MR. PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.

22 ARE THERE ANY FROM MY COLLEAGUES? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE

23 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.

24 ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY

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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
2 CALL THE ROLL.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

18

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

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
22 4-0.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 6, THE HEARING TO
25 GRANT AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE TO RACEWAY SOLAR 1,

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1 L.L.C. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, LET'S CLOSE THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 6, MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE
4 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

17

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

19 MITCHELL?

20

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

22

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

24 4-0.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 7, HEARING ON THE PUBLISHED CHARGES
2 AND NON-MEDI-CAL BILLING RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23. DR.
3 WONG, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IS
4 AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY? SEEING
5 NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND
6 VOTE. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
7 SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 8, HEARING ON THE
5 APPEAL OF PROJECT NO. 2019-001063-(1), FOR A RESIDENTIAL
6 CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF
7 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AMY BODEK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IS
8 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
11 FOR ACKNOWLEDGING ME. WE HEARD TODAY FROM SOME COMMUNITY
12 STAKEHOLDERS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE CONCERNS
13 RELATED TO THE PROJECT, AND OTHERS. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN
14 ITEM VERY SIMILAR TO ONE THAT WE HEARD AT OUR LAST PUBLIC
15 HEARING, THAT ALSO IMPACTS THIS PARTICULAR AREA. AND I WILL
16 SAY TO YOU THAT, WHILE WE MAY NOT HAVE HEARD AS MANY PEOPLE
17 CALLING IN THIS TIME, I JUST WANT TO LET THE AUDIENCE AND MY
18 COLLEAGUES KNOW THAT MY OFFICE DID RECEIVE WELL OVER 2,000
19 SIGNATURES FROM VARIOUS RESIDENTS THAT ARE IN OPPOSITION TO
20 THIS PROJECT, VERSUS 20 LETTERS THAT CAME IN TO MY OFFICE IN
21 SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. SO, I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR
22 REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR, AMY BODEK, IF SHE DOESN'T MIND
23 ANSWERING A FEW QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE.

24

25 **AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. ONE, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, DIRECTOR
3 BODEK, WHY IS THERE NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS A PART OF THIS
4 PARTICULAR PROJECT?

5

6 **AMY BODEK:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HOPE MY VIDEO
7 IS ON, AND YOU CAN SEE ME. THERE I AM. OKAY. SO, EXCELLENT
8 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE SHORT ANSWER IS, OUR
9 INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE WENT INTO EFFECT IN 2020, AND
10 THIS APPLICATION WAS DEEMED COMPLETE IN 2019. SO, UNDER STATE
11 LAW, WE ARE UNABLE TO GO BACKWARDS AND ASK THEM TO COMPLY WITH
12 OUR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REQUIREMENT.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THAT'S RATHER UNFORTUNATE FOR US, AND FOR THE
15 RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA, OBVIOUSLY, IN MY OPINION. I
16 WANTED TO ASK YOU, TOO, WHAT THE THE MEDIUM PURCHASE PRICE FOR
17 THE HOMES ARE.

18

19 **AMY BODEK:** SO, WHILE THE DEVELOPER OR APPLICANT HAS NOT YET
20 GIVEN US A FINAL PURCHASE PRICE ON THE HOMES, THEY WILL END UP
21 PRICING IT CONSISTENT WITH THE MARKET PRICES IN THE
22 NEIGHBORHOOD. AS YOU KNOW, WE DID ADOPT OUR HOUSING ELEMENT
23 LAST YEAR, AND IT WAS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE. WE, AS A COUNTY,
24 ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE HOUSING SITES WITHIN THE
25 UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR OVER 90,000 UNITS. THE EXACT NUMBER

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1 IS ACTUALLY 90,052 UNITS. WITHIN THE HOUSING ELEMENT, AND
2 WITHIN THOSE 90,000 UNITS, THERE ARE DIFFERENT LEVELS, OR
3 TRANCHES, OF AFFORDABILITY THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH.
4 IN THE ABOVE-MARKET-RATE CATEGORY, WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
5 OVER 36,000 AVAILABLE HOUSING SITES, OR SITES THAT WILL
6 ACCOMMODATE OVER 36,000 UNITS. THIS RESIDENTIAL PROJECT IS
7 EXPECTED TO BE AN ABOVE-MARKET-RATE PROJECT, UNDER THE
8 DEFINITION IN THE HOUSING ELEMENT, AND IT WOULD GO TOWARDS
9 MEETING THAT 36,000-UNIT DEFICIT THAT WE HAVE WITHIN THE
10 COUNTY.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT COULD YOU GIVE US A RANGE? BECAUSE WE DID HEAR
13 FROM SOME CALLER, NOTING THAT THE PRICE RANGE-- JUST THE
14 HISTORY, THAT A COUPLE YEARS BACK, WE WERE AVERAGING ABOUT
15 \$450,000, AND NOW WE'RE ABOVE \$750,000. AND IN THIS AREA, THIS
16 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, IT'S A BIT HIGHER INCOME, IN SOME WAYS.

17

18 **AMY BODEK:** RIGHT. SO, LET'S SAY THE AVERAGE PRICE IS \$800,000
19 IN THIS AREA, IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. GIVEN THAT THIS IS A NEW
20 PRODUCT, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PRICED SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN
21 THAT, BUT I WOULDN'T EXPECT THIS TO BE \$2 MILLION HOMES,
22 UNLESS THE PRICING IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS GETS TO BE THAT HIGH,
23 AS WELL. SO, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY CONSISTENT WITH THE HOUSING
24 PRICES WITHIN THAT AREA, BUT MAYBE WITH A SLIGHT INCENTIVE
25 PRICE FOR IT BEING A NEWER PROJECT. BUT GIVEN THE ECONOMY, THE

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1 INTEREST RATES RIGHT NOW, AND HOW HOUSING PRICING IS GOING,
2 REALLY, I THINK IT'S GOING TO COME DOWN TO THE DEMAND FOR NEW
3 UNITS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO STILL REMAIN HIGH.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. SO, I'M JUST THINKING IN TERMS OF PROPERTY
6 VALUES CAN BE UPWARDS OF \$800,000 TO MORE THAN \$1 MILLION, IN
7 THAT GENERAL AREA.

8

9 **AMY BODEK:** IN THAT GENERAL AREA. THEN, THAT WOULD BE WHAT
10 THESE WOULD BE PRICED TO PEG AGAINST THOSE HOUSING PRICES.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. YEAH, THAT'S WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING IS, THAT
13 WE'RE LOOKING AT \$1 MILLION. I WANTED TO ASK ALSO, AMY, WAS
14 PHASE 1 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT DONE? WAS THERE
15 AN ACTUAL SITE ASSESSMENT DONE ON THE SITE?

16

17 **AMY BODEK:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. I'M BRINGING IT UP RIGHT NOW.
18 THERE WAS A PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT THAT WAS DONE,
19 AND IT WAS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION, AND
20 SO WE DO HAVE THAT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WHAT WERE THE BASIC CONCLUSIONS THAT YOU
23 FOUND?

24

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1 **AMY BODEK:** YEAH, THE BASIC CONCLUSION IS THAT THE SITE HAS
2 VERY MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. THERE IS ONLY ONE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN, WHICH IS THE PRESENCE OF AN OLD OIL
4 WELL.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THAT WAS BROUGHT UP EARLIER BY ONE OF THE
7 CALLERS. AND I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND, HAS THAT OIL WELL BEEN
8 CAPPED? AND WHAT IS BENEATH ONE OF THE SPACES THERE, IN THE
9 SURROUNDING AREA, THE OPEN SPACE?

10

11 **AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY. SO, THERE IS A CAPPED WELL, WHICH IS
12 LOCATED ON THE SITE. IT IS CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN AN OPEN
13 SPACE. AND I BELIEVE, IN THE FUTURE, IN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF
14 THIS, IT WILL ALSO BE UNDER OPEN SPACE, AND SO THERE WILL NOT
15 BE A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE BUILT OVER IT. THIS WELL WAS DRILLED IN
16 1941, AND THERE WERE 3 SOIL BORINGS THAT WERE TAKEN AT VARIOUS
17 DEPTHS. THE PHASE 1 INDICATES THAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE
18 SOIL COMPOSITION AND THE POROSITY, SO THERE IS AN INDICATION
19 THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS FOR A WATER WELL
20 RELATED TO OIL PRODUCTION, AS WELL AS OIL ITSELF. BUT THE
21 PHASE 1 IS INCONCLUSIVE AS TO WHETHER IT WAS TO BE A WATER
22 INJECTION WELL OR AN OIL WELL. WE CALL IT AN OIL WELL-- OH, GO
23 AHEAD. I'M SORRY.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO, NO, THAT'S FINE. I WANTED TO ASK YOU, WHAT IS
2 THE STANDARD PROCEDURE WHEN AN OIL WELL IS FOUND ON A SITE?

3

4 **AMY BODEK:** SO, CERTAINLY, IN THIS CASE, BECAUSE THE OIL WELL
5 WAS FIRST DRILLED IN 1941, AND IT WAS CAPPED, IT IS NO LONGER
6 CAPPED TO CURRENT STANDARDS FOR THE STATE. SO, THE STATE WILL
7 REQUIRE THAT THE DEVELOPER RE-ABANDON THE WELL TO CURRENT
8 STANDARDS. SO, THEY WILL ACTUALLY HAVE TO SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE
9 STATE. THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE PLAN TO RE-ABANDON
10 THAT WELL, AND THEN THEY WOULD END UP HAVING TO DO THAT WORK
11 AS PART OF THEIR GRADING ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROJECT.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN OIL WELL THAT WAS
14 SO OLD, AND THEIR STANDARDS WERE VERY DIFFERENT AT THAT TIME,
15 WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ANY LEAD OR ASBESTOS WAS FOUND? WOULD IT
16 HAVE CHANGED THE C.E.Q.A. DOCUMENT?

17

18 **AMY BODEK:** NO, IT WOULD NOT. IT WOULD BE VERY UNUSUAL FOR LEAD
19 TO BE FOUND AS PART OF THE OIL WELL RE-ABANDONMENT PROCESS.
20 BECAUSE THIS WELL WAS NEVER ACTUALLY PUT INTO PRODUCTION, THE
21 ABANDONMENT SHOULD BE FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THERE MAY BE
22 LEAD OR ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS THAT ARE FOUND WITHIN
23 THE EXISTING BUILDINGS, AND THOSE HAVE BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1989.
24 SO, THERE ARE STANDARD PROCEDURES TO REMOVE LEAD AND ASBESTOS-
25 CONTAINING MATERIALS FROM THE BUILDINGS ITSELF. IT REQUIRES

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1 OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL BY A.Q.M.D. YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO FILE
2 PLANS WITH A.Q.M.D. AND GET THEIR APPROVAL THAT YOU ARE GOING
3 TO BE USING APPROPRIATELY CERTIFIED PROCEDURES FOR REMOVING
4 LEAD AND ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS. IT IS A STANDARD PRO
5 FORMA PROCESS, INTERESTINGLY, SO THE PRESENCE OF LEAD OR
6 ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS WOULD NOT HAVE CHANGED THE
7 CONCLUSION THAT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS THE
8 APPROPRIATE TOOL TO USE, AS OPPOSED TO AN E.I.R.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WHY IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
11 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, INSTEAD OF THE FULL E.I.R.?

12

13 **AMY BODEK:** SO, UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, WE
14 ARE ALL REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH AN INITIAL STUDY AND A
15 CHECKLIST, AND THOSE CONCLUSIONS OF THAT INITIAL STUDY
16 DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT
17 CAN BE MITIGATED, AND THEREFORE THE IMPACTS ARE NOT
18 SUBSTANTIAL, IN WHICH CASE AN M.N.D. IS THE APPROPRIATE
19 VEHICLE. IF AN IMPACT IS GREAT OR SIGNIFICANT, AND CANNOT BE
20 MITIGATED, NO MATTER WHAT, THAT TRIGGERS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
21 IMPACT REPORT. IN THIS CASE, ALL IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED TO A
22 LEVEL LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT, WHICH MEANS, UNDER STATE LAW, IT
23 IS A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. AND THEN, JUST A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS. WERE
2 THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES THAT SURROUND THIS AREA,
3 OR REPRESENT THE AREA, WERE THEY NOTIFIED OR CONSULTED ABOUT
4 THE PROJECT?

5

6 **AMY BODEK:** ABSOLUTELY. YES. THE LONG ANSWER TO THIS IS, WE DO-
7 - UNDER A.B. 52, WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO CONSULTATIONS WITH ANY
8 AND ALL TRIBES WITHIN CALIFORNIA THAT ARE INTERESTED IN THE
9 PROJECTS. THIS PROJECT DID SEND OUT THE APPROPRIATE NOTICES TO
10 THE STATE AND LOCAL TRIBES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PROJECTS IN
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ACTUALLY DID HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH
12 THE KIZH NATION OF THE SAN GABRIELINO TRIBE, AND MITIGATION
13 MEASURES WERE INCLUDED AT THEIR REQUEST, TO HAVE A MONITOR-- A
14 TRIBAL MONITOR-- ON SITE DURING GRADING. SO, WITH THAT
15 MITIGATION MEASURE, THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO
16 TRIBAL OR CULTURAL ASSETS. AND THEREFORE, AGAIN, IT WAS A
17 MITIGATED NEG DEC, INSTEAD OF AN E.I.R.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, I WILL JUST SAY THAT IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT
20 THE-- THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO-- OR THE STATE WAS NOT ABLE TO
21 ACTUALLY ALLOW FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
22 COMPONENTS, THAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY HELPED IN THIS PARTICULAR
23 CASE, BUT IT WAS A BIT LATE THERE, AND NOW IS OUT OF THE LOOP.
24 HOWEVER, I DO REMAIN VERY CONCERNED THAT IN THIS AREA, WHICH I
25 NOW REPRESENT, WHICH IS LARGELY MADE UP OF VERY MIXED

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1 HOUSEHOLDS-- YOU HAVE SOME HIGH-INCOME, MIDDLE-INCOME, AND
2 VERY LOW-INCOME, AS WELL, INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE THERE, IN
3 RESIDENCE. AND I'VE HEARD, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, IN MY OUTINGS
4 THERE NOW, REPRESENTING THE AREA, THAT PEOPLE ARE VERY
5 CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I'M NOT
6 JUST SAYING LOW INCOME, AND WE DO NEED THAT, BUT I'M SAYING
7 THAT IT'S BECOMING PRICED OUT FOR MANY FAMILIES, WHO HAVE BEEN
8 LIVING THERE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN
9 A SITUATION WHERE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY THERE, OR EVEN
10 AFFORD TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN THERE, WHO ARE NOW MARRYING AND
11 WANTING TO SETTLE DOWN THERE, AND CAN'T AFFORD THE AREA
12 BECAUSE OF THE COST. SO, FOR MY PURPOSES, I ALIGN MYSELF WITH
13 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SEEK MORE AFFORDABLE
14 HOUSING. I THINK THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN PRETTY CLEAR ON THAT.
15 UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE AREAS WHERE, PERHAPS, IT
16 MAY NOT HAVE WORKED, BUT NONETHELESS, I DO STAND WITH THOSE
17 RESIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH MY OFFICE AND MY STAFF.
18 SO, THANK YOU, AMY, FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS, AND LET'S CONTINUE
19 TO WORK TOGETHER SO WE MAKE MORE AFFORDABILITY AVAILABLE IN
20 AREAS THAT ARE SO IMPACTED, THAT REALLY DO NEED RELIEF. AND I
21 KNOW YOU'LL WORK WITH US ON THAT, SO I APPRECIATE THAT.

22
23 **AMY BODEK:** ABSOLUTELY.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE NO FURTHER
2 QUESTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ARE THERE
5 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON ITEM 8? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM.
7 ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US, TO INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY
8 THE APPEAL AND DIRECT THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO BRING BACK
9 THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AT THE CONTINUED HEARING ON
10 SEPTEMBER 27, 2022. I WILL MOVE AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS
11 SECOND. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I PREFER NOT TO SECOND, BECAUSE I'M--
14 YEAH.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** UNDERSTANDABLE. IS THERE A SECOND?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, SO WE DON'T HAVE A SECOND, SO WHERE DOES THAT
19 LEAVE US?

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THEN THE ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED TO
22 SEPTEMBER 27TH.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, THERE'S NO SECOND ON THE
25 MOTION, SO THE ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 27TH. THANK

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1 YOU. RETURNING TO ITEM 3, HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
2 ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF
3 DIAMOND BAR. NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND PLEASE REPORT ON
4 THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
7 AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE
8 THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE ANNUAL LEVY OF
9 ASSESSMENTS TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10006, AND
10 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1,
11 DIAMOND BAR ZONE, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. AS A RESULT, IT
12 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
13 ORDERING ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS, AND THE JOINT
14 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATION EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
15 REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY FOR FISCAL
16 YEAR 2023-2024.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE
20 THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

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3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

10 MITCHELL?

11

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

13

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

15 4-0.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE

18 ON TO SET ITEM 1, OUR PRESENTATION ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

19 FUNDING REPORT, AND WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

20 OFFICER FESIA DAVENPORT, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR

21 A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE, DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA; AND RITA

22 KAMPALATH, IF I PRONOUNCE THAT CORRECTLY-- FORGIVE ME IF I DID

23 NOT-- WHO IS OUR ACTING CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. GOOD

24 AFTERNOON.

25

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1 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT IS AN INCREDIBLE
2 PLEASURE TO SEE YOU ALL THIS MORNING. REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE
3 WITH YOU TODAY, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. TODAY'S
4 PRESENTATION MARKS THE 16TH UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR
5 PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING YOUR
6 BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE 1 SPENDING PLAN. NEXT
7 SLIDE. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE, THIS SLIDE PREVIEWS THE
8 TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I WILL START BY PROVIDING AN
9 UPDATE ON NAVIGATING OUR CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AND THEN I
10 WILL MOVE ON TO DISCUSS AN ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION OUR COUNTY
11 HAS RECEIVED, BASED UPON YOUR BOARD'S LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT
12 OF OUR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE EQUITY AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF
13 A.R.P. RESOURCES. I WILL THEN PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM
14 OVERVIEW DETAILING THE CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTS IN THE
15 DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL PROCESS, WHICH I HOPE TODAY
16 YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR ABOUT. AND THEN, FINALLY, RITA
17 KAMPALATH, WHO IS OUR ACTING CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER,
18 WILL PRESENT ON THEIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND FOOD RESOURCE
19 GRANT PROGRAMS, FUNDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. NEXT
20 SLIDE. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT
21 AND B.D.O.F.M.A., THE C.E.O. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
22 OPPORTUNITY AND THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT COHOSTED A
23 VIRTUAL SESSION ON NAVIGATING A.R.P. FUNDING AND CONTRACTING
24 OPPORTUNITIES ON AUGUST 16TH. THE OUTREACH EVENT TARGETED
25 COMMUNITY- AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN

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1 LEARNING MORE ABOUT POTENTIAL A.R.P. FUNDING AND HOW TO PURSUE
2 CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY. THE SESSION WAS OFFERED IN ENGLISH,
3 WITH SPANISH INTERPRETATION, WHILE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS, HOSTED
4 IN OTHER LANGUAGES, ARE PLANNED FOR MID TO LATE SEPTEMBER. 114
5 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE EVENT, OF WHICH 61% REPRESENTED
6 SMALL TO VERY SMALL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPERATING BUDGETS OF
7 UNDER \$1 MILLION OR LESS. OF THE 77% OF ATTENDEES WHO
8 RESPONDED TO AN IN-SESSION POLL, MORE THAN 1/3 HAD NO PRIOR
9 EXPERIENCE WITH COUNTY FUNDING. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS
10 THAT ENGAGING THESE TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS WILL HELP CONTINUE
11 TO DIVERSIFY THE POOL OF FUNDING APPLICANTS TO SUPPORT THE
12 COUNTY'S GOAL OF EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTING A.R.P. AND OTHER
13 COUNTY FUNDS, TO NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE COMMUNITIES MOST
14 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, BUT ALSO TO
15 BECOME MORE INCLUSIVE OF SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS WHO TEND TO
16 SERVE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM
17 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. NEXT SLIDE. I'M PROUD TO REPORT THAT
18 OUR COUNTY RECEIVED AN URBAN AND REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS
19 ASSOCIATION, U.R.I.S.A., EXEMPLARY SYSTEMS AND GOVERNMENT
20 AWARD. THE U.R.I.S.A. EXEMPLARY SYSTEMS AND GOVERNMENT AWARD
21 COMPETITION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY GOVERNMENT
22 AGENCIES AROUND THE WORLD FOR THEIR USE OF GEOSPATIAL
23 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND
24 PROVINCIAL, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEVELS. PROJECTS ARE SCORED
25 BASED ON THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF G.I.S. TO IMPROVE

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1 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BENEFIT COMMUNITIES. ON AUGUST 5TH, IT
2 WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND OUR EQUITY EXPLORER
3 MAPPING TOOL WAS SELECTED BY U.R.I.S.A.'S REVIEW COMMITTEE TO
4 RECEIVE THE RECOGNITION AS A DISTINGUISHED SYSTEM. THIS IS THE
5 THIRD AWARD THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED, NOT ONLY FOR OUR EQUITY
6 EXPLORER, BUT FOR OUR USE OF DATA. AND AS WE CONTINUE TO DO
7 THIS WORK, WE APPRECIATE THE HONORING OF YOUR BOARD'S
8 LEADERSHIP, AND ONGOING RECOGNITION OF THESE EFFORTS. NEXT
9 SLIDE. AS OF AUGUST 29TH, ONLY ONE DESIGN IS IN THE
10 DEVELOPMENT PHASE, AND 82 OF OUR PROJECT DESIGNS HAVE BEEN
11 APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING PROJECTS
12 THAT WERE EXPEDITED, ALONG WITH FUNDING AREAS THAT WERE
13 PRIORITIZED BY THE BOARD TO SUPPORT PANDEMIC RESPONSE
14 SERVICES. A TOTAL ALLOCATION OF \$967,500,000, WHICH EQUALS
15 APPROXIMATELY 99% OF A.R.P. TRANCHE 1 FUNDS, HAVE BEEN
16 APPROVED. THIS REPRESENTS A NEAR COMPLETE EFFORT TO FINALIZE
17 PROJECTS, AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IN LINE WITH FEDERAL
18 GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS YOUR BOARD'S PRIORITIES.
19 THE FINAL DESIGN IS NEAR COMPLETE, AND WE HOPE TO WRAP UP
20 BEFORE OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO
21 INTRODUCE RITA KAMPALATH, WHO IS OUR ACTING CHIEF
22 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, AND AGAIN WILL HIGHLIGHT THE FOOD
23 DISTRIBUTION AND FOOD RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAMS. NEXT SLIDE.
24

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1 **RITA KAMPALATH:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND GOOD AFTERNOON,
2 SUPERVISORS. PLEASED TO BE HERE TO PROVIDE THIS OVERVIEW. NEXT
3 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, FIRST, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN LEADING
4 THE COUNTY'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, WHICH STARTED EARLY ON
5 IN THE PANDEMIC, OF COURSE, BUT WE LAUNCHED IN MAY OF THIS
6 YEAR WITH A.R.P. FUNDS. THIS PROGRAM IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
7 LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK AND YOUR OFFICES, OF COURSE,
8 WITH EVENTS HELD IN EACH DISTRICT. THE FOCUS HAS BEEN HOLDING
9 EVENTS IN HIGH-NEED CENSUS TRACTS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCESS
10 TO HIGH-NEED POPULATIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THERE ARE
11 SOME NEW COMPONENTS THIS YEAR, AS COMPARED TO EARLIER IN THE
12 PANDEMIC. ONE IS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PROCURE AND DISTRIBUTE
13 INFANT FORMULA AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, IN RESPONSE TO THE
14 SHORTAGE EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE ALSO HELD SEVERAL OF THE
15 DISTRIBUTION EVENTS AS WALK-UP EVENTS, AS OPPOSED TO THE
16 TYPICAL DRIVE-THROUGH EVENTS, AND THE GOAL OF THAT WAS TO,
17 FIRST OF ALL, ACCOMMODATE PARTICIPANTS WHO DON'T OWN CARS. IT
18 ALSO ALLOWS PARTICIPANTS TO SELECT THE FOOD THAT THEY GET, AS
19 COMPARED TO THE PREFILLED BOXES THAT THE FOOD BANK
20 DISTRIBUTES. AND JUST TO GO OVER NUMBERS, WE'VE BEEN AVERAGING
21 JUST UNDER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED PER DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT,
22 AND JUST UNDER 500 HOUSEHOLDS AT THE WALK-UP EVENTS. NEXT
23 SLIDE, PLEASE. AND JUST FOR A VISUAL, THIS IS A PICTURE FROM A
24 WALK-UP EVENT THAT WAS HELD IN S.D. 4, AT THE HOLLYDALE
25 REGIONAL PARK, RECENTLY. AS I MENTIONED, AGAIN, THESE EVENTS

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1 STARTED IN MAY, AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR
2 NOVEMBER.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW IF WE LOST HER OR IF SHE
5 FROZE ON HER END.

6

7 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** SO, I THINK, SUPERVISOR, RITA MAY HAVE
8 FROZEN, SO HOW ABOUT WE CONTINUE ON WITH THE PRESENTATION?
9 LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

10

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

12

13 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, BOARD MEMBERS, THE
14 COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCE GRANTS PROGRAM IS ANOTHER A.R.P. -
15 FUNDED PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE RUN BY A THIRD-PARTY
16 ADMINISTRATOR, WHO WILL WORK TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR AT LEAST 5
17 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING TO STRENGTHEN THE FOOD SYSTEM
18 INFRASTRUCTURE. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM IS
19 THAT THE C.S.O. OFFICE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THEIR L.A.
20 FOOD REGIONAL COALITION TO HELP DESIGN THIS PROJECT, SO THAT
21 THEY CAN BETTER TARGET FOOD NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
22 COUNTY, AND ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO FOOD AND NUTRITION
23 SECURITY. THEY'RE ALSO FOCUSED ON ENSURING THAT ORGANIZATIONS
24 ARE NOT ONLY ABLE TO EXPAND THEIR NUTRITION AWARENESS, BUT
25 THAT THEY ARE INCREASING OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT FOR OTHER

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1 FEDERALLY FUNDED AND OUR COUNTY-FUNDED PROGRAMS. THEY ARE
2 FOCUSING SPECIFICALLY ON POPULATIONS THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED BY
3 THE PANDEMIC, AND THEIR GOAL IS TO LAUNCH A SOLICITATION BY
4 JANUARY OF 2023, WITH THE INTENT TO RELEASE FUNDS NO LATER
5 THAN JANUARY OF 2023. I WILL NOTE THAT FOR THIS PROJECT IN
6 PARTICULAR, THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS THAT THE C.S.O.
7 TEAM ENGAGED IN WERE EXEMPLARY. NOT ONLY DID THEY ALIGN THIS
8 WITH THEIR COUNTYWIDE FOOD EQUITY PLAN, BUT THEY ENSURED THAT
9 THEY SOUGHT OUT SUFFICIENT INPUT ACROSS SUPERVISORIAL
10 DISTRICTS TO INFORM THEIR EFFORTS. NEXT SLIDE. THAT CONCLUDES
11 TODAY'S PRESENTATION ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROJECTS, AND
12 WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, AND HOPE THAT
13 RITA CAN JOIN US HERE AGAIN VERY SHORTLY.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. JUST VERY QUICKLY
16 AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE AWARD ON OUR EQUITY EXPLORER
17 MAPPING TOOL, THAT I'M VERY PROUD THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED HERE
18 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND ARE USING, AND HOPE THAT MANY OF OUR
19 SISTER COUNTIES AROUND THE STATE WILL LOOK TO US AS THE
20 LEADERS WE ARE, AND CONSIDER SIMILAR TOOLS FOR THEIR COUNTIES.
21 ONE QUICK QUESTION. FOR THE OUTREACH FOR THE FOOD SUPPORT
22 PROGRAMS, IN THE SECOND TO THE LAST SLIDE, GREAT THAT WE'RE
23 GOING TO BUILD CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO
24 HELP US WITH ENROLLMENT AND OUTREACH, PARTICULARLY WITH
25 CALFRESH, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, L.A. COUNTY. AND ALSO, WE

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1 ARE UNDER-ENROLLED IN THAT FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM, SO IT'S
2 ALWAYS MY GOAL TO GET MORE PEOPLE ENROLLED IN CALFRESH. AND
3 WITH THE MATCHING DOLLARS, IF YOU USE YOUR CALFRESH BENEFIT AT
4 FARMERS' MARKET, IT'S GREAT. HAVE WE SET ENROLLMENT GOALS, BY
5 ANY CHANCE, FOR THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, OR EVEN FOR OURSELVES,
6 WITH REGARD TO ENROLLMENT; THE ENROLLMENT ELEMENT OF THE
7 PROGRAM?

8

9 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, NOW THAT RITA HAS
10 REJOINED, I'LL SEE IF SHE'S ABLE TO WEIGH IN. RITA, ARE YOU
11 THERE?

12

13 **RITA KAMPALATH:** YES. I'M SORRY. I'M HAVING CONNECTIVITY
14 ISSUES. BUT COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION? I THINK I HEARD
15 JUST THE FIRST PART OF IT.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YEAH. VERY QUICKLY, THE SECOND TO THE
18 LAST SLIDE TALKED ABOUT CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR NONPROFIT
19 ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP WITH ENROLLMENT IN EXISTING GOVERNMENT-
20 SPONSORED FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS, LIKE CALFRESH. AND I WAS JUST
21 WONDERING IF WE'VE SET GOALS OR TARGETS, IN TERMS OF
22 INCREASING ENROLLMENT, BY ANY CHANCE.

23

24 **RITA KAMPALATH:** YES. THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, AND WE DO HAVE
25 SOME GOALS THAT ARE SET. BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE

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1 USING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, A LOT OF THE GOALS, THE
2 NUMERICALS, THAT WE HAVE SET ARE REALLY AROUND MAKING SURE
3 THAT WE'RE FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS, HOW MANY WE'RE ABLE TO
4 REACH, AND THEN ALSO USING A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS, TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT THE GRANT GUIDELINES ARE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT THE
6 COMMUNITY WANTS TO SEE, AS WELL. SO, SOME OF THAT IS KIND OF
7 TO BE DETERMINED, ONCE WE HAVE THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR
8 IN PLACE.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOT IT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU AGAIN,
13 DR. SCORZA AND RITA, FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS TODAY. I JUST WANT
14 TO SAY THAT WE HEARD EARLIER FROM A CALLER WITH CONCERNS, AND
15 I SHARE THIS CONCERN, TOO, THAT OUR FUNDING HAS BEEN
16 OCCURRING. OUR TRANCHE 1 CONTINUES TO BE PUSHED OUT, AND I
17 THINK WHAT I'M SEEING IS THAT IT'S KIND OF SLOW. IT'S A SLOW
18 PROCESS, AND OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
19 GET IT RIGHT, AND THAT WE HAVE EQUITY MEASURES IN PLACE. BUT I
20 WANT TO BE ABLE TO BE AWARE IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE NOT ABLE TO
21 SPEND DOWN AT THE RATE WE SHOULD WITH TRANCHE 1, THAT WE AT
22 LEAST BE GIVEN INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN QUICKLY, THEN, BEGIN
23 TO REALLOCATE ANYTHING THAT HAS TO BE PLACED SOMEWHERE ELSE.
24 SO, I DO WANT TO DRAW OUR ATTENTION TO THAT. AND I KNOW WE
25 HAVE AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER 2024, BUT I REALLY DO WANT TO

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1 MAKE SURE THAT WE GET EVERYTHING OUT, AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S
2 ALL OF US IN AGREEMENT REALLY WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. I ALSO
3 WANT TO ASK THE C.E.O. TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SPENDING,
4 AND TO LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHEN IT BECOMES
5 NECESSARY, WHEN WE DO HAVE TO REALLOCATE THAT FUNDING, AND
6 WANTING TO KNOW, ESPECIALLY, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HAVE
7 BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL C.B.O.S. THERE WAS A CALLER THAT
8 MENTIONED THAT EARLIER, AND IT IS A CONCERN, AND I KNOW ALL OF
9 US ON THE BOARD HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR THAT. SO, I DON'T KNOW
10 IF YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT RIGHT NOW, IN ANY WAY.

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE DO HAVE
13 WEEKLY CALLS WITH ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
14 ADMINISTERING A.R.P.A. FUNDS, AND WE MAINTAIN A STATUS UPDATE
15 ON WHERE THEY ARE, IN TERMS OF PUSHING THOSE DOLLARS OUT TO
16 C.B.O.S, SO WE CAN COME BACK WITH THE REPORT ON WHERE THEY ARE
17 IN THAT PROCESS. AND FOR THOSE THAT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR
18 SOLICITATION PROCESS AND HAVE A PROVIDER IN MIND, WE CAN ALSO
19 PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF THAT ALLOCATION TO THAT PARTICULAR
20 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL FOR US RIGHT
23 NOW. I THINK ALL THE BOARD OFFICES WOULDN'T MIND HAVING THAT,
24 AND THEN SHARING IT, KIND OF BOLSTERING MORE INTEREST, SO
25 PEOPLE WILL APPLY; THOSE CRITICAL ENTITIES THAT SHOULD BE A

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1 PART OF THIS. AGAIN, ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU ALL AND OUR C.E.O.
2 FOR MAKING FUNDING AVAILABLE TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. THAT HAS
3 BEEN INCREDIBLE, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO PUSH OUT
4 THE INFORMATION, AS HAS BEEN HAPPENING TO OUR SPANISH-LANGUAGE
5 VIEWERS AND BUSINESSES, AS WELL AS OUR MULTIPLE A.A.P.I.
6 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALSO SOMEWHAT UNAWARE OF THE MONIES THAT
7 ARE AVAILABLE. SOME JUST HAVE A BIG MISCONCEPTION THAT SOMEHOW
8 IT HAS TO BE PAID BACK, OR THAT THEY DON'T QUALIFY, SO I
9 THINK WE CAN DO A LOT MORE THERE. AND I THINK THAT I.S.D. HAS
10 BEEN HAVING WORKSHOPS ON THIS, ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, AND I
11 THINK THAT'S GREAT, BECAUSE THEY'RE ALSO LETTING PEOPLE KNOW
12 HOW TO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY, WHICH I THINK IS EVEN EQUALLY
13 IMPORTANT. SO, ALL OF THAT COMING TOGETHER, I THINK, HELPS US
14 PROVIDE A BETTER PORTFOLIO OF WHAT IT IS WE'RE REALLY TRYING
15 TO DO HERE. SO, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT. TO OUR CHIEF
16 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR
17 REACTIVATING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW
18 IMPORTANT THAT IS TO MY CONSTITUENTS, AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE
19 WERE ABLE TO PUT FORWARD A MOTION TO DO THAT. BUT I ALSO AGREE
20 WITH WITH OUR CHAIRWOMAN MITCHELL, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT'S
21 IMPORTANT FOR US TO PUSH OUT THE INFORMATION ABOUT CALFRESH;
22 THAT WHILE THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO ALL THIS, YOU CAN
23 USE THAT TO ALSO OBTAIN FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES,
24 PARTICULARLY IN OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. AND I DO BELIEVE
25 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PUSH

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1 FORWARD ON, BECAUSE WE'RE STILL NOT OUT OF THE C.O.V.I.D.
2 PANDEMIC, AS YOU KNOW. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF HIGH
3 UNEMPLOYMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE THAT ARE STILL
4 DISPLACED OR NOT MAKING ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THOSE
5 ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS ON THE TABLE. AND WANT TO THANK, ALSO, OUR
6 PARKS AND RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN A
7 CRITICAL PART OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION EFFORT. SO, I WANT TO
8 ESPECIALLY THANK EVERYBODY THAT HAS BEEN DOING THAT, AND GIVE
9 YOU A SHOUT-OUT, ALSO, AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, FOR PUSHING
10 FORWARD BABY FORMULA. WE KNEW THAT WAS A NATIONAL CRISIS, AND
11 I THINK THIS COUNTY MOVED RAPIDLY TO GET THAT OUT. AND I
12 REALLY WANT TO THANK I.S.D., D.C.F.S., D.H.S., D.P.H., AND OUR
13 C.E.O. FOR WORKING TIRELESSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN
14 RECEIVED BABY FORMULA IN A MATTER OF MONTHS, AND WE WORKED
15 REALLY NIMBLE, SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THAT. JUST
16 MOVING FORWARD, THOUGH, I WANT TO ASK, IF I CAN, TO OUR
17 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, WHAT LESSONS HAVE WE LEARNED IN
18 ADDRESSING FOOD SECURITY, AND WHAT COULD WE DO TO IMPROVE UPON
19 IT? AND THEN, ALSO, WANTING TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO ENSURE
20 THAT FOOD WE PROVIDE IS ALSO CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE FOR OUR
21 DIVERSE RESIDENTS. SO, NOT JUST BECAUSE PEOPLE MAY HAVE
22 MEDICAL OR HEALTH REASONS THAT THEY HAVE TO EAT CERTAIN TYPES
23 OF FOOD, BUT I MEAN ETHNIC GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE DID A FOOD
24 DISTRIBUTION WITH A GROUP CALLED S.E.E.L.A., THAT WE HOSTED AT
25 ANGELA'S PLAZA, WHICH IS PREDOMINANTLY A.A.P.I., AND THEY

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1 PROVIDED CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE FOOD FOR MOST OF THE FOLKS
2 THERE THAT WERE VEGETARIANS. CAN YOU SPEAK ON THAT?

3

4 **RITA KAMPALATH:** YES, ABSOLUTELY, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT
5 QUESTION. THAT'S SUCH A GREAT QUESTION. YOU KNOW, WHEN WE
6 STARTED THIS WORK, IT WAS REALLY ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, AND WE
7 HAD TO REACT QUICK, AND WE ARE PROUD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO
8 THAT. BUT, OF COURSE, THERE WERE A LOT OF LESSONS LEARNED, IN
9 TERMS OF GATHERING DATA AND WHO WAS REALLY EXPERIENCING FOOD
10 INSECURITY. I WOULD ALSO SAY MORE BROADLY THAT THE PANDEMIC
11 REALLY HIGHLIGHTED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM
12 FOOD INSECURITY THIS WHOLE TIME, AND THEIR NEEDS, AS WELL. I
13 THINK YOUR QUESTION ABOUT DIVERSITY OF THE FOOD WAS KIND OF A
14 KEY LESSON LEARNED; THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE FOOD, REALLY
15 PROVIDE ACCESS, AS WELL AS DIGNITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
16 PARTICIPATING, THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE TRY TO TAILOR
17 MEALS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, AND GIVE THEM AS MUCH CHOICE AS
18 POSSIBLE. SO, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT FOOD
19 DISTRIBUTION EVENT. YOU KNOW, WITH THIS NEXT ROUND, WITH THIS
20 NEW PROGRAM THAT GOT RELAUNCHED IN MAY, THE FOOD BANK HAS BEEN
21 ABLE TO TAILOR SOME OF THEIR FOOD BOXES A BIT, WHEN THEY KNOW
22 THAT THEY ARE GOING TO A COMMUNITY THAT MAY HAVE A HIGHER
23 POPULATION OF CERTAIN GROUPS, AND TRY TO TAILOR THE FOOD
24 ACCORDINGLY. THAT WAS ALSO A REASON FOR HAVING THE WALK-UP
25 EVENTS, OR ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF THE WALK-UP EVENTS AS AN

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1 OPTION, BECAUSE IT DOES ALLOW PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THE FOOD THAT
2 THEY WOULD LIKE. AND AGAIN, THE FOOD BANK DOES TRY TO PROVIDE
3 THAT DIVERSITY OF FOOD. SO, THERE ARE A FEW DIFFERENT WAYS
4 THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE CONCERNS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. AND I HOPE WE CAN HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
7 AROUND THIS WHOLE COMMUNITY GARDENS EFFORT, TO REALLY BOLSTER
8 THAT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE WAY TO GO IN MANY OF OUR
9 HARD-PRESSED AREAS THAT RIGHT NOW ARE FOOD DESERTS. SO, LOVE
10 TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT FROM YOU LATER. BUT THANK YOU. THANK
11 YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, BOTH OF YOU, AND THANK YOU, MADAM
12 CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
17 D'ARTAGNAN AND RITA, FOR THE PRESENTATION TODAY. THERE'S A LOT
18 OF GOOD ACHIEVEMENTS AND NICE AWARDS THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN. I
19 WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE THREE TRAININGS THAT TOOK PLACE IN
20 THE MONTH OF AUGUST, THAT ADDRESSED THE CHALLENGES AROUND OUR
21 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND HOW THEY CAN ACCESS OUR
22 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS. AND IT IS SO TRUE THAT, WITH THE
23 RISING COST OF EVERYTHING, MORE AND MORE COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
24 TURNING TO OUR NONPROFITS FOR HELP. AND CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO THE
25 GENERAL PUBLIC HOW THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS ARE MAKING

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1 IT TO THESE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS? JUST BRIEFLY, WHAT
2 IS THE PROCESS? IS IT EASY TO ACCESS THESE DOLLARS? ARE THERE
3 CHALLENGES THAT COME? WHAT IF YOU DIDN'T ACTUALLY GET TO ONE
4 OF THESE TRAININGS? HOW ARE THESE DOLLARS GETTING RIGHT OUT
5 THERE TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS?

6

7 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION,
8 SUPERVISOR. I WOULD SAY, THE DOLLARS ARE GETTING OUT IN THREE
9 WAYS. FIRST, DOLLARS ARE GETTING OUT THROUGH CONTRACTS. SO,
10 THE COUNTY IS ASKING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SMALL
11 BUSINESSES, TO PARTNER WITH US, TO HELP DELIVER ON THE
12 SERVICES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY. THE
13 SECOND WAY MONEY IS GETTING OUT IS THROUGH GRANTS. YOUR BOARD
14 MADE A COMMITMENT TO GET DOLLARS DIRECTLY IN THE HANDS OF
15 SMALL BUSINESSES, OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, TO IMPACTED
16 INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS THE ARTS PROGRAMS AND OTHERS, AND SO
17 THAT'S THE SECOND WAY THAT'S HAPPENING. AND THEN, FINALLY, THE
18 THIRD WAY THAT WE ARE DELIVERING RESOURCES TO COMMUNITIES ARE
19 THROUGH SERVICES, DIRECTLY, THAT WE DELIVER. SO, FOR EXAMPLE,
20 OUR VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE
21 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR PROVIDING SAFE LANDING SITES FOR
22 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR SAFE PARKING SITES, THOSE
23 ARE THE THREE WAYS THAT WE ARE REALLY GETTING DOLLARS OUT TO
24 FOLK IN THE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO BE REALLY CAUTIOUS AND LET
25 FOLK KNOW THAT THE GOAL THAT THE BOARD SET OUT, AT LEAST IN

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1 TRANCHE 1, WAS TO DISTRIBUTE A LOT OF THOSE DOLLARS DIRECTLY
2 TO FOLK IN THE COMMUNITY. AND SO CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES,
3 WHILE THEY ARE AVAILABLE, ARE NOT AN ABUNDANT WAY IN WHICH WE
4 ARE DISTRIBUTING DOLLARS. RIGHT? SO, WE ARE GETTING MONEY INTO
5 THE HANDS OF BUSINESSES TO HELP IN RECOVERY, AND THAT'S A
6 REALLY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION. SO, I WOULD SAY THOSE ARE THE
7 THREE PRIMARY WAYS, BUT IF PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO GET INVOLVED
8 OR LEARN HOW THEY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND BECOME PARTNERS
9 WITH THE COUNTY, THEN MY ENCOURAGEMENT IS TO HAVE THEM VISIT
10 THE C.E.O.LACOUNTY.GOV/RECOVERY WEBSITE. THAT'S WHERE WE LIST
11 ALL OF THE DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS,
12 EACH OF THE CONTRACTING GRANT OR SERVICE DELIVERY
13 OPPORTUNITIES. AND I WILL END QUICKLY BY JUST SAYING THAT IT
14 IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR RESIDENTS, THAT
15 THE COUNTY HAS MADE AN INCREDIBLE COMMITMENT TO TRY AND
16 LEVERAGE OTHER RESOURCES. SO, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE A.R.P.
17 DOLLARS, THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
18 DELIVERING THERE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CALFRESH PROGRAM, OUR
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, THEY'RE USING THEIR
20 A.R.P. FUNDS TO BUILD CAPACITY, TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT THROUGH
21 AN OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT'S TARGETING COMMUNITIES ON THE BASIS
22 OF NEED, TARGETING ON THE BASIS OF LANGUAGE. SO, THERE ARE
23 OTHER WAYS THAT WE ARE LEVERAGING A.R.P. TO HELP MAKE SURE
24 THAT WE ARE MEETING THE NEEDS OF FOLK IN THE PUBLIC.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AND DO YOU THINK WE DID A GOOD JOB, IF YOU WERE TO
2 GRADE US, ON HOW QUICKLY WE GOT OUR DOLLARS OUT? WERE WE DOING
3 A GOOD JOB? BECAUSE I REMEMBER SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS WE GOT
4 THROUGH THE L.A.H.S.A. PROCESS, RIGHT, FROM OUR NONPROFITS,
5 WAS, "IT TOOK SO DARN LONG TO GET THEIR CHECKS." MANY OF THEM
6 WERE TALKING ABOUT USING THEIR OWN CREDIT CARDS TO SORT OF
7 FRONTLOAD DELIVERING THE SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS. HOW DO YOU
8 THINK WE DID ON GETTING THESE DOLLARS OUT TO THESE COMMUNITY-
9 BASED ORGANIZATIONS?

10

11 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.
12 FIRST, LET ME SAY THAT I AM REALLY PROUD OF THE INCREDIBLE
13 WORK THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
14 CONTINUE TO DELIVER SERVICES. WHEN DEPARTMENTS FACED A
15 SPECIFIC FUNDING CLIFF, THEY MADE A REQUEST OF C.E.O. TO
16 EXPEDITE THEIR FUNDING RESOURCES, SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO
17 CARRY OUT THOSE EFFORTS, AND WE WORKED WITH THEM ON THEIR
18 PROJECT DESIGNS, SIMULTANEOUSLY, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT FACE A
19 FUNDING CLIFF. SO, THAT'S THE FIRST THING TO NOTE, IS THAT, IF
20 THERE WERE URGENT-- YOU KNOW, IMMEDIATELY, IF THERE WERE
21 SERVICES THAT WERE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY, C.E.O. ENSURED THAT
22 THOSE SERVICES COULD CONTINUE TO BE DELIVERED WHILE WE WORKED
23 WITH THEM ON THEIR PROJECT DESIGNS. SECONDLY, I THINK IT'S
24 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHEN THE FEDS CAME UP WITH THEIR
25 GUIDANCE, RIGHT, THEY CAME UP WITH UPDATED GUIDANCE IN

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1 NOVEMBER, AND THEN UPDATED GUIDANCE IN JANUARY, AND APRIL, AND
2 JUNE, AND JULY. SO, WE'D HAVE TO DO A LOT OF WORK TO BACK-END
3 A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE FEDERALLY
4 COMPLIANT. BUT WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE
5 DONE-- AND MANY OF YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS, SO
6 YOU PROBABLY ALSO HAVE HEARD SIMILAR NEEDS-- WHEN YOU LOOK,
7 FOR EXAMPLE, AT OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE MIDWEST, SOME OF THEM
8 HAVE JUST DONE THEIR SPENDING PLANS, RIGHT? SO, THE IMPORTANT
9 THING TO NOTE IS THAT THIS IS A MULTIYEAR POOL OF FUNDING, AND
10 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE THAT OUR NEEDS ARE GOING TO BE
11 DYNAMIC, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GROW OVER TIME. SO,
12 I WOULD ARGUE THAT WE WORKED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT
13 THAT WE HAVE BEEN REALLY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT HOW WE DISTRIBUTE
14 THESE FUNDS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED
15 BY THE PANDEMIC, RECOGNIZING THAT IT'S STILL GOING TO BE A FEW
16 YEARS FOR US TO SPEND THESE DOLLARS.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU. THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. LET ME
19 PIVOT TO THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL, WHICH I KNOW TOOK A
20 LOT OF TIME AND AN EFFORT TO GO INTO THAT MAP, AND WE HAVE
21 BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR THAT. SO-- AND I KNOW WHAT WE ARE TRYING
22 TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL. WILL THE
23 GENERAL PUBLIC BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THIS MAP IN, SAY, TWO YEARS,
24 AND SEE THE IMPACT THAT NEARLY \$2 BILLION DID FOR L.A. COUNTY?

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1 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. MY HOPE IS
2 THAT WE WILL ABSOLUTELY BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TO THE
3 PUBLIC. WHAT THE DASHBOARD, THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL,
4 AND OUR A.R.P. PROJECT'S MAPS ALLOW US TO DO IS TO GET DATA
5 FROM DEPARTMENTS, TO DETERMINE THEIR OUTCOMES AND REPORT ON
6 THOSE OUTCOMES. SO, AS YOUR BOARD DIRECTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF
7 A DASHBOARD WITH A REPORTING ON METRICS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
8 SAY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHAT OUR ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES HAVE
9 BEEN. IN ADDITION TO THAT, TREASURY CALLS UPON OUR DEPARTMENT
10 TO DO EITHER ONE OF TWO THINGS: EITHER DO A PROGRAM
11 EVALUATION, OR AN EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTION. AND FOR THE
12 BENEFITS OF THE PUBLIC, THAT JUST SIMPLY MEANS WE NEED TO
13 FIGURE OUT WHETHER OR NOT WHAT WE DID WORKED. RIGHT? AND SO,
14 WHAT WE INTEND TO DO IS PROVIDE EVALUATION SUPPORT FROM
15 A.R.D.I. AND FROM C.E.O., IN SUPPORT OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, SO WE
16 CAN REPORT ON THEIR OUTCOMES BY PILLAR, AS WELL AS ENSURE THAT
17 OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, OR OUR
18 SUBCONTRACTORS, ARE ABLE TO SEND THAT DATA BACK TO US, SO THAT
19 WE CAN REPORT ON EFFICACY OF THE PROGRAMS.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I AM GOING TO SWITCH TO RITA NOW,
22 ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCE GRANTS. YOU KNOW, DURING THE
23 HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, AND WITH C.A.R.E.S. ACT DOLLARS, THE
24 COUNTY DESIGNATED \$20 MILLION FOR FOOD RESOURCE GRANTS. THERE
25 WERE 213 NONPROFIT APPLICANTS THAT REQUESTED OVER \$76 MILLION,

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1 AND ONLY 47 AWARDEES WERE GRANTED THE DOLLARS. THE NEED WAS
2 REALLY HIGH THEN, BUT I THINK WE'VE ALL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT'S
3 STILL REALLY HIGH, BECAUSE FOOD EQUITY AND INSECURITY ARE
4 STILL PREVALENT, ESPECIALLY WITH INFLATION AND ALL THE RISING
5 COSTS THAT PEOPLE ARE SEEING. AND I KNOW, WITH THE AMERICAN
6 RESCUE PLAN TRANCHE 1 DOLLARS, ONLY A FRACTION OF THAT WAS
7 DESIGNATED FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCE GRANTS-- \$8
8 MILLION. DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD-- SHOULD WE AIM FOR-- IS THIS
9 A GOAL THAT WE SHOULD MATCH OR SURPASS THE \$20 MILLION THAT
10 THE COUNTY DESIGNATED WITH C.A.R.E.S. ACT DOLLARS, WITH THE
11 NEXT ROUND OF A.R.P. FUNDS?

12

13 **RITA KAMPALATH:** WELL, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR, AND
14 OF COURSE THERE ARE SO MANY COMPETING NEEDS FOR THAT TRANCHE
15 2. BUT, AS YOU NOTED, THE ACTUAL REQUESTS AND DEMANDS FAR
16 OUTWEIGHED THE ACTUAL RESOURCES. SO, I THINK IF WE WERE GIVEN
17 THAT SECOND ALLOTMENT, THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD
18 CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO USE IT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT YOU
21 THINK WE SHOULD...

22

23 **RITA KAMPALATH:** WE DID PUT IN THAT REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION,
24 BUT AGAIN, COMING FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT
25 THE FULL SCALE. BUT IF WE DID, WE THINK THAT THE NEED IS

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1 THERE, AND IT'S ONE PIECE, AGAIN, OF HOW WE'RE TRYING TO
2 ADDRESS SOME OF THESE MORE SYSTEMIC ISSUES. I KNOW YOUR STAFF
3 HAS BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH THE FOOD EQUITY ROUNDTABLE THAT
4 WE'RE CONVENING, AS WELL, AND THE GOAL OF THAT PROGRAM IS TO
5 START TO GET AT SOME OF THESE SYSTEMIC ISSUES, AND WE'RE
6 HOPING THAT GRANTS PROGRAM WILL SUPPORT SOME OF THEIR WORK.
7 SO, AGAIN, WE THINK THAT THAT MONEY COULD GO TO GOOD USE,
8 CERTAINLY, IF IT WAS ALLOTTED.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER
13 QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND
14 FILED, AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR
15 PRESENTATIONS TODAY. WE APPRECIATE IT. SET MATTER 2, PUBLIC
16 HEALTH ORDER. WE ARE GOING TO HEAR FROM DR. FERRER, DIRECTOR
17 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
18 SERVICES, AND DR. RITA SINGHAL, OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.
19 GOOD AFTERNOON.

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21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
22 CHAIR MITCHELL, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR
23 ONGOING SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, AND LEADERSHIP. I AM PLEASED TO
24 SHARE THE LATEST ON OUR C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESPONSE WITH YOU TODAY,
25 FOLLOWED BY A MONKEYPOX UPDATE THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY DR.

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1 SINGHAL, OUR CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR. IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION
2 ON C.O.V.I.D., I WILL PRESENT THE CURRENT METRICS, INCLUDING
3 THE C.D.C. C.O.V.I.D.-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL DESIGNATION. WE WILL
4 LOOK AT THE L.A. COUNTY EARLY ALERT SIGNALS. I WILL TALK A
5 LITTLE BIT ABOUT SENSIBLE MEASURES I WILL TAKE TO HELP LOWER
6 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, AND I WILL CLOSE WITH AN UPDATE ON THE
7 ANTICIPATED OMICRON BOOSTER VACCINE. I CAN GO TO THE NEXT
8 SLIDE. FOR THE PAST WEEK, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE HAD SOME
9 SIGNIFICANT FURTHER DECLINES IN CASES. TODAY, WE ARE REPORTING
10 2,090 NEW CASES. WE HAVE AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 2700 CASES PER
11 DAY, REPORTED OVER THE PAST WEEK. THIS IS A 16% DECREASE FROM
12 THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE OF 3200 CASES PER DAY THAT WE REPORTED
13 LAST WEEK. THE 7-DAY AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE DECREASED
14 SLIGHTLY THIS WEEK. IT'S CURRENTLY UNDER 8%. WE'VE REPORTED AN
15 AVERAGE OF 14 DEATHS PER DAY, OVER THE PAST WEEK. THIS IS A
16 SMALL INCREASE FROM WHAT WE REPORTED LAST WEEK, WHICH IS ABOUT
17 12 DEATHS PER DAY. BUT THE SLIGHT INCREASE OCCURRED AFTER SOME
18 DECREASES THAT HAD HAPPENED, PREVIOUSLY, AND I THINK IT IS
19 LIKELY TO INDICATE THAT OUR DEATH NUMBERS MAY BE PLATEAUING.
20 YOU'LL NOTE THAT ON THIS TABLE, WE'VE INDICATED THAT THE
21 HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS ARE PRELIMINARY, AND SUBJECT TO
22 CHANGE. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE WERE SOME IRREGULARITIES IN
23 RECENT DAYS WITH THE REPORTED HOSPITALIZATION DATA ASSOCIATED
24 WITH CHANGES THAT WERE RECENTLY MADE TO A SURVEY TOOL THAT'S
25 USED BY HOSPITALS TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE CALIFORNIA

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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THEIR C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE
2 PATIENTS, AND THIS IS THE FILE THAT WE ALL USE TO CAPTURE
3 INFORMATION ON HOSPITALIZATIONS. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH
4 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RESOLVE THIS
5 ISSUE, AND WE HAVE BEEN REVISING OUR HOSPITAL DATA, AS NEEDED,
6 TO REFLECT ANY CORRECTIONS. WHILE THE HOSPITALIZATION DATA ON
7 THIS SLIDE HERE SHOWS WHAT HAS MOST BEEN UPDATED AND ACCURATE,
8 AND IT REFLECTS SOME OF THE CORRECTIONS, I DO WANT TO NOTE
9 THAT THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL REFINEMENTS IN THE UPCOMING DAYS,
10 AS WE RECEIVE NEW FILES FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT THE PRELIMINARY DATA WE HAVE DOES SHOW A
12 10% DECLINE IN THE AVERAGE TOTAL NUMBER OF C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE
13 HOSPITALIZATIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK. THE NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS
14 SLIDE, WE ARE TRACKING THE TRAJECTORY OF THE PANDEMIC, SINCE
15 MARCH OF THIS YEAR. THE GREEN LINE IS THE TREND LINE THAT
16 DEMONSTRATES THE SIGNIFICANT AND ONGOING DECLINE IN REPORTED
17 CASES. THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE DAILY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS-- THIS
18 IS NOW ADMISSIONS-- THAT'S SHOWN ON THE ORANGE LINE. HOWEVER,
19 AS I JUST NOTED ON THE DATA AROUND HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS,
20 THIS RECENT DATA IS ALSO PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AS
21 WE RECEIVE UPDATED INFORMATION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC HEALTH. BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY DATA, WE SAW A SLIGHT
23 INCREASE IN HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS THIS PAST WEEK. WE DO THINK
24 THIS IS AN ERROR RELATED TO SOME OF THE RECENT HOSPITALIZATION
25 DATA ISSUES, AND WE'LL BE MAKING CHANGES AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE

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1 ADJUSTED INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 HEALTH. JUST AS A REMINDER, THE HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH
3 TREND LINES-- THE DEATH TREND LINE IS THE BLUE LINE AT THE
4 BOTTOM-- THEY USE THIS SECONDARY VERTICAL ACCESS ON THE RIGHT-
5 HAND SIDE OF THE GRAPH. SO, EVEN THOUGH IT NOW APPEARS THAT
6 THE HOSPITALIZATION TREND LINE IS ABOVE THE CASES TREND LINE,
7 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS ARE ACTUALLY AT ABOUT 140, AND CASES ARE
8 AT ABOUT 2700. SO, DIFFERENT ACCESSES SHOWN BY DIFFERENT PARTS
9 OF THIS SLIDE. AND AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE
10 NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED DAILY REMAINS, FRANKLY, UNCHANGED.
11 THE NEXT SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE TO USE THE THE C.D.C.
12 C.O.V.I.D.-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK TO MONITOR THE STRAIN
13 ON OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D. AS YOU KNOW,
14 THE C.D.C.'S FRAMEWORK UTILIZES ONE CASE-RATE METRIC, AND TWO
15 HOSPITAL-RELATED METRICS. FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN A ROW, C.D.C.
16 IS NOW REPORTING THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE
17 MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL. THE FIRST METRIC THAT'S USED TO
18 CALCULATE L.A. COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D. COMMUNITY LEVEL IS THE
19 SEVEN-DAY CASE RATE, WHICH C.D.C. REPORTED YESTERDAY AT 213
20 WEEKLY CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS IS A DECREASE FROM 246
21 JUST LAST MONDAY. THE FIRST OF THE TWO HOSPITAL METRICS IS THE
22 SEVEN-DAY TOTAL OF NEW HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000.
23 YESTERDAY, THE C.D.C. REPORTED L.A. COUNTY'S RATE AT 8.7
24 WEEKLY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE. HOWEVER, I WANT
25 TO NOTE THAT THE MONDAY HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE IS OFTEN

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1 ARTIFICIALLY LOW, DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF WEEKEND REPORTING BY
2 THE STATE. SO, THE NUMBER MAY INCREASE WHEN C.D.C. UPDATES
3 THEIR METRICS LATER ON TODAY OR TOMORROW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO
4 NOTE THAT THE SAME HOSPITALIZATION DATA ISSUES THAT I
5 DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY ARE LIKELY AFFECTING THE C.D.C. HOSPITAL
6 ADMISSION RATE, AS WELL, SINCE C.D.C. CALCULATES THIS RATE
7 USING DATA REPORTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
8 WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO C.D.C., AND THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS
9 ISSUE, AS WELL. THE SECOND HOSPITAL METRIC IS THE SEVEN-DAY
10 AVERAGE FOR THE PROPORTION OF STAFFED INPATIENT BEDS THAT ARE
11 OCCUPIED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19 PATIENTS. YESTERDAY, C.D.C. REPORTED
12 THIS METRIC FOR L.A. COUNTY TO BE 5.3%, WHICH IS A SMALL
13 DECLINE FROM THE 5.6% REPORTED LAST MONDAY. I WANT TO NOTE
14 THAT, SHOULD THIS CASE RATE CONTINUE TO DECLINE-- NOW WE'RE AT
15 ABOUT 213 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE-- IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
16 L.A. COUNTY, ASSUMING THAT OUR HOSPITAL METRICS REMAIN STABLE,
17 COULD MOVE TO THE LOW COMMUNITY LEVEL WITHIN THIS NEXT WEEK,
18 SHOULD THAT WEEKLY CASE RATE DROP TO BELOW 201 NEW CASES PER
19 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS WILL BE WELCOME PROGRESS, AS IT WILL
20 INDICATE THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO NO STRESS ON THE HOSPITAL
21 CARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY, ASSOCIATED WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19.
22 HOWEVER, TRANSMISSION AT A CASE RATE OF AROUND 200 IS STILL
23 HIGH. IT REPRESENTS, AS I NOTED TODAY, ABOUT 2700 NEW CASES A
24 DAY. OUR HOPE IS THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SLOW TRANSMISSION TO
25 A WEEKLY CASE RATE OF LESS THAN 100, AND THAT WOULD DROP OUR

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1 DAILY NUMBER OF NEW CASES TO ABOUT 1400. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE
2 THAT WE'RE UNDERESTIMATING THE TRUE RATE OF INFECTIOUSNESS AND
3 TRANSMISSION IN THE COUNTY WITH THESE NUMBERS, SINCE MANY
4 PEOPLE ARE TESTING AT HOME, AND THOSE NUMBERS-- POSITIVE TEST
5 RESULTS-- ARE NOT REPORTED TO THE COUNTY. WE WILL GO ON TO OUR
6 NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO PROVIDE A QUICK UPDATE ON THE
7 C.O.V.I.D.-19 EARLY ALERT SIGNALS FOR L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS
8 ANOTHER WAY THAT WE FEEL REASSURED THAT OUR METRICS ARE, IN
9 FACT, MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, EVEN UNDERSTANDING THE
10 LIMITATIONS AROUND TESTING. SINCE WE LAST REPORTED UPDATED
11 VALUES ON THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK, THERE HAVE BEEN DECREASES IN
12 THREE EARLY ALERT SIGNALS. THE PERCENT OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
13 VISITS THAT ARE C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED DECREASED FROM 6.6% TO
14 6.1%. THE CASE RATE IN THE LOWEST INCOME AREAS DECREASED FROM
15 177 TO 152 WEEKLY CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. AND THE NUMBER OF
16 NEW OUTBREAKS REPORTED PER WEEK, IN SETTINGS FOR PEOPLE
17 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ALSO DECREASED FROM 13 TO 7. THERE
18 WAS NO CHANGE IN THE PERCENT OF SPECIMENS SEQUENCED IDENTIFIED
19 AS BEING EITHER BA.4 OR BA.5. THIS IS CURRENTLY AT 97%, AND I
20 WILL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE VARIANTS IN A MINUTE. THERE
21 ALSO WAS NO CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, WITH A
22 RECENT TWOFOLD INCREASE IN VIRAL CONCENTRATION. THIS REMAINS
23 AT ZERO. THERE WERE THREE EARLY ALERT SIGNALS, ALL RELATED TO
24 OUTBREAKS OR CLUSTERS, THAT EXPERIENCED SOME VERY SMALL
25 INCREASES. THE NUMBER OF NEW OUTBREAKS IN SKILLED NURSING

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1 FACILITIES, IN THE PAST 7 DAYS, INCREASED FROM 16 TO 22. THE
2 NUMBER OF NEW OUTBREAKS IN T.K.-THROUGH-GRADE-12 SCHOOL
3 CLASSROOMS INCREASED FROM 13 TO 18. THIS LIKELY REFLECTS THE
4 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE REOPENED. AND THE
5 NUMBER OF WORKSITE CLUSTER REPORTS INCREASED SLIGHTLY, FROM
6 144 TO 154. SECTOR-SPECIFIC PLANS ARE IN PLACE, THAT CONTINUE
7 TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORKSITES, SCHOOLS, NURSING HOMES; AND
8 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF ARE ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT AND OPERATE
9 MITIGATION AT ALL OF THESE SITES. I'M GOING TO REVIEW A FEW
10 EARLY ALERT SIGNALS IN MORE DETAIL IN THE NEXT SLIDES. YOU CAN
11 GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE OMICRON VARIANT, AS YOU SEE HERE,
12 CONTINUES TO ACCOUNT FOR 100% OF SEQUENCED SPECIMENS. THE BA.5
13 SUBVARIANT OF OMICRON-- THAT IS SHOWN BY THE LARGER, BRIGHT-
14 RED SECTION AT THE TOP OF EACH BAR-- REMAINS THE PREDOMINANT
15 SUBVARIANT, BY FAR. IN THE WEEK THAT ENDED AUGUST 6TH, 90% OF
16 ALL SEQUENCED SPECIMENS WERE BA.5. THIS IS A SLIGHT INCREASE
17 FROM 87% FOR LAST WEEK. THE C.D.C. ESTIMATES THAT ACROSS THE
18 COUNTRY, AS OF THE WEEK THAT ENDED AUGUST 20TH, BA.5
19 SUBVARIANT ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 89% OF THE SPECIMENS. THE
20 RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF THE OTHER KEY SUBLINEAGES WE HAVE BEEN
21 TRACKING HAVE CHANGED ONLY SLIGHTLY, INCLUDING BA.2.12.1--
22 THAT'S THOSE ORANGE BARS THAT ARE SHRINKING TO, NOW, JUST
23 SLIGHTLY OVER 2%-- AND BA.4.6, A NEW SUBVARIANT THAT WE ARE
24 WATCHING, THAT YOU CAN SEE WITH THOSE YELLOW BARS. IT ALSO
25 DECLINED SLIGHTLY, FROM 1.6% TO 1%. TO DATE, ONLY FOUR

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1 SPECIMENS OF BA.2.75 HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS
2 WAS ONLY ONE MORE THAN WE REPORTED LAST WEEK, INDICATING NO
3 INCREASED CIRCULATION OF THIS SUBLINEAGE IN L.A. COUNTY. AT
4 THE MOMENT, AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ARE NO NEW SUBVARIANTS, OR
5 SUBLINEAGES, THAT APPEAR LIKELY TO OVERTAKE BA.5, GIVEN THE
6 CURRENT PATTERN. THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN, ESPECIALLY WHEN
7 VIEWED IN LIGHT OF OUR DECREASING CASES, AND IT MAY ALLOW FOR
8 FURTHER DECLINE IN TRANSMISSION. HOWEVER, SINCE ALL OF THE
9 CURRENTLY CIRCULATING SUBVARIANTS HAVE SHOWN SOME ABILITY TO
10 CAUSE REPEAT INFECTIONS FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY HAD C.O.V.I.D.
11 EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, OR EARLIER THIS YEAR, IT REMAINS
12 PRUDENT TO USE COMMONSENSE MEASURES TO AVOID REPEATED EXPOSURE
13 FOR YOURSELF AND FOR OTHERS, AND THIS INCLUDES MASKING
14 INDOORS, GETTING TESTED WHEN YOU ARE ILL, AND ISOLATING AT
15 HOME WHEN YOU HAVE C.O.V.I.D. NEXT SLIDE. AS YOU CAN SEE ON
16 THIS SLIDE, ALL FOUR SEWER SHEDS, WHICH COVER MOST OF L.A.
17 COUNTY, THAT ARE MONITORING THE CONCENTRATION OF THE SARS-COV-
18 2 VIRUS, REPORTED DECLINES IN VIRAL CONCENTRATIONS IN THEIR
19 WASTEWATER THROUGHOUT THE SECOND HALF OF JULY AND THE FIRST
20 HALF OF AUGUST. THE WHITE TREND LINE IN EACH GRAPH SHOWS THE
21 10-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE FOR VIRAL CONCENTRATION IN WASTEWATER
22 BETWEEN JUNE 29TH AND THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST. THE DASHED BLUE
23 LINE SHOWS THE AVERAGE FROM TWO WEEKS EARLIER FOR EACH PLANT,
24 AND THE DASHED YELLOW LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL THAT WOULD BE A
25 DOUBLING OF THE AVERAGE FROM TWO WEEKS EARLIER. AS A REMINDER,

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1 SINCE THE TESTING METHOD VARIES BETWEEN THE PLANTS, WE COMPARE
2 THE TRENDS, AND NOT THE ABSOLUTE VIRAL CONCENTRATION VALUES.
3 DATA FROM THE TWO LARGEST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS--
4 HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT, WHICH SERVES CENTRAL AND
5 WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY, AND THE JOINT WATER POLLUTION
6 CONTROL PLANT, WHICH SERVES THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PORTIONS
7 OF THE COUNTY-- ARE SHOWN ALONG THE TOP ROW. TOGETHER, THESE
8 TWO PLANTS SERVE ABOUT 7.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY. YOU
9 CAN SEE THAT BOTH OF THESE LARGE PLANTS HAVE FURTHER DECLINES
10 IN VIRAL CONCENTRATION. LAST WEEK, WE REPORTED A SMALL UPTICK
11 IN VIRAL CONCENTRATION AT THE HYPERION PLANT, BUT AS YOU CAN
12 SEE, IT WAS FOLLOWED QUICKLY BY FURTHER DECLINES. SIMILAR
13 DECLINES IN VIRAL CONCENTRATIONS WERE ALSO REPORTED AT TWO
14 SMALLER PLANTS, SHOWN ALONG THE BOTTOM. THIS IS THE LANCASTER
15 WATER RECLAMATION PLANT THAT SERVES PEOPLE IN LANCASTER AND
16 PALMDALE, AND THE TAPIA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY, RUN BY THE
17 LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, THAT SERVES PEOPLE IN
18 CALABASAS AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. NEXT SLIDE. AS INDICATED
19 BY OUR COMMUNITY LEVEL AND EARLY ALERT DATA, TRANSMISSION IS
20 DECREASING ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE
21 WHO HAS PLAYED A PART IN REDUCING SPREAD. GIVEN THAT LESS
22 TRANSMISSION TRANSLATES TO LESS RISK, MANY ASK US WHY ANY
23 PRECAUTIONS ARE STILL NECESSARY. ONE REASON IS THE CONTINUED
24 ELEVATED MORTALITY RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. ON THIS SLIDE, WE
25 SEE THE MORTALITY RATE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND SELECT OTHER

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1 CAUSES OF DEATH THIS YEAR, FROM JANUARY TO APRIL OF 2022. I DO
2 WANT TO NOTE THAT THE C.O.V.I.D. DEATH DATA THAT IS USED IN
3 THIS ANALYSIS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE C.O.V.I.D. DEATH
4 DATA WE NORMALLY REPORT. IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR A COMPARISON
5 WITH OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH, WE LIMITED C.O.V.I.D. DEATHS TO
6 ONLY THOSE WITH C.O.V.I.D. LISTED AS THE UNDERLYING CAUSE OF
7 DEATH ON THE DEATH CERTIFICATE. FOR THE DEATH NUMBERS WE
8 USUALLY REPORT, WE'RE ABLE TO DO A MORE COMPLETE INVESTIGATION
9 ON EACH DEATH, AND WE'RE ABLE TO UTILIZE OTHER DATA SOURCES TO
10 SUPPLEMENT THE DEATH CERTIFICATES WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE,
11 LIKE REPORTS FROM PROVIDERS, MEDICAL RECORDS, OUTBREAK
12 RECORDS, AND INTERVIEWS. ACROSS ALL AGES, FOR JANUARY THROUGH
13 APRIL OF THIS YEAR, USING THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DATA, THE
14 C.O.V.I.D. DEATH RATE WAS 2.6 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE RATE OF
15 DIABETES DEATHS, NINE TIMES HIGHER THAN THE RATE OF MOTOR
16 VEHICLE DEATHS, AND 5.5 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE RATE OF
17 PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA DEATHS. IT IS CLEAR THAT C.O.V.I.D.,
18 AS WELL AS OTHER DISEASES LIKE DIABETES AND INFLUENZA,
19 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT OUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, EVEN
20 IN YOUNGER AGE GROUPS, THE C.O.V.I.D. DEATH RATE IS STILL
21 GENERALLY HIGHER THAN THE OTHER THREE CAUSES OF DEATH THAT WE
22 ARE SHOWING ON THIS SLIDE. IN 2022 ALONE, THERE HAVE BEEN OVER
23 4800 C.O.V.I.D.-ASSOCIATED DEATHS, AND TRAGICALLY, 25% OF
24 THESE DEATHS HAVE BEEN IN RESIDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 65. WHILE
25 THE MORTALITY RATE REMAINS HIGH, THE TOOLS WE HAVE AND USE

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1 MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE, AS WE HAVE SEEN A STEADY DECLINE IN
2 DEATH RATES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. IN ORDER TO
3 PROTECT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE FROM THE WORST OUTCOME OF A
4 C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION, USING COMMONSENSE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT
5 OURSELVES AND THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY DOES REMAIN IMPORTANT.
6 NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE IS LOOKING AT OUR MORTALITY DATA A
7 LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY, AND IT SHOWS THE LEADING CAUSES OF
8 PREMATURE DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY IN 2019 AND 2020. 2020 IS THE
9 LATEST DATA THAT WE HAVE TO DO THESE CALCULATIONS. PREMATURE
10 DEATH IS DEFINED AS A DEATH BEFORE 75 YEARS OF AGE, AND THE
11 LEADING CAUSES OF PREMATURE DEATH ARE DETERMINED BY
12 CALCULATING THE YEARS OF POTENTIAL LIFE LOST BEFORE THE AGE OF
13 75. IN 2020, C.O.V.I.D.-19 WAS THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREMATURE
14 DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY, ACCOUNTING FOR 78,814 YEARS OF POTENTIAL
15 LIFE LOST. THIS WAS MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF POTENTIAL
16 LIFE LOST FROM DIABETES, SUICIDE, STROKE, AND LUNG CANCER
17 COMBINED. DRUG OVERDOSE WAS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF
18 PREMATURE DEATH IN 2020, WITH A 65% INCREASE SINCE 2019, AND
19 CORONARY HEART DISEASE WAS THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF
20 PREMATURE DEATH. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT FOR ALL CAUSES
21 OF DEATH ON THIS SLIDE, EXCEPT SUICIDE, THE YEARS OF POTENTIAL
22 LIFE LOST INCREASED BETWEEN 2019 AND 2020, POINTING TO THE
23 BROADER IMPACT OF THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, BEYOND THE
24 MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIRUS ITSELF. IN
25 PART, THIS IS BECAUSE A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS VIRUS TRANSLATES TO

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1 MANY INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING DISRUPTIONS AT WORK, AT SCHOOL,
2 OBTAINING HEALTHCARE, AND IN THEIR SOCIAL LIVES. THESE
3 DISRUPTIONS ARE VERY LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON OVERALL
4 WELLBEING. TAKING SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO
5 CONTINUE DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES THAT GIVE OUR LIVES PURPOSE,
6 BY GOING TO WORK OR SCHOOL, VISITING FAMILY MEMBERS, AND
7 GATHERING WITH FRIENDS. NEXT SLIDE. THE SOBERING DATA ON
8 C.O.V.I.D.-19 MORTALITY AND PREMATURE DEATHS DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.
9 HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHY IT REMAINS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO
10 TAKE STEPS THAT LIMIT THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND PROTECT
11 THOSE MOST VULNERABLE TO SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH. AS A
12 REMINDER, NOTHING NEW HERE. THESE STEPS INCLUDE STAYING HOME
13 IF YOU ARE SICK, AND IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D.;
14 TALKING TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR CALLING OUR PUBLIC
15 HEALTH INFORMATION LINE, IF YOU ARE SICK AND YOU NEED ACCESS
16 TO C.O.V.I.D. THERAPEUTICS, WHICH WILL HELP AVOID SERIOUS
17 ILLNESS. OUR INFORMATION LINE, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, 833-540-
18 0473, IS ACCESSIBLE EVERY SINGLE DAY OF THE WEEK, BETWEEN 8:00
19 IN THE MORNING AND 8:30 AT NIGHT. GETTING TESTED, IF
20 EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OR BEFORE GATHERING, ESPECIALLY IF YOU
21 ARE GATHERING INDOORS WITH PEOPLE WHO MAY BE AT HIGHER RISK,
22 REMAINS AN IMPORTANT STEP TO TAKE, TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS FROM
23 INFECTION. AS MANY PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
24 THIS WEEKEND, TESTING BEFORE AND AFTER TRAVEL IS ALSO
25 RECOMMENDED AS AN ADDITIONAL PROTECTION MEASURE THAT HELPS

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1 REDUCE SPREAD. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION ON C.O.V.I.D.-19
2 TESTING, YOU CAN VISIT PH.LACOUNTY.GOV/COVIDTESTS. MASKING
3 INDOORS WHILE TRANSMISSION IS ELEVATED CONTINUES TO BE
4 STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AS A SIMPLE STEP THAT HELPS US LIMIT THE
5 SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. AND AS A REMINDER, MASKING IS STILL
6 REQUIRED ON PUBLIC TRANSIT AND IN MANY HIGH-RISK SETTINGS,
7 INCLUDING HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, CORRECTIONAL AND DETENTION
8 FACILITIES, CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES, AND HOMELESS AND
9 EMERGENCY SHELTERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF MASKS
10 YOU CAN USE TO PROTECT AGAINST GETTING AND SPREADING
11 C.O.V.I.D.-19, YOU CAN, AGAIN, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
12 PH.LACOUNTY.GOV/MASKS. MAKING GOOD USE OF THE OUTDOORS AND
13 GATHERING OUTSIDE IS ALWAYS PREFERABLE TO GATHERING INDOORS,
14 BECAUSE THERE'S JUST BETTER VENTILATION OUTDOORS. BUT WE DO
15 KNOW, WITH EXTREME HEAT EXPECTED THE REST OF THIS WEEK AND
16 THROUGH THE HOLIDAY, MANY WILL NEED TO MOVE INDOORS. SO, WHEN
17 GATHERING INDOORS, YOU CAN MAXIMIZE VENTILATION BY OPENING
18 DOORS AND WINDOWS, USING AIR FILTERS, AND SETTING YOUR
19 H.V.A.C. SYSTEMS TO MAXIMIZE FRESH AIR EXCHANGE. NEXT SLIDE.
20 BECAUSE VACCINATIONS DO REMAIN OUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST SEVERE
21 ILLNESS, WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE UPDATED OMICRON
22 VACCINE BOOSTERS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE VERY SOON. THE UPDATED
23 BOOSTER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED USING THE SAME PROCESS AS THE
24 ORIGINAL M.R.N.A. C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES, WITH THE ADDED
25 PROTECTION AGAINST BA.4 AND BA.5, THE EXACT SUBVARIANTS THAT

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1 ARE CIRCULATING RIGHT NOW. PFIZER IS SEEKING AUTHORIZATION
2 FROM THE F.D.A. FOR THEIR OMICRON BOOSTER FOR PEOPLE AGE 12
3 AND OLDER, AND MODERNA IS SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
4 OMICRON BOOSTER FOR THOSE AGES 18 AND OLDER. THE F.D.A. AND
5 THE C.D.C. ARE EXPECTED TO REVIEW THESE BOOSTER APPLICATIONS
6 AS EARLY AS THIS WEEK, AND THEN APPROVAL COULD BE GRANTED
7 WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF THEIR CONVENINGS. WE ARE PREPARING AHEAD
8 OF TIME, HERE IN THE COUNTY, TO ASSURE THAT WE'LL BE READY TO
9 START ADMINISTERING BOOSTER DOSES, ONCE THESE NEW BOOSTERS ARE
10 AUTHORIZED. WE'VE ALREADY PREORDERED THE FULL INITIAL
11 ALLOCATION AVAILABLE TO L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S ABOUT 170,000
12 DOSES. SO, ASSUMING APPROVAL FROM THE F.D.A. AND C.D.C. LATER
13 THIS WEEK, WE WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE THESE DOSES BETWEEN
14 SEPTEMBER 6TH AND SEPTEMBER 9TH. MORE THAN 300 DIFFERENT
15 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE PREPARING TO
16 ADMINISTER THE OMICRON BOOSTER, STARTING IN MID-SEPTEMBER--
17 AGAIN, ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED-- AND MANY PROVIDERS
18 ARE OFFERING VACCINATIONS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS. PUBLIC HEALTH
19 PLANS TO HAVE THE OMICRON BOOSTER AVAILABLE AT ALL SEVEN OF
20 OUR COMMUNITY VACCINATION SITES, AT FIVE OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
21 CENTERS, AS WELL AS AT THE HUNDREDS OF MOBILE VACCINE CLINICS
22 THAT WILL BE OPERATING ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS ALWAYS, RESIDENTS
23 AND WORKERS CAN SEARCH FOR PLACES OFFERING THE VACCINE ON OUR
24 WEBSITE, [VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM](https://vaccinate.lacounty.com). YOU CAN CLICK ON "FIND A
25 LOCATION," AND THEN SEARCH BY VACCINE TYPE. WITH THAT, I'LL

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1 CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION AND TURN IT OVER TO DR. SINGHAL, TO
2 PROVIDE THE UPDATE ON OUR MONKEYPOX RESPONSE.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME, DR. SINGHAL.

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6 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND
7 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM PLEASED TO JOIN YOU TODAY, TO
8 PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX. I WILL PROVIDE A SITUATIONAL
9 UPDATE AND SHARE DATA REGARDING MONKEYPOX AND PERSONS LIVING
10 WITH H.I.V., AND FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE MONKEYPOX
11 VACCINE; UPDATES ON OUR VACCINE ELIGIBILITY AND DISTRIBUTION;
12 INFORMATION ON MONKEYPOX TREATMENT; AND RECENT COMMUNICATIONS
13 CAMPAIGNS. I WILL TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE. THE NUMBER OF
14 MONKEYPOX CASES CONTINUES TO RISE AROUND THE WORLD AND HERE IN
15 THE UNITED STATES. AS OF AUGUST 29TH, THERE WERE OVER 48,800
16 CASES OF MONKEYPOX ACROSS 99 COUNTRIES, WHICH INCLUDES OVER
17 18,100 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE UNITED STATES. CALIFORNIA IS NOW
18 THE STATE REPORTING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CASES IN THE UNITED
19 STATES, WITH 3,369 CASES. AS OF YESTERDAY, THERE HAVE BEEN
20 1,434 CASES OF MONKEYPOX IDENTIFIED IN L.A. COUNTY, AS WELL AS
21 72 CASES REPORTED IN LONG BEACH, AND 17 CASES REPORTED IN
22 PASADENA. THE PROFILE OF CASES IN L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO
23 ALIGN WITH WHAT IS BEING SEEN ACROSS BOTH THE COUNTRY AND THE
24 WORLD. AS REPORTED ON OUR PUBLIC DATA DASHBOARD ON AUGUST
25 26TH, THE MEDIAN AGE OF MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY REMAINS

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1 AT 35 YEARS. 98% OF MONKEYPOX CASES REPORT BEING MALE, AND 96%
2 OF CASES, WHERE SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS KNOWN, REPORT BEING
3 L.G.B.Q.+. NEW ON OUR DASHBOARD IS DATA ON MONKEYPOX CASES
4 AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR P.E.H. THERE ARE
5 48 CASES OF MONKEYPOX AMONG P.E.H. 22 OF THESE CASES ARE AMONG
6 THOSE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING SITUATIONS, SUCH AS THOSE STAYING
7 AT HOTELS OR MOTELS, OR COUCH SURFING; 16 CASES ARE
8 UNSHELTERED, LIVING ON THE STREETS, ENCAMPMENTS, OR IN PARKS;
9 AND FIVE CASES ARE IN P.E.H. CONGREGATE HOUSING SETTINGS, SUCH
10 AS SHELTERS. IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE HAVE BEEN 49
11 HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG PERSONS WITH MONKEYPOX. THERE HAVE NOT
12 BEEN ANY DEATHS DUE TO MONKEYPOX IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OR
13 CALIFORNIA. THERE IS AN EARLY REPORT OF A DEATH OF AN
14 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PERSON WITH MONKEYPOX IN TEXAS, BUT WE ARE
15 WAITING FOR CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION. NEXT SLIDE,
16 PLEASE. HERE WE HAVE THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL, OR EPICURVE, FOR
17 MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY BY EPISODE DATE, OR WHEN THE
18 CASE REPORTS SYMPTOM ONSET. THE COLUMNS SHOW WEEKLY CASE
19 NUMBERS, BEGINNING MID-MAY THROUGH LAST WEEK. AS YOU CAN SEE,
20 AFTER RISING STEADILY THROUGH JUNE AND JULY, WE REACHED A PEAK
21 OF 233 NEW CASES IN THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6TH. SINCE THEN, WE
22 HAVE PLATEAUED, WITH A SMALL DROP IN CASES THE WEEK FOLLOWING,
23 AND THEN A SMALL RISE IN CASES THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20TH.
24 DUE TO A LAG IN DATA REPORTING, DATA IS INCOMPLETE FOR LAST
25 WEEK. IN ADDITION, I CAN REPORT THAT ALTHOUGH A MONTH AGO, WE

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1 WERE SEEING A DOUBLING OF MONKEYPOX CASES IN AS FEW AS EIGHT
2 DAYS, OUR DOUBLING TIME HAS NOW INCREASED TO 22 DAYS. THE
3 PLATEAUING EPICURVE AND THE LONGER DOUBLING TIME MAY BE EARLY
4 INDICATIONS THAT MONKEYPOX VIRUS TRANSMISSION IS BEGINNING TO
5 SLOW IN L.A. COUNTY. SIMILAR TRENDS ARE BEING NOTED IN
6 COUNTRIES WHERE THE OUTBREAK FIRST BEGAN, AS WELL AS IN OTHER
7 U.S. JURISDICTIONS. WE WILL BE WATCHING THE CURVE CLOSELY,
8 OVER THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK, TO SEE IF THE LEVELING-OFF IN
9 NEW CASES IS SUSTAINED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. TODAY, WE ARE
10 REPORTING ON NEW DATA ON H.I.V. AND MONKEYPOX COINFECTION.
11 THESE DATA, WHICH WERE DERIVED BY MATCHING MONKEYPOX CASES
12 AGAINST OUR H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE DATA, INDICATE THAT 42% OF
13 MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN AMONG PEOPLE LIVING
14 WITH H.I.V., WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH COUNTRYWIDE ESTIMATES
15 FROM THE C.D.C. WHILE THE HIGH RATE OF COINFECTION IS
16 CONCERNING, THE MAJORITY OF MONKEYPOX CASES WHO ARE LIVING
17 WITH H.I.V. ARE CONNECTED TO CARE. IN FACT, 89% OF H.I.V.-
18 POSITIVE PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH MONKEYPOX IN L.A. COUNTY WERE
19 ENGAGED IN H.I.V. CARE IN THE PRIOR 12 MONTHS, AND 77% WERE
20 VIRALLY SUPPRESSED. TO FURTHER UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF
21 MONKEYPOX VIRUS INFECTION AMONG THIS GROUP, PUBLIC HEALTH IS
22 COLLABORATING WITH C.D.C. ON A NATIONAL COURT THAT WILL
23 DESCRIBE THE CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF MONKEYPOX AMONG
24 PERSONS LIVING WITH H.I.V., USING DATA FROM LOCAL HEALTH
25 JURISDICTIONS FROM FIVE STATES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THESE DATA

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1 HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR OUR PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THAT H.I.V.
2 PATIENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MONKEYPOX VACCINATION ARE
3 VACCINATED. WE ARE WORKING TO ONBOARD ANY REMAINING H.I.V.
4 PROVIDERS WHO ARE NOT IN OUR MONKEYPOX VACCINE PROVIDER
5 NETWORK, AND WE ARE ALSO MEETING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND
6 PROVIDERS TO DISCUSS MESSAGING AND OUTREACH TO THIS
7 POPULATION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WITH VACCINE SUPPLIES
8 INCREASING, PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUES TO RAPIDLY DISTRIBUTE AND
9 ADMINISTER MONKEYPOX VACCINE DOSES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.
10 UNDER PHASES 1-3 OF FEDERAL ALLOCATIONS, WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER
11 72,000 DOSES OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE. PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
12 DISTRIBUTED ALL OF THESE DOSES, AND AS OF YESTERDAY, 74% OF
13 THESE DOSES HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED. LAST WEEK, THE FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED PHASE-FOUR ALLOCATIONS. OF OVER 360,000
15 VIALS OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO
16 JURISDICTIONS UNDER PHASE FOUR, L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED
17 24,767 VIALS, OR ABOUT 120,000 DOSES. DISTRIBUTION OF PHASE-
18 FOUR DOSES WILL OCCUR IN THREE TRANCHES, WITH EACH TRANCHE
19 COMPRISED OF ONE-THIRD OF THE ALLOCATION. LATE LAST WEEK, L.A.
20 COUNTY RECEIVED THE FIRST TRANCHE OF THIS ALLOCATION, WHICH IS
21 8,260 VIALS, OR ABOUT 41,300 DOSES. THE NEXT TRANCHES WILL BE
22 ACCESSIBLE ONCE AT LEAST 85% OF THESE VIALS ARE ADMINISTERED.
23 WE ARE ESTIMATING THAT WITH THE DOSES L.A. COUNTY WILL RECEIVE
24 IN PHASE FOUR, WE CAN FULLY VACCINATE ALMOST 100,000 PEOPLE
25 WITH A TWO-DOSE SERIES. THIS IS ABOUT 56% OF THE ESTIMATED

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1 180,000 PEOPLE AT RISK IN L.A. COUNTY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
2 SINCE THE START OF THE OUTBREAK, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS WORKED WITH
3 A VARIETY OF PARTNERS TO MAKE MONKEYPOX VACCINATIONS EASILY
4 ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WHO ARE AT GREATER RISK FOR MONKEYPOX,
5 AT SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. HERE WE SHOW THE NUMBER AND
6 PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED, BY SITE TYPE. ABOUT
7 HALF OF OUR DOSES, OR 28,462, HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED AT PUBLIC
8 HEALTH PODS, AND ALMOST A QUARTER, OR 13,323 DOSES, WERE
9 PROVIDED BY OUR OVER 50 COMMUNITY CLINIC AND HOSPITAL
10 PARTNERS. IN ADDITION, NEARLY 7,200 DOSES HAVE BEEN
11 ADMINISTERED AT COMMUNITY PODS, PHARMACY POP-UP EVENTS, AND
12 OTHER PARTNER EVENTS, INCLUDING THOSE TARGETED TO REACH P.E.H.
13 AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. SOME OF THE CURRENT
14 COMMUNITY POD LOCATIONS ARE WEST HOLLYWOOD, SILVER LAKE, EL
15 MONTE, HOLLYWOOD, AND HIGHLAND PARK. IN ADDITION, THIS PAST
16 WEEKEND, OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, ST. JOHN'S AND J.W.C.H.,
17 VACCINATED OVER 1,200 PEOPLE AT THE L.A. PROUD EVENT IN
18 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. TODAY, WE ARE ALSO
19 SHARING KEY DEMOGRAPHICS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN
20 VACCINATED AGAINST MONKEYPOX IN L.A. COUNTY. THESE ARE BASED
21 ON AUGUST 26TH DATA FOR 45,026 FIRST DOSES OF VACCINE
22 ADMINISTERED. THIS DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR PUBLIC
23 DASHBOARD, LATER THIS WEEK. THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THOSE
24 RECEIVING A FIRST DOSE WERE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE
25 DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR MONKEYPOX CASES. THE MEDIAN AGE WAS 37

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1 YEARS. 92% REPORTED BEING MALE. WHERE SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS
2 KNOWN, 96% REPORTED BEING L.G.B.Q.+, AND 42% RESIDED IN S.P.A.
3 FOUR. HOWEVER, WHEN WE LOOK AT RACE/ETHNICITY DATA, THERE WERE
4 SOME NOTABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR MONKEYPOX CASES AND
5 PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST MONKEYPOX. HERE, IN
6 THIS FIGURE ON THE LEFT, YOU WILL SEE THE RACE/ETHNICITY
7 BREAKDOWN OF OUR MONKEYPOX CASES, AND ON THE RIGHT IS THE
8 RACE/ETHNICITY OF THOSE WHO RECEIVED A FIRST DOSE OF MONKEYPOX
9 VACCINE. WHEREAS 40% AND 11% OF MONKEYPOX CASES ARE FOUND IN
10 THE LATINX AND BLACK POPULATIONS, RESPECTIVELY, OF THOSE WHO
11 RECEIVED A FIRST DOSE, ONLY 32% WERE LATINX, AND 9% WERE
12 BLACK. TO ADDRESS THESE LOWER RATES OF VACCINATION AMONG THE
13 LATINX AND BLACK POPULATION, PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE WORKING
14 WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THESE
15 POPULATIONS ON MONKEYPOX CONTROL EFFORTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
16 LIMITED TO, CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO ENSURE INCREASED AWARENESS
17 AND EDUCATION, AND IDENTIFYING LOCATIONS FOR VACCINATION
18 EVENTS THAT IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE VACCINE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
19 IN RESPONSE TO PHASE-FOUR VACCINE ALLOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT,
20 LAST WEEK, PUBLIC HEALTH EXPANDED OUR VACCINE ELIGIBILITY
21 CRITERIA TO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN AND
22 TRANSGENDER PERSONS WHO HAD MULTIPLE OR ANONYMOUS SEX PARTNERS
23 IN THE PAST 14 DAYS, THOSE WHO HAD SKIN-TO-SKIN OR INTIMATE
24 CONTACT, SUCH AS KISSING OR HUGGING, WITH PERSONS AT LARGE
25 VENUES OR EVENTS IN THE PAST 14 DAYS. ADDITIONALLY, PERSONS OF

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1 ANY GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION WHO ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL
2 AND/OR TRANSACTIONAL SEX IN THE PAST 14 DAYS ARE ALSO NOW
3 ELIGIBLE FOR THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE. RESIDENTS WHO MEET PRIOR
4 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION, AND WE
5 CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE RESIDENTS WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED,
6 INCLUDING THOSE WITH ADVANCED OR UNCONTROLLED H.I.V., SINCE
7 THEY MAY BE AT HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE. RESIDENTS WHO DO
8 NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, OR NEED ASSISTANCE ACCESSING
9 THE VACCINE, CAN CALL OUR PUBLIC HEALTH CALL CENTER AT 833-
10 540-0473. OUR STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE CALLS SEVEN DAYS A
11 WEEK, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:30 P.M., IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. NEXT
12 SLIDE, PLEASE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE
13 FOR THEIR FIRST OR SECOND DOSES OF MONKEYPOX VACCINE CAN TAKE
14 ADVANTAGE OF SEVERAL OPTIONS TO GET VACCINATED. WE NOW HAVE 53
15 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS ACTIVELY VACCINATING THEIR PATIENTS FOR
16 MONKEYPOX. WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FIRST
17 DOSE, OR DUE FOR THEIR SECOND DOSE, TO CONTACT THEIR REGULAR
18 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, AND ASK IF THEY ARE OFFERING MONKEYPOX
19 VACCINE. RESIDENTS CAN ALSO GET VACCINATED THROUGH PUBLIC
20 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY POD SITES. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN
21 STREAMLINED, SO NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND ELIGIBLE
22 RESIDENTS CAN WALK UP TO THE FOUR PUBLIC HEALTH PODS AND SOME
23 OTHER COMMUNITY SITES. THEY WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW THEIR
24 IDENTIFICATION, AND ATTEST TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE
25 VACCINE. IF RECEIVING THEIR SECOND DOSE, THEY ARE REQUESTED TO

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1 BRING THEIR VACCINE RECORD. RESIDENTS CAN ALSO NOW MAKE AN
2 APPOINTMENT AT MYTURN.CA.GOV, TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST OR SECOND
3 DOSE AT A NEARBY COMMUNITY OR PROVIDER SITE. WITH VACCINE
4 SUPPLIES IMPROVING, WE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS
5 WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION TO WALK UP OR SCHEDULE AN
6 APPOINTMENT TO GET VACCINATED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN THE
7 CURRENT OUTBREAK, MOST PEOPLE WITH MONKEYPOX HAVE MILD ILLNESS
8 AND RECOVER WITHOUT TREATMENT, USUALLY IN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS.
9 HOWEVER, THE ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION TECOVIRIMAT, WHICH IS ALSO
10 KNOWN AS T.P.O.X.X., IS AVAILABLE TO TREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE
11 SEVERE DISEASE OR COMPLICATIONS OF MONKEYPOX, OR PEOPLE WHO
12 ARE AT RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE. T.P.O.X.X. CAN SHORTEN THE
13 DURATION OF ILLNESS CAUSED BY MONKEYPOX, AND REDUCE THE RISK
14 OF DEATH. AVAILABLE DATA INDICATE THAT T.P.O.X.X. IS SAFE, AND
15 HAS ONLY MINOR SIDE EFFECTS. A PATIENT'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDER
16 WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TO PRESCRIBE T.P.O.X.X. FOR THEIR
17 PATIENTS. EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE INDICATIONS INCLUDE HAVING PAIN
18 OR LESIONS THAT ARE SO SEVERE THAT THEY INTERFERE WITH
19 ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, OR BEING AT RISK FOR SEVERE
20 ILLNESS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, ARE
21 YOUNGER THAN 8 YEARS OF AGE, OR ARE PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING.
22 FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, THEY CAN
23 DISCUSS TREATMENT WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WHO IS ASSIGNED
24 TO THEIR CASE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PROVIDES PATIENT
25 NAVIGATION, TO ENSURE THE CASE HAS ACCESS TO A PROVIDER FOR

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1 ASSESSMENT FOR T.P.O.X.X. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. T.P.O.X.X. IS
2 READILY AVAILABLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WITH 500 SITES
3 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OFFERING THIS TREATMENT TO ELIGIBLE
4 PATIENTS. THE MEDICATION IS PREPOSITIONED AT 35 HUBS THAT
5 SERVE 465 SATELLITE SITES, SUCH AS HEALTH CENTERS, CLINICS,
6 AND ALL HOSPITALS IN L.A. COUNTY. PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDES
7 LOGISTICAL AND CLINICAL CONSULTATION TO PROVIDERS WHO HAVE
8 QUESTIONS. TO ENSURE ACCESS TO THIS IMPORTANT TREATMENT FOR
9 OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS PRIORITIZED THE
10 ONBOARDING OF SITES SUCH AS COMMUNITY CLINICS AND FEDERALLY
11 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, THAT SERVE THESE POPULATIONS. WE
12 ALSO PROVIDE TREATMENT THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS AND L.A.
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HOSPITALS. NEXT SLIDE. A
14 FEW WEEKS AGO, I PROVIDED A BRIEF UPDATE ON SEVERAL OF OUR
15 COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS, WHICH INCLUDED A ROBUST SOCIAL MEDIA
16 CAMPAIGN, RADIO AND T.V. INTERVIEWS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH,
17 PRINTED ASSETS, AND MORE. AS THOSE EFFORTS CONTINUE, PUBLIC
18 HEALTH IS MOVING FORWARD WITH RADIO P.S.A.S ON SPOTIFY,
19 CHANNEL Q, AND PRIDE RADIO, AND DIGITAL ADS IN ENGLISH AND
20 SPANISH ON SEVERAL L.G.B.T.Q. DATING APPS. THESE P.S.A.S AND
21 ADS WILL BE TARGETED TO REACH OUR L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY AT
22 LARGE, AND SPECIFICALLY BLACK AND LATINX COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
23 HIGH USAGE OF THESE DATING APPS. THESE ADS WILL FOCUS ON
24 MONKEYPOX AWARENESS, HOW TO PREVENT MONKEYPOX, AND WHAT
25 RESIDENTS SHOULD DO IF THEY THINK THEY HAVE MONKEYPOX. THESE

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1 MEDIA BUYS ARE BEING COORDINATED AND ALIGNED WITH SEVERAL
2 OTHER PARTNERS, WHO ARE ALSO RUNNING MEDIA BUYS. OUR
3 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM IS ALSO ACTIVELY WORKING TO PLACE OUT-OF-
4 HOME ADS ON BILLBOARDS, BUS SHELTERS, AND BUS TAILS IN VARIOUS
5 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THESE
6 EFFORTS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE
7 AWARENESS AMONG OUR RESIDENTS ABOUT MONKEYPOX, INCLUDING
8 IMPORTANCE AND ACCESS TO VACCINATION AND TREATMENT. THANK YOU.
9 HAPPY TO TAKE SOME QUESTIONS.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DR.
12 GHALY FIRST, AND THEN WE WILL OPEN UP TO QUESTIONS TO ALL
13 THREE. DR. GHALY?

14

15 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANKS, AND GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD
16 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I WILL RUN THROUGH A SHORT SET OF
17 SLIDES ON C.O.V.I.D., AND THEN AFTER I FINISH GOING THROUGH
18 THE SLIDES ON C.O.V.I.D., I WILL MAKE JUST A FEW BRIEF
19 COMMENTS ON VACCINATION ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO MONKEYPOX.
20 SO, IF YOU COULD PLEASE TURN ON THE SLIDES? FOR C.O.V.I.D.,
21 OVERALL, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D.
22 TEST HAS STILL BEEN DECLINING OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS,
23 MIRRORING WHAT IS HAPPENING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OVERALL, AND
24 THE OVERALL LEVEL OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION THAT'S OUT THERE.
25 I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT, AS THAT LEVEL OF COMMUNITY

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1 TRANSMISSION DOES DECLINE, THE STRESS ON THE HOSPITALS AND OUR
2 CLINICS HAS ALSO DECLINED. WE HAVE A REDUCED NUMBER OF STAFF
3 CALL-OFFS DUE TO PEOPLE BEING C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE, AND THAT
4 HELPS WITH MORE PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK, AND
5 HELPING US TO RESTORE OUR REGULAR OUTPATIENT AND INPATIENT
6 SERVICE LEVELS. IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE TWO.
7 THANK YOU. AND NOW, ON SLIDE 3, THIS PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT OF
8 THE UTILIZATION OF OUR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES. THE
9 UTILIZATION, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE FAR RIGHT OF THIS SLIDE,
10 HAS BEEN STABLE OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. THIS IS A
11 RESOURCE THAT IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
12 MEDICALLY FRAGILE, OR WHO NEED ACTIVE MEDICAL OVERSIGHT, BUT
13 AREN'T SICK ENOUGH TO REQUIRE ADMISSION TO A HOSPITAL, BUT
14 ALSO, FOR ONE OF A NUMBER OF REASONS, AREN'T ABLE TO RECEIVE
15 MEDICAL-RELATED SERVICES AT THEIR HOME. SLIDE FOUR STARTS A
16 BRIEF UPDATE ON C.O.V.I.D. COMMUNITY TESTING. THE TESTING
17 VOLUME-- AND SO, IF YOU COULD GO TO SLIDE FOUR. THE TESTING
18 VOLUME AT THE D.H.S. MANAGED COMMUNITY TESTING SITES DECREASED
19 BY ABOUT 10% OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS; AND OVER THE PAST
20 WEEK, THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE FROM THE D.H.S. MANAGED
21 C.O.V.I.D. P.C.R. COMMUNITY TESTING SITES FELL TO 20%. AND IF
22 YOU WILL REMEMBER, THAT NUMBER HAD PEAKED AT THE HIGH 20S,
23 SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. AND AGAIN, THIS JUST MIRRORS WHAT WE SEE IN
24 THE COMMUNITY OVERALL, WITH THE DECLINE IN COMMUNITY
25 TRANSMISSION. WE DO HAVE CAPACITY AT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY

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1 TESTING SITES, WITH SOMEWHAT DECLINE, PARTICULARLY IN THE
2 PICKUP AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS THE
3 COUNTY. AND VISUALLY, YOU CAN SEE THESE TRENDS ON THE NEXT TWO
4 SLIDES, SLIDE 5 AND 6. FIRST, IF YOU WILL GO TO SLIDE 5. THIS
5 SHOWS THE OVERALL TEST UTILIZATION RATE AT THE COMMUNITY
6 C.O.V.I.D. P.C.R. TEST SITES. YOU CAN SEE ON THE FAR RIGHT OF
7 THE SLIDE THAT THE VOLUME REMAINS RELATIVELY STABLE, AND THE
8 YELLOW AND THE GREEN REPRESENTS STILL UNUSED CAPACITY THAT'S
9 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THESE SITES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,
10 AND TARGETED PREDOMINANTLY AT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SYMPTOMS
11 CONSISTENT WITH C.O.V.I.D., OR KNOW THAT THEY HAD AN EXPOSURE
12 OR A CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH C.O.V.I.D. SLIDE SIX
13 SHOWS THE SAME TREND, WITH THE GRAY BARS AND THE YELLOW BARS
14 REPRESENTING UNUSED CAPACITY. THIS IS RATHER, THOUGH, FOR THE
15 PICKUP AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS. WE HAVE SEEN REDUCED
16 UTILIZATION AT THESE SITES, AND ALSO LOWER NUMBERS OF THE RATE
17 OF THE TEST KITS BEING RETURNED, ONCE THEY ARE PICKED UP. AND
18 I WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES USE ONE OF THESE
19 SITES TO PICK UP A C.O.V.I.D. P.C.R. TEST KIT, TO USE IT, AND
20 RETURN IT WITHIN ONE TO TWO DAYS. WE ARE VERY GLAD THAT THE
21 RESOURCE OF THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES IS OPEN AND AVAILABLE
22 TO THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE
23 ACCESSING TESTING THROUGH THEIR PROVIDER OR THROUGH THEIR
24 HEALTH PLAN, OR FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK INSURANCE. AT THE
25 SAME TIME, AS YOU WILL NOTICE, WE SEE THAT THE OVERALL

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1 UTILIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES IS LOW, AND WE SEE
2 THAT, THOUGH, AS GENERALLY A POSITIVE SIGN: THAT THERE'S WIDE
3 AVAILABILITY OF BOTH P.C.R. AND ANTIGEN TESTING AT VARIOUS
4 RETAIL SITES, LIKE RETAIL PHARMACIES, AS WELL AS THROUGH THE
5 ESTABLISHED HEALTH SYSTEM. AND AT THIS POINT IN THE PANDEMIC,
6 TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN, THIS IS REALLY A WELCOME AND EXPECTED
7 TRANSITION, AS THE ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TAKES ON ITS
8 NORMAL ROLE, AS IT DOES WITH OTHER VIRUSES OR WITH OTHER
9 CONDITIONS, WHERE PEOPLE CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO TESTING AND
10 TREATMENT WITHIN THOSE ESTABLISHED RESOURCES. SO, WE PLAN TO
11 CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN COMMUNITY TESTING FOR THE FORESEEABLE
12 FUTURE, AS WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A.R.P.A. TRANCHE-TWO FUNDING
13 TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT, BUT WE ALSO EXPECT THAT THE
14 UTILIZATION MAY CONTINUE TO REMAIN LOW, AND CERTAINLY LOWER
15 THAN IT WAS EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, BECAUSE OF THIS GENERALLY
16 POSITIVE TREND THAT PEOPLE HAVE BROADER AVAILABILITY TO
17 TESTING FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM. IF YOU COULD
18 CLOSE THE SLIDES, AND I WILL JUST MAKE VERY BRIEF COMMENTS ON
19 MONKEYPOX. WE HAVE VACCINATION EFFORTS, AS DR. SINGHAL JUST
20 REFERRED TO, THAT ARE ONGOING WITHIN THE JAILS, THROUGH OUR
21 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICE TEAMS. VACCINATIONS ARE
22 PROACTIVELY OFFERED TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEEMED TO BE
23 HIGH-RISK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CRITERIA. THE
24 ACCEPTANCE RATE, TO DATE, IN THE JAILS IS ABOUT 33% OR SO.
25 HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO PROACTIVELY OFFERING AND REOFFERING

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1 THE VACCINE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK, THE
2 VACCINE IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE IN THE JAIL,
3 REGARDLESS OF THEIR RISK STATUS, IF INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFY THAT
4 THEY WANT TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE. THEY ARE MADE AWARE OF THAT
5 POSSIBILITY, AND INDIVIDUALS CAN REQUEST-- THROUGH HEALTH
6 SERVICES, REQUEST-- AN OPTION BEING ABLE TO GET THE VACCINE,
7 EVEN IF THEY DON'T MEET THOSE HIGH-RISK CRITERIA. THERE'S
8 SEVERAL HUNDRED DOSES OF VACCINE THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN, TO
9 DATE, WITHIN THE JAILS, AND WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED THE SECOND
10 DOSES, AS WELL, WITH ABOUT 150 OR SO SECOND DOSES GIVEN, TO
11 DATE. OUTSIDE OF THE JAILS, D.H.S. CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ARE
12 ALSO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN DELIVERY OF THE MONKEYPOX
13 VACCINES, AS WELL. I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE TO D.P.H. FOR THEIR
14 CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AND THEIR SUPPORT IN MAKING THE INVENTORY
15 THAT IS NEEDED AVAILABLE. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS, BUT
16 PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL THREE OF YOU.
19 QUESTIONS, COLLEAGUES? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** I ALWAYS THINK SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE BEFORE ME.
22 THANK YOU, DOCTORS, FOR THIS PRESENTATION. DR. FERRER, I KNOW
23 YOU'RE FEELING BETTER, AS WE ALL ARE, THAT OUR NUMBERS ARE
24 CONTINUING TO DECLINE, ESPECIALLY SINCE I THINK WE WERE ALL
25 CONCERNED ABOUT ALL OF OUR KIDS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. THEY'RE

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1 SO ANXIOUS TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. AND I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY
2 NEVER RELIEVED, RIGHT, UNTIL 10 YEARS IN YOUR REARVIEW MIRROR;
3 THEN, MAYBE. BUT I THINK, FOR THE REST OF US, WE DO FEEL A
4 LITTLE BIT BETTER THAT THE NUMBERS SEEM TO BE DECLINING. SO,
5 IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER, YOU MENTIONED HOW IMPORTANT
6 VENTILATION IN THE CLASSROOMS COULD BE, PARTICULARLY-- I KNOW
7 YOU WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT, BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE
8 REQUIRING MASKING INDOORS. SO, I THINK IT WAS YOUR TAKE THAT
9 BETTER VENTILATION COULD, IN FACT, REDUCE TRANSMISSION. WE
10 ASKED OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO DO A SURVEY OF
11 THE SCHOOLS' NEEDS, AS IT RELATED TO VENTILATION AND ANY OTHER
12 C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESOURCES NEEDS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE, AND THE
13 MAJORITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 24 OUT OF 29, SAID THEY HAVE
14 UNMET VENTILATION NEEDS. I JUST KNOW, IN MY DISTRICT-- THAT'S
15 SOUTH WHITTIER, EAST WHITTIER, NORWALK, LA MIRADA-- AND THEY
16 ALL SAID THAT THEIR TOP NEEDS WERE UPGRADES TO THEIR AIR
17 SYSTEMS, AIR FILTER REPLACEMENTS. THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THEY
18 NEEDED BETTER OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, TOUCHLESS WATER
19 FOUNTAINS. AND ONE DISTRICT-- WHICH I THINK THIS HAS OTHER
20 IMPLICATIONS. ONE DISTRICT SAID IT NEEDED NEW WINDOWS THAT
21 COULD ACTUALLY OPEN, SO I WAS LIKE, "OKAY, THAT'S A WHOLE
22 'NOTHER-- SEEMS TO BE A SCARY SCENARIO." DO YOU... I KNOW IT'S
23 NOT PUBLIC HEALTH, NECESSARILY, YOUR NUMBER-ONE
24 RESPONSIBILITY, BUT CAN YOU JUST, AS OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
25 HEALTH, THINK OF WHAT WE COULD DO TO IMPROVE VENTILATION? ARE

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1 YOU AWARE OF ANY LOW-COST SOLUTIONS THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY
2 PROMOTE? AGAIN, I KNOW YOU SAW THIS RIGHT OFF THE BAT. YOU
3 WERE ALREADY PREDICTING: "IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REQUIRE
4 MASKS, I'M TELLING YOU, VENTILATION IS GOING TO BE REALLY
5 IMPORTANT." WHAT SHOULD OUR RESPONSE BE TO OUR SCHOOLS?

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7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN.
8 I THINK THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND IT'S IMPORTANT
9 FOR SCHOOLS. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR WORKPLACES. I MEAN,
10 MAKING SURE THAT OUR WORKERS-- AND OUR WORKERS ARE OUR
11 TEACHERS AND OUR STAFF AT OUR SCHOOLS, AS WELL-- HAVE AS MUCH
12 PROTECTION AS POSSIBLE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT. AND WE HAVE, AS
13 YOU NOTED, BEEN WORKING HARD. I WILL SAY, THERE ARE PROBABLY 3
14 AREAS WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS, AND OF
15 COURSE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT WE GET FROM THE L.A.
16 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THE FIRST IS OUR GUIDANCE
17 DOCUMENTS, ALL REFERENCE; NOT JUST THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD
18 VENTILATION INDOORS, BUT WE LINK TO TOOLKITS ABOUT JUST WHAT
19 YOU SAID. THERE ARE SOME LOWER-COST WAYS OF IMPROVING
20 VENTILATION IN OUR OLDER CLASSROOMS, WHERE IT WOULD BE SUPER
21 EXPENSIVE TO DO A WHOLE H.V.A.C. OVERHAUL, BUT THERE ARE MUCH
22 LESS EXPENSIVE SORT OF OPTIONS THAT CAN HAPPEN RIGHT IN A
23 CLASSROOM, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE. IT HAS TO BE THE RIGHT USE
24 OF FANS, AND THE RIGHT USE OF AIR FILTERS. AND THAT
25 INFORMATION, EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS RECEIVED THAT,

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1 AS WELL AS A LINK TO A C.D.C. TOOLKIT. IT'S AN INTERACTIVE
2 TOOLKIT, AND WE THINK IT'S VERY USEFUL. WE ALSO LET ALL THE
3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS KNOW ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS.
4 YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS ISN'T REALLY OUR AREA. THEY'RE NOT OUR
5 GRANTS, BUT THERE ARE GRANTS, BOTH AT THE STATE AND THE
6 FEDERAL LEVEL, THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS. THERE IS ONE
7 GRANT THAT THE STATE IS OFFERING NOW FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
8 THAT DOES ALLOW YOU TO REALLY UPGRADE YOUR H.V.A.C. SYSTEMS,
9 AND I THINK THE DUE DATE ON THAT GRANT IS THE MIDDLE OF
10 OCTOBER. AND NOT ONLY HAVE WE SENT OUT THE INFORMATION, BUT
11 WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM PROVIDE SOME
12 T.A. TO PEOPLE ON SORT OF SOLICITING-- YOU KNOW, COMPLETING
13 THE SOLICITATION FOR THOSE GRANTS. AND THE LAST THING WE DID
14 IS, WE HAVE CONVENED A WORKING GROUP THAT IS MADE UP OF SCHOOL
15 ADMINISTRATORS, OUR SCHOOL LABOR PARTNERS, AND OUR OWN EXPERT
16 STAFF HERE, BOTH FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL-- YOU KNOW,
17 OUR OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FOLKS HAVE REALLY GOOD SENSE ABOUT
18 SORT OF HOW TO IMPROVE VENTILATION INDOORS AT SCHOOLS. THEY'VE
19 SPENT, NOW, ALMOST TWO YEARS WORKING WITH SCHOOLS ON THAT, AS
20 WELL AS OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM THAT IS CERTIFIED TO DO
21 THIS KIND OF WORK. AND WE'VE STARTED MEETING REGULARLY TO COME
22 UP WITH STRATEGIES THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO USE AND IMPLEMENT
23 ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO, I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE MEMBERS
24 OF THAT WORK GROUP, WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO WORK
25 WITH US, AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WOULD BE SOME BOTH SHORT-TERM AND

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1 LONGER-TERM GOALS THAT WE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHING FOR THAT
2 IMPROVED VENTILATION AT OUR SCHOOLS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW YOU STILL HAVE YOUR REGULAR
5 CALLS THAT YOU DO WITH CERTAIN SECTORS IN THE COUNTY, AND YOU
6 CALL WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS, OR I FORGET WHO IS ON YOUR
7 CALL.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE DO BOTH: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, AND
10 ALSO ANYBODY-- WE HAVE A SCHOOL CALL FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK IN
11 SCHOOLS, AT WHATEVER LEVEL.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. GOOD. WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I THINK
14 YOU'RE RIGHT, AND I'LL MAKE SURE AND PASS IT ON TO MY SCHOOL
15 DISTRICTS IN MY DISTRICT. BUT I DO APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE
16 GIVING THEM SOME LOW-COST SOLUTIONS THAT THEY COULD BEGIN TO
17 UTILIZE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT, DR. FERRER. I'M GOING TO
18 SWITCH TO DR. SINGHAL. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.
19 APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO DISTRIBUTE M-POX VACCINE DOSES TO
20 SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AS FAST AS THEY CAN
21 ADMINISTER THEM. I KNOW I WROTE YOU A LETTER TWO WEEKS AGO,
22 ASKING THAT MORE DOSES BE SENT TO OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AND
23 I'M STILL HEARING THAT THEY HAVE THE BANDWIDTH TO ADMINISTER
24 MORE M-POX VACCINES. HAVE YOU GIVEN A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF
25 VACCINES TO OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS SINCE WE LAST SPOKE?

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2 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SO, I CAN SAY THAT WE ARE GIVING DOSES OUT
3 AS FAST AS THEY CAN USE THEM. SO, WE HAVE NO REASON TO HOLD
4 BACK ON DOSES. AND SO, AS SOON AS THEY'RE REACHING THEIR 80%,
5 85% ADMINISTRATION, THEY REQUEST MORE DOSES FROM US, WE ARE
6 GETTING IT OUT TO THEM. SO I THINK, IF WE EVEN LOOK BACK TO
7 WHEN SUPPLIES WERE A LITTLE BIT TIGHTER, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WE
8 WOULD PULL SUPPLIES FROM OTHER PLACES-- FROM THE PODS OR FROM
9 OTHER MORE PUBLIC SITES-- TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE GETTING
10 DOSES TO THEM. SO, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY OF THE PROVIDERS THAT
11 DO FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T HAVE DOSES, TO PLEASE REACH OUT TO US,
12 BECAUSE WE ARE NOT REFUSING DOSES TO ANYONE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU SORT OF DIDN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION. IT WAS KIND
15 OF LIKE, ARE YOU GIVING A HIGHER PERCENTAGE THAN YOU WERE LAST
16 TIME?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK WE ARE. WE ARE. IF YOU LOOK AT OUR
19 DATA THAT WE SHARED, WHEN WE FIRST STARTED, THE PODS WERE THE
20 BIGGEST PLACE, AND WE HAD ALMOST 60% TO 70% OF THE
21 ADMINISTRATION WAS HAPPENING WITH US. AND TODAY, YOU SAW WE'RE
22 DOWN TO ABOUT 50%. BUT OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE THE NETWORK--
23 RIGHT. I MEAN, WE DON'T GAIN ANYTHING. I MEAN, WE'RE HERE TO
24 FILL IN THE GAPS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. SO, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I'M STILL
2 HEARING FROM SOME OF THEM THAT THEY FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE THE
3 BANDWIDTH THAT THEY COULD DO MORE, IF YOU WOULD GIVE THEM TO
4 THEM.

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6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I THINK, AS DR. SINGHAL NOTED, WE'RE
7 CONSTRAINED BY THIS SORT OF 80%, 85% RULE. WE'VE SHARED WITH
8 ALL YOUR OFFICES WHAT THAT ADMINISTRATION CADENCE LOOKS LIKE.
9 WE DO KNOW THE PROVIDERS WILL TAKE LONGER THAN WE WILL TAKE AT
10 OUR SITES TO GET THOSE DOSES ADMINISTERED, BECAUSE THEY'RE
11 USUALLY USING APPOINTMENTS, AND WE'RE FINE WITH THAT, BUT THEY
12 DO NEED TO USE UP A GOOD PORTION OF WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN
13 ALLOCATED, AND ADMINISTER IT.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE GOT TO GET THIS OUT. AND IT
16 DOES SEEM LIKE THIS VACCINE IS WORKING. NOT THAT C.O.V.I.D.
17 WASN'T, BUT, I MEAN, THAT THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ONE IS, EVEN
18 IF YOU'VE BEEN EXPOSED, YOU CAN GET A VACCINE, WHICH I THINK
19 MAKES A WHOLE DIFFERENT ATTITUDE WITH PEOPLE, IN TERMS OF
20 WANTING THIS VACCINE, AND TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY CAN
21 GET IT. SO, I HAVE-- MY OFFICE ACTUALLY PURCHASED THE VACCINE
22 VAN THAT-- PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU'VE BEEN GREAT ABOUT SUPPORTING
23 ME. AND, CHRISTINA, YOU'VE BEEN GREAT ABOUT SUPPORTING THAT,
24 AND WE HAVE OUR COUNTY NURSES THAT WILL SHOW UP. AND I'VE BEEN
25 DOING THEM AT ART WALKS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND SORT OF

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1 LIKE, I WANT TO TAKE THOSE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES AND BOOSTERS TO
2 WHERE FOLKS ALREADY ARE, AND I FEEL LIKE IT'S BEEN REALLY
3 SUCCESSFUL. I WANT TO DO THE SAME THING WITH M-POX VACCINES IN
4 MY MOBILE VAN, AND TAKE IT TO PLACES WHERE WE KNOW THIS HIGH-
5 RISK POPULATION ALREADY IS. AND SO, I'M GOING TO BE WORKING
6 WITH YOU TO SEE IF WE CAN'T STAFF AND HAVE THE SUPPLY
7 AVAILABLE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THE MOBILE VAN, BECAUSE I DO FEEL
8 LIKE THIS IS A VACCINE THAT WORKS IF WE TAKE IT RIGHT WHERE
9 PEOPLE ACTUALLY ARE. I FEEL LIKE THERE IS A LOT LESS HESITANCY
10 ABOUT PEOPLE WANTING THIS VACCINE, AND IT'S MORE LIKE, "WHERE
11 CAN I GET IT?" SO, AGAIN, I'M GOING TO BE WORKING TO SEE IF
12 THAT'S GOING TO BE POSSIBLE.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT IS POSSIBLE. IT'S POSSIBLE FOR
15 ANYBODY. I MEAN, ANY OFFICE THAT HAS EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY
16 THAT YOU WANT US TO GO TO, WE USE THE SAME STRATEGY. WE HAVE
17 CAPACITY TO HAVE MOBILE VACCINE TEAMS THAT CAN GO. AND AGAIN,
18 THIS IS A TARGETED EFFORT AT THE MOMENT, BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO
19 PARTNER WITH YOU AT PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE
20 GATHERING. THAT'S A STRATEGY.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. EXCELLENT. OKAY, THAT'S ALL MY
23 QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST A FEW QUESTIONS
5 FOR DR. FERRER AND DR. SINGHAL. DR. FERRER, WHEN YOU WERE
6 TALKING ABOUT OUR C.O.V.I.D. COMMUNITY LEVELS, AND YOU WENT
7 THROUGH WHERE WE ARE WITH THE MEDIUM-- I GUESS, MAJORITY IN
8 THE MEDIUM-- AND I THINK WE HAD, WHAT, 213 CASES, CURRENT
9 VALUES, AND THAT'S AT THE-- PEOPLE IN THE LAST 7 DAYS. AND SO,
10 I'M WONDERING IF YOU HAVE AN OPINION YET, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE
11 MIGHT SEE IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS; WHERE YOU THINK WE'RE GOING
12 HERE, WITH ALL OF THIS, WITH TRANSMISSION, HOSPITALIZATION,
13 AND THE FACT, ALSO, THAT WE'RE SEEING A SMALLER INCREASE AT
14 OUR SCHOOLS AND WORKSITES.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
17 AND FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, AS WELL. AND I AM OPTIMISTIC, SO
18 I'LL GO ON RECORD. I DO FEEL MUCH BETTER ABOUT WHERE WE ARE
19 TODAY THAN WHERE WE'VE BEEN FOR QUITE A WHILE, BECAUSE A LOT
20 OF WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THIS PANDEMIC ALLOWS US, I
21 THINK, TO BE MORE HOPEFUL. THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE A NEW
22 SUBVARIANT OR SUBLINEAGE THAT IS GAINING DOMINANCE IS A
23 REALLY, REALLY GOOD SIGN, BECAUSE IN THE PAST, PARTICULARLY
24 THIS YEAR, WHAT WE HAVE JUST SEEN IS, WE JUST MOVED VERY
25 QUICKLY FROM ONE VARIANT TO ANOTHER, WITHOUT GETTING A REAL

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1 BREAK. I THINK WE'RE GETTING A BREAK NOW, BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE
2 CIRCULATING IS BA.5. THAT'S WHAT IS REALLY DOMINATING, AND WE
3 HAVE A DECLINE IN CASES, AND NOTHING ELSE IS SORT OF REALLY
4 SHOWING UP AT THE MOMENT, WHICH I THINK IS GOOD NEWS FOR US.
5 AND I THINK THAT, COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE
6 BEING VERY SERIOUS ABOUT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY, AND BEING
7 CAREFUL, AND DOING EVERYTHING THEY LOVE TO DO, BUT LAYERING IN
8 SOME OF THOSE PROTECTIONS, I THINK BODES WELL FOR US, AND I DO
9 FEEL OPTIMISTIC THAT, SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, WE
10 SHOULD SEE OURSELVES MOVE TO A DIFFERENT THRESHOLD FOR THE
11 COMMUNITY LEVEL MAP. I DO THINK WE'LL GET BELOW 200 NEW CASES
12 PER 100,000. THAT'S A WEEKLY RATE. AS I NOTED, THAT STILL
13 REPRESENTS A FAIR AMOUNT OF TRANSMISSION, BUT A LOWER LEVEL OF
14 TRANSMISSION THAN WHAT WE HAVE SEEN. AND IT WOULD ALLOW US,
15 ASSUMING OUR HOSPITAL DATA REMAINS WHERE IT IS NOW-- IT
16 STABILIZES AT THE PLACE IT IS NOW, WHICH I THINK IS ALSO
17 POSSIBLE, BECAUSE CASES STILL DRIVE OUR HOSPITAL NUMBERS. SO,
18 I THINK, WITH HOSPITALS-- WITH CASES GOING DOWN, HOSPITALS
19 WILL EITHER STABILIZE OR DROP A LITTLE BIT MORE, AS WELL, AND
20 I DO FEEL LIKE, IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, YOU'LL SEE C.D.C. MOVE
21 US FROM THE MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL TO THE LOW COMMUNITY LEVEL.
22 WE WON'T BE THE ONLY PLACE IN CALIFORNIA THAT'S MOVED. A
23 COUPLE OF COUNTIES HAVE ALREADY MOVED. BUT BARRING SOME REAL
24 EXPLOSION OF OF A NEW VARIANT, OR, AS ALWAYS, AFTER A HOLIDAY,
25 WE HAVE TO BE SUPER CAREFUL, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF

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1 INTERMINGLING, I THINK WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR 10 DAYS, WE
2 SHOULD EXPECT A CONTINUED DECLINE IN CASES. IT WILL BE A SMALL
3 DECLINE, BUT ENOUGH TO MOVE US, POTENTIALLY, TO THAT LOWER
4 COMMUNITY LEVEL. NOW, BECAUSE TRANSMISSION WILL STILL BE HIGH,
5 AT 200 NEW CASES PER 100,000, WE DO WANT PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO
6 TAKE CARE, AND BE SENSIBLE, AND PARTICULARLY PROTECT THOSE WHO
7 ARE MOST VULNERABLE. IT'S REALLY NOT TIME TO DECLARE VICTORY,
8 BUT WHAT IT IS TIME IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TOOLS THAT WE USE
9 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT PLACE, AND WE CAN GO
10 AHEAD, BECAUSE WE'RE IN THAT DIFFERENT PLACE, AND ACKNOWLEDGE
11 THAT THERE'S LESS RISK.

12
13 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE IS, GIVEN THE NEWS
14 THAT WE'RE GETTING BACK FROM WASHINGTON THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
15 NOW STOP MAKING AVAILABLE THE TESTING KITS, AND YOU'VE GOT TO
16 GO TO THE DRUGSTORE OR TO YOUR PROVIDER, WE KNOW, IN FACT,
17 THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE UNINSURED, AND PEOPLE THAT
18 ARE UNDOCUMENTED, THAT ARE STILL GOING TO NEED TO RECEIVE, OR
19 SHOULD HAVE AVAILABILITY AND ACCESS. SO, WONDERING WHAT OUR
20 PLAN WILL BE. HOW WILL THAT CHANGE, OR WILL IT CHANGE? WILL WE
21 JUST CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE ARE DOING?

22
23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YOU KNOW, I'LL COMMENT ON SORT OF WHAT
24 WE'RE DOING, AND THEN I KNOW DR. GHALY ALSO SUPPORTS A LOT OF
25 THE TESTING. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY, WE DISTRIBUTE MILLIONS AND

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1 MILLIONS OF OVER-THE-COUNTER TEST KITS AT, AS YOU KNOW,
2 COMMUNITY SITES. ALL OF OUR VACCINATION CLINICS, ALL OF OUR
3 PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS, MANY OF OUR MOBILE TEAMS, HAVE OVER-
4 THE-COUNTER TEST KITS THAT THEY DISTRIBUTE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY
5 ENCOUNTER. WE ALSO DISTRIBUTE, AS YOU KNOW, TO OUR WORKER
6 COUNCILS. WE HAVE A MASSIVE DISTRIBUTION PLAN THAT OUR
7 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS THAT CAN HELP US AGAIN. OUR
8 GOAL IS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED, DON'T
9 HAVE ACCESS, FOR THAT NOT TO BE A REASON WHY THEY'RE NOT USING
10 WHAT WE CALL AN IMPORTANT TESTING STRATEGY. WE THINK IT'S
11 SUPER IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE TEST WHEN THEY'RE GATHERING, IF
12 THEY'RE GATHERING INDOORS, AFTER THEY RETURN FROM TRAVEL;
13 REALLY, BEFORE TRAVEL, TO AVOID TAKING THE VIRUS. THERE IS
14 STILL A LOT OF ASYMPTOMATIC SPREAD, AND THAT'S PEOPLE WHO HAVE
15 NO SYMPTOMS, OR VERY MILD SYMPTOMS, CAPABLE OF SPREADING. SO,
16 TESTING IS A VITALLY IMPORTANT STRATEGY. WE'RE DISAPPOINTED
17 THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HASN'T COME UP WITH THE ADDITIONAL
18 RESOURCES, BECAUSE--

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS:** CONGRESS.

21
22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, CONGRESS. CONGRESS. YOU'RE RIGHT.
23 BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE NEED-- THIS HAS BEEN A VITALLY IMPORTANT
24 STRATEGY TO SORT OF LIVE WITH C.O.V.I.D. I THINK THAT'S WHERE
25 WE ARE ALL AT: LIVING WITH C.O.V.I.D. BUT TESTING REMAINS

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1 IMPORTANT, AND WE WOULDN'T WANT SOME PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS,
2 AND OTHER PEOPLE NOT TO. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE, AT OUR SCHOOLS,
3 WE HAVE MASSIVE DISTRIBUTION OF TESTING, SO THAT THEY CAN BOTH
4 DO ALL THE RESPONSE TESTING THEY NEED TO DO, AND ENROLL IN A
5 PROGRAM TO DO THAT. BUT WE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE OVER-
6 THE-COUNTER TESTS THAT THEY CAN GIVE OUT TO THEIR FAMILIES AND
7 THEIR STUDENTS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, DR. FERRER, WHAT STILL CONCERNS ME IS THAT
10 PEOPLE ARE TESTING, BUT THEY'RE NOT REPORTING. SO, IS THERE--
11 I MEAN, TELL ME WHAT THAT GAP IS, IF YOU CAN CONCEPTIONALIZE
12 IT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME. I MEAN,
15 I THINK THAT THERE'S A GAP. I MEAN, WE ALL KNOW THERE IS A
16 GAP. SO, I THINK WHY WE DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE GAP, AS MUCH AS
17 WE MIGHT, HAD WE BEEN SORT OF EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, IS
18 THERE, "A," IS A LOT OF CAPACITY FOR TESTING. SO, THE BIG
19 WORRY AT THE BEGINNING WAS, PEOPLE WEREN'T GETTING TESTED. WE
20 DIDN'T HAVE THEIR RESULTS, BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO
21 CAPACITY TO TEST EVERYONE. SO, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN A GREAT
22 PLACE, BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN, IN FACT-- MOST PEOPLE CAN, IN FACT--
23 - ACCESS TESTING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THAT LETS YOU KNOW
24 YOUR OWN STATUS. THAT LETS YOU TEST WHEN YOU THINK IT'S
25 IMPORTANT TO TEST. IT LETS YOU TEST WHEN YOU'VE GOT SYMPTOMS.

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1 DR. GHALY AND HER TEAM HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB WITH THE
2 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE
3 PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO TESTING.
4 YES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES THAT WE
5 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LEVEL OF TRANSMISSIBILITY IS IN THE
6 COMMUNITY. BUT BETWEEN THE TESTING THAT'S STILL REPORTED TO
7 US, WHICH IS ALL THE P.C.R. TESTING, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW,
8 BECAUSE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF NEW PEOPLE EVERY DAY, WE
9 STILL GET THEIR TEST RESULTS, AND WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH
10 WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE, AND SORT OF THE SENTINEL EARLY ALERTS
11 WE'VE SET UP, LIKE AT OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, WE GET A GOOD
12 SENSE, EARLY ON, ABOUT WHEN TRANSMISSION IS INCREASING IN THE
13 COUNTY. AND THAT, FOR US, IS SORT OF THE MOST USEFUL PIECE OF
14 INFORMATION WE NEED FROM SURVEILLANCE, IS, WHEN IS
15 TRANSMISSION GOING UP? WHEN IS IT GOING DOWN? AND SO WE CAN
16 TRIANGULATE THE DATA WE HAVE, TO FEEL PRETTY COMFORTABLE WE'RE
17 NOT MISSING A LOT, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD
18 OR BY SURPRISE. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION WHEN I
19 SAY, THE NUMBERS WE REPORT NOW ON CASES ARE A VAST
20 UNDERREPRESENTATION. AND I KNOW SOME PEOPLE THINK WE SHOULD
21 MAKE EVERYBODY REPORT, WHO IS DOING THE OVER-THE-COUNTER
22 TESTS. WE KNOW THAT THAT REALLY ISN'T GOING TO WORK WELL, AND
23 THERE'S ALSO A QUALITY ISSUE THERE. SO, OUR FOCUS IS THAT
24 PEOPLE HAVE VERY GOOD ACCESS TO TESTING, AND THEY KNOW WHAT TO
25 DO WITH THEIR TEST RESULTS.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND HOPEFULLY, WITH THIS BIG HOLIDAY, LABOR DAY,
3 WE WON'T EXPERIENCE WHAT WE DID AFTER THE FOURTH OF JULY OR
4 MEMORIAL WEEKEND. OBVIOUSLY, THINGS HAVE CHANGED, IT SEEMS TO
5 ME, GIVEN THE DATA AND WHAT YOU'RE PRESENTING. SO, THANK YOU
6 FOR YOUR GOOD WORK AND YOUR STAFF. I SEE THEM AT ALL OUR
7 EVENTS, AND REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND KNOW THAT
8 IT'S CRITICAL, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU AND THE STAFF THAT'S
9 THERE. AND WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANTED TO ASK DR.
10 SINGHAL A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, AND REALLY TO SAY THANK YOU TO
11 BOTH YOU AND DR. FERRER, AND EVERYBODY THAT'S BEEN ENGAGED IN
12 HELPING TO REACH OUT WITH THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE POP-UPS. I
13 WANT TO GIVE YOU A BIG SHOUT-OUT, BECAUSE I AM VERY PLEASED TO
14 KNOW THAT COMMUNITIES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WHERE YOU KNOW
15 WE'RE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, THE RATES ARE SHOWING, IN
16 TERMS OF MINORITY GROUPS, 40% FOR LATINOS, AND IT VARIES FOR
17 OTHER GROUPS. BUT IT'S JUST VERY IMPORTANT. AND I WANT TO SAY
18 THANK YOU, BECAUSE YOU HELPED TO MOVE QUICKLY IN EL MONTE,
19 WHICH I THINK THE LAST TIME WE WERE LIVE, I REPORTED THAT I
20 HAD GONE THERE, PHYSICALLY, AND NOTICED THAT THERE WERE A LOT
21 OF A.A.P.I. INDIVIDUALS THAT ALSO CAME. SO, BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
22 THIS IS WORKING, AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO SAY THAT. AND KNOWING
23 THAT YOU ALSO WENT TO EAST HOLLYWOOD, SILVER LAKE, AND
24 HIGHLAND PARK, AND YOU WERE-- I THINK YOU CONTINUE IN OBREGON
25 PARK, WHICH IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW OTHER PARTNERS

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1 OF OURS-- FEDERALLY QUALIFIED AND OTHER CLINICS-- ARE HELPING
2 US IN FARTHER PARTS OF MY DISTRICT; IN POMONA, I BELIEVE, AND
3 WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER PLACES. SO, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO WORK
4 WITH YOU THERE, I'M VERY HAPPY TO DO THAT. AND I UNDERSTAND,
5 OVER THE WEEKEND AT GRAND PARK, THEY HAD A BIG PRIDE FESTIVAL,
6 AND I BELIEVE THERE WERE 1400 MONKEYPOX VACCINATIONS GIVEN
7 WITH OUR PARTNER, ST. JOHN'S. SO, A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO ALL OUR
8 PARTNERS. AND JUST TO CONTINUE, DR. FERRER AND DR. SINGHAL, TO
9 GET THE WORD OUT TO OUR IMMIGRANT AND BILINGUAL COMMUNITIES,
10 AND MAKING SURE THAT THIS POPULATION, ALSO AFRICAN AMERICAN,
11 AS WELL AS LATINO, ARE REALLY FOLKS THAT WE NEED TO BE
12 REACHING. SO, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF ACTIVITIES BETWEEN
13 NOW AND NEXT WEEK. HOPEFULLY, YOU ALL WILL BE OUT THERE AND
14 SPREADING THE WORD. SO, I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH OF
15 YOU, AND LOVE WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF. THANK YOU,
16 MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST QUICKLY WANT
19 TO ECHO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S COMMENTS, AND JUST REALLY MAKE SURE
20 THAT, GIVEN THE TRENDS THAT YOU'VE OUTLINED SO CLEARLY, THAT
21 OUR MESSAGING AND OUR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUE TO
22 TARGET THOSE MOST AT RISK. I THINK THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF
23 LOGICAL THING TO DO: AS YOU LOOK AT THE TRENDS, MAKE SURE OUR
24 REQUIREMENTS ARE TARGETING THOSE PEOPLE. SO, I WANT TO ECHO
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S COMMENTS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. ANY

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1 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? AND AGAIN, HOPING EVERYBODY
2 GOES TO COVID.GOV TO GET YOUR FEDERALLY SUPPLIED TESTS BEFORE
3 SEPTEMBER 2ND. I DID. WHEN I WENT ON THE WEBSITE, THEY SAID,
4 "OH, IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR FIRST TWO, YOU CAN GET YOUR FIRST
5 TWO." SO, I COULDN'T REMEMBER IF I'D GOTTEN THE SECOND ONE.
6 APPARENTLY, I DID, BECAUSE THEY TOLD ME I ONLY GET ONE MORE
7 ROUND. BUT, AGAIN, HOPING EVERYBODY DOES GO TO C.O.V.I.D.GOV,
8 TO GET IT WHILE THE GETTING IS STILL POSSIBLE. ANY OTHER
9 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR OUR PRESENTERS? SEEING NONE, THANK
10 YOU. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. WE THANK YOU ALL
11 AGAIN. HEARING NO OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SO,
12 COLLEAGUES, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WE ARE NOW GOING
13 TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO ADDRESS SOME PRESSING ISSUES.
14 BEFORE WE DO, I WANT TO UPDATE EVERYONE AND ANNOUNCE THE FACT
15 THAT THE BOARD WILL BE STARTING TO HAVE VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS.
16 AS A RESULT OF C.O.V.I.D., THE BOARD HAD TO DO AWAY WITH THE
17 WONDERFUL CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS THAT HAPPEN HERE IN THE
18 BOARDROOM, AND SO WE'RE GOING TO START THOSE UP NOW,
19 VIRTUALLY. AND SO, WHEN WE ARE IN CLOSED SESSION, YOU WILL SEE
20 THE VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS. WE'RE GOING TO KICK IT OFF TODAY.
21 IRONICALLY, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I ARE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGING
22 108TH BIRTHDAYS. SUPERVISOR BARGER IS LEADING THE PRESENTATION
23 TO THE BILLING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, THE B.I.A., FOR THEIR
24 108TH ANNIVERSARY; AND I AM ACKNOWLEDGING A CONSTITUENT, ANNIE

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1 L. WOODS JUAREZ, WHO IS TURNING 108. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
2 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
5 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
6 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
7 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; CS-2,
8 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION;
9 CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; CS-4, CONFERENCE
10 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF;
11 AND CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED
12 LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL
13 AGENDAS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN A TRUE
16 PARTNER IN L.A. COUNTY, AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD TALKING ABOUT
17 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO BUILD
18 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY, YOU ALL HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE
19 PARTNERS, AND I WANT TO PROVIDE THIS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
20 YOUR 100TH-YEAR ANNIVERSARY BEING, REALLY, THE VOICE FOR THE
21 BUILDING INDUSTRY, WHICH TRULY IS A HERCULEAN EFFORT. BUT YOU
22 ALL HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE PARTNERS, SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ON
23 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PARTNERSHIP, AND
24 FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT
25 THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS

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1 ANGELES. CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 YEARS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
2 THE WORK WE'RE GOING TO DO TOGETHER.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **JEFF MONTEJANO:** SO, MY NAME IS JEFF MONTEJANO, C.E.O. OF
9 B.I.A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND WE'RE HERE AT THE TOURNAMENT
10 OF ROSES HOUSE, CELEBRATING OUR 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH OUR
11 FLOAT-UNVEILING TODAY. WE CAN'T THANK THE SUPERVISOR ENOUGH
12 FOR BEING A STAUNCH ADVOCATE IN HOUSING. WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO
13 BUILD FOR THE FUTURE, AND TRY TO BUILD LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.
14 AND THANKS TO HER AND HER LEADERSHIP, WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY
15 HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL FOR US IN THIS HOUSING CRISIS, AND WE
16 LOOK FORWARD TO THE COLLABORATION, NOT JUST WITH HER OFFICE,
17 BUT THE COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS, AS WE BUILD TOWARDS THE
18 FUTURE.

19

20 **BILL MCREYNOLDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. BILL MCREYNOLDS, WITH
21 WARMINGTON RESIDENTIAL. WE HAVE BEEN A 96-YEAR BUILDER-
22 DEVELOPER IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE HAVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
23 RIGHT NOW OF ACTUALLY BUILDING A DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW IN
24 KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT, AND THE OFFICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
25 PARTNER FOR US. WHENEVER WE'VE HAD AN ISSUE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE

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1 TO CALL THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE. SO, I JUST WANT TO THANK
2 KATHRYN BARGER AND HER OFFICE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AS AN
3 ADVOCATE FOR HOMEBUILDING IN L.A. COUNTY. [SINGING VERSION
4 OF "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"].

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9 ONCE CLOSED SESSION HAS ENDED.

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12 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ONCE CLOSED SESSION HAS ENDED.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM
15 ATTENDANCE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU ARE ON
16 MUTE. OH, IT DOESN'T APPEAR THAT THEY CAN HEAR ME. WE WILL
17 TAKE ROLL. COLLEAGUES, CAN YOU HEAR ME? THEY CANNOT. I THINK
18 OTHERS ON WEBEX CAN HEAR ME, BUT--

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** ARE YOU TALKING?

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** I CAN'T HEAR HER, EITHER.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** I CAN HEAR YOU, JANICE.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** I CAN HEAR YOU, JANICE, AND KATHRYN. I CAN'T HEAR
6 HOLLY. OH, BROTHER. JANICE, SEE WHAT YOU DID? YOU WERE GONE.
7 LOOK WHAT HAPPENED.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** COULD SOMEONE TELL THEM THEY ARE LIVE?
10 THE GENERAL PUBLIC--

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? TEST, TEST. ALL
15 RIGHT. SO, THE PUBLIC CAN HEAR YOU. THE PUBLIC CAN HEAR ME. WE
16 JUST COULDN'T HEAR EACH OTHER. GO FIGURE. SO, NOW THAT WE CAN
17 ALL HEAR EACH OTHER, WE WILL GO AHEAD AND CALL ROLL.
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
6 REPORT OF ACTION.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
9 IN CLOSED SESSION ON AUGUST 30TH, 2022: ITEM CS-1, NO
10 REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN; ITEM CS-2, NO REPORTABLE ACTION
11 WAS TAKEN; CS-3, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN; CS-4, NO
12 REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN; AND CS-5, NO REPORTABLE ACTION
13 WAS TAKEN.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 14, ADDRESSING
16 ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE PROBATION JUVENILE
17 FACILITIES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR, THE
18 FLOOR IS YOURS.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE WILL HAVE CHIEF
21 GONZALES HERE IN OPEN SESSION.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, WE WILL. YES, WE WILL. DID YOU WANT
24 TO PROVIDE OPENING REMARKS, OR DID YOU WANT TO GO-- YOU WANT

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1 TO PROVIDE OPENING REMARKS, OR DO YOU WANT TO GO DIRECTLY TO
2 HIM?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** I WANTED TO HAVE A COUPLE OF REMARKS FOR THE
5 PUBLIC, AND I APPRECIATE-- IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME THAT WE DO
6 SOME OF THIS IN OPEN SESSION. I THINK THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT WE
7 WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR A WHILE, AND WE'VE JUST COME OUT.
8 AND THERE ARE CERTAIN SENSITIVE THINGS ABOUT THE LAWSUIT THAT
9 OUR LAWYERS WERE ADVISING US THAT SHOULDN'T BE TALKED ABOUT IN
10 OPEN SESSION, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE CHIEF
11 SPEAK TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES IN OPEN SESSION. AND TWO WEEKS
12 AGO, THE L.A. TIMES PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ABOUT TWO LAWSUITS
13 THAT WERE FILED WITH HORRIFYING ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE
14 AND ASSAULT AT OUR L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.
15 THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE EXTENSIVE. THEY COME FROM 70 WOMEN, WHO
16 WERE ALL GIRLS AT THE TIME, FROM 1985 TO 2019. THEY TAKE PLACE
17 AT SIX DIFFERENT OF OUR FACILITIES, AND THEY NAME MORE THAN 30
18 ALLEGED PERPETRATORS. AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD
19 FEEL LIKE I DO. WE WERE HORRIFIED. IT WAS HARD TO READ THE
20 REPORT. IT WAS STOMACH-TURNING. AND THESE GIRLS IN OUR
21 PROBATION CAMPS ARE IN OUR CARE, AND I AM HORRIFIED THAT THE
22 ALLEGED ABUSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING FOR, IT LOOKS LIKE, A LONG
23 TIME. TO BE HONEST-- AND I THINK THIS IS TRUE FOR ALL OF US--
24 WE ARE KIND OF QUESTIONING THE ENTIRE MODEL OF JUVENILE
25 CUSTODY, OF LOCKING KIDS UP, ESPECIALLY OUR GIRLS. AND THE

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1 CONCEPT OF LOCKING UP OUR GIRLS IN THE CUSTODY OF PRIMARILY
2 MEN, WHO HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF POWER OVER THEM, IT JUST
3 SEEMS LIKE A RECIPE FOR DISASTER, AND IT WAS. AND ACCORDING TO
4 THESE ALLEGATIONS, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS. ULTIMATELY, AT ANOTHER
5 TIME, LET'S LOOK AT OUR SYSTEM OF LOCKING UP YOUNG GIRLS. BUT
6 IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK WE NEED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF WHAT
7 HAPPENED IN OUR CAMPS AND HALLS. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT,
8 IMPORTANTLY, IT NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. SO, WE ARE ASKING OUR
9 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO COME BEFORE US IN OPEN SESSION AND
10 EXPLAIN WHAT HE IS DOING TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULTS FROM
11 HAPPENING IN OUR PROBATION FACILITIES. AND AGAIN, I KNOW THESE
12 LAWSUITS ARE PENDING. THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS HE CAN'T SAY,
13 BUT I DO THINK THE PUBLIC, AND CERTAINLY THE FAMILIES OF THESE
14 GIRLS IN OUR PROTECTION, WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOU SAY WHAT YOU
15 ARE DOING, AND CAN DO. AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE, CHIEF, TO SAY--
16 I HOPE YOU SAY A LOT OF WHAT YOU SAID IN CLOSED SESSION, IN
17 TERMS OF YOUR PASSION AND YOUR COMMITMENT ABOUT THAT, AND THEN
18 I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU IN OPEN
19 SESSION, AFTER YOU GIVE YOUR OPENING STATEMENT. SO, CHIEF, IF
20 YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOUR OPENING STATEMENT.

21
22 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR
23 HAVING ME HERE THIS AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
24 BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. I WANT TO ASSURE THE BOARD
25 THAT I'M COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE YOUTH

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1 UNDER OUR CARE. I HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY ABUSE OF OUR
2 CHILDREN, AND ANY MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT'S INVOLVED
3 IN ANY TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE WILL BE DISCHARGED OR PROSECUTED.
4 LET ME JUST SAY, IN 44 YEARS AS A POLICE OFFICER, AND SIX
5 YEARS AS A PROBATION OFFICER, I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE
6 THIS. IT IS DISHEARTENING. IT IS HORRIFIC TO READ THE
7 ALLEGATIONS. AND IF TRUE, PEOPLE SHOULD BE FIRED AND
8 PROSECUTED. LET ME JUST SAY THAT I HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY
9 SEXUAL ASSAULT, SEXUAL ABUSE, OR ANY MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE
10 WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I DON'T CARE HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN
11 THE ORGANIZATION, AND I DON'T CARE HOW LONG THIS HAS TAKEN
12 PLACE; 20, 25, 30, IT DON'T MATTER. THESE YOUNG GIRLS NEED TO
13 BE HEARD. AS A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICERS, WE ARE HELD TO
14 A MUCH HIGHER STANDARD. AND WHEN YOU BREAK THAT STANDARD, THE
15 FAITH, THE TRUST, WE DON'T NEED YOU. AND FOR ALL THE MEN AND
16 WOMEN THAT WORK VERY HARD, COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG
17 PEOPLE, I AM SORRY THEY'RE CAUGHT UP IN THIS, BUT YOU HAVE TO
18 ALSO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. OUR COMMITMENT IS TO TAKE
19 CARE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN, IF YOU
20 WILL, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE STAYING FOCUSED ON OUR
21 MISSION, OUR CORE VALUES: CARING, COMPASSION, AND SERVICE. AND
22 WHAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR, WE NEED A LOT OF WORK. WE ARE GOING
23 TO FIX THIS. ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS ASKED TO DO IS TO TALK
24 ABOUT, WHAT DO WE DO TO PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING AGAIN? ONE
25 THING WE TALKED ABOUT IS THE P.R.E.A., THE PRISON RAPE

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1 ELIMINATION ACT, WHICH EVERY EMPLOYEE, OFFICER, COMING TO THE
2 FACILITY IS TRAINED. THEY FILE A REPORT, A DOCUMENT, IN HOW TO
3 INVESTIGATE ANY ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT,
4 OR RETALIATION, FOR THAT MATTER. BECAUSE YOU ALSO HEAR ABOUT
5 RETALIATION. THAT'S EVEN WORSE. THE BOARD APPROVED, A FEW
6 YEARS BACK, TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO RUN THE P.R.E.A. UNIT:
7 THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. THIS IS HIGH-LEVEL STAFF
8 THAT HAVE THE OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT
9 ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TAKEN CARE OF. THEY CREATE POLICY,
10 PROCEDURES, PROTOCOLS, TRAINING, SO THAT WE ARE ALL ON THE
11 SAME PAGE WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING CARE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
12 THE COMPLAINT FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, IF YOU READ THE ARTICLE,
13 VARY FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT TO ABUSE, TO ACTUAL SEXUAL
14 EXPLOITATION. I HOPE THAT WHEN WE GET THROUGH THIS
15 INVESTIGATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE STANDING ON THE
16 SIDELINE WILL STEP UP AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. MANY OF US KNOW
17 WHEN SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING WRONG, AND SOMETIMES WE CHOOSE
18 TO REMAIN SILENT. BUT NO MORE. WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION. WE
19 NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT. WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THESE YOUNG
20 PEOPLE; GIRLS, BUT IT COULD BE BOYS. LET ME NOT JUST LEAVE THE
21 BOYS OUT, OKAY? LET'S THINK ABOUT BOTH. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE
22 TALKING ABOUT THE GIRLS. P.R.E.A. TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION
23 IS KEY. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE COMING INTO THE FACILITY RECEIVE
24 TRAINING AND EDUCATION ON P.R.E.A.: INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS;
25 THERE ARE POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY; AND THE PARENTS

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1 ALSO RECEIVE A HANDBOOK. ON PAGE 16, IT TALKS ABOUT P.R.E.A.
2 IN ADDITION, THE P.R.E.A. POLICIES ARE POSTED IN OUR PUBLIC-
3 FACING WEBSITE, FOR EVERYONE TO SEE. IN 2019, THE DEPARTMENT
4 RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, TO
5 HELP DEVELOP THE P.R.E.A. GUIDELINES AND TRAINING, AND
6 CONTINUE WITH THAT EFFORT. ALL EMPLOYEES GET FOUR HOURS OF
7 TRAINING, INITIALLY, WHEN THEY GET HIRED. THEY GET AN ANNUAL
8 REFRESHER TRAINING. AND ON TOP OF THAT, IN 2006, WHEN WE HAD
9 THE D.O.J. HERE, WE GOT SOME ADDITIONAL TRAINING-- TRAINING IN
10 SEXUAL ABUSE, CHILD ABUSE, CHILD NEGLECT-- AND THAT'S PART OF
11 THE MANDATORY TRAINING EVERY YEAR, AS WELL. ALL VOLUNTEERS,
12 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE COMING INTO OUR FACILITY,
13 ALSO PARTICIPATE IN P.R.E.A. TRAINING BEFORE THEY GET
14 CLEARANCE TO COME IN. OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT OFFERS TRAINING
15 TO MEMBERS OF LEGAL, JUVENILE COURTHOUSE SERVICES, AND
16 DEPARTMENTAL HEALTH STAFF, SO THAT WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE.
17 ALL OF US ARE MANDATORY REPORTERS. WE HAVE TO REPORT WHEN WE
18 SEE SOMETHING THAT'S WRONG, ILLEGAL, OR IMMORAL. AND LIKE I
19 SAID EARLIER, THE P.R.E.A. STANDARDS ARE POSTED THROUGHOUT THE
20 FACILITY. SOME ADDITIONAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN. THE OFFICE OF
21 OMBUDSMAN WAS AVAILABLE TO OUR CLIENTS. THE OFFICE IS THE
22 NEUTRAL RESOURCE FOR OUR CLIENTS. OUR PARENTS, OUR YOUTH, AND
23 COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN [INAUDIBLE]. I WANT TO THANK YOUR BOARD
24 FOR INSTALLING VIDEO CAMERAS AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND
25 ALSO APPROVE TO INSTALL CAMERAS AT THE OTHER FACILITIES. THE

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1 INCREASED SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WILL SUPPORT AND ASSIST US IN
2 KEEPING THINGS IN ORDER, BOTH SAFETY AND SECURITY. WE ALSO
3 HAVE DEVELOPED A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OFFICE
4 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHO CONDUCTS WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH OUR
5 INTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGERS, TO EVALUATE ALL THE COMPLAINTS THAT
6 ARE COMING IN. AND MOST RECENTLY, WE DEVELOPED A CURRICULUM
7 ENTITLED "PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES," WHERE WE TEACH STAFF, IN A
8 FOUR-HOUR BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION, NOT TO CROSS THE LINE, HOW TO
9 WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, AND HOW TO MOTIVATE AND MENTOR YOUNG
10 PEOPLE, AND STILL MAINTAIN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LINE, OR
11 BOUNDARIES. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR, THAT COMPLETES MY
12 PRESENTATION, AND I AM OPEN TO QUESTIONS.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. REALLY APPRECIATE. I THINK THAT'S
15 WHAT WE ALL WANT TO HEAR, IS EVEN A TINGE OF ANGER, AND
16 SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF OR SEEN IN YOUR ENTIRE CAREER,
17 AND HOW YOU ARE SO COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THIS DOESN'T
18 HAPPEN AGAIN. YOU KNOW, THE HOUR IS LATE, AND I DON'T WANT TO
19 ASK YOU A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS, BUT I AM JUST GOING TO MAYBE
20 THROW OUT A FEW AT ONCE, AND THEN MAYBE YOU CAN TOUCH ON THEM.
21 I MEAN, YOU DO TALK ABOUT WRITTEN POLICIES, HANDBOOKS,
22 TRAINING, AND BASICALLY, EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT
23 AND WRONG. SO, WE KIND OF GOT THAT, BUT I KNOW I WANT TO HEAR-
24 - BUT HOW ARE YOU MAKING SURE THAT YOUR D.P.O.S ARE FOLLOWING
25 THE PROCESS? THAT'S ONE. NUMBER TWO, YOU DID TOUCH ON CAMERAS

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1 A LOT, SO WHAT I WOULD WANT TO SAY IS, ARE WE REGULARLY
2 MONITORING THESE CAMERAS? ARE WE LOOKING AT THE FOOTAGE?
3 BECAUSE ONE OF THE ALLEGATIONS WAS THAT GIRLS WERE LURED INTO
4 THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABUSING THEM, AND
5 THERE WERE NO CAMERAS IN THERE. SO, MAYBE JUST TOUCH ON AGAIN:
6 GOOD THING TO HAVE CAMERAS, BUT HOW ARE WE MAKING SURE THAT WE
7 ARE MONITORING THEM? AND THEN I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE WERE ALL
8 PRETTY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WHOLE IDEA OF MEN OVERSEEING YOUNG
9 GIRLS IN THEIR CUSTODY. YOU KNOW, THE ALLEGATIONS THAT MALE
10 D.P.O.S WERE WATCHING THEM SHOWER, I THINK, WAS JUST
11 HORRIFYING TO READ. SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO KIND OF TIP THAT
12 BALANCE? AND I KNOW I WOULD WANT TO SEE THE FEMALE D.P.O.S
13 SUPERVISING WOMEN SHOWERING, OR TRANSFERRING THEM IN VANS, OR
14 ANY TIME THERE WAS MOVEMENT FROM ONE PLACE TO THE OTHER, I
15 KNOW I WOULD RATHER SEE A FEMALE DOING THAT. SO, KIND OF THOSE
16 THREE. GREAT HAVING POLICIES; HOW DO YOU ENFORCE IT? GREAT
17 HAVING CAMERAS; HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE THEY ARE CAPTURING
18 POTENTIAL ABUSE? AND WHAT CAN YOU ASSURE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE
19 GIRLS BEING WATCHED AS THEY SHOWER, NEVER HAPPENING AGAIN?
20 THANK YOU, CHIEF.

21
22 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. ON THE
23 FIRST ONE, HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT STAFF ARE FOLLOWING POLICY
24 AND PROCEDURES? LIKE WE SAID EARLIER, SOMETIMES COMMON SENSE
25 IS NOT COMMON. I THINK ONE OF THE AREAS WE CAN DO IS TO HAVE

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1 SUPERVISORS ON THE FLOORS, WALKING. SO, IT IS CRITICAL TO HAVE
2 APPROPRIATE STAFFING TO DO JUST THAT. OUR SENIOR STAFF ARE
3 ALSO IN THE UNITS, MAKING SURE THINGS ARE BEING FOLLOWED
4 CORRECTLY. AS FAR AS CAMERAS, WE DO MONITOR THE CAMERAS FOR
5 COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS, BUT I THINK
6 THIS OTHER ISSUE HAS ALSO COME TO LIGHT. WE CAN MONITOR THE
7 CAMERAS, NOT JUST FOR COMPLIANCE, BUT MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
8 DOING THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME, WHEN NO ONE IS
9 WATCHING YOU. AND AS FAR AS CAMERAS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE
10 OFFICES, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE BACK, AND
11 SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO ADDRESS THAT CONCERN. AND AS FAR AS MEN
12 SEEING THE GIRLS TAKING SHOWERS, OR EVEN WOMEN SEEING THE BOYS
13 TAKE A SHOWER, THE POLICY IS THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE
14 SAME GENDER. SO, WE'LL JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE REINFORCE THAT
15 POLICY, AND NOT ALLOW MEN TO BE IN THERE WHEN THE WOMEN ARE
16 TAKING SHOWERS, OR EVEN GETTING DRESSED OR UNDRESSED.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. ANYTHING
19 ELSE BEFORE I MOVE ON TO ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER?

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, I AM GOOD. I AM GOOD. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND CHAIR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION TO
3 US TODAY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THESE YOUTH ARE INCREDIBLY
4 VULNERABLE, AND HAVE MULTIPLE TRAUMAS ALREADY, AND HAVE
5 HISTORIES OF ABUSE, IN MANY CASES, INCLUDING SEXUAL ABUSE. BUT
6 WHILE IN THE COUNTY'S CARE AND UNDER THE PROBATION
7 DEPARTMENT'S SUPERVISION, FOR OVER THREE DECADES, YOUTH HAVE
8 BEEN HARMED BY DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS AND COWORKERS AND
9 MANAGERS, WHO HAVE ENABLED OR ALLOWED FOR THIS CRIMINAL
10 MISCONDUCT TO OCCUR. AND I AM INCREDIBLY DISGUSTED, ALONG WITH
11 MY COLLEAGUES, BY THIS, AND TO LEARN THAT MANY OF THESE
12 ABUSERS WERE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THESE FACILITIES, AND ALLOWED
13 TO HAVE ACCESS TO DOZENS OF OTHER VICTIMS. THESE YOUTH, WHO
14 ALREADY FELT POWERLESS, ARE SUBJECTED TO FURTHER ABUSE AND
15 TORMENT. I WAS ANGRY, SO ANGRY, THAT THESE ABUSERS CONTINUED
16 TO THREATEN AND INTIMIDATE THEM, EVEN AFTER THEY WERE
17 RELEASED. IT IS JUST PLAIN SICK, AND IT IS PREDATORY BEHAVIOR.
18 AND I KNOW THAT THE CURRENT CHIEF, CHIEF GONZALES, WAS NOT
19 AROUND WHEN ALL THIS HAPPENED, BUT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THERE
20 MUST BE NOTHING SHORT OF ACTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE HAVE TO
21 CLEAN HOUSE AND ENSURE THAT IF THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS OR
22 INVESTIGATIONS, THAT THESE ARE LOOKED INTO PROMPTLY,
23 THOROUGHLY, AND INDEPENDENTLY. AND I AM LOOKING TO THE
24 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO
25 LEAD ON THIS WITH FULL COOPERATION FROM THE PROBATION

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1 DEPARTMENT, FROM RANK AND FILE, AND ESPECIALLY FROM OUR
2 LEADERSHIP. WE BELIEVE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
3 AND MISCONDUCT IN L.A. SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AND ABUSED. WE DO
4 NOT MAKE EXCUSES FOR ABUSERS. WE HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE TO THE
5 FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOW ADULTS, AND
6 THEY DESERVE TO BE SAFE. THEY DESERVE TO BE CARED FOR AND
7 BELIEVED. THEY DESERVE TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD LEARN
8 AND GROW AND THRIVE. AND IT TAKES COURAGE AND BRAVERY TO STEP
9 UP AND TALK ABOUT THIS TRAUMA AND HARM. AND I KNOW THAT IT
10 WILL CONTINUE TO BE SOMETHING THAT ALL OF US HERE ARE GOING TO
11 FOCUS ON IN THE REMAINING MONTHS AND WEEKS AHEAD, UNTIL WE
12 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. I DO WANT TO ASK THE CHIEF-- AND SOME OF
13 THE QUESTIONS WERE ALREADY ASKED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, BUT I
14 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT... JUST QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE. DO WE
15 HAVE ANY STAFF WHO HAVE ANY ALLEGATIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS OF
16 MISCONDUCT, SPECIFICALLY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, CURRENTLY EMPLOYED
17 BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT; AND IF SO, HOW MANY, AND WHAT IS
18 THE STATUS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS?

19

20 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY, I THINK THAT WOULD BE A
21 CONVERSATION THAT WOULD BE BEST HAD WITH COUNSEL, IN CLOSED
22 SESSION.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** VERY GOOD. THEN I WILL HOLD BACK ON MY FURTHER
25 QUESTIONS. AND, CHIEF, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT

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1 YOU-- I DO-- AND THAT WE WANT TO SEE THESE INVESTIGATIONS
2 THOROUGHLY, THOROUGHLY, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, INVESTIGATED,
3 AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ENFORCING THE FULL INTENT OF THE
4 LAW, AND THAT THESE ABUSERS WILL NOT CONTINUE IN OUR SERVICE
5 WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM GOING TO BE REAL SHORT, BECAUSE I THINK THE
10 QUESTION'S ASKED, AND I THINK YOU SEEM TO KNOW THE SENTIMENT
11 OF ALL OF US. I MEAN, OVER 70 YOUNG WOMEN HAVE COME FORWARD,
12 AND IN MY OPINION, ONE IS ONE TOO MANY. AND I AM GLAD THAT YOU
13 POINTED OUT, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE WOMEN AT SCOTT, BUT MY
14 CONCERN IS ACROSS THE BOARD; THE VICTIMS ACROSS THE BOARD. YOU
15 KNOW, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, AS WE FIND OUT THE NAMES OF THE
16 PERPETRATORS, I HOPE WE WILL AGGRESSIVELY WORK WITH THE D.A.
17 TO GO AFTER THEM, CRIMINALLY. AND IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TO
18 GET THEM CRIMINALLY, I HOPE THAT WE, AS A BOARD, WILL LOOK AT
19 CIVIL ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO HOLD THESE INDIVIDUALS
20 ACCOUNTABLE. AND, YOU KNOW, I FEEL VERY, VERY STRONGLY ABOUT
21 THIS. AND, CHIEF GONZALES, BASED ON YOUR COMMENTS, AND BASED
22 ON WHAT I HAVE HEARD MY COLLEAGUES SAY, THE WEIGHT OF THIS
23 COUNTY WILL COME DOWN ON ANYONE WHO HAS HAD THE KIND OF
24 CONDUCT THAT'S BEEN ALLEGED IN THESE LAWSUITS. AND I HOPE THAT
25 WE, AS A BOARD, WILL CONTINUE TO VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT THE

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1 VICTIMS, BUT ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE
2 THAT DID IT, AND LET PEOPLE THAT WORK IN PROBATION KNOW THAT
3 THIS CULTURE IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE
4 TOLERATED, AND WE WILL HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE MOVING FORWARD
5 FOR ANY CONDUCT. EVEN THOSE THAT KNOW ABOUT IT, THAT DO NOT
6 REPORT IT, WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, AS WELL. SO WITH THAT,
7 CHIEF, WE ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.
8 SO, I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU ARE DOING, AND MY OFFICE IS HERE
9 TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN. THANK YOU, MADAM
10 CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MOTION, AND I APPRECIATE THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN ON AS A CO-AUTHOR. WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE
15 IN INSTITUTIONS IS A PAINFUL THING. AND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT
16 CHILDREN WHO ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT
17 SEXUAL ASSAULT OF WOMEN WHO ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED, IT GOES
18 WITHOUT SAYING IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE. SO, CHIEF, I HOPE THAT
19 YOU HAVE HEARD THE COMMITMENT OF THIS BOARD. I HOPE YOU ARE
20 CLEAR ABOUT OUR EXPECTATION ABOUT A CULTURE SHIFT IN OUR
21 FACILITIES. WHEN WE TALK CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, WE ARE ALSO
22 CLEAR ABOUT OUR EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF PEOPLE,
23 PARTICULARLY OUR JUVENILES, WHILE BEING DETAINED IN COUNTY
24 FACILITIES. SO, WE LOOK FORWARD TO ONGOING CONVERSATIONS,
25 ONGOING POLICIES PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE MINORS IN OUR

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1 CUSTODY, ONGOING POLICIES PUT IN PLACE TO EMPOWER MINORS IN
2 OUR CUSTODY, TO BRING FORWARD INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY WHEN
3 THEIR SAFETY IS BEING COMPROMISED. ANY FINAL REMARKS, CHIEF,
4 BEFORE WE MOVE ON FROM THIS MOTION?

5

6 **CHIEF ADOLFO GONZALES:** AGAIN, I THANK THE BOARD FOR BRINGING
7 THIS TO THE FOREFRONT, AND ALSO, AGAIN, I WANT TO REITERATE
8 THOSE HARDWORKING, DEDICATED EMPLOYEES. YOU STAND UP, AND WE
9 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT. AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE OUT
10 THERE VIOLATING THE LAW, YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THANK
11 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HEARING NO
14 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ITEM 14 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN. I WILL SECOND, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE
16 ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

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

7

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

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
11 4-0. MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A CLARIFICATION FOR
12 ITEM 8. THERE WAS NO VOTE TO CONTINUE ITEM 8 TO SEPTEMBER
13 27TH. THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO DENY THE APPEAL FAILED, FOR A
14 LACK OF SECOND. THEREFORE, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE APPEAL
15 BEFORE YOU TODAY. ACCORDINGLY, THE REGIONAL PLANNING
16 COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT IS DEEMED AFFIRMED.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. MOVING
19 ON TO ITEMS 19 AND 29. IS IT MY UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS, THAT YOU HAVE RELEASED THE HOLD ON THESE TWO ITEMS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, GIVEN THE LATE HOUR, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN HOW ABOUT WE GO DIRECTLY TO
25 THE MOTION, THEN, ON ITEMS 20-- EXCUSE ME, ON ITEMS 19 AND 29?

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1 ITEM 19 HAS BEEN AMENDED. DO WE NEED TO READ THE AMENDMENTS
2 IN, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, AND I CAN READ THAT IN. SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S JOINT
6 MOTION TO INCLUDE DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO, THAT THE 120-DAY
7 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE BASED ON
8 FEEDBACK AND INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND
9 COMMUNITY GROUPS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS ON THE READ-IN LANGUAGE ON
12 THE AMENDMENTS, SUPERVISOR BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. I
15 FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THAT, SO THANK YOU FOR INCORPORATING
16 THAT INTO YOUR MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. SO, HEARING NO OTHER
19 COMMENTS, ITEM 19, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE
21 ITEM, AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12 MITCHELL?

13

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

15

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

17 4-0.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE A VOTE ON ITEM 29.

20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO

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

22

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

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11 MITCHELL?

12

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

14

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

16 4-0.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING THE CULTURAL

19 POLICY STRATEGIC PLAN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO NOT READ THIS IN. I'D

22 PREFER THAT WE JUST TAKE THE VOTE. SO, I'M ALSO WITHDRAWING MY

23 REQUEST TO SPEAK ON IT.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, PERFECT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
2 ANYONE HAS ON ITEM 20? SEEING NONE--

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR CALL-- MADAM
5 CHAIR, JUST-- EXCUSE ME. FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN, I
6 REALLY DO WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM. MANY OF THEM WERE OUR
7 COMMISSIONERS AND PEOPLE REPRESENTING OUR STAKEHOLDER ART
8 COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** INDEED. ITEM 20, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE
12 CALL THE ROLL.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

3

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

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
7 4-0.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 23, COLLEAGUES, THE COUNTY'S
10 RESPONSE TO THE WINDSOR HILLS FATALITIES, AND FAST-TRACKING
11 SOLUTIONS TO INCREASED TRAFFIC FATALITIES COUNTYWIDE, WHICH I
12 HELD. GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE MOTION, I HOPE YOU ALL DON'T
13 MIND THAT I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO HOLD IT. AGAIN, AS I KNOW
14 ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO JOINED ME IN AN "ADJOURN IN MEMORY,"
15 WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EMOTIONAL PAIN AND TRAUMA THAT THE
16 EVENT, QUITE FRANKLY, HAS CAUSED THE GREATER LOS ANGELES
17 COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE WINDSOR HILLS COMMUNITY, THAT I
18 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING. I LIVE OFF OF LA BREA; NOT
19 IN THAT IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY, BUT THAT'S KIND OF MY MAIN
20 THOROUGHFARE THAT I TRAVERSE IN THE COURSE OF MY LIFE, AND SO
21 IN THE COURSE OF ALL THAT I DO. AND SO THE SLAUSON CORRIDOR IS
22 AN AREA THAT I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH, AND COMPLETELY FEEL THE
23 ANXIETY AND THE SENSE OF LOSS THAT WE HEARD MANY CALLERS
24 EXPRESS TODAY. TODAY'S BOARD MEETING IS THE SECOND BOARD
25 MEETING SINCE THE TRAGIC EVENT IN EARLY AUGUST, AND THIS

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1 MOTION CALLS ON OUR ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY TO RISE TO THE
2 OCCASION. A FIVE-PERSON FATALITY, WITH EIGHT ADDITIONAL
3 INJURIES, IS TRAGICALLY RECORD-SETTING. IT IS ONE OF THE WORST
4 AUTO CRASHES IN THE COUNTY'S HISTORY, OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS.
5 AND WHILE IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE WHY ANYONE WOULD TRAVEL AT
6 SUCH HIGH SPEEDS THROUGH AN INTERSECTION LIKE THIS, THIS IS
7 INDEED OUR CALL TO ACTION. THE UNFORTUNATE REALITY IS THAT
8 TRAFFIC FATALITIES ARE ENDEMIC, AND BLACK PEOPLE ARE DYING
9 FROM THEM AT A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU,
10 COLLEAGUES, ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS THREE SPECIFIC ISSUES. FIRST,
11 WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC INTERSECTION OF LA BREA AND
12 SLAUSON. THIS INCIDENT WAS UNIMAGINABLE, AND WE NEED TO
13 EXPLORE WAYS TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY SAFER. IN THIS MOTION, I
14 CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE SOME SHORT-TERM
15 IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION, AND TO BEGIN WORKING ON A
16 COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN FOR THE OVERALL AREA. SECOND,
17 THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE FATALITIES-- AND THE INCIDENT
18 ITSELF, QUITE FRANKLY-- LEFT A LOT TO BE DESIRED, FOR MYSELF,
19 FOR MANY OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN LADERA HEIGHTS, WINDSOR
20 HILLS, AND THE VIEW PARK COMMUNITY, WHO HAD TO CONTINUE TO
21 ATTEMPT TO TRAVEL THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION IN THE HOURS
22 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT. AND SO IT IS MY
23 EXPECTATION TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THAT. SO, THIS MOTION
24 CALLS FOR A THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT AN AFTER-ACTION REVIEW OF
25 THE COUNTY'S INCIDENT RESPONSE. I ALSO CALL ON OUR C.E.O. TO

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1 EXPLORE WHETHER CENTRALIZING SOME OF THE TRANSPORTATION- AND
2 TRAFFIC-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE
3 OUR RESPONSIVENESS IN INCIDENTS LIKE THIS, AND STRENGTHEN OUR
4 RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THIRD, AS I HAVE
5 SHARED, FATALITIES ARE INCREASING NATIONALLY, AND HAVE
6 REMAINED HIGH FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, PARTICULARLY DURING
7 C.O.V.I.D. WE NEED TO SOLVE TRAFFIC FATALITY SYSTEMICALLY, IF
8 WE HOPE TO SAVE LIVES. AS A RESULT, THIS MOTION CALLS FOR A
9 REPORT-BACK ON A DEDICATED VISION ZERO BUDGET, AND A REVIEW OF
10 THE AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT TOOLS IN OUR TOOLBOX, TO CHANGE BAD
11 DRIVING BEHAVIOR, AS WELL AS PLAN TO ADDRESS THE TOP SPEEDING
12 INTERSECTIONS, COUNTYWIDE. I REALLY WANT TO THANK MEMBERS OF
13 THE COMMUNITY WHO CALLED IN TODAY, AND I WANT TO SHARE THAT MY
14 OFFICE WILL BE HOSTING A COMMUNITY FORUM IN SEPTEMBER, TO
15 SHARE INFORMATION ON THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE, AND TO PROVIDE
16 DETAILS ON RESOURCES THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAY WANT TO
17 ACCESS. COLLEAGUES, I URGE YOUR AYE VOTE, AND I THANK YOU.
18 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US. I
19 WILL MOVE IT, ASK SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO SECOND THE MOTION, TO
20 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 23 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

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

10 MITCHELL?

11

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

13

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

15 4-0.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE

18 INTO SPECIALS, AND I HAVE ONE MOTION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO READ

19 IN, INVOLVING YOUTH IN OUR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES. I

20 SPENT HALF A SATURDAY DURING OUR BREAK, BY SPENDING THE

21 MORNING TALKING TO A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED

22 AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, AND HEARD AND WITNESSED

23 THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS, AND HEARD THEIR STORIES, WHICH

24 INCLUDE THEIR DREAMS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FUTURE, STORIES

25 ABOUT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARE LIVING. I SPENT TIME

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1 WITH VOLUNTEERS, WHO ARE THERE EVERY WEEK, AS WELL AS HEARING
2 FROM STAFF, AND HEARING FIRSTHAND FROM STAFF: THEIR REALLY
3 KIND OF DEEP SADNESS ABOUT THE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AND CALL-
4 OUTS THAT HAVE LED TO A REAL STAFFING CHALLENGE AT THAT
5 FACILITY. WITH THE POPULATION OF YOUTH DISPOSITIONED TO A
6 SECURE TRACK FACILITY EXPECTED TO GROW UP TO, POTENTIALLY,
7 170, WE REALLY CAN'T DELAY MOVING THEM TO A FACILITY THAT CAN
8 MORE APPROPRIATELY MEET THEIR NEEDS AND CREATE A SAFER
9 ENVIRONMENT. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION
10 TO AGENDIZE AN URGENT AND NECESSARY DISCUSSION ON THE CRISIS
11 AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL: "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND
13 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
14 TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN OPEN SESSION,
15 DURING THE SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, TO PROVIDE AN
16 UPDATE ON THE CONDITIONS AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, AND
17 EFFORTS TO MOVE YOUTH DISPOSITIONED TO SECURE YOUTH TRACK FROM
18 BARRY J. TO CAMPUS KILPATRICK." WE WILL MOVE ON NOW TO
19 ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. THE ORDER TODAY: WE WILL BEGIN WITH
20 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3. AND, SINCE OUR COLLEAGUE IS NOT WITH
21 US, WE WILL MOVE ON TO SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4. SUPERVISOR
22 HAHN?
23

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. CAN I JUST GET A CLARIFICATION? SO, WE'RE NOT
2 VOTING ON YOUR SPECIAL, TO HAVE THAT ON THAT AGENDA? ON THE
3 26TH OR... WE DIDN'T VOTE ON THAT. WE DON'T NEED TO?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'M LOOKING FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE WOULD DEFINITELY NEED TO VOTE ON
9 THIS, TO PLACE IT ON THE SEPTEMBER 6TH.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** I DIDN'T WANT TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF YOUR MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT VERY, VERY MUCH.
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ARE YOU... OKAY, I THOUGHT I SAW YOUR HAND
17 MOVE, LIKE, "OKAY, CALL ON ME." SO, I WILL MOVE THAT WE HAVE
18 THE READ-IN MOTION AGENDIZED FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH. CAN I GET A
19 SECOND?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** SECOND.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECONDED. PLEASE CALL
24 THE ROLL.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? I
6 AM SORRY, KUEHL IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

15

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

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
19 4-0.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANKS FOR THE SAVE,
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I OWE YOU. APPRECIATE THAT. SO, NOW I'M GOING
23 TO GO TO YOU, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DEREK TRAEGER, WHO
3 WAS ONE OF OUR OCEAN LIFEGUARDS-- L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS-- WHO
4 FAITHFULLY SERVED THE COUNTY FOR SIX YEARS. HE WAS THE LAST
5 LAST TO SIGN TO THE SANTA MONICA BEACH. BUT HE WAS BORN AND
6 RAISED IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE HE LEARNED TO SWIM AND SURF. HE WAS
7 AN L.A. COUNTY JUNIOR LIFEGUARD, WHICH MANY OF OUR LIFEGUARDS
8 START THERE, AND HE WAS A CADET FOR TWO YEARS. HE SWAM FOR SAN
9 PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, AND WAS CAPTAIN OF THE SAN PEDRO HIGH SURF
10 TEAM, BEFORE ATTENDING CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. IT'S
11 BEEN SAID THAT HE WAS A NATURAL LEADER, A ROLE MODEL, AND THAT
12 HE UNDERSTOOD BETTER THAN MOST WHAT IT MEANS TO WEAR THE RED
13 LIFEGUARD TRUNKS AND REPRESENT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT LIFEGUARD DIVISION. HIS PASSION FOR LIFE, FOR ART,
15 THE OCEAN, HIS LIFEGUARD FAMILY, WERE EVIDENT IN EVERY MOMENT
16 HE LIVED. HE WAS ONLY 26 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY IN AN ACCIDENT,
17 NOT RELATED TO BEING A LIFEGUARD. I THINK IT WAS A MOTORCYCLE
18 ACCIDENT. BUT I WAS PRIVILEGED TO JOIN HIS ENORMOUS FRIENDS
19 AND FAMILY AND EVERYONE THAT SAW IT ON FACEBOOK. THEY DID A
20 PADDLE-OUT LAST SUNDAY MORNING, WHERE THEY PADDLED OUT AT OUR
21 COUNTY ROYAL PALMS WHITE POINT BEACH, AND IT WAS THE MOST
22 AMAZING THING I HAVE EVER SEEN. ALL THE LIFEGUARD MANAGEMENT
23 WERE THERE. AND AGAIN, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE,
24 WHO GOT THEIR BOARDS AND PADDLED OUT TO GIVE HIM HIS FINAL
25 GOODBYE. SO, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DEAR PARENTS, STEVEN AND

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1 KATHERINE. AND AGAIN, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY FRIENDS IN MY
2 LIFE SHOW UP TO SAY GOODBYE TO SOMEONE. AND OUR COLLEAGUES, WE
3 APPRECIATED HIS SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY. KATHRYN, DID YOU WANT
4 TO SECOND THAT?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** I DO. MY HEART BREAKS, JANICE, AND THANK YOU FOR
7 BRINGING THIS IN. I THINK THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL
8 BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PLEASE, ADD US ALL.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK SO, TOO. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
17 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EPHRAIM MENDOZA, WHO WAS A
18 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE WAS 83 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY.
19 EPHRAIM GRADUATED FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, WENT ON TO
20 RECEIVE HIS ELECTRICIAN'S CERTIFICATION FROM L.A. TRADE-TECH
21 COLLEGE. HE RETIRED FROM LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD, WHERE HE
22 WAS A SUPERVISOR. HE REMAINED AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
23 NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR
24 MANY YEARS. IN RETIREMENT, EPHRAIM ENJOYED HUNTING AND FLY
25 FISHING. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, AND

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1 LOVED TO BUILD CUSTOM FLY RODS AND FLIES. HE AND HIS WIFE,
2 IRENE, ENJOYED TRAVEL AROUND THE COUNTRY IN THEIR R.V.,
3 TRAVELING ABROAD WITH THE SAN PEDRO WEDNESDAY CLUB. HE AND
4 IRENE WERE VERY CLOSE TO THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.
5 IRENE FIRST WORKED FOR COUNCILMEMBER RUDY SVORINICH, IN HIS
6 COUNCIL OFFICE. AND THEN, WHEN I BECAME A COUNCILWOMAN IN THAT
7 SAME DISTRICT, IRENE WAS MY DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR MANY YEARS.
8 AND HONESTLY, I KNOW PEOPLE SAY THIS ABOUT COUPLES, BUT YOU
9 JUST CAN'T PICTURE EPHRAIM WITHOUT IRENE, OR IRENE WITHOUT
10 EPHRAIM. THEY WERE SUCH AN AMAZING COUPLE, AND STRONG, STRONG
11 FAMILY. EPHRAIM HAD A WARM SMILE AND HUG ANY TIME YOU SAW HIM,
12 AND HE WAS JUST A GREAT ENCOURAGER. IRENE SURVIVES HIM, AND
13 HIS CHILDREN, EPHRAIM JR., MICHAEL, AND VICKI, AND THEN 5
14 GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JEAN GOOD, WHO WAS
16 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS, AND SHE WAS THE
17 CITY'S FIRST MAYOR, AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. JEAN WAS
18 INSTRUMENTAL IN LA HABRA HEIGHTS' BID TO BECOME ITS OWN CITY,
19 AND SHE CHAMPIONED THE FIGHT TO KEEP IT AS A RURAL-LIVING
20 COMMUNITY. SHE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND ON
21 SEVERAL OCCASIONS RALLIED LIKE-MINDED RESIDENTS TOGETHER TO
22 DEFEND THEIR COMMUNITY DURING LAND USE HEARINGS. SHE SERVED ON
23 THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 12 YEARS, AND WAS MAYOR 4 TIMES. SHE'S
24 FONDLY REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HER AS A TRAILBLAZER, AND
25 ALWAYS THE MOST INTERESTING PERSON IN THE ROOM. SHE'S SURVIVED

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1 BY HER CHILDREN ROGER, LORI, JULIE, 4 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 4
2 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND ANOTHER FORMER MAYOR OF ONE OF OUR
3 CITIES PASSED AWAY. JOE ESQUIVEL, WHO WAS THE FORMER CITY
4 COUNCILMEMBER AND MAYOR OF LAKEWOOD, PASSED AWAY. HE WAS 89.
5 HE SERVED THE CITY HONORABLY FOR 21 YEARS, AND WHILE IN
6 OFFICE, JOE CHAMPIONED PUBLIC SAFETY BY WORKING WITH THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO TARGET CRIME HOTSPOTS. HE ALSO HELPED
8 TO MODERNIZE THE CITY'S SYSTEM OF WATER WELLS, WATER MAINS,
9 AND STORAGE FACILITIES, TO ENSURE SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER
10 FOR ALL RESIDENTS. VERY FORWARD-THINKING OF HIM. HE WAS A
11 VOLUNTEER COACH FOR 13 YEARS, COACHING 8- AND 9-YEAR-OLD KIDS
12 THROUGH THE LAKEWOOD YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM. HE ALSO SERVED AS A
13 MEMBER OF THE CITY'S RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
14 COMMISSION FOR 18 YEARS. HE WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS WIFE, PAT.
15 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN DEBBIE, DIANE, AND DOUG, AND 4
16 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY
17 ADJOURNMENTS.

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

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF CARMEN RAMIREZ, AND I
23 THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE ALL COLLEAGUES. THE HONORABLE CARMEN
24 RAMIREZ, A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF OXNARD, AND THE FIRST
25 LATINA SUPERVISOR AT THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, PASSED AWAY

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1 TRAGICALLY ON AUGUST 12, 2022, AT THE AGE OF 73. SUPERVISOR
2 RAMIREZ WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP SHE
3 DISPLAYED AS A PUBLIC SERVANT, INCLUDING HER TENURE AS AN
4 OXNARD CITY COUNCILMEMBER, VENTURE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, AND
5 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
6 GOVERNMENTS. SHE MADE HER EFFORTS KNOWN TO HER COMMUNITY
7 THROUGH HER DEDICATION TO CHAMPIONING CAUSES SUCH AS
8 SUSTAINABILITY, MOBILITY, AND EQUITY. SHE SHOWED TIRELESS
9 SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS DURING HER
10 CAREER, INCLUDING THE VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
11 DISTRICT, THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, THE VENTURA
12 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, THE CAMARILLO AND OXNARD
13 AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, AND THE CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION.
14 SUPERVISOR RAMIREZ ALSO MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
15 COORDINATION OF REGIONAL PLANNING ISSUES, WHICH ULTIMATELY
16 IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS SHE SERVED
17 DURING HER TIME ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND ENERGY AND
18 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. MOST OF ALL, SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
19 HER TRAILBLAZING LEADERSHIP, HER KINDNESS, AND HER
20 INTELLIGENCE THAT ENRICHED THE LIVES OF EVERYONE FORTUNATE
21 ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN AND WORKED WITH HER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
22 HER HUSBAND, ROY PRINCE, AND HER SIBLINGS RENALDO JOSEPH
23 RAMIREZ, JOHN RAMIREZ JR., MARIA ELENA RAMIREZ, AND ROSE MARIA
24 RAMIREZ. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
25 TODAY IN MEMORY OF BETTY KATHLEEN CLINE HUTCHISON, A RESIDENT

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1 OF SAN MARINO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 15TH, AFTER A 5-YEAR
2 BATTLE WITH CANCER. BETTY WAS RAISED IN VIRGINIA, AND ATTENDED
3 THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, WHERE SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR'S
4 IN BUSINESS AND MUSIC. SHE WOULD THEN GO ON TO EARN HER M.B.A.
5 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGETOWN, AND SECURE A JOB WITH
6 I.B.M. BETTY ALSO WORKED AT THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY,
7 PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS, AND BUREAU VERITAS. BETTY LIVED IN
8 SAN MARINO FOR 22 YEARS, WITH HER HUSBAND, JOHN. SHE WAS VERY
9 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH P.T.A.,
10 YOUTH SPORTS, ATHLETIC BOOSTERS, MUSIC AND DRAMA GROUPS,
11 DRUMLINE, AND SCOUTING. SHE RECEIVED CARVER ELEMENTARY
12 SCHOOL'S GOLDEN NUGGET AWARD, HUNTINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL'S
13 HUNTINGTON HALO, AND SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL'S TERRIFIC TITAN,
14 AND THE P.T.A. FOUNDER'S DAY HONORARY SERVICES AWARD. SHE WAS
15 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE FOR THE ARTS.
16 BETTY'S LOVING PRESENCE AND KIND DEMEANOR WILL BE DEEPLY
17 MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOHN, HER SON JOHN
18 MICHAEL, HER MOTHER JANICE CLINE, AND HER BROTHER RICHARD
19 CLINE. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID JENSEN JR., A
20 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
21 OF 49. DAVID WAS BORN IN BURBANK, CALIFORNIA. HE MOVED WITH
22 HIS FAMILY TO SANTA CLARITA, WHERE HE BEGAN SCHOOL AND
23 GRADUATED FROM SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATING HIGH
24 SCHOOL, HE BECAME A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICIAN. HE WORKED IN THE
25 TRADE FOR YEARS, BEFORE STARTING HIS OWN BUSINESS. HE OPENED

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1 SANTA CLARITA POWER SYSTEMS AND S.C. POWER, AND BUILT UP
2 COMPANIES TO SERVE ALL OF CALIFORNIA. AT THE AGE OF 17, HE WAS
3 DIAGNOSED WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES, WHICH HE BATTLED UNTIL HE WAS
4 43, WHEN HE RECEIVED A PANCREAS AND KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. HE USED
5 HIS EXPERIENCE WITH HIS DISEASE TO HELP THOSE DIAGNOSED, AND
6 THEIR FAMILIES, NAVIGATE THEIR BATTLE WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES. HE
7 WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT BASEBALL, AND PLAYED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE.
8 HE ALSO COACHED YOUTH TEAMS, INCLUDING THE TOURNAMENT TEAM FOR
9 HIS STEPDAUGHTER. HE WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR BASSETT HOUND
10 RESCUES, AND ADOPTED SEVERAL HOUNDS IN HIS LIFETIME. DAVID IS
11 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LISA, STEPDAUGHTERS KATELYN AND KYLIE,
12 SISTERS PATTIE AND NATALIE, BROTHER MIKE, AND HIS PARENTS,
13 DAVE AND SALLEY. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN JAY
14 LYNCH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF VALENCIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
15 AGE OF 74. JAY WAS BORN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HIS FAMILY MOVED
16 FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST AND CALIFORNIA THROUGHOUT
17 HIS CHILDHOOD. HE JOINED THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN 1969, AND
18 SERVED IN ICELAND FOR MOST OF HIS ENLISTMENT. HE SPENT MOST OF
19 HIS WORKING YEARS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN THE HOSPITALITY
20 INDUSTRY, WORKING IN RESTAURANTS AND AT THE LOS ANGELES MUSIC
21 CENTER. LATER IN LIFE, HE OPERATED BLUEJAY CLEANING, HIS OWN
22 CARPET, UPHOLSTERY, AND WINDOW CLEANING BUSINESS IN THE SANTA
23 CLARITA VALLEY. HE RETIRED IN 2012. HIS CHILDREN WERE HIS
24 PRIDE AND JOY, DEVOTING HIS LIFE TO THEM, AND SUPPORTING
25 THEIR DREAMS. HE WAS THEIR BIGGEST FAN, AND ATTENDED EARLY-

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1 MORNING CROSS-COUNTRY MEETS AND WEEKEND CHEER COMPETITIONS.
2 JAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JANIS, SON JOSHUA, AND DAUGHTER
3 JAYME. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VICTOR "VIC" MEECE.
4 A LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTER, VIC MEECE PASSED AWAY ON
5 AUGUST 14TH, 2022. VIC WORKED AS A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, AND THEN
6 AS A FIREFIGHTER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
7 FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. HE RETIRED FROM STATION 24 IN
8 PALMDALE. BORN MARCH 18TH, 1938, IN IOWA, VIC CAME TO THE
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY AFTER SERVING IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. HE WAS
10 PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, JERRI, OF NEARLY 60 YEARS IN
11 2019. VIC IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER JENNIFER AND SON JEFF,
12 THEIR SPOUSES, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, WE'RE ADJOURNING
13 IN MEMORY OF JACK SAMUELSON, BUILDER AND DEVELOPER FROM LA
14 CANADA, WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 17TH. AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 19,
15 JACK SERVED IN THE NAVY AND FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR II, WHERE HE
16 WAS A GUNNERY OFFICER DURING THE INVASION OF OKINAWA. AFTER
17 HIS TIME IN THE NAVY, JACK JOINED HIS BROTHER BOB AND FORMED
18 SAMUELSON BROTHERS, A GENERAL CONTRACTING COMPANY. HE LEFT A
19 LONG-STANDING IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT HE SERVED,
20 THROUGH HIS MANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL
21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES. HIS COMPANY ALSO TOOK ON MANY
22 PROMINENT PROJECTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES, CONSTRUCTING BUILDINGS
23 AND RENOVATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
24 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, AND CAL LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY. THESE
25 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDED BOOTH HALL, HERRICK MEMORIAL

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1 CHAPEL, RUSH GYMNASIUM, AND KECK CENTER. ALONG WITH THESE
2 PROJECTS, THE SAMUELSON BROTHERS ALSO BUILT CUSTOM HOMES IN
3 THE FOOTHILLS, BUILDINGS AT J.P.L., AND THE LA CANADA
4 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. JACK WAS INVOLVED EXTENSIVELY IN LA
5 CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHERE HE STARTED THE SAMUELSON
6 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION WAS MADE TO SUPPORT
7 CHURCH-RELATED AGENCIES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND
8 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT. JACK IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN AND
9 THEIR SPOUSES, INCLUDING REID AND JOYCE SAMUELSON, CHUCK AND
10 LISA PAUGH, KEVIN AND LAURA MURPHY, AND DAVID AND MICHELLE
11 SAMUELSON. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NATALIE ANN
12 SILK, A LONGTIME ANGELENO AND SAN MARINO RESIDENT, WHO PASSED
13 AWAY AUGUST 6TH, 2022, AT THE AGE OF 95. NATALIE GREW UP IN
14 LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE ATTENDED JOHN BURROUGHS JUNIOR HIGH,
15 AND LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, SHE
16 WENT ON TO ATTEND U.C.L.A., AND WAS A MEMBER OF ALPHA DELTA PI
17 SORORITY. NATALIE WENT ON TO TEACH THE THIRD GRADE IN EL RODEO
18 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BEVERLY HILLS. SHE WAS SO BELOVED BY HER
19 STUDENTS THAT THEY ATTENDED HER WEDDING WHEN SHE WAS MARRIED
20 TO HER HUSBAND, PETER, AT ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WEST
21 LOS ANGELES. NATALIE WOULD GO ON TO RAISE HER 3 CHILDREN IN
22 SAN MARINO, WHERE SHE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE P.T.A., AS
23 WELL AS NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE ENJOYED
24 HER BRIDGE GROUPS, LONG WALKS WITH HER BEAGLE, SEWING,
25 EMBROIDERY, AND PLAYING GOLF. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL

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1 THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN HER. NATALIE IS SURVIVED BY
2 HER AMAZING CHILDREN, WHO I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH-- LOUISE
3 DAVIS, SUSIE BERRY, AND STEVE SILK-- AS WELL AS HER 7
4 GRANDCHILDREN AND 6 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, WE'RE
5 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DONALD PAUL STURGIS, A RESIDENT OF
6 CLAREMONT. HE WAS BORN IN VIRGINIA, AND GREW UP IN BRADBURY
7 HEIGHTS, D.C. HE ATTENDED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE EARNED
8 HIS BACHELOR'S IN MATH AND PHYSICS. DONALD CONTINUED HIS
9 EDUCATION BY EARNING A MASTER'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
10 MANAGEMENT, AND A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE, FROM WEST COAST
11 UNIVERSITY. FOLLOWING HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE U.S. ARMY AS A
12 SPECIALIST 3RD CLASS, DONALD AND HIS FAMILY SETTLED IN
13 CLAREMONT, WHERE HE LIVED FOR 60 YEARS. HE JOINED THE
14 CLAREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY PATROL IN 2010, AND
15 WAS RECOGNIZED AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SEVERAL TIMES. HE ALSO
16 VOLUNTEERED WITH THE CLAREMONT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
17 TEAM. DONALD WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, MANDY STURGIS,
18 WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2002. HE'S SURVIVED BY THEIR 7 CHILDREN,
19 LYNN THORNSTROM, STEVE, NANCY, MARK, TODD, DOUG, AND TOM
20 STURGIS; 17 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 10 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO,
21 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GARY TOEBBEN, FORMER PRESIDENT
22 AND C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO
23 PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 16TH, 2022, AT THE AGE OF 74. THROUGHOUT
24 HIS CAREER, GARY WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES,
25 TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN

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1 THE REGION. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS STRONG ADVOCATION ON
2 BEHALF OF BUSINESSES, AND FOR HIS HIGHLIGHTING THE FAR-
3 REACHING IMPACTS THAT HOMELESSNESS HAD ON THE BUSINESS
4 COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION LED TO
5 THE ADOPTION OF MEASURE H IN 2017, WHICH WAS THE FIRST REVENUE
6 STREAM DEDICATED TO PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS,
7 COUNTYWIDE. DURING HIS CAREER, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MAYOR'S
8 L.A. ECONOMY AND JOBS COMMITTEE, THE LOS ANGELES HEALTH CARE
9 OPTIONS TASK FORCE, AND THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL'S BUSINESS
10 RETENTION AND ATTRACTION TASK FORCE. HE ALSO CHAMPIONED LOCAL
11 AND STATE BALLOT INITIATIVES, AND TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC
12 DEVELOPMENT, ACTING AS ONE OF THE COSPONSORS OF PROPOSITION
13 11, TO CREATE A CITIZEN COMMISSION TO REDISTRICT CALIFORNIA
14 AFTER EACH CENSUS. GARY'S IMPACT ON THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS
15 COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND, WILL BE FELT FOR YEARS TO COME, AND HE
16 WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE
17 KNOWN HIM. GARY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANICE, AND HIS 4
18 CHILDREN, ANDREW, SETH, DEVON HAASE KIM AND WYATT HAASE, AND 9
19 GRANDCHILDREN.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** KATHRYN, CAN I JOIN YOU ON THAT? HE WAS A GOOD
22 FRIEND. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY. I'VE GOT TWO MORE.
25 I'M SORRY. CATHERINE M. CAREY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 8TH.

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1 SHE WAS BORN IN PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS, THE IRISH CATHOLIC
2 DAUGHTER OF A LAWYER AND SCHOOLTEACHER. CATHY ATTENDED AND
3 GRADUATED FROM MIRAMAR COLLEGE IN 1967. SHE THEN BECAME A
4 FOURTH-GRADE SCHOOLTEACHER, AND BEGAN TEACHING AT A SMALL NEW
5 HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN 1973, SHE WENT ON STRIKE AND WAS
6 FIRED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD. THAT EXPERIENCE INSPIRED HER TO
7 BECOME A FULL-TIME UNION ORGANIZER FOR TEACHERS AND WORKERS.
8 SHE SERVED AS A DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE FLORIDA
9 STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, THEN MOVED TO HAWAII TO SERVE AS A
10 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR THERE. IN 1983, SHE WAS HIRED AS
11 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR UNITED TEACHERS OF LOS ANGELES,
12 THE LARGEST TEACHERS' UNION IN THE COUNTRY. DURING A POLITICAL
13 CAMPAIGN IN 1986, CATHY MET GARY TOWNSEND, A LONGTIME MEMBER
14 OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. CATHY AND GARY LOVED EACH
15 OTHER IMMENSELY, AND WERE MARRIED IN 1987. UNFORTUNATELY,
16 CATHY DEALT WITH NUMEROUS HEALTH ISSUES, BEGINNING IN 1995.
17 SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER HUSBAND AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
18 AND I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
19 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT
20 VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE
21 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
22 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: DAVID LUTHER DEVILLERES,
23 ARMY; ROBERT WAYNE HUTCHINS, AIR FORCE; GLENN RICHARD
24 LARIMORE, ARMY; MARK STEVEN LLOYD, NAVY; RICHARD ALLEN
25 MATLOCK, AIR FORCE; HERBERT MEINKE, ARMY; EDWARD MACIAS

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1 OBLEDO, MARINE CORPS; KEVIN WAYNE RICHMOND, ARMY; DAVID ALLEN
2 ROBERTS, ARMY; JAMES STEVEN TAGGART JR., ARMY. MAY THEIR
3 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER
4 BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
5 INDULGING ME WITH SO MANY.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE
8 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
11 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TARA THOMAS. TARA
12 THOMAS PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HER SLEEP ON THURSDAY, AUGUST
13 THE 11TH, 2022. TARA WAS A STAR OF THE L.A. CULINARY SCENE. IN
14 1992, SHE OPENED HER FIRST RESTAURANT IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES,
15 IN THE ARTS DISTRICT, AT 410 BOYD. DURING HER TENURE AT 410
16 BOYD, SHE WAS NAMED EACH YEAR AS THE "BEST CATERER" BY THE LOS
17 ANGELES DOWNTOWN NEWS. IN 1996, TARA OPENED TRAXX, THE 120-
18 SEAT WHITE-TABLECLOTH FINE-DINING RESTAURANT, AND A KEY
19 PARTICIPANT IN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF UNION STATION. WHILE
20 HELMING TRAXX, SHE GARNERED MANY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION AS ONE
21 OF AMERICA'S PREMIER RESTAURATEURS, INCLUDING A FEATURED
22 ARTICLE IN "GOURMET" MAGAZINE. SHE WAS SOUGHT OUT BY AND HAD
23 THE PRIVILEGE OF COOKING FOR MANY POLITICAL LUMINARIES ON
24 NATIONAL, STATE, AND CIVIC LEVELS. PRESIDENTS BILL CLINTON,
25 BARACK OBAMA, VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE, AND SENATOR BARBARA

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1 BOXER CHOSE HER TO CATER THEIR PRIVATE RECEPTIONS DOWNTOWN.
2 SHE HOSTED EVERY LIVING GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS
3 MANY OTHER STATE AND CIVIC LEADERS, COUNTING THEM AS PERSONAL
4 FRIENDS. IN ADDITION TO BEING A WORLD-CLASS CHEF AND
5 RESTAURATEUR, TARA ALSO HAD A LIFELONG PASSION FOR THE ARTS,
6 AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE L.A. ART WORLD, SERVING ON THE
7 BOARDS OF THE L.A. MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY, AND ART SHARE L.A.,
8 A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION SERVING THE GREATER ART COMMUNITY IN
9 DOWNTOWN L.A. TARA WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER GRACE, STYLE,
10 GENEROSITY, LOVE OF LIFE, WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOR, WIT, AND
11 READY LAUGH. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY,
12 FRIENDS, AND ALL THOSE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED
13 IN HER CIRCLE OF LIFE AND LOVE. TARA IS SURVIVED BY HER
14 FATHER, HARDY THOMAS, HER BROTHER, KIRK THOMAS, AND HER UNCLE,
15 ANTHONY ELDRIDGE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
18 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF TWO SOUTH L.A. NATIVES: TERYL WATKINS, AND TARA
20 ROCHELLE SULLIVAN. MS. WATKINS WAS BORN ON MAY 30TH, 1947, AND
21 PASSED AWAY JULY 28TH, HERE IN L.A., AT THE AGE OF 75. MS.
22 WATKINS WAS THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF TED WATKINS, AND WAS BORN
23 AND RAISED IN THE WATTS/WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY OF SOUTH L.A.
24 SHE COMMITTED HER LIFE TO THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION
25 COMMITTEE, A NONPROFIT FOUNDED BY HER FATHER IN 1965. SHE

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1 BEGAN VOLUNTEERING AT W.L.C.A.C. WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND
2 BECAME AN OFFICIAL STAFF MEMBER IN 1975. SHE HELPED ORGANIZE
3 THE CAMPAIGN EFFORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF
4 THE KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER, AND CONDUCTED FEASIBILITY AND
5 STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDIES FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A., AS WELL AS
6 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AT W.L.C.A.C., MS. WATKINS OVERSAW THE
7 MANAGEMENT OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND THE ENDOWMENT
8 FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE FORD FOUNDATION. SHE PLAYED A KEY ROLE
9 IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE REBUILDING
10 OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 35,000-SQUARE-FOOT HEADQUARTERS AFTER IT
11 WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE AS A RESULT OF THE 1992 L.A. UPRISING.
12 IN 1995, MS. WATKINS WAS PROUDLY ELECTED TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT
13 OF W.L.C.A.C. SHE CONTINUED TO SERVE HER COMMUNITY AS AN
14 ADVISOR FOR SEVERAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH LOS
15 ANGELES, INCLUDING SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE
16 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MS. WATKINS SERVED ON
17 VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SUCH AS THE LOCKE HIGH SCHOOL
18 VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE, THE
19 JORDAN/LOCKE ADULT SCHOOL BOARD, THE M.T.A. BLUE LINE
20 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND THE WATTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
21 COMMITTEE. TO ADD TO HER LIST OF SERVICES, SHE WAS A
22 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BANK BOARD, AND
23 SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE L.A. EMPOWERMENT ZONE OVERSIGHT
24 COMMITTEE. MS. WATKINS WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A FORCE OF
25 POSITIVE LASTING CHANGE FOR HER COMMUNITY. NOT ONLY WAS SHE A

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1 LOVING DAUGHTER, SISTER, MOTHER, AND FRIEND, BUT SHE WAS A
2 LEADER, WHO SPENT, REALLY, HER ENTIRE LIFE FIGHTING FOR A
3 BETTER LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF WATTS. PART OF HER ENDURING
4 LEGACY IS FOUND AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF W.L.C.A.C., ON CENTRAL
5 AVENUE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER 4 CHILDREN: ROBIN, RODNEY,
6 RONALD, AND RONDA; HER 4 SIBLINGS: LISA, TAMLIN, TED--
7 THEODORE-- AND TIMOTHY; 5 GRANDCHILDREN; AND A HOST OF NIECES
8 AND NEPHEWS, AND MANY MORE, ALL ACROSS NOT ONLY
9 WATTS/WILLOWBROOK, BUT THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY. I
10 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TARA
11 ROCHELLE SULLIVAN. MS. SULLIVAN WAS BORN OCTOBER 3RD, 1961,
12 AND PASSED AWAY AUGUST 11TH, AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH
13 CANCER. SHE WAS BORN IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, AND GRADUATED FROM
14 CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL IN 1979, AND WAS A FEARLESS FIGHTER,
15 DEFENDER, OF CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL, AND HER CLASSMATES FROM THE
16 CLASS OF '79 ARE VERY PROUD CRENSHAW COUGARS. SHE ENROLLED IN
17 L.A. CITY COLLEGE, WHERE SHE FINISHED AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
18 DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES. FOLLOWING HER PASSION FOR INTERIOR
19 DESIGN AND DECORATING, SHE BEGAN TAKING COURSES AT U.C.L.A.
20 EXTENSION, WHERE SHE EARNED A CERTIFICATE IN ELEMENTS OF
21 INTERIOR DESIGN. IN 2008, SHE FOUNDED HER COMPANY, CREATIVE
22 CREATIONS, WHERE SHE DESIGNED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
23 INTERIOR SPACES. SHE WAS KNOWN AS AN EXPERT IN LOGISTICS,
24 PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS. SHE HAD A TRUE HEART
25 FOR SERVICE, AND WORKED AS A COUNCIL AIDE FOR THE CITY OF

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1 L.A., COUNCIL DISTRICT 8, COUNCILMEMBER MARQUEECE HARRIS-
2 DAWSON. HE TOLD WONDERFUL STORIES ABOUT TARA WHEN HE ADJOURNED
3 IN HER MEMORY ON THE CITY COUNCIL FLOOR LAST WEEK. SHE WAS
4 VERY ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING AND ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF THE
5 UNDERSERVED, AND VOLUNTEERED HER TIME WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH
6 AS COMMUNITY BUILD, CRYSTAL STAIRS, THE BLACK HOLLYWOOD
7 EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER, AND BRIDGE TO AFRICA CONNECTION.
8 SHE TRAVELED TO GHANA, WHERE SHE RAISED FUNDS TO PROVIDE
9 MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR A WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CLINIC. SHE
10 SPONSORED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG GIRLS THERE, AND WORKED
11 TO PROVIDE LIBRARY BOOKS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS. MS. SULLIVAN WAS
12 WELL RESPECTED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND VIEWED AS A COMMUNITY
13 PARTNER AND ADVOCATE. MOST OF ALL, SHE WAS PROUD TO BE A CHILD
14 OF GOD. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO HAD THE HONOR AND
15 PRIVILEGE TO KNOW HER, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER,
16 HAZEL SULLIVAN; HER SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, DR. ALISA AND
17 RICKY JOHNSON, AND THEIR 4 SONS; AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED
18 LIFELONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING HER CITY OF L.A.
19 COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES. WITHOUT ANY
20 OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SO, THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S
21 MEETING. THE NEXT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON
22 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
23 BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2022. THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES. HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** HAPPY LABOR DAY TO EVERYONE.

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3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SAME TO YOU.

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th
16 day of September 2022, for the County records to be used only
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