



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY-
7 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2023. WE TAKE NOTE
9 THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
11 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE
12 THAT IT IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. AND HOW WONDERFUL THAT THE
13 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS IS GOVERNED BY FIVE WOMEN. THAT'S HISTORY IN
15 ITSELF. SO, TAKE THIS TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO HAVE
16 MADE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY,
17 OF THE WORLD, CERTAINLY OF THE COUNTY, BUT ALSO JUST IN YOUR
18 OWN LIFE. THINK ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO, YOU KNOW, MADE THINGS
19 POSSIBLE AND WERE PIONEERS IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES. SOMETIMES,
20 THOSE ARE THE WOMEN THAT GET OVERLOOKED. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S
21 BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND
23 ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA,
24 THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND
25 PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT,



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1 AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE
2 LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION
3 RESULTED INLAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY,
4 RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL
5 TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY
6 AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO
7 ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL
8 INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE
10 DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE
11 PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO
12 PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION
13 INDIANS, GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL
14 COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION
15 INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, KIZH NATION,
16 THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND
17 OF MISSION INDIANS. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED
18 BY RAFAEL MONTEROSA, HISPANIC MINISTRIES PASTOR, GRACE CHAPEL
19 OF LANCASTER, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND FOLLOWING THE
20 INVOCATION, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY IRMA
21 COOPER, FORMER COLONEL ARMY NURSE CORPS, TO BE RECOGNIZED BY
22 THE FIRST DISTRICT. IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. [AUDIO
23 DIFFICULTY]



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1 **PASTOR RAFAEL MONTEROSA:** -- GIVING WISDOM TO EACH ONE, THESE
2 COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED. THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THE DIVERSITY OF
3 THOUGHT COMING TO THIS CITY MAKING IT MORE COMPLEX AND
4 INCREASING THE CHALLENGE FOR THESE LEADERS. THAT IS THE
5 REASON, OH GOD, WE COME TO YOU TO ASK YOU FOR WISDOM ON ALL
6 THESE THINGS. LORD, NEVER ALLOW CORRUPTION TO DESTROY AND
7 DRIVE AWAY MORAL VALUES, THAT EVIL DOES NOT PREVAIL IN THIS
8 COMMITTEE. PLEASE, OH LORD, ALLOW RESPECT AND LOVE TO LIVE IN
9 HARMONY EVERY TIME THEY MEET TO DISCUSS THIS BUSINESS. LORD,
10 ALLOW THE LIFE OF EACH REPRESENTATIVE TO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR
11 THE NEW GENERATIONS, AND THUS THIS CITY CAN CONTINUE TO GROW
12 WITH THE IMPETUS OF YOUR ENTHUSIASM. LORD, I ASK YOU FOR ALL
13 THE AUTHORITIES THAT, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, REPRESENT AND ARE
14 ADMINISTERED TO YOU ANY POSITION. BLESS THE PEOPLE OF THE
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THROUGH THEM. I ASK YOU, LORD, IN THE
16 NAME OF YOUR BELOVED SON, ALL THE THINGS, AMEN.

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18 **IRMA COOPER:** PLEASE TURN TOWARDS THE DIRECTION OF THE FLAG.
19 PLACE YOUR HAND ABOVE YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE MILITARY, FEEL
20 FREE TO SALUTE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
21 STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
22 NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR
23 ALL.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST HAVE TO FIRST SAY
2 THAT YOU GOT ON THE ROAD AT 6:00 IN THE MORNING TO GET HERE TO
3 DO THIS THIS MORNING. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE FOR US TO HAVE YOU.
4 SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING PASTOR RAFAEL MONTEROSA FOR
5 LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** PASTOR RAFAEL MONTEROSA OF GRACE CHAPEL IN
8 LANCASTER IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1972 AND WENT TO
9 WORK AS A WAITER AT THE BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL. THERE, HE HAD
10 THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYING FOR RONALD REAGAN, WHO STAYED AT THE
11 BEVERLY WILSHIRE FOR A WEEK DURING HIS 1976 PRESIDENTIAL
12 CAMPAIGN, MAKING VIDEOS AND GIVING INTERVIEWS. PASTOR
13 MONTEROSA LATER WORKED IN BANKING AND IN THE CONSTRUCTION
14 FIELD. HE MOVED TO LANCASTER IN 1991, AND IN 2001, RECEIVED
15 THE CALL TO SERVICE IN THE PASTORAL FIELD MINISTERING TO THE
16 HISPANIC COMMUNITY. PASTOR MONTEROSA, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US
17 IN THE INVOCATION AND FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND THANK YOU FOR
18 GETTING UP SO EARLY TO GIVE US THOSE WORDS OF INSPIRATION.

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20 **PASTOR RAFAEL MONTEROSA:** MY PLEASURE.

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

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND TO
25 EVERYONE. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK IRMA COOPER FOR LEADING



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1 US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IRMA SERVED IN THE UNITED
2 STATES ARM NURSE CORPS FROM 1983 TO 2013. SHE WAS ONE OF THE
3 HIGHEST RANKING INDIVIDUALS. SHE HELD A POSITION AS COLONEL,
4 AND HER DECORATIONS INCLUDE RECEIVING THE BRONZE STAR. AFTER
5 SERVING, IRMA WORKED AS ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSE AT METHODIST
6 HOSPITAL IN ARCADIA. A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR 36
7 YEARS, IRMA WENT ON TO U.C. BERKELEY AND U.C. SAN FRANCISCO
8 FOR COLLEGE. SHE MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. IRMA IS A
9 MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MILITARY WOMEN,
10 WHERE SHE SERVES AS VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS
11 THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS WEST COVINA, AND THE ADVISORY
12 COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE IS ALSO
13 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY N.A.A.C.P. AND OUR
14 COMMISSIONER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN
15 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. SHE'S AND INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUAL, AND
16 WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE HER. AND IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT
17 WE PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATION OF APPRECIATION FOR HER
18 TREMENDOUS DEDICATION AND ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS
19 OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO WE WANT TO
20 CONGRATULATE YOU AND SALUTE YOU BECAUSE IT IS WOMEN'S HISTORY
21 MONTH. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE
24 WILL HAVE THE PET ADOPTION.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. WE'VE GOT A BEAUTIFUL FOUR MONTH OLD
2 FEMALE DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR NAMED TRINITY. WE HAVE TWO CATS,
3 ACTUALLY. THIS IS TRINITY, AND TRINITY IS AVAILABLE FOR
4 ADOPTION AT THE BALDWIN PARK -- I KNOW. WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE
5 OTHER ONE, BUT YOU'RE SPECIAL. FOUR MONTH OLD FEMALE DOMESTIC
6 SHORT HAIR, ANIMAL I.D. A5537511. YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898 OR
7 VISIT THEIR WEBSITE, ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. SO, THIS IS A
8 FOUR MONTH OLD, AND IT'S SWEET. OH, YOU WANT TO SEE HOLLY?
9 HE'S LOOKING AT YOU. I KNOW. SHE'S LOOKING AT YOU. SORRY.
10 LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, WE HAVE SIMBA. THIS IS SIMBA.
11 AND I HAD SIMBA IN MY LAP FOR HALF AN HOUR THIS MORNING. HE'S
12 SWEETEST, SWEETEST FOUR MONTH OLD MALE DOMESTIC LONG HAIR,
13 ANIMAL I.D. A5537981. AGAIN, YOU CAN GO TO
14 ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. AND THIS IS SIMBA. AND WHAT THEY'RE
15 CALLING MARCH MEOW-NESS, MARCH 1ST THROUGH THE 31ST, ALL CAT
16 ADOPTION FEES REDUCED TO \$14 THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH.
17 STOP BY AND ADOPT ONE. OH, NO THIS ONE IS REALLY -- I COULD
18 KEEP IT ALL DAY, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO. SO THIS IS SIMBA. AND I
19 WAS TALKING TO THEM, THERE ARE NOT ONLY A LOT OF CATS, THERE
20 ARE A LOT OF ANIMALS IN OUR SHELTERS LOOKING FOR FOREVER
21 HOMES. SO, WHAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO NOT TO A PET STORE
22 BUT GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS ADOPT.

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24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE CIRCLE OF LIFE. YES.



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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
2 KNOW THAT SHE DID HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON ME, AND OUR CARSON
3 SHELTER WAS GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO COME OUT AND HAVE PET ADOPTIONS
4 AT AN EVENT I HOSTED A COUPLE OF SUNDAYS AGO. AND SOMEHOW
5 ROOK, A 2-YEAR-OLD HUSKY SHEPHERD MIX, FOUND HIS WAY INTO MY
6 BACKSEAT. [APPLAUSE] AND SO, I'M GRANDMA. MY SON ACTUALLY
7 TECHNICALLY ADOPTED HIM, BUT ROOK IS A PART OF MY LIFE. THANK
8 YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. [LAUGHTER]

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. OKAY, WITH THAT, WE WILL
11 MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
12 AGENDA.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT
16 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEM 1-24, ON ITEM 3,
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, THIS
18 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
19 ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
20 BACK TO HER OFFICE AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
21 ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THIS BE HELD UNTIL MARCH
22 23, 2023, ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
23 AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
24 HELD. ON ITEMS 14 AND 15, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THESE ITEMS
25 BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE



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1 HELD. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS BE HELD,
2 ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
3 AGENDA. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
4 HELD. ON ITEM 30, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES REQUESTS
5 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT AS INDICATED ON
6 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 41, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
7 WORKS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO APRIL 18TH, 2023, AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 43, THIS
9 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE
10 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 55B, SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS REQUESTS THIS BE HELD. ON 55C, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
13 THIS BE HELD. ON ITEM 55H, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LAKE TO
14 REVISE HER MOTION TO REMOVE "OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER." ON
15 ITEM 55I, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
16 PAGE 44, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 58. ITEM 58 IS A
17 RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT DR. ODEY UKPO TO THE POSITION OF
18 CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER AT THE ANNUAL SALARY OF
19 \$439,460.23, EFFECTIVE MARCH 7TH TWENTY 23. ON PAGE 45,
20 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION
21 DISTRICT NUMBER 27 IN THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT.
22 ON PAGE 46, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 3D, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUESTS THIS
25 ITEM BE CONTINUED UNTIL MARCH 21ST, 2023. ON ITEM 4D, THIS IS



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1 AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE
2 REQUESTS FOR REFER BACKS AND CONTINUANCES THROUGH C.S.3 ARE
3 BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. AND THAT WILL BE THE
7 ORDER.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF
13 CONDUCT.

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15 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
16 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
18 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
19 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
21 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
22 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
23 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
24 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
25 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE



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1 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
2 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
3 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
4 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
5 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
6 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
7 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
8 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
9 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
10 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
11 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
12 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
13 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
14 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
15 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
16 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
17 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
18 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 COOPERATION.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, COLLEAGUES, TODAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH
22 ITEMS 55C, 55I, AND 25, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 3, 11, 14, 15, 19,
23 AND 20, THEN ENDING WITH ITEM 55B, WHICH WERE HELD BY
24 SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD
25 BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH



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1 OUR HELD ITEMS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
2 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN
3 THE SPEAKING RULES.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPANT REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE
7 AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
8 NUMBER 1336503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY
9 AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS
10 THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE
11 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A
12 TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING.
14 PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR
15 AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.
16 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD
17 MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 AND
18 THEN 0 TO BE HEARD INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN
19 DOWN THE VOLUME OF YOUR DEVICES AS SOON AS YOUR MODERATOR
20 CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU'LL NEED TO NEED TO
21 PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO
22 SPEAK ON. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC
23 SPEAKERS, WE'LL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES.
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR
25 SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE



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

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, WE'LL BEGIN
7 WITH ITEM 55C, ENHANCING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION IN
8 THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS
9 OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THE 0 NOW TO
10 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE'RE PLEASED TODAY TO HAVE WITH US
11 OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF, TONY MARRONE, SARA RATHBUN, WITH THE
12 WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, AND DAVE GILLOTTE, PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL
13 1014 HERE, WHO WANTED TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. LAST WEEK, WE
14 APPOINTED TONY MARRONE TO BE THE NEW CHIEF OVER THE LOS ANGES
15 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. IN THE DISCUSSIONS LEADING UP TO HIS
16 APPOINTMENT, WE HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF DIVERSITY IN
17 OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, ESPECIALLY AT HIGHER LEVELS. AND THIS WAS
18 NOT THE FIRST TIME ANY OF US HAVE HEARD THESE CONCERNS. I KNOW
19 MY OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SARA RATHBUN FROM A THE
20 WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, JOHNNY GRAY FROM THE STENTORIANS, AND
21 DAVE GILLOTTE FROM LOCAL 1014 FOR MONTHS, WORKING ON A MOTION
22 TO TRY TO ADDRESS AND MAKE PROGRESS ON THE LACK OF DIVERSITY
23 IN OUR DEPARTMENT. I REMEMBER PERSONALLY EVEN TALKING TO
24 FORMER CHIEF OSBY ABOUT IT YEARS AGO, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE
25 LACK OF WOMEN. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN



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1 MADE, THANKS TO THE COMMITMENT OF THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, THE
2 STENTORIANS, LOCAL 1014, AND MANY IN YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
3 LEADERSHIP. WHEN CHIEF OSBY WAS SWORN IN AS CHIEF IN 2011,
4 THERE WERE ONLY 32 WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT. THAT
5 NUMBER HAS ALMOST TRIPLED BY THE TIME HE RETIRED LAST YEAR,
6 BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S ENOUGH. SO THIS MOTION IS A RODE MAP
7 TO IMPROVE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE FIRE
8 DEPARTMENT. IT ASKS THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE UNION TO
9 LOOK AT ADOPTING A DIFFERENT WRITTEN EXAM FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND
10 FIREFIGHTER-PARAMEDICS THAT IS BASED IN EQUITY RESEARCH AND
11 COMES WITH EMBEDDED RECRUITMENT AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS. IT
12 ASKS THE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE A DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
13 INCLUSION COMMITTEE THAT WILL WORK WITH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT
14 TO PROVIDE INPUT ON DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO
15 MAKE THEM MORE ACCESSIBLE TO UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS,
16 ESPECIALLY SURROUNDING RECRUITMENT, HIRING, AND PROMOTIONS.
17 THIS MOTION ALSO ASKS FOR COMPREHENSIVE DATA ABOUT GENDER AND
18 ETHNICITY AND EXIT INTERVIEW PROCESS TO ASK WHY PEOPLE FROM
19 UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS CHOSE TO LEAVE THE PROFESSION OR
20 WITHDRAW AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
21 INCLUSION OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT. THIS MOTION IS VERY
22 COMPREHENSIVE. IT WAS WRITTEN IN COLLABORATION WITH MEMBERS
23 FROM THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, THE STENTORIANS, LOCAL 1014, AND
24 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR
25 STAYING COMMITTED TO THIS IDEA, FOR PUTTING IN THE HARD WORK



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1 TO GET US TO THIS POINT, WHICH IS JUST A BEGINNING ROAD MAP,
2 AND WE WILL COUNT ON ALL OF YOU TO HELP US IMPLEMENT THE
3 VISION THAT I KNOW YOU ALL HOLD, BUT PARTICULARLY I KNOW THE
4 FIVE WOMEN GOVERNING THIS COUNTY HOLD. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
5 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. WE'RE
6 GOING TO HAVE THE CHIEF, SARA, AND DAVE WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS
7 MOTION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER YOUR REMARKS AS THE COAUTHOR
8 FIRST?

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK
11 YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING ON THIS MOTION. IT'S MY HOPE THAT THIS
12 MOTION SOLIDIFIES L.A. COUNTY FIRE'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY TO
13 INCLUSION AND TO CREATING PROCESSES TO ENSURE THAT THE
14 DEPARTMENT REFLECTS THE RICH DIVERSITY OF L.A. COUNTY. THIS
15 MOTION INCLUDES SPECIFIC PROCESSES AND REQUESTS SPECIFIC DATA
16 METRICS SO THAT WE CAN BETTER TRACK THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE.
17 I WANT TO THANK THE CHIEF FOR EMBARKING ON THIS WORK, AND I
18 KNOW THAT A.R.D.I. WILL BE AN AMAZING PARTNER. I ALSO WANT TO
19 THANK THE STENTORIANS, THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, AND THE LOS
20 BOMBEROS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE AND ADVOCACY. I ATTENDED
21 CHIEF OSBY'S RETIREMENT DINNER, AND I WAS STRUCK AND, FRANKLY,
22 HORRIFIED AT THE PAINFUL STORY HE TOLD ABOUT HIS FATHER, AND
23 THAT AS A YOUNG CHILD THAT HE THOUGHT THAT EVERYBODY BROUGHT
24 THEIR OWN FOOD TO WORK, BUT, AS AN ADULT, HE LEARNED, IN THE
25 DEPARTMENT, YOU EAT AS A CREW, AND AS A BLACK FIREFIGHTER



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1 THEN, HE HAD TO EAT BY HIMSELF. SO TO THE BLACK FIREFIGHTERS,
2 THE WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS, LATINO FIREFIGHTERS, OUR L.B.G.T.Q.
3 FIREFIGHTERS THAT CONTINUE TO FEEL ISOLATED AND IGNORED,
4 PLEASE KNOW, TO FEEL THAT WAY IN 2023, THAT WE HEAR YOU, AND I
5 SEE YOU. WE RECENTLY LOST ONE OF THE GREATS IN RETIRED
6 ASSISTANT CHIEF HERSHEL CLADY, WHO SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER
7 FIGHTING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AND FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN THE
8 FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND SADLY, TOO MANY UNDERREPRESENTED
9 FIREFIGHTERS HAD TO THINK TWICE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO
10 RECOMMEND FIRE SERVICE TO THEIR OWN CHILDREN, WONDERING IF
11 THEY SHOULD EXPOSE THEIR KIDS TO BOTH AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE
12 THEY HAVE TO FIGHT FIRES AND FIGHT THE RIGHT TO FEEL LIKE A
13 TRUE FULL MEMBER OF THE FIRE SERVICE EVERY DAY. SO, FROM MY
14 PERSPECTIVE, THE WORK OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY SHOULD NOT BE
15 THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STENTORIANS, THE WOMEN
16 FIREFIGHTERS, OR THE LOS BOMBEROS. IT SHOULD BE THE
17 PERSPECTIVE AND THE PRIORITY OF THE CHIEF AND EVERYONE IN THE
18 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE A COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, AND
19 THIS IS A REALLY CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT STEP. I THANK YOU FOR
20 ALLOWING ME TO JOIN IN ON THIS MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD
21 HEARING ABOUT THE STRATEGY AND WAYS IN WHICH WE'LL MAKE
22 SIGNIFICANT, MEASURABLE PROGRESS IN THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU,
23 MADAM CHAIR.

24



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I WAS GOING TO HAVE THE
2 THREE SPEAK NOW, BUT I'M THINKING OF HAVING MY COLLEAGUES
3 SPEAK FIRST MIGHT LET YOU HEAR SOMETHING THAT MIGHT PROMPT
4 EVEN A DEEPER ANSWER THAN MAYBE WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY.
5 SO, I'M GOING TO CALL ON MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

7
8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. POWERFUL WORDS FROM BOTH
9 YOU AND FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I KNOW, WHEN YOU WERE FIRST
10 ELECTED, CHAIR HAHN, THIS WAS A PRIORITY FOR YOU. AND I THINK
11 THAT THE MAKE-UP OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD MIRROR THE
12 DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY. I KNOW, DAVE GILLOTTE, WE'VE HAD THIS
13 CONVERSATION, AND YOU ARE COMMITTED TO DOING THAT. AND THERE
14 IS NO QUESTION, I COULDN'T COME TO THE ACADEMY ON SATURDAY,
15 I'M SORRY, BECAUSE IT GOT CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, BUT I
16 HAVE BEEN THERE, AND I'VE SEEN FIRST HAND THE AMAZING
17 MENTORSHIP THAT YOU, ESPECIALLY, SARA, PROVIDE TO THE YOUNG
18 WOMEN COMING IN THAT WANT TO HAVE A CAREER WITH L.A. COUNTY
19 FIRE. SO, I THANK YOU BECAUSE THAT IS A VOLUNTEER, AND YOU
20 COME FROM THE COUNTY FAMILY. YOUR FATHER RETIRED FROM L.A.
21 COUNTY AND COMES AND HELPS YOU AT THE ACADEMY. SO, WE HAVE
22 OPPORTUNITIES, AND THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND, CHIEF,
23 THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS, AND WE HAVE
24 TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY
25 THAT I WOULD ARGUE NO OTHER COUNTY HAS SUCH DIVERSITY AND SO



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SUPERVISORS

1 MANY PEOPLE WITH THE ABILITY, IF GIVEN THE CHANCE BUT ALSO
2 MENTORED BECAUSE IT'S TOUGH. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL HAVE
3 SEEN WHAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO BECOME FIREFIGHTERS AND
4 PARAMEDICS, BUT IT'S PRETTY AMAZING. SO, I JUST WANTED TO
5 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. I PLAN ON SUPPORTING IT.
6 I'M EXCITED, AND I KNOW THAT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, WE'LL BE
7 CONGRATULATING A LOT INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT TRULY
8 WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS MOTION TODAY, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND
9 PEOPLE OF COLOR. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK THE
14 PANEL. I WANT TO THANK CHIEF MARRONE AND FIREFIGHTERS AND
15 OBVIOUSLY THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN
16 FIREFIGHTERS. I KNOW THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S GOING TO BE
17 ONGOING FOR US BECAUSE WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT EQUITY.
18 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CULTURE INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT,
19 TO ME, WILL BE NUMBER ONE, HOW WE CAN WORK AT ADDRESSING THAT
20 ISSUE BECAUSE IF WE BRING WOMEN IN, BUT THEY DON'T FEEL AT
21 HOME AT THE FIRE STATION, THEY DON'T HAVE PRIVACY, THEY MAY
22 HAVE DIFFERENT NUISANCES THAT HELP THEM IN THEIR JOB, BUT
23 WE'RE NOT RECOGNIZING THEM, THEN WE NEED TO STEP IT UP. THAT
24 AND ALSO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN UNDERREPRESENTATION OF
25 AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMBERS IN THE FIRE FIGHTING RANKS, AND I



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SUPERVISORS

1 THINK THAT ALSO EQUALLY HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. I'M VERY EXCITED
2 TO HEAR ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT WILL BE STARTED.
3 I THINK THAT, LIKE ANYTHING, GETTING INTO ENTRY LEVEL
4 POSITIONS IS ALWAYS AN OPEN DOOR. OPPORTUNITIES WILL ABOUND.
5 MORE PEOPLE WILL TALK ABOUT IT. MORE PEOPLE WILL BE INCLINED
6 TO WANT TO JOIN YOUR RANKS. AND I DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE THAT
7 BECAUSE I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE OUR
8 COMMUNITY AND CAN SPEAK TO OUR COMMUNITY IN THEIR LANGUAGES.
9 AND I KNOW OUR DEPARTMENT HAS COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE NEED TO
10 KEEP BUILDING ON IT, AND I'M READY TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN.
11 I HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND IT'S
12 PERSONAL FOR ME. MY MOTHER PASSED TWO YEARS AGO, BUT EVERY
13 TIME SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WEST LA
14 PUENTE VALLEY, GUESS WHO WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE THERE? OUR
15 LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS THAT I SWEAR WE KNEW THEM BY NAME. THEY
16 KNEW US. THEY KNEW MY FAMILY. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MOVING
17 IT WAS. AND THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I HAD TO JOIN THEM ALSO IN
18 THE AMBULANCE AND THE VEHICLE AND TAKE MY MOTHER TO KAISER.
19 AND THEN ONCE WE HAD TO TAKE HER TO L.A.C.+U.S.C., AND IT
20 WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED HAD I NOT SEEN MYSELF THE CARE GIVEN
21 AND THE FACT THAT MAYBE THERE WEREN'T PEOPLE THERE THAT COULD
22 SPEAK HER LANGUAGE, BUT THEY KNEW WHAT HER NEEDS WERE, AND
23 THEY PUT THAT FIRST. SO, FOR ME, TO SEE THAT ON DISPLAY, TELLS
24 ME THAT IS A VERY HONORABLE JOB, AND ONE THAT IS TRUSTED, AND
25 WE DON'T WANT TO BREAK THAT TRUST WITH OUR COMMUNITY. I THANK



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU, AND I THANK ALL THE MEMBERS THAT WEAR THE BADGE PROUDLY,
2 AND I WANT TO SEE MORE PEOPLE WEARING THAT BADGE PROUDLY,
3 PARTICULARLY OUR WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AND TO MORE RANK
4 AND FILE AT THE TOP REFLECTIVE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK
5 YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR THAT, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
10 FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. WE KNOW EQUITY AND DIVERSITY
11 ARE IMPORTANT IN ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, PARTICULARLY
12 THOSE THAT INTERACT WITH OUR RESIDENTS DURING THEIR MOST
13 VULNERABLE TIMES. I BELIEVE IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT ORGANIZATIONS
14 SUCH AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES THAT
15 THEY SERVE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, WE MUST WORK TO ENSURE THAT
16 THE PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF
17 L.A. COUNTY FROM RECRUITMENT AND ONBOARDING THROUGH PROMOTION
18 TO LEADERSHIP AND CRUCIAL DECISION-MAKING POSITIONS. IT'S NOT
19 ENOUGH TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE RANKS, YOU HAVE TO BE MADE TO
20 FEEL WELCOME. YOU HAVE TO BE GIVEN A CLEAR PATH TO PROMOTE, TO
21 GROW, AND THRIVE IN THIS DEPARTMENT. AND FOR THESE REASONS, I
22 AM ENCOURAGED TO SEE THIS MOTION AND THE WORK THAT WILL BE
23 DONE IN THE FUTURE TO ENSURE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE FIRE
24 DEPARTMENT. I'M PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED BY THE WORK THAT WILL
25 BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE A DIVERSITY OF NEW RECRUITS AS WELL AS



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE CULTURAL AND IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING THAT WILL BE PROVIDED
2 TO ALL PERSONNEL AND DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING THAT WILL
3 OCCUR. AND I WANT TO THANK JOHNNY GRAY, III AND BOARD OF
4 DIRECTORS OF THE STENTORIANS, AS WELL AS SARA RATHBUN AND THE
5 WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE AND ALL OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO REACHED OUT
6 TO ME TO SHARE THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND THEIR STORIES TO
7 CONTEXTUALIZE WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN SO WE CAN BETTER
8 UNDERSTAND HOW WE TURN WORDS ON A PAGE INTO ACTION IN THE
9 DEPARTMENT AND THAT WE CAN BE ACTIVE AND ENGAGED PARTNERS IN
10 DOING THAT. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING THIS ISSUE
11 SERIOUSLY AND MAKING SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS REFLECTIVE OF
12 THE DIVERSITY THAT WE EXPECT IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU THREE OF
16 YOU. GO IN ANY ORDER YOU CHOOSE.

17
18 **CHIEF MARRONE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE BOARD FOR
19 GIVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE ROAD MAP TO ENSURING DIVERSITY,
20 EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AND A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR OUR 5,000
21 MEMBERS, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE
22 DEPARTMENT, WE, ARE COMMITTED TO NEW AND INNOVATIVE
23 RECRUITMENT, HIRING, AND PROMOTION IDEAS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
24 HAVE PATHWAYS TO ENSURE OUR HIRING PROCESS, OUR PROMOTION
25 PROCESS ENSURES THAT WE CAPTURE THE BRIGHTEST AND THE BEST IN



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SUPERVISORS

1 OUR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND
2 PROMOTION FOR WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR THAT REFLECT THE
3 COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. I KNOW THAT THAT IS A FOCUS OF THE
4 BOARD. I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, AND I STAND WITH LABOR AND
5 OUR OTHER REPRESENTED GROUPS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ACHIEVE
6 THAT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOTION WITH THE 30-DAY
7 ANALYSIS AND THE 90-DAY REPORT BACK WITH THE PLAN. IT'S GOING
8 TO ALLOW US TO MAKE GREAT STRIDES AND CONTINUE THE LEGACY THAT
9 CHIEF OSBY LEFT ME AFTER 11 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THIS FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT. AND I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH CHIEF CLADY
11 WHEN I WAS A YOUNG FIREFIGHTER IN THE LATE '80S AT THE LADERA
12 HEIGHTS FIRE STATION, AND I WAS ABLE TO SEE HIS FIGHT. SO I
13 HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THAT, AND THAT HELP GUIDE ME AS WE WORK
14 TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE WE INCLUDE D.E.I. AND BELONGING. THANK
15 YOU.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SARA.

18
19 **SARA RATHBUN:** DO WE HAVE JOHNNY ON THE LINE? I WANTED TO MAKE
20 SURE THAT HE --

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, JOHNNY'S ON THE LINE. I WAS GOING TO
23 CALL ON HIM AFTER YOU ALL SPOKE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SARA RATHBUN:** PERFECT, OKAY. JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE'S
2 INCLUDED. WE SPOKE BEFORE THIS. THANK YOU. SO SARA RATHBUN,
3 BATTALION CHIEF L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, PRESIDENT AND
4 FOUNDER OF THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE. I JUST WANT TO TAKE A
5 MOMENT TO THANK OBVIOUSLY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR
6 THIS MOTION BECAUSE THE WORDS, AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH SAID, ARE
7 NOT ENOUGH WITHOUT ACTION BEHIND IT. SO, WE REALLY APPRECIATE
8 YOU TAKING THAT ACTION IN ADDITION, AND WE HOPE TO COME BACK
9 IN A YEAR AND SEE THAT PROGRESS. WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY THAT. YOU
10 ALSO HAVE SOME POWERFUL FORCES BEHIND YOU. KYLA COATS AND JOHN
11 MATTHEWS HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH US. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH
12 FOR GIVING US THEIR TIME AND THEIR EXPERTISE. TO GET US ALL
13 TOGETHER ON ONE PAGE IS SOMETIMES A CHALLENGE. 17 YEARS AGO, I
14 ENTERED L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASS 123 AS A BRAND NEW
15 FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT. AND I WAS ADVISED BY PEOPLE I KNEW WITHIN
16 THE FIRE SERVICE AND OUTSIDE OF IT THAT THE MALE-DOMINATED
17 CULTURE COULD BE CHALLENGING AND, AT TIMES, HOSTILE TOWARD
18 WOMEN. AS DAUGHTER OF AN L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF PARAMEDIC, AND
19 MYSELF A COLLEGE ATHLETE AS WELL AS A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
20 PLAYER, THESE WARNINGS DIDN'T LESSEN MY INTEREST IN THE FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT. I PLOWED THROUGH AND ENTERED A 43-PERSON ACADEMY
22 WITH THREE OTHER WOMEN, WHICH WAS A RECORD AT THE TIME. AFTER
23 FOUR MONTHS OF TRAINING, 28 RECRUITS GRADUATED, PINNED THIS
24 BADGE ON THEIR CHEST, AND WENT TO WORK AS FIREFIGHTERS. AND
25 THREE OF THOSE NEW FIREFIGHTERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, WERE WOMEN.



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1 TOMORROW, CLASS 169 GRADUATES, AFTER THE SAME GRUELING FOUR
2 MONTHS. AGAIN, THREE OF THOSE FIREFIGHTERS ARE WOMEN. I THINK
3 WE CAN DO BETTER. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ONE OF THE MOST
4 DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE NATION, AS WE HAVE SAID, AND IT
5 SURROUNDS ONE OF THE MOST MULTICULTURAL CITIES, YET THE
6 POPULATION WE SERVE LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE FIREFIGHTERS
7 THAT MAKE UP OUR RANKS. 51% OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
8 WOMEN. THIS IS NO ODD STATISTIC TO YOU FOLKS. BUT 2% OF OUR
9 L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ARE WOMEN. AND THESE NUMBERS DO NOT
10 MATCH NATIONAL AVERAGES, WHICH ARE STILL PROBLEMATIC BUT ARE
11 MORE THAN DOUBLE L.A. COUNTY'S NUMBERS. SO WE CAN DO BETTER.
12 AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. TRANSPARENCY IN HIRING AND
13 PROMOTION AND CLEARLY DEFINED REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITIONS AT
14 EVERY LEVEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE A CRITICAL FIRST STEP
15 TO ENSURING A CULTURE THAT PROVIDES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.
16 WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS ON THE BOARD, IN
17 THE DEPARTMENT, AND IN THE COUNTY ALLOWING US TO PROMOTE
18 DIVERSITY AND EQUITY WHILE MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS
19 FOR FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL. AND THIS IS WHY WE'RE SITTING HERE
20 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND 1014. WE HAVE PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER,
21 AND THIS IS A VERY SMALL START TO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. BY
22 SOLIDIFYING PREP ACADEMIES THAT CATER TO DIVERSE APPLICANTS
23 USING STATE-WIDE, PROVEN TESTING AND SELECTION PROCESSES,
24 INCLUDING STAKEHOLDERS IN PROMOTIONAL EXAM DEVELOPMENT, AND
25 CLOSELY MONITORING AND TRACKING THE DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE FIRE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SERVICE, IT'S THE HOPE OF THE WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE THAT WE SEE
2 OUR CULTURE SHIFT, OUR RANKS DIVERSIFY, AND OUR PERSONNEL
3 BEGIN TO MORE CLOSELY MIRROR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. THROUGH
4 THIS MOTION, I HOPE WE LOOK BACK 17 YEARS FROM NOW AND SEE
5 TANGIBLE, MEANINGFUL CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DAN GILLOTTE.

8

9 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** I PROBABLY COMMUTED THE LONGEST. I FLEW IN FROM
10 D.C. LAST NIGHT FROM A PLACE WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE TERRIBLY
11 DIFFICULT TO GET BUSINESS DONE BECAUSE OF POLARIZATION. I FLEW
12 BACK HERE BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THAT HERE. WHAT MAKES THIS
13 MOTION DIFFERENT THAN THE EFFORTS WE PUT IN FOR THE LAST 20
14 YEARS? YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT? LABOR IS
15 SITTING HERE, A UNION, AND THE NEW FIRE CHIEF, WHO I CALLED
16 AND SAID LET'S WRAP OUR ARMS AROUND THIS. I CALLED SARA. I
17 CALLED JOHNNY. AND I SAID, "FOR ONCE, LET'S PUT OUR MONEY
18 WHERE OUR MOUTHS ARE. LET'S JOIN TOGETHER AND COLLABORATE TO
19 REVISE THIS MOTION TO GIVE OURSELVES TOOLS THAT WILL ACTUALLY
20 MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN." F.C.T.C., RECRUITMENT EMBEDDED BOTH FOR
21 WOMEN AND MINORITIES, BUT ALSO OUR PRE-APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
22 FOR LOW INCOME FOLKS, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN
23 INVOLVED IN THAT, AND WE'LL MOVE THOSE AGENDA ITEMS FORWARD
24 BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE TWO PARTIES THAT HAVE TO SIGN ON THE
25 DOTTED LINE FOR POLICY CHANGE RIGHT HERE. WITH OUR THIRD



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1 PARTNER IN THE ROOM, AND WITH THE LEADERSHIP FROM SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BUT I KNOW IT'S A FIVE BOARD
3 MEMBER EFFORT HERE, DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, AMAZINGLY
4 ENOUGH. I'M GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO
5 GET IT DONE. WHAT I WANT TO DO IS OFFER UP -- YOU CAN READ
6 EVERYTHING IN THE MOTION. IT'S AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL MOTION
7 THAT HAS TANGIBLES, DELIVERABLES. IT HAS FUNDING THROUGH JACK.
8 IT HAS EVERYTHING EMBEDDED, AND WE PUT IT TOGETHER, AND THE
9 TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO SIGN ARE RIGHT HERE SO YOU CAN HOLD US
10 ACCOUNTABLE, BUT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO BECAUSE YOU'RE
11 GOING TO HAVE TO GET OUT OF OUR WAY. LET ME BREAKDOWN A LITTLE
12 STIGMA. WHO IS THE UNION? AND WHY SHOULD THE W.F.L., LOS
13 BOMBEROS, STENTORIANS, MY A.A.P.I. FIREFIGHTERS, MY L.B.G.T.Q.
14 FIREFIGHTERS, WHY SHOULD THEY BE PART A PART OF THE
15 DISCUSSION? THEY'RE MY MEMBERS. SARA RATHBUN, DANI MCMILLON
16 OVER ON LIFEGUARDS, PAIGE PARKER, JULIE BARRETT, ONE OF THE
17 BEST FIRE CAPTAINS WE HAVE ON OUR JOB AMAZINGLY THROUGH THE
18 FLAGLER INCIDENT, JOHNNY GRAY, A VERY WELL RESPECTED MEMBER OF
19 OUR AIR OPERATIONS CADRE, TIA ROSS, LANDI KNOTT, MY OLD
20 ENGINEER, AND MICKEY JUAREZ, DO THESE NAMES - ARE THEY
21 FAMILIAR TO YOU? THEY'RE NOT, BUT LET ME TELL YOU WHO THEY
22 ARE. THEY'RE MEMBERS OF THE STENTORIANS, THE W.F.L., MEMBERS
23 OF 1014. THEY ARE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THEIR VOICE
24 MATTERS. IT'S TIME WE SHINE A LIGHT ON WHAT WE ARE GOING TO
25 TALK ABOUT AND WE BE BOLD ABOUT THE CONVERSATION. THIS UNION



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1 IS WILLING TO PUT IT OUT THERE, ALONG WITH THE CHIEF. I KNOW,
2 NOT ONLY MY FRIENDS, BUT MY PEERS, MY WELL-RESPECTED PEERS ON
3 THIS JOB, OUR VOICES IN A COLLABORATION ARE FINALLY GOING TO
4 BE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR YOU TO HAVE A GROUP THAT ACTUALLY MAKES
5 CHANGE HAPPEN. WE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO. THE WORK HAPPENED
6 TO PUT THIS MOTION FORWARD, BUT I'M GOING TO SUBMIT TO YOU
7 THAT THE WORK BEGINS THE MINUTE YOU FINISH THE VOTE. AND WE'RE
8 READY ON TOP OF IT, AND I WOULD SUGGEST A REPORT BACK ONCE A
9 WEEK ON THE JACK PIECE THAT'S IN THE 30 DAY. LET'S GET
10 SOMETHING DONE AND LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY THAT'S JUST NOT
11 WORDS. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET ME JUST GO -- I KNOW WE HAVE
14 OTHERS ON THE PHONE AND MAYBE IN THE AUDIENCE, BUT I WANT TO
15 GO FIRST TO JOHNNY GRAY, REPRESENTING OUR STENTORIANS TO SPEAK
16 TO US BECAUSE, IF HE WAS HERE, HE WOULD BE SITTING WITH YOU.
17 JOHNNY, ARE YOU ON THE PHONE?

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19 **OPERATOR:** MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS JOHNNY GRAY. YOU MAY BEGIN,
22 SIR.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HALLELUJAH.



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1 **JOHN GRAY:** BE THERE IN PERSON. MY NAME IS JOHNNY GRAY, III.
2 I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY STENTORIANS AND
3 I'VE LISTENED TO YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN SPEAK, AND I COMMEND
4 YOU ALL FOR STANDING UP BECAUSE PROGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT
5 CHANGE, FIRST OF ALL. SO THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO MAKING THE
6 CHANGE. ON BEHALF OF MY EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ITS MEMBERS, I
7 WANTED TO LEND OUR SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM AND THIS MOTION,
8 WHICH INCLUDES THE DEVELOPING OF THE LABOR MANAGEMENT PLAN,
9 WHICH IS TO MOVE THE ENTRY LEVEL TESTING TO CAL-J.A.C.. I HAVE
10 WORKED WITH CAL-J.A.C. FOR 8 OF MY 12 YEARS ON THIS JOB, AND I
11 TRUST THEY'LL CONTINUE TO PUSH THE NEEDLE FORWARD IN CREATING
12 A MORE DIVERSE WORKFORCE THAT DIRECTLY REFLECTS THE COMMUNITY
13 WE SERVE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE FIRE CHIEF,
14 1014, AND WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE, THE BOMBEROS, C.O.R.D.I., AS
15 WELL AS CAL-J.A.C. JUST TO ENSURE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD BOTH IN
16 THE HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL PROCESS. AS IT RELATES TO AFRICAN
17 AMERICANS IN THE FIRE SERVICE, WE MAKE UP 6% OF OUR EMPLOYEES.
18 IN THE CIVILIAN RANKS, WE MAKE UP 9%. IN THE LIFEGUARDS WE
19 ONLY MAKE UP 1%. WE HAVE HAD CHANGE, BUT WE DO HAVE A LOT OF
20 WORK TO DO. WE, THE STENTORIANS, WANTED TO SAY OUT LOUD AND
21 VERBALLY COMMIT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR MISSION OF EXPOSING
22 THIS GREAT CAREER BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT'S A GREAT CAREER,
23 REGARDLESS OF SOME OF THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF IT. THAT WE
24 WILL CONTINUE OUR SEMINARS. WE ILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE
25 UNDERSERVED AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR



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1 TRAINING AT PREP ACADEMIES, AND WE WILL FURTHER WORK WITH OUR
2 PARTNERS IN MAKING SURE THAT D.E.I. IS THE NUMBER ONE
3 PRIORITY. LASTLY, I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 FOR THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
5 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AS WELL AS CHIEF MARRONE, 1014, THANK YOU,
6 PRESIDENT GILLOTTE, THANK YOU, SARA AND WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE,
7 C.O.R.D.I., AND BOMBEROS, JUST AND ALL YOU GUYS' COMMITMENT TO
8 ENSURING THAT WE TRULY ACT ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
9 INCLUSION. IT'S NOT JUST A BUZZWORD. AND AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO
10 CLOSE WITH PROGRESS LIES NOT IN ENHANCING WHAT IS BUT IN
11 ADVANCING TOWARDS WHAT WILL BE. WE ALL KNOW WHERE WE SHOULD
12 BE, SO LET'S CONTINUE TO TOGETHER AND HOLD HANDS AND ADVANCE
13 FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JOHNNY. WE APPRECIATE
16 YOU AND THE STENTORIANS AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY HAVE
17 ALWAYS PLAYED IN OUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL, YOU WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE WENT ON TO THE
19 OTHER PUBLIC --

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS I LISTEN TO THIS
22 KUMBAYA MOMENT, I FELT COMPELLED TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ANOTHER
23 GROUP THAT THE WORDS IN THE MOTION ARE VERY POWERFUL, BUT THE
24 EXPECTATION IS THAT IT GO BEYOND THE WORDS. AND OUR FORMALLY
25 SYSTEMS INVOLVED FIREFIGHTERS, UPON RELEASE, HAVE NOT ALWAYS



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1 BEEN WELCOMED INTO THE CLUB. THERE HAVE BEEN LEGISLATIVE
2 EFFORTS TO TRY TO CREATE A PATHWAY THAT OFTEN HAVE BEEN
3 OPPOSED. SO I'M HOPING AS WE TALK ABOUT TRUE DIVERSITY AND
4 LOOKING AT THE VALUE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED, WHO HAVE PUT
5 THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, AS
6 WE, AS A COUNTY, LOOK AT ALL KINDS OF WAYS OF INCORPORATING
7 THEM BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE THAT THAT BE INCLUDED IN THIS
8 WORKFORCE AS WELL. SO AS WE LOOK AT THE FIRE CAMPS AND WAYS IN
9 WHICH THAT COMMUNITY CAN ALSO BE EMBRACED, I HOPE WE HAVE A
10 KUMBAYA MOMENT AND TURN THE CORNER THERE, AS WELL. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE DYING TO
14 SAY SOMETHING, DAVE GILLOTTE.

15
16 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** I AM. I'VE WORKED WITH THE SENATOR ON THIS AT
17 THE STATE. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO PUT ALL THOSE IN PLACE. SO,
18 SHE HITS ON A VERY IMPORTANT POINT HERE, A.R.C., A.T.I.,
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS BEEN INVOLVED. LET'S CUT THROUGH SOME OF
20 THE BUREAUCRATIC MESS HERE. WE ARE GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP ON
21 THE MOTION IN FRONT OF US BUT ALSO FOR WHAT THE SUPERVISOR IS
22 TALKING ABOUT. YOU MAKE A MOTION TO GET IT DONE AND GIVE A
23 DATE TO THE FIRE CHIEF AND PUT SOME FUNDING BEHIND IT, AND
24 WE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AGAINST
25 PROCESSES TO GET THAT TO ACTUALLY HAPPEN. WE SHOULD HAVE FOUR



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1 CREWS OPEN RIGHT NOW. THE SUPERVISOR IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

2 WE'RE READY TO GO ON THAT. LET'S DO IT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
5 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS
6 ITEM.

7

8 **OPERATOR:** THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. MODERATOR, MAY WE
9 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YVONNE DE LA PENA. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **YVONNE DE LA PENA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS YVONNE DE LA PENA,
15 AND I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CAL-J.A.C. AND F.C.T.C.,
16 AND OUR ORGANIZATION HAS A 40-YEAR HISTORY AS AN
17 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS
18 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND OUR COMMITMENT, AS AN APPRENTICESHIP
19 TRAINING PROGRAM -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY]

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DID WE LOSE HER?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IT LOOKS LIKE WE LOST HER.

24

25 **MODERATOR:** IT LOOKS LIKE WE LOST YVONNE.



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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SEE IF YOU CAN GET HER BACK.

3

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

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND I WILL ECHO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

7 THIS IS A KUMBAYA MOMENT, AND IF WE COULD PUT DAVE GILLOTTE'S

8 PASSION INTO A BOTTLE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFLOAD IT FOR A

9 VERY NICE PRICE. IT'S VERY, VERY VALUABLE TO HAVE THE

10 COMMITMENT OF THE RANK AND FILE AND THE UNION. I THINK THAT

11 PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM THAT

12 NATIONWIDE LESS THAN 5% OF CAREER FIREFIGHTERS ARE WOMEN. IN

13 SAN FRANCISCO, THEY HAVE 16%, WHICH IS NATIONAL OUTLIER. WE,

14 AS WE KNOW, ARE VERY, VERY LOW. LET'S BRING THESE BRAVE MEN

15 AND WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS IS THE

16 APPROPRIATE PRESENTATION TO MAKE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WE NEED

17 TO TAKE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TO CREATE THE KIND OF EQUITY AND

18 INCLUSION AND LEGITIMATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND

19 L.B.G.T.Q. AND PEOPLE TO OPT IN.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RUDOLPH CHARLES. YOU MAY

24 BEGIN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **RUDOLPH CHARLES:** HELLO?

2

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

4

5 **RUDOLPH CHARLES:** HI. I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS BRIEF AND ON THE
6 SUBJECT. I KNOW THIS WHOLE OBJECTIVE IS NOT BRIEF, BUT GOOD
7 MORNING. I'M RUDY CHARLES. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, HAHN AND MITCHELL, ON THE BOARD. AND JUST SAY
9 THAT I'M A CAPTAIN ON THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'VE
10 BEEN THERE FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS, ME AND JOHNNY. WE CAME ON WITH
11 THE SAME IDEA OF GETTING A COUPLE MORE ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE
12 ACADEMIES. AND WE HAD, I THINK, FOUR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN OUR
13 CLASS. THEY ALL PASSED. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WE WOULD
14 LIKE CAL-J.A.C. F.C.T.C. PROGRAMS, AND IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM.
15 IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR NOT JUST THE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT, BEFORE THE STENTORIANS ORGANIZATION AND WHAT WE
17 STAND FOR, WHICH IS RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND UPWARD
18 MOBILITY TO INCLUDE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE COUNTY FIRE
19 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU, CAL JACK, FOR WORKING WITH US, AND
20 1014, WOMEN'S FIRE LEAGUE IN MOVING THE NEEDLE. AND WE ARE
21 DEFINITELY IN SUPPORT OF IT TO CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD
22 WITH TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD QUALITY CANDIDATES TO BEST SUIT OUR
23 FIRE DEPARTMENT. WITH THAT SAID, HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET THIS
24 STARTED AND MOVE THE NEEDLE. THANK YOU TO ALL YOU GUYS.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YVONNE DE LA PENA. SHE HAS
4 COME BACK. I APOLOGIZE -- APPRECIATE THAT. YOU MAY BEGIN,
5 MA'AM.

6

7 **YVONNE DE LA PENA:** OKAY. SO, I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH YOU HEARD
8 BEFORE BECAUSE I WAS TALKING BEFORE I REALIZED I WAS
9 DISCONNECTED.

10

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

12

13 **YVONNE DE LA PENA:** OUR ORGANIZATION, THE CAL-J.A.C. AND
14 F.C.T.C., WE HAVE A 40-YEAR HISTORY AS AN APPRENTICESHIP
15 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
16 AND OUR COMMITMENT AS AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM HAS
17 BEEN TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY FOR INDIVIDUALS INTO THE FIRE
18 SERVICE AND INTO OUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. OUR COMMITMENT
19 HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ENSURE WE REACH DOWN INTO THE COMMUNITIES
20 AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND WE RECRUIT A DIVERSE GROUP OF
21 CANDIDATES TO HELP THEM PREPARE FOR THE TESTING PROCESS. WE
22 HAVE A PRETTY GOOD TRACK RECORD, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
23 HAS ENTRUSTED US BY FULLY FUNDING OUR PRE- APPRENTICESHIP
24 PROGRAM WHICH SPECIFICALLY TARGETS INDIVIDUALS WHO, DUE TO
25 CIRCUMSTANCE OR FINANCE, DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO OR HAVEN'T



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SUPERVISORS

1 CONSIDERED A CAREER IN THE FIRE SERVICE. OUR PRE-
2 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS FREE, FREE BOOKS, FREE UNIFORMS,
3 FREE TRAINING. AND IT PROVIDES NECESSARY PREPARATION FOR PRE-
4 EMPLOYMENT TESTING, AND IT PROVIDES THE TRAINING FOR
5 CANDIDATES TO EARN THEIR E.M.T., THEIR PARAMEDIC LICENSE --

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO
8 MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS. WE HAVE GOT TO GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.
9 THANK SPEAKER. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN. MR. HERNANDEZ, YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO? HELLO? OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT
15 SPEAKER.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT ROY HUMPHREYS. MY. HUMPHREYS,
18 YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THIS IS A STORY OF PAYBACK. MY SON ABOUT 10
21 YEARS AGO WENT THROUGH, IF I GOT THE TIME FRAME RIGHT, A MOUNT
22 [INDISCERNIBLE] COLLEGE COUNTY FIRE PREP PROGRAM OUT THERE,
23 OUT OF WHICH GRADUATING CLASS I BELIEVE IS 25 OR SO, TWO
24 PEOPLE WERE HIRED, AND THEY WERE ALL RELATIVES OF THE PRESENT
25 FIRE PERSON AT THAT TIME. AND THE PAYBACK PART OF IT WAS SO



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1 BEAUTIFUL. THE CAPTAIN RUNNING THAT PROGRAM WAS EXPOSED FOR
2 CORRUPTION AND GOT TO SPEND SOME TIME IN COUNTY FACILITY. I
3 THINK IT WAS WAYSIDE RANCHO OUT THERE. SO THERE ARE POINTS OF
4 PAYBACK AND A FEEL GOOD MOMENT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S GO TO IN-PERSON. DR.
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. I AM IMPRESSED THAT YOU USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO
11 APPOINT THE RIGHT PERSON TO THAT POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF. I
12 THINK KNOWLEDGE AND HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE ARE THE MOST
13 IMPORTANT THING FOR THAT JOB. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WISDOM.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU COULD HAVE JUST KEPT GOING ON
16 ABOUT THAT, OUR WISDOM. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CUT IT OFF. BUT
17 THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. THANK YOU, I BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST
18 SPEAKER. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO DAVE TO SARA TO CHIEF MARRONE
19 FOR BEING HERE, THANK YOU TO JOHNNY GRAY ON THE PHONE. WE KNOW
20 WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE CULTURE IN THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IT
21 WOULD BE -- IT'S INEVITABLE THAT IF WE ARE MORE INCLUSIVE OF
22 WOMEN, AFRICAN AMERICANS, LATINOS, L.B.G.T.Q., A.A.P.I. THAT
23 THE CULTURE WILL CHANGE. IT'S INEVITABLE. SO THANK YOU. THANK
24 YOU FOR ALL WORKING ON THIS MOTION. BIG SHOUT OUT TO KYLA
25 COATES. I KNOW SHE PUT IN A LOT HOURS TO GET EVERYBODY ON THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 SAME PAGE. AND THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
2 IT'S GREAT DAY FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT
3 MOTION IS NOW BEFORE US. I'M GOING TO MOVE. SUPERVISOR
4 MITCHELL WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
5 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 55C IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

18

19 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

20

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

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

4

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT. NOW, LET'S GET TO WORK. THANK YOU.

8 WE'LL MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM 55I, PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF

9 PASADENA TO EXPAND A SOCIAL HEALTHCARE AND HOMELESS SERVICES,

10 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE

11 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO

12 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MAYOR VICTOR GORDO IS

15 HERE, AND I WANT TO GIVE HIM OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO SPEAK

16 AND THEN I'LL SAY MY COMMENTS, BUT THIS HAS BEEN A JOINT LABOR

17 OF LOVE WORKING WITH THE MAYOR AND THE CITY OF PASADENA. SO,

18 WELCOME.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME, MAYOR. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **MAYOR GORDO:** CHAIR HAHN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE. I HAVE HAD THE

23 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU, AND WHAT A SIGHT THIS IS.

24 IT'S A LOT DIFFERENT THAN THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, AND I

25 CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU FOR THIS HISTORY-MAKING BOARD. LET ME



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1 FIRST THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND RESIDENTS OF
2 PASADENA FOR ALL YOUR ASSISTANCE AT WHAT WAS A TIME LIKE NO
3 OTHER, DURING THE PANDEMIC. WE ENDED THE PANDEMIC LAST NIGHT
4 OFFICIALLY IN PASADENA, BUT I'LL TELL YOU THE PEOPLE OF
5 PASADENA ARE CERTAINLY GRATEFUL FOR THIS COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE
6 DURING A MOST DIFFICULT TIME. I'M HERE BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW
7 THAT MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED.
8 PASADENA IS A UNIQUE CITY IN THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN HEALTH
9 DEPARTMENT. WE'RE UNIQUELY SITUATED TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY
10 OF LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
11 HELPING US TO LEAD THE CHARGE IN LOOKING AT A DIFFERENT MODEL.
12 THE MODEL THAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT TODAY -- I'M USE
13 TO EVENING MEETINGS, BUT THE MODEL WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
14 SUPPORT WILL INCLUDE ACADEMIA, WILL MODEL HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT
15 AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND CITIES CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH
16 ACADEMIA, WITH THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS
17 TO BETTER DELIVER MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES. IN
18 PASADENA, WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD TO EXPLORE THE
19 POSSIBILITIES. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR SUPERVISOR FOR
20 ANSWERING THE CALL, FOR LEADING THE CHARGE, AND FOR PUTTING
21 THE MOTION BEFORE YOU THAT I THINK IS GOING TO PROVIDE A VERY
22 SPECIAL AND REPLICABLE MODEL THAT WE CAN USE IN OTHER
23 COMMUNITIES. SO WITH THAT, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT AND THANK YOU,
24 AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE ALL OF YOU, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
25 WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. THANK YOU.



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1
2 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MAYOR GORDO. AND I THINK THIS AN
3 OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE. THIS BOARD HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE FACT
4 THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SERVICES IN MENTAL HEALTH. AND TO
5 HAVE -- AND PRIOR TO DR. SHERIN RETIRING, HE HAD BEEN TALKING
6 ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO COLLABORATE WITH CITIES,
7 ESPECIALLY LARGE CITIES, TO REALLY CAPITALIZE ON WHAT THEY
8 HAVE GOT. AND IN PASADENA, WE HAVE GOT FULLER SEMINARY, AND WE
9 HAVE ALSO HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL, WHO WANT TO PARTNER WITH US.
10 AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS. I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO
11 COLLABORATE AND BE PROACTIVE AND CREATIVE IN PLANNING AND
12 PUTTING AN ACTION IN PLACE THAT WILL ACTUALLY HELP NOT ONLY
13 ADULTS BUT ALSO YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
14 NEEDS, SPECIFICALLY, IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WE HAVE BEEN
15 TALKING ABOUT, IN NORTH PASADENA, THE CITIES HAS IDENTIFIED
16 AND REFERENCED A 2021 D.H.S. REPORT HIGHLIGHTING AREAS OF HIGH
17 NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN
18 MENTAL HEALTH. MAYOR GORDO DID HIS HOMEWORK AND FOUND THAT, OF
19 THE 14 CONTRACTS WE HAVE, ONLY TWO PROVIDERS HAVE ANY SLOTS
20 AVAILABLE FOR NEW CLIENTS, AND EVEN THEN, IT'S A CHALLENGE TO
21 GET IN IN A TIMELY FASHION. SO I'M GRATEFUL TO THE CITY OF
22 PASADENA FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN PROVIDING TANGIBLE SOLUTIONS
23 AND THEIR WILLING TO MOVE QUICKLY AND ACT IN REAL TIME.
24 BRIEFLY, I'D LIKE TO MAKE TWO SLIGHT CHANGES IN THE MOTION
25 WHICH IS NOT SUBSTANTIAL TO THE I THEREFORE MOVE, BUT I JUST



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1 CLARIFICATION. ON THE TITLE, IT READS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
2 CITY OF PASADENA TO EXPAND ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL
3 HEALTH SERVICES. WE WANT TO REFLECT MENTAL SERVICES. IT SAID
4 HOMELESS, BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY FAR GREATER THAN SIMPLY
5 DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION. AND THEN IN THE
6 PREAMBLE, IT READS AS FOLLOW: IN MAY 2021, THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 HEALTH SERVICES PUBLISHED A REPORT THAT IDENTIFIED
8 NEIGHBORHOODS IN NORTHERN PASADENA THAT WERE HIGH PRIORITY FOR
9 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SERVICES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AND I
10 HOPE WE CAN TAKE THIS, AND I KNOW THAT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
11 HEALTH HAS OPPORTUNITIES, I THINK WE ALLOCATED FOR THE S.P.A.
12 50 MILLION, OF WHICH 10 MILLION IS UNSPENT BECAUSE WE DON'T
13 HAVE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE. SO, I WANT TO PUBLICLY
14 THANK YOU, MAYOR. WHILE I'M BRINGING THIS MOTION IN, THIS WAS
15 YOUR VISION LONG BEFORE YOU WERE MAYOR, WORKING WITH THE
16 NONPROFIT WORLD WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA. SO, THIS IS AN
17 EXCITING TIME, AND I HOPE WE CAN REPLICATE THIS THROUGHOUT THE
18 COUNTY WORKING WITH OUR UNIVERSITIES LIKE FULLER THAT ARE
19 TRAINING THOSE INDIVIDUALS WE WANT TO BRING INTO OUR SYSTEM.
20 SO I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AS WELL AS TO HAVE THE PRESENCE OF THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MAYOR OF PASADENA HERE, MR. GORDO. GOOD TO SEE YOU. I'M
2 INTERESTED IN THIS NOTION OF HAVING MORE SERVICES PROVIDED IN
3 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN TOTALITY BECAUSE, DURING THE
4 PANDEMIC, MANY OF US, INCLUDING OUR DEPARTMENTS, WERE HEAVILY
5 CRITICIZED BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE EXPANSIVE SERVICES IN
6 COMMUNITIES LIKE EL MONTE, BALDWIN PARK, COVINA AND WEST
7 COVINA. IN FACT, SOME WERE IN AN UPROAR THAT THEY WANTED TO
8 CREATE THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THAT'S STILL
9 BEING LITIGATED. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF
10 CHALLENGES. WE'RE RIGHT NOW TRYING TO WORK ON RESOLUTIONS WITH
11 THE CITY OF L.A. BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO, THROUGH A SEPARATE
12 ENTITY, LOOKING AT HOW WE PROVIDE BETTER MENTAL HEALTH AND
13 HOMELESS SERVICES. THOSE ARE URGENT CONCERNS FOR ALL OF US. I
14 HOPE WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP, TOO, WE CAN CONVENE WITH OTHER
15 CITIES. ONE THAT COMES TO MIND IS THE CITY OF EL MONTE THAT
16 HAS BEEN A GOOD PARTNER WITH US. THEY HAVE ACTUALLY SET UP
17 ROOM KEY, HOME KEY, AND SERVICES, AND THEY HAVE ALSO
18 CONTRACTED WITH MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS. BUT IT'S TRUE, WE DON'T
19 HAVE ENOUGH PROVIDERS THAT ARE ALSO RECEIVING CONTRACTS FROM
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ADEQUATELY COVER OUR AREA.
21 UNION STATION, WHICH IS OUT YOUR WAY, ACTUALLY SERVICES OUR
22 AREA. WE NEED TO MULTIPLY THE REACH AND CREATE MORE
23 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER C.B.O.S AND PROFESSIONAL
24 ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST US. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW
25 THIS WORKS OUT AS A PILOT AND WOULD HOPE WE CAN ENGAGE WITH



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1 OUR CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BECAUSE MANY OF THEM FACE
2 THE SAME CHALLENGES, AND THEIR POPULATIONS ARE VERY HIGH. AND,
3 IN MANY CASES, SOCIOECONOMIC DETERMINANTS HAVE BEEN VERY
4 IMPACTFUL DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
5 WITH YOU AND WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ON THAT. THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH.

7

8 **MAYOR GORDO:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR. AND THE KEY, AS WE
9 LEARNED, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I, IS THE LACK OF CLINICIANS.
10 AND THE BEAUTY OF THIS MODEL IS IT PARTNERS DIRECTLY WITH
11 ACADEMIA, WITH FULLER SEMINARY, THAT HAS 300 STUDENTS THAT
12 THEY PROVIDE. IMAGINE WORKING WITH ALL OF THE SCHOOLS OF
13 PSYCHOLOGY THROUGH THE COUNTY AND BEYOND TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS
14 WITH COMMUNITIES SUCH AS EL MONTE, PASADENA, AND OUR
15 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH IN CAPTURING
16 THOSE STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS AS STUDENTS TO BE CLINICIANS
17 AND GET THEIR EXPERTISE, AND THEN AS PROFESSIONALS AND
18 GRADUATES TO CONTINUE TO WORK RIGHT HERE IN THE COMMUNITY
19 THAT'S TRAINED THEM. THAT'S THE GOAL. THAT'S THE UNIQUENESS OF
20 THIS MODEL IS WE GO DIRECTLY TO ACADEMIA AND ASK THAT THEY
21 DEDICATE THEIR STUDENTS AND TRAIN THEIR STUDENTS TO WORK RIGHT
22 HERE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MAY I ALSO SAY THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. MAYOR, THANK YOU



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1 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE DOWN HERE AND LET ME ALSO EXTEND MY
2 REALLY WELL WISHES THAT THIS WILL BE A MODEL, A PILOT, THAT
3 CAN BE REPLICATED ELSEWHERE, AND JUST TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE
4 LEADERSHIP OF PASADENA DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE DARK
5 YEARS OF THE PANDEMIC. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT
6 PASADENA, AS WELL AS LONG BEACH, HAVE THEIR OWN HEALTH
7 DEPARTMENT. SO YOU COULD HAVE ENACTED YOUR OWN PATHWAY
8 FORWARD, BUT WE APPRECIATED THE COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY OF
9 LOS ANGELES IN A WAY THAT ALIGNED MANY TIMES WITH SOME OF WHAT
10 WE WERE TRYING TO DO JUST TO KEEP SOME CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. BUT WHAT THE
12 PANDEMIC CERTAINLY HIGHLIGHTED WAS THE INCREDIBLE NEED FOR
13 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE KNOW THAT ALL THE TRAUMA OF THE
14 PANDEMIC HAS LED TO EVEN MORE PEOPLE REALLY SEEKING AND
15 NEEDING AND SOMETIMES NOT KNOWING WHERE TO GO FOR MENTAL
16 HEALTH. SO TO HAVE A MAYOR OF A LARGE CITY MAKE THAT A FOCUS
17 AND A PRIORITY I THINK SPEAKS VOLUMES TO YOU, TO YOUR CITY. SO
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19
20 **MAYOR GORDO:** WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT OUR SUPERVISOR AND ALL OF
21 YOU. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
24 THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO SPEAK ON THIS
25 ITEM.



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1

2 **OPERATOR:** WILL DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND
3 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
4 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ADRIANA BAUTISTA. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** HELLO. IT'S GOOD TO SEE GORDO HERE AT THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY. THE COMMUNITY OF PASADENA HAS BEEN
11 ASKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ALSO FOR INCREASED BEDS
12 FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. SO, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN DEMANDING A
13 CAHOOTS MODEL WHEN IT COMES TO HIGH CRISIS INTERVENTION TO
14 REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH AT THE HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO
15 ARE NOT TRAINED TO RESPOND TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. CHARLES
16 TOWNS WAS KILLED ON THE BORDER OF PASADENA AND ALTADENA. HE
17 WAS A PASADENA RESIDENT, AND HE WAS KILLED AT THE HANDS OF
18 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES CLARISSA PRENTISS AND ELIZAR MORALES
19 JUST IN JANUARY. SO WE'RE DEMANDING JUSTICE TO FIRE THOSE
20 OFFICERS --

21

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

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. ONE MOMENT.
2 I'M SORRY, ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 AGAIN. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN APPLAUD
6 PASADENA, ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT CITIES, AND THANK
7 EVERYBODY WHO CAME DOWN TODAY. I WONDER IF, BECAUSE OF THE WAY
8 IT'S BEEN WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS AND THE THING THERE, THAT
9 WE MAKE A LITTLE ROOM ON THE PLANE FOR WASHINGTON AND ALSO
10 BRING A DELEGATION FROM PASADENA AND FROM SOME OF OUR OTHER
11 VAST CITIES WHO ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE AND WORK WELL WITH
12 THE COUNTY AND SEE IF WE CAN'T SHAKE LOOSE SOME ADDITIONAL
13 RESOURCES APRIL 24TH. GREAT WORK. KEEP IT UP.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OKAY. WE'LL
16 GO IN-PERSON, DR. GENEVIEVE.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM
19 SORRY THAT I HAVE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM BECAUSE I HAVE IN LAST
20 FEW MONTHS TRY EVERYTHING NOT TO BECOME HOMELESS. I CONTACTED
21 L.A.H.S.A. I CONTACTED EVERYBODY POSSIBLE, AND L.A.H.S.A. LIE,
22 MISINFORM PEOPLE, AND SO ON. AND NEXT FEW DAYS, I WILL BE
23 HOMELESS WITH MY TWO DAUGHTERS. I GUESS BECAUSE I'M
24 L.G.B.T., I AM OLDER, I AM DISABLED, THE ONLY COLOR -- I DON'T
25 THINK IT'S A [INDISCERNIBLE]. BUT I THINK I FEEL OLDER OTHER -



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SUPERVISORS

1 - ANYWAY, I HAVE A LETTER FOR ALL OF YOU SUPERVISORS, COUNTY
2 COUNSEL, AND THE C.E.O. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING.

3

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

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 55I IS
9 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
11 THE ROLL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 55I IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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25 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.



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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE TO ITEM 25, THE REPORT ON THE
14 COUNTY'S PREPAREDNESS TO POTENTIAL TRAIN DERAILMENTS AND THE
15 POTENTIAL FOR ASSOCIATED HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS, WHICH
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
17 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS
18 ITEM. AND WE WILL BE HAVING A PRESENTATION BY KEVIN MCGOWAN,
19 DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, ANTHONY MARRONE,
20 FIRE CHIEF, CARL EKSTROM, ACTING CAPTAIN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
21 DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MARK
22 PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD
23 YOU LIKE TO KICK THIS OFF?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** ACTUALLY, I'LL LET KEVIN MCGOWAN BEGIN. THIS
2 MOTION, I THINK WE ALL SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN OHIO, AND I
3 THOUGHT IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT WHAT OUR PLAN
4 IS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE ALL THESE 88 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE
5 COUNTY. AND I THINK IT'S A WAKE UP CALL JUST TO BE PREPARED.
6 BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT THAN NEED IT AND NOT HAVE
7 IT. SO, I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM, KEVIN.

8

9 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
10 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. OBVIOUSLY, A VERY TIMELY AND IMPORTANT
11 ISSUE TO ADDRESS. ONCE AGAIN, FOR THE RECORD, I'M KEVIN
12 MCGOWAN, THE DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
13 MANAGEMENT, AND WITH ME TODAY IS L.A. COUNTY'S FIRE CHIEF,
14 ANTHONY MARRONE, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
15 BUREAU'S ACTING CAPTAIN CARL EKSTROM, L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC
16 HEALTH DIRECTOR, BARBARA FERRER, AND L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
17 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, MARK PESTRELLA. L.A. COUNTY HAS MANY
18 SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS AND RISKS TO MANAGE, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE
19 THESE TECHNOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES THAT ARE CAUSED BY TRAIN
20 DERAILMENT OR ANY OTHER VARIETY OF POTENTIAL INCIDENTS THAT
21 INVOLVE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. THE COUNTY, BASED ON OUR VARIETY
22 OF EXPOSURE TO THESE THREATS AND HAZARDS, THE SIZE, SCOPE, AND
23 COMPLEXITY, WE PREPARE FOR, RESPOND TO, AND RECOVER FROM THESE
24 INCIDENTS USING A VARIETY OF THINGS, BUT OUR BASELINE, OUR
25 FOUNDATION, IS THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM, THE STATE'S



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1 STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND THE NATIONAL
2 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. AND THIS IS ALL SOMEWHAT
3 ILLUSTRATED IN THIS GRAPH WITH, WHEN WE HAVE A PREPAREDNESS
4 ENVIRONMENT, WHICH TODAY WOULD BE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF, NOTHING
5 IS REALLY HAPPENING, AND THEN AN INCIDENT OCCURS, AND WE USE
6 THESE DIFFERENT FRAMEWORKS TO MANAGE OUR SHORT TERM,
7 IMMEDIATE, AND LONG TERM IMPACTS. THESE SYSTEMS, THEY PROVIDE
8 US WITH OUR FRAMEWORKS AND HOW WE ORGANIZE, HOW WE MAKE
9 DECISIONS, HOW WE EXECUTE EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES TO
10 SAVE LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THEN HOW WE
11 RECOVER FROM THESE EMERGENCIES. AND TO JUST ILLUSTRATE THIS
12 NOTION OF UNITY OF EFFORT AND UNITY OF COMMAND, ALL OF THE
13 IMMEDIATE PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRST RESPONSE
14 ORGANIZATIONS, WE'RE ALL HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THIS
15 PRESENTATION. SO IN PREPARING FOR RAIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
16 EMERGENCIES SPECIFICALLY, EACH OF US WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS.
17 SO, FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, IT'S WITH ALL OUR
18 COUNTERPARTS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SO ON AND SO FORTH
19 WITH OUR OTHER AGENCIES FROM THE COUNTY. WE WORK WITH SPECIAL
20 DISTRICTS, ALSO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. RAIL IS INTERESTING
21 BECAUSE MOST RAIL, THE PRIVATE SECTOR OWNS THEIR
22 INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THEN WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, WHAT'S
23 INTERESTING IS THERE IS A LOT OF FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT
24 HAVE REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE A PART OF UNIFIED
25 COMMAND. AND IN SOME CASES, WE SEE THAT RESPONSIBLE PARTIES



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1 ARE ALSO A PART OF THE UNIFIED COMMAND. WE SEE THIS ON OIL
2 SPILLS. AND SO, WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THESE EMERGENCIES IS THE
3 TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE A PART OF OUR DECISION-MAKING
4 PROCESS AND ALSO, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
5 BRING SPECIFIC RESOURCES THAT HELP US MANAGE THOSE IMPACTS.
6 WHEN INCIDENTS DO OCCUR, OUR ORGANIZATIONS RESPOND. WE TAKE
7 IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO SAVE LIVES AS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY,
8 THEN TO PROTECT PROPERTY AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT. WE
9 STABILIZE THE INCIDENT. WE IMPLEMENT RESPONSE OBJECTIVES FOR
10 THE FURTHERANCE OF FUTURE REMEDIATION AND RECOVERY. LASTLY, I
11 JUST WANTED TO BRING UP THAT ONCE THESE INCIDENTS DO OCCUR, SO
12 WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OHIO, MICHIGAN, BUT EVEN DATING BACK TO
13 WHEN WE HAD THE TRAGEDY OF THE CHATSWORTH TRAIN DERAILMENT, WE
14 LEARNED FROM THOSE INCIDENTS, AND THEN WE IMPLEMENT THOSE
15 AFTER-ACTION REPORT OBJECTIVES TO MAKE SURE WE'RE BETTER FOR
16 THE NEXT INCIDENT. AND SO, WE WE'RE IN A CONSTANT LEARNING
17 LOOP AND ORGANIZATION TO BUILD OUT CAPABILITIES AND CAPACITY
18 FOR THESE EMERGENCIES. WITH THAT, I'LL HAND IT OVER TO CHIEF
19 MARRONE TO TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE CAPABILITIES AND
20 CAPACITY THAT L.A. COUNTY FIRE BRINGS TO THIS.

21
22 **CHIEF MARRONE:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE BOARD.
23 YOUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE A VERY ROBUST
24 RESPONSE PLAN WHEN IT COMES TO TRAIN DERAILMENT, WHETHER FOR
25 PASSENGER TRAINS OR FREIGHT TRAINS. WE HAVE A MATRIX FOR LOCAL



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1 FIRE STATIONS TO RESPOND TO THE INCIDENT TO IMMEDIATELY
2 STABILIZE THAT INCIDENT, PUT OUT THE FIRE, ADDRESS ANY HAS
3 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LEAKS, AND START THE REMEDIATION PROCESS.
4 SO, WE DO EMPLOY THE LATEST IN TECHNOLOGY. WE COLLABORATE WITH
5 OUR LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO INCLUDE THE CITIES
6 THAT ARE AFFECTED TO MAKE SURE OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS LIFE
7 SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES, FOLLOWED BY
8 ENVIRONMENTAL, AND THEN FOLLOWED BY PROPERTY PROTECTION.

9
10 **CARL EKSTROM:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AT THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, WE ARE COMMITTED TO RESPONDING TO THESE INCIDENTS
12 ALONG WITH OUR PARTNERS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
13 PUBLIC WORKS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE ARE READY FOR OUR
14 ROLE SPECIFICALLY IN A TRAIN DERAILMENT. OUR MAJOR ROLES WOULD
15 BE SCENE CONTAINMENT, EVACUATIONS, AND THEN AT THE END RE-
16 POPULATION, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND THEN INCIDENT INVESTIGATION
17 OR ASSISTING WITH THE INVESTIGATION. BUT WE REALIZED OVER A
18 YEAR AGO THAT WE DO HAVE A LOT OF TRAINS TRAVELING THROUGH THE
19 COUNTY WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. SO WE WERE VERY PROACTIVE LAST
20 YEAR. AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE SENT 50 OF OUR INCIDENT
21 MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS TO PUEBLO, COLORADO TO A 40-HOUR
22 COURSE SPECIFICALLY DEALING WITH TRAIN DERAILMENTS AND
23 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. AND IT'S OUR GOAL TO SEND ANOTHER 50 THIS
24 YEAR. WE DO HAVE A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR
25 PARTNERS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PUBLIC WORKS



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1 JUST BECAUSE WE WORK SO OFTEN TOGETHER, WHETHER IT'S A
2 WILDFIRE, OR DEBRIS FLOWS. WE HAVE A STRONG WORKING
3 RELATIONSHIP, AND I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN HANDLE ANY
4 INCIDENT WITHIN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5
6 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS,
7 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY. AND I'LL PROVIDE A BRIEF
8 OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE DURING A RAIL DERAILMENT
9 INCIDENT SUCH AS THE TRAGIC ONE THAT OCCURRED IN EAST
10 PALESTINE. PUBIC HEALTH HAS EMERGENCY PLANS IN PLACE THAT TAKE
11 AN ALL HAZARDS APPROACH AND ARE REGULARLY EXERCISED. WE HAVE A
12 24 HOUR D.P.H. DUTY OFFICER ON CALL TO RESPOND TO AN INCIDENT
13 WHO CAN IMMEDIATELY COORDINATE WITH D.P.H. LEADERSHIP AND
14 TECHNICAL EXPERTS THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO ANY
15 NEEDS THAT ARISE, INCLUDING COORDINATION OF DISASTER SERVICE
16 WORKERS AND OTHER RESOURCES. ONE OF OUR MAIN RESOURCES IS OUR
17 D.P.H. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STRIKE TEAM, AND THEY CAN RESPOND
18 TO ANY ENVIRONMENTAL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL. WE REGULARLY
19 DEPLOY THE STRIKE TEAM IN COORDINATION WITH O.E.M., FIRE,
20 SHERIFF, PUBLIC WORKS, AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, AND OTHER
21 PARTNERS, AS KEVIN MENTIONED, TO ASSESS AND ADVISE ON HEALTH
22 IMPACTS AND MITIGATION TO PROTECT HEALTH AND PREVENT
23 ADDITIONAL HARM. PUBLIC HEALTH'S KEY ROLES IN THE COUNTY-WIDE
24 RESPONSE TO A TRAIN DERAILMENT OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS
25 BEGINS WITH ESTABLISHING INTERDISCIPLINARY, MULTI-AGENCY TEAMS



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1 TO IDENTIFY IMMEDIATE HAZARDS, MONITOR ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL
2 CONDITIONS, AND OVERSEE THE CLEANUP AND WASTE MANAGEMENT BY
3 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES. INITIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT
4 TO GATHER INFORMATION AND DATA REGARDING THE DERAILMENT AND
5 ASSOCIATED HAZARDS. THE DATA WILL INCLUDE THE CONCENTRATION OF
6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS IN THE AIR, WATER, AND SOIL AND
7 EXTENT OF THE CONTAMINATION. D.P.H. WILL ANALYZE THE DATA TO
8 DETERMINE RISKS TO THE PUBLIC AND PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE
9 HEALTH PROTECTION THROUGH DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING,
10 PRIORITIZED ACTIONS, AND ENSURING RESPONSIBLE PARTIES PROVIDE
11 IMMEDIATE SERVICES NEEDED TO RESPOND AND TO RECOVER. D.P.H.
12 WILL DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE HEALTH PROTECTIVE MESSAGING FOR
13 INCLUSION IN MULTI-AGENCY MESSAGING REGARDING THE VARIOUS
14 ISSUES THAT WERE CREATED BY THE INCIDENT AND STEPS THAT ARE
15 BEING TAKEN TO RESOLVE THEM. THIS INCLUDES ENGAGING IN
16 OUTREACH TO CONVEY INFORMATION AND HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES
17 TO OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
18 ACTIONS. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OFTEN INCLUDE DEPLOYING STAFF TO
19 REACH OUT TO RESIDENTS AND WORKERS AT THEIR HOMES AND/OR THEIR
20 BUSINESSES. D.P.H. WILL ASSESS CLEANUP TO DETERMINE THE
21 CONTINUED NEED FOR SAFETY PROTECTIONS AND WHEN TO ALLOW THE
22 COMMUNITY TO REOCCUPY OR RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATIONS. THANKS
23 AGAIN, AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** GOOD MORNING BOARD AND THANK YOU BARBARA AND
2 KEVIN, CHIEF MARRONE. MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
3 WORKS. PUBLIC WORKS ALSO HAS A FULL-TIME STAFF THAT'S
4 DEDICATED TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, UNLIKE MANY OTHER PUBLIC
5 WORKS DEPARTMENTS. THE COUNTY SUPPORTS AND BUDGETS FULL-TIME
6 STAFF 24/7 FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE, AND OUR FOUR
7 COMPONENTS ARE RESPONSE, MITIGATION, RECOVERY, AND
8 PREPAREDNESS. AND THAT STAFF IS LED BY AN EXECUTIVE WITHIN
9 THE DEPARTMENT, AND AGAIN, WE HAVE A 24/7 DISPATCH. WE ANSWER
10 ABOUT 72,000 CALLS A YEAR, INCIDENTS A YEAR, EVERYTHING FROM
11 MINOR, NOT NECESSARILY MINOR, SEWER BACKUPS TO INCIDENTS THAT
12 WE CAN NAME. MOST RECENT THAT IS LIKE A TRAIN INCIDENT TO ME
13 IS THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR INCIDENT IN WHICH WE ACTIVATED
14 BASED ON A SPILL INTO OUR SYSTEM WITH BOTH ENVIRONMENTAL AND
15 HUMAN IMPACTS. SO IN THE INCIDENT OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT,
16 PUBLIC WORKS WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE SUPPORTING FIRE AND SHERIFF
17 IN THEIR RESPONSE. WE WOULD BE PROVIDING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
18 AND ANALYZING IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY AND ALSO, IMPORTANTLY,
19 ANALYZING FURTHER RISK, THE EXPANSION OF THE RISK TO COMMUNITY
20 AND ATTEMPT ADVISING FIRE AND SHERIFF ON HOW BEST TO RESPOND,
21 GIVEN THE ADVANCING RISK THAT COULD OCCUR, IF YOU THINK ABOUT
22 A LIQUID TOXIC MATERIAL MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE FLOOD
23 SYSTEM, FOR INSTANCE, AND WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN THERE. WE WOULD
24 ACTIVATE A MITIGATION TEAM ALONG WITH BARBARA AND OTHERS THAT
25 WOULD LOOK TO MITIGATE THAT RISK. FOR INSTANCE, WE WOULD BE



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1 SHUTTING OFF CHANNEL SYSTEMS FROM, FOR INSTANCE, LETTING
2 MATERIALS GETTING INTO THE MAJOR RIVER SYSTEM, WHETHER IT'S
3 THE L.A. RIVER OR ANY OTHER KNOWN MAJOR SYSTEM, SO WE DON'T
4 EXAPND THE RISK. AND OF COURSE, WE WOULD BE ADVISED BY HEALTH
5 ON THE CONTINUING HEALTH RISK. WE'D ALSO BE LOOKING AND HAVE
6 BEEN PRACTICING AND GOT PUT INTO PRACTICE MOVING PEOPLE FROM
7 THEIR HOMES AND MOVING THEM TO SHELTER. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE
8 INCIDENT INVOLVING DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR INCIDENT, WE MOVED
9 4,000 PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES TO SHELTERS OUT OF HARM'S WAY,
10 MITIGATING THE RISK TO THE PUBLIC. WE'D ALSO BE OBVIOUSLY
11 HEAVILY INVOLVED -- AND THIS IS CORNERSTONE FOR PUBLIC WORKS -
12 - IS RECOVERY. RECOVERING IN AN INCIDENT INCLUDES REBUILDING
13 THE INFRASTRUCTURE, NOT ONLY THE HORIZONTAL, BUT THE VERTICAL
14 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS HUMAN LIFE AND BUSINESS. AND THEN
15 YEAR ROUND, WE'RE PREPARING. PUBLIC WORKS IS FULLY PREPARING
16 AT ALL TIMES, LOOKING AT POTENTIAL INCIDENTS, BUT ALSO
17 PREDICTABLE INCIDENTS LIKE RAIN AND SNOW, WHICH ARE GOING ON
18 RIGHT NOW, AND WE'RE PREPARING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT,
19 AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. IN TERMS OF THE -- THERE WAS A
20 QUESTION ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PUBLIC AND FEDERAL
21 AGENCIES, FIRST IT STARTS INTERNALLY WITH THE COUNTY FAMILY.
22 AND I WANT TO REALLY COMMEND THE BOARD FOR BUDGETING AND
23 SUPPORTING A CENTRALIZED UNIT OF O.E.M. AND FOR CREATING A
24 MUCH BETTER, IN MY EXPERIENCE OVER 35 YEARS, A MUCH BETTER
25 TEAM APPROACH AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO EMERGENCY



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1 MANAGEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, PUBLIC WORKS HAS STANDING
2 RELATIONSHIPS FIRST WITH ALL OF OUR COUNTY PARTNERS BUT ALSO
3 WITH THE CITIES, DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS ACROSS THE CITIES
4 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THROUGH MUTUAL AID AND ALSO JUST
5 SITUATIONAL AWARENESS OCCURRING ALL THE TIME. SO WE -- WHILE
6 WE'RE NEVER CAN SAY WE'RE ABSOLUTELY PREPARED FOR EVERY
7 INCIDENT, WE ARE STOOD UP IN A VERY ROBUST WAY TO RESPOND TO
8 ALMOST ANY INCIDENT IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THAT'S THANKS TO YOUR
9 SUPPORT AND FOR MAKING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT IN L.A.
10 COUNTY. AND I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO KEVIN TO WRAP IT UP.

11
12 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. AND IN CLOSING, JUST
13 WANTED TO THANK YOU AND THE C.E.O. FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
14 SUPPORT TO BUILD OUT OUR WORLD CLASS CAPABILITIES. OUR
15 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAMS, ALL OF THESE SPECIALIZED TEAMS IN
16 OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, THEY'RE RIVALED BY NONE, AND
17 IT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY
18 CAPABILITY. SO THANK YOU, AND WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR ANY
19 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST HAVE A QUICK STATEMENT. AND
22 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT, CHIEF
23 MARRONE, IF SOME OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS WENT TO PUEBLO AND TOOK
24 THAT TRAINING, AS WELL. I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. WHILE
25 HAZMAT INCIDENTS LIKE THE ONE THAT PLAYED OUT WITH THE



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1 DERAILMENT IN EAST PALESTINE ARE VERY RARE, I COULDN'T HELP
2 BUT IMMEDIATELY THINK ABOUT HOW CLOSELY OUR FREIGHT RAIL
3 CORRIDORS INTERFACE WITH SO MANY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WITHIN
4 THE COUNTY, WE SEE FREIGHT RAIL RUNNING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT
5 TO RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND MAJOR COMMERCIAL LAND USES. IN
6 MY DISTRICT, AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S, THE ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY LINE COMES TO MIND, RUNNING THROUGH GLENDALE, BURBANK,
8 SUN VALLEY, SAN FERNANDO, SYLMAR, SANTA CLARITA, ACTON,
9 PALMDALE, AND LANCASTER. AND IT'S A SIMILAR SITUATION FOR THE
10 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES. AND THEY ARE AT THE
11 HIGHEST -- THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF FREIGHT RAIL
12 TRAFFIC HEADING TO OTHER MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
13 WHAT'S MORE IS THAT MANY OF THESE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES IN
14 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO FREIGHT RAIL CORRIDORS ARE RECOGNIZED AS
15 S.B.535 AS DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT
16 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SHARED USE OF MANY OF THESE CORRIDORS BY
17 COMMUTER RAIL AND AMTRAK IN MY MOTION. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
18 I ARE METRO LINK BOARD MEMBERS, WE'RE PROUD TO SAY THAT THE
19 METRO LINK HAS BECOME THE FIRST RAIL AGENCY IN THE NATION TO
20 FULLY IMPLEMENT POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL, A TECHNOLOGY THAT
21 CLOSELY TRACKS THE MOVEMENT OF ALL TRAINS AND CONDITIONS. AND
22 I KNOW THAT OUR FREIGHT AND AMTRAK PARTNERS ARE USING THE
23 TECHNOLOGY ALONG EACH OF OUR CORRIDORS, BUT THAT CAN OVERRIDE
24 HUMAN ERROR TO PREVENT INCIDENTS LIKE THE TRAIN TO TRAIN
25 COLLISIONS AND OVER SPEED DERAILMENTS, BUT THIS TECHNOLOGY



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1 CANNOT FULLY PROTECT ALL SCENARIOS THAT POSE A THREAT TO THE
2 SAFE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS. AND FROM A COORDINATION AND
3 RESPONSE STANDPOINT, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A CLEAR
4 UNDERSTANDING OF EVERYONE'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE
5 ACTIVELY COORDINATING THAT. I'VE SEEN THAT TODAY. KEVIN, AND I
6 AGREE, MARK AND KEVIN, YOU ARE TRULY THE MAN TO REALLY BRING
7 THIS GROUP TOGETHER -- THE INDIVIDUAL, ACTUALLY. IT COULD HAVE
8 BEEN A WOMAN, TOO. BUT IN TERMS OF YOUR ROLE, AND I WANT TO
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, NOT ONLY ON THIS, BUT ALSO EVEN
10 THROUGH COVID. YOU REALLY DID HELP BRING ONE VOICE TO ALL
11 DEPARTMENTS. SO, I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. I BELIEVE
12 THAT WE ALSO NEED TO LET OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES KNOW WHAT
13 OUR GAME PLAN IS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY THAT LIVE
14 CLOSE TO THE TRACKS, BECAUSE I HAVE TALKED TO SOME, THAT WANT
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS COORDINATION IN PLACE. AND I SEE
16 IT. SO MAYBE OUR NEXT STEP IS TO DO OUTREACH TO THE
17 COMMUNITIES AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. SO THANK
18 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAY I JUST SAY THANK YOU FOR
21 BRINGING THIS FORWARD. YOU'RE RIGHT. WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS,
22 WE WERE LOOKING AT PASSING FEDERAL LEGISLATION, WELL, WE WE
23 DID, FOR POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL, AND IT WAS ALWAYS A HUGE
24 BRAGGING RIGHT FOR ME BACK IN CONGRESS TO SAY THAT METRO LINK
25 WAS THE FIRST SYSTEM TO INCLUDE IT. IT WAS INTERESTING HOW



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1 MUCH PUSH BACK WE GOT FROM THE RAILROAD FOLKS ON IMPLEMENTING
2 POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS PROVEN TO BE
3 EFFECTIVE, BUT THEY ALWAYS WANTED MORE TIME, MORE TIME, MORE
4 TIME. I'M GLAD, MARK, THAT YOU BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF HOUSING
5 BECAUSE, IN FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, EVEN ON THE NEWS, I THINK
6 EITHER LAST NIGHT OR THIS MORNING, SOME OF THE ACTIVISTS WERE
7 CONCERNED THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE PERIMETER THAT THEY WERE
8 ACTUALLY GIVING PEOPLE ALTERNATE RESIDENCE, THEY FELT WAS WAY
9 TOO SMALL. BUT THEY HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED TO RELOCATE THAT
10 MANY PEOPLE. AND WE KNOW THAT'S A HUGE PROBLEM, AND THAT'S ONE
11 OF THE THINGS I HOPEFULLY, GOING FORWARD, WE CAN REALLY FOCUS
12 ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE MIGHT HAVE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE
13 SHELTER TO. SO -- AND I THINK ABOUT MY COMMUNITIES,
14 PARTICULARLY WILMINGTON AND SAN PEDRO, NEAR THE PORTS, AND
15 LONG BEACH, NEAR THOSE TWO PORTS AND THE TRAINS CARRYING ALL
16 SORTS OF STUFF COMING IN AND OUT OF THERE, I WORRY ABOUT A
17 DERAILMENT AND WHETHER OR NOT WE'LL BE PREPARED. SOUNDS LIKE
18 WE WILL BE PREPARED. I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY DRILL DOWN A
19 LITTLE BIT ON THE RELOCATION PIECE OF IT. I THINK THAT'S GOING
20 TO BE KEY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

21
22 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD AND TO OUR
24 ESTEEMED PANEL FOR DIGGING IN AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE
25 MAKING USE OF THIS MOMENT TO LEARN AND BE PROACTIVE IN



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1 PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS. WE ARE ALL CONNECTED ON THIS ISSUE.
2 I'M NOT SAYING THAT BECAUSE I HAVE FAMILY WHO LIVES VERY CLOSE
3 TO WHERE THIS DISASTER TOOK PLACE, WHO ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN
4 FEAR AND CONFUSION BASED ON THE NEWS REPORTS THAT ARE COMING
5 OUT DAILY, AS THE CHAIR INDICATED, THAT DO NOT LEAD TO CLEAR
6 CONCLUSIONS ABOUT WHAT THEY SHOULD DO, WHAT THEY ARE
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM AND THEIR CARE.
8 I'M SAYING THIS BECAUSE EACH OF US ON THIS BOARD HAS FREIGHT
9 RAIL LINES RUNNING THROUGH OUR DISTRICTS, OFTENTIMES NEAR
10 RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, PLACES
11 THAT WE ARE ENTRUSTED TO PROTECT. ABOUT 1700 DERAILMENTS TAKE
12 PLACE EACH YEAR, MAKING THE CHANCE OF DERAILMENT IN L.A.
13 COUNTY A SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY. SO I'M GLAD WE ARE THINKING
14 PROACTIVELY ABOUT WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF OUR
15 RESPONSE. I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO
16 PREPARE FOR SUCH AN INCIDENT. ONE OF THE REASONS THERE IS SUCH
17 FEAR AND CONFUSION IS BECAUSE OF THE INTENSE POLITICIZATION OF
18 THIS ISSUE. SHOCKING I KNOW IN OUR DIVIDED COUNTRY AND WORLD
19 THAT WE'RE LIVING IN RIGHT NOW. BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT
20 FORMER PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED LEGISLATION MAKING IT MANDATORY
21 FOR TRAINS CARRYING HAZARDOUS, FLAMMABLE MATERIALS TO HAVE
22 E.C.P. BRAKES, THE ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED PNEUMATIC BRAKES,
23 BUT THE ORDER WAS RESCINDED IN 2017 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION
24 THAT FOLLOWED. THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
25 CONFIRMED THE TRAINS THAT WERE DERAILED WERE NOT EQUIPPED WITH



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1 THESE BRAKES, AND THERE IS BLAME BEING PLACED ON THE CURRENT
2 ADMINISTRATION FOR NOT TAKING ACTION SOON ENOUGH, BUT THERE IS
3 CLEARLY ENOUGH BLAME TO GO AROUND. I'M MORE INTERESTED IN
4 ACTION. SO, I'D LIKE TO KNOW FROM YOU IF THERE IS ANY STATE OR
5 FEDERAL LEGISLATION YOU WOULD ADVISE WE TAKE ACTION ON, ANY
6 SORT OF REQUESTS WE SHOULD BE MAKING OF OUR STATE AND FEDERAL
7 LEADERS TO ENSURE THAT PROPER REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT IS
8 TAKING PLACE AS IT RELATES TO THESE ISSUES SO WE CAN ALL BE
9 PROTECTIVE, AS WE ARE ALL CONNECTED BY THESE LINES. THANKS.

10

11 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. JUST A QUICK
12 RESPONSE TO THE SECOND PART OF THAT. THERE IS A FOLLOW UP, FOR
13 THE MOTION, THERE'S A FOLLOW UP WRITTEN REPORT THAT WILL
14 INCLUDE ANSWERS TO THOSE POINTS.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
19 BARGER AND HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE US AND THE
20 PRESENTATION. LORD KNOWS WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO BE FACED WITH
21 HAZARDS, AND I'VE SEEN I THINK ALL OF YOU IN SOME CAPACITY
22 HELP US ADDRESS THOSE, AND I'VE SEEN WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOU
23 WORK TOGETHER, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO ALSO BE REMINDED THAT WE
24 NEED TO CALL ON OUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, AS WELL AS THE
25 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE PROPERTIES THAT THEY RUN, AND



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1 HOUSING PROPERTIES IN PARTICULAR, BECAUSE NOT TOO LONG AGO, I
2 REMEMBER CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL ALLARD WAS FACED WITH
3 ONE OF THESE HAZARDS. THERE WAS A RAILROAD HAZARD IN THE AREA
4 THAT I NOW REPRESENT, WHICH IS ALISO VILLAGE, AS WELL AS
5 LINCOLN HEIGHTS. THERE ARE PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES THERE.
6 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT POVERTY. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO
7 DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MEANS TO MOVE ANYWHERE. AND I WOULD THINK
8 WE SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT KIND OF RESOURCES CAN BE MADE
9 AVAILABLE BOTH CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND IN RESPECTIVE
10 LANGUAGES BECAUSE THAT HAS ALSO BEEN, I THINK, OUR DOWNFALL IT
11 A CERTAIN EXTENT BECAUSE WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE PEOPLE ON THE
12 GROUND THAT SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, AND I GO BEYOND WHAT PUBLIC
13 HEALTH DOES BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT OUR D.P.W. AND ANY
14 RESPONDERS ARE THE FIRST ONES TO REACT, THAT THEY'RE THERE AND
15 CAPABLE OF DOING THAT. I THINK THAT, FOR ME, IS REALLY
16 CRITICAL. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO HERE.
17 BUT IN TERMS OF RAILROAD MANAGEMENT, I TOO HAVE A QUESTION.
18 HOW DO WE LET OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES KNOW, EVEN IN
19 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THAT THINGS COULD HAPPEN? WHAT DO THEY
20 NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR, AND HAVE YOU DONE ANY EXERCISES TO
21 THAT EFFECT, JUST AS WE DO WITH EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS?

22
23 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IN THE BROADEST
24 SENSE OF PREPAREDNESS, OUR DIFFERENT PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVES
25 INCLUDES HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND IMPACTS FROM TECHNOLOGICAL



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1 AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASPECTS. WE CAN DEFINITELY FOLLOW UP
2 FROM THIS MEETING WITH MORE TARGETED COMMUNITY OUTREACH
3 SPECIFIC TO THIS, AND THAT SOUNDS LIKE EVERYONE ON THE BOARD
4 IS ASKING FOR. SO WE'LL DEFINITELY FOLLOW UP ON THAT. AND
5 THEN, IN GENERAL, WHEN AN INCIDENT IS OCCURRING, WE USE OUR
6 JOINT INFORMATION SYSTEM, OUR ONE-VOICE MESSAGING. AND FOR
7 EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, WE'LL INCLUDE OUR WIRELESS EMERGENCY
8 ALERT AND OUR NOTIFICATION IN THAT PREPAREDNESS ACTION BECAUSE
9 ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN ALL OF
10 THESE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS IS
11 THAT COMMUNICATION ASPECT. WE HAVE THOSE TOOLS. WE USE THOSE
12 TOOLS IN A VARIETY OF OTHER TYPES OF EMERGENCIES. AND THOSE
13 TOOLS WILL BE USED IN THIS, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO
14 PRE-LOAD AND BE A PART OF THOSE SYSTEMS SO THAT WE CAN USE
15 THEM TO THEIR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. CHIEF, DID YOU HAVE ANY
16 ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS?

17
18 **CHIEF MARRONE:** YES, IN ADDITION TO THE TRAINING PIECE, YOU
19 ASKED THE QUESTION, SO EVERY YEAR WE DO HAVE A LARGE SCALE
20 EXERCISE REGARDING RAILWAY EMERGENCIES. THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY,
21 MARCH 26TH, THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING
22 THAT LARGE SCALE EXERCISE NOT ONLY WITH THE RAIL COMPANIES BUT
23 OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND THE PEOPLE SITTING AT THE
24 THE DAIS TODAY. IT'S GOING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE ALAMEDA



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1 CORRIDOR IN AN AREA IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK. SO, WE'LL
2 BE HAVING OUR LARGE SCALE EXERCISE THIS YEAR.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD TO KNOW.

5
6 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MIGHT, ON EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS,
7 YOU KNOW WE HAVE THE GREAT SHAKEOUT THAT WE PRACTICE. BUT I DO
8 WANT TO ADDRESS ONE THING YOU MENTIONED IS GETTING OUT TO
9 COMMUNITY CULTURALLY AWARE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I LEARNED
10 FROM THE FIELD WORK IS, AND I KNOW BARBARA WILL SHARE THIS
11 WITH ME TOO, IS IF WE'RE NOT OUT THERE A KNOWN ENTITY BEFORE
12 THE EVENT, THEN THE TRUST ISN'T THERE AND BECAUSE THE TRUST
13 ISN'T THERE, PEOPLE WILL DO THINGS THAT WILL ACTUALLY HURT
14 THEM. THEY WON'T BELIEVE US TO MOVE TO GO SOMEWHERE OR TRUST
15 US THAT WE'RE WHERE WE'RE TAKING THEM IS A SAFE PLACE TO BE.
16 AND SO, I WOULD ABSOLUTELY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO INVEST IN
17 EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITIES WITH SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, AND IT
18 FALLS RIGHT UNDER THE IDEA OF RESILIENCY, BUILDING UP
19 RESILIENT COMMUNITIES. THERE IS THIS NEED TO GET OUT AND
20 REALLY BUILD UP SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND RESILIENCY IN COMMUNITIES
21 THROUGH JUST BASIC SITUATIONAL AWARENESS. WHERE DO I GO TO GET
22 HELP WHEN THIS HAPPENS? THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST BASIC
23 QUESTIONS WE RUN INTO.



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I AGREE WITH YOU. I THINK SOMETIMES WE RELY ON THE
2 RED CROSS TO DO THAT. BUT I REALLY DO THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE
3 OUR OWN HOME TEAM, WHICH LIKE THE PROMOTORAS OR NAVIGATORS OR
4 FOLKS THAT ARE WORKING WITH US IN OUR OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY
5 UNITS THAT CAN BE OUR MESSENGERS, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE
6 HAVE ACTUALLY DONE THAT. AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE TREMENDOUS
7 BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE TRAINEES COME FROM OUR COMMUNITY. THEY
8 SPEAK THE LANGUAGE. SO WE'RE KIND OF MISSING IT IF WE'RE NOT
9 BRINGING THAT COMPONENT IN HERE SOMEWHERE. IF THAT'S SOMETHING
10 YOU CAN LOOK AT, I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT. THANK YOU. THANK
11 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO ECHO THE
16 ISSUES RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUES. I WAS GOING TO ASK THE
17 QUESTION ABOUT WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW WITH REGARD TO CLEAR,
18 TIMELY COMMUNICATION SO WE DO HAVE THE PREEXISTING
19 RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHO TO TURN TO.
20 BECAUSE I THINK THE RED CROSS SHOWS UP WITH BIG MASSIVE
21 EARTHQUAKE, BUT WHEN WE ARE TAKING ABOUT REGIONALIZED
22 SITUATIONS, I DON'T KNOW THAT THE RED CROSS SHOWED UP FOR US
23 IN DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL. IT WAS ON US. SO I COMPLETELY ECHO THAT
24 TO HAVE THE PREEXISTING RELATIONSHIP AND CULTURALLY
25 APPROPRIATE, LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS AND



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1 COMMUNICATORS. AND I WAS GOING TO ASK THE SAME QUESTION. WE
2 UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PREVIOUS FEDERAL
3 ADMINISTRATION WITH REGARD TO DEREGULATION. WHAT -- AND WE
4 DON'T -- WE ARE NOT THE BOSS OF THE RAILROAD. I DON'T KNOW
5 THAT ANYBODY IS THE BOSS OF THE BIG RAILROAD, RIGHT, EXACTLY.
6 WHAT CAN WE DO TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS ABOUT
7 OUR DESIRE, CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF DERAILMENTS, WHICH IS
8 JUST MIND-BOGGLING, AND CONSIDERING THE VULNERABILITY OF MANY
9 OF OUR COMMUNITIES? WHEN I THINK OF THE DISTRICT THAT I
10 REPRESENT, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, COMPTON, CARSON, RANCHO
11 DOMINGUEZ, ALL AREAS DENSELY POPULATED, NOT ONLY DENSELY
12 POPULATED, BUT A LOT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN VERY CLOSE
13 PROXIMITY TO RAIL LINES. SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO ENCOURAGE OUR
14 FEDERAL COLLEAGUES TO GET WITH THE PROGRAM?

15
16 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. PART OF THAT
17 MOTION WAS ITEM 2 WAS TO DO THE REPORT BACK, AND WE WILL
18 DEFINITELY TAKE THIS FEEDBACK AND MAKE SURE IN THAT REPORT
19 BACK WE HAVE THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE AT THAT
20 FEDERAL AND STATE ON THE LEGISLATIVE SIDE.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PERFECT. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING
23 THOSE SO WE CAN TAKE ACTION, NOT JUST MAKING THAT YOU ALL HAVE
24 THE RESOURCES TO DO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, WHICH IS
25 REACTIONARY, BUT WHAT WE CAN ALSO DO, HOW CAN ALSO WE USE OUR



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1 COLLECTIVE STRENGTH AND POWER ON THE PREVENTION SIDE. THANK
2 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

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

7

8 **OPERATOR:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF
9 WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** YOUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IS THIS -- WHICH ITEM IS THIS?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS IS ITEM 25.

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19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE TRAINS.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THE TRAINS.

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23 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, THE TRAINS ITEM. CORRECT.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** STAY ON TRACK.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT AN IMPORTANT -- YES, I AM ON TRACK. WHAT AN
3 IMPORTANT FEDERAL ISSUE. AND WHEN I REALIZED THAT IT IMPACTS
4 SO MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE THE RAILS RUNNING
5 RIGHT THROUGH THEM, AND I RECOGNIZE THAT IF THERE IS A FIASCO,
6 WHICH IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF IF, IT IS A QUESTION OF WHEN
7 BECAUSE OF THE POLITICIZATION AMONG OTHER THINGS, THERE ARE
8 SOME LEAKY PROBLEMS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. I DO THINK --
9 AND I DON'T WANT TO SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, BUT THIS IS A
10 VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO BRING TO WASHINGTON. AND I WOULD LIKE
11 TO BRING ALL THE SPEAKERS TODAY TO WASHINGTON TO GET THIS
12 SQUARED AWAY ONCE AND FOR ALL. THE PUBLIC IN LOS ANGELES, BUT
13 ACROSS THE COUNTRY, DESERVE FEDERAL SUPPORT.

14

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

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** AND MAYBE WE CAN ADD TO THE R.F.P. FOR THE HOTEL

18 --

19

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

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** JUST A FEW MORE.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. A
2 COUPLE OF THINGS. WHAT IS THE COUNTY'S STANDING ON ITS LYRICS
3 OPERATION? HAVE THEY COMPLETED THEIR LYRICS INSTALLMENT AROUND
4 THE COUNTY, THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WITH THE COUNTY FIRE
5 DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S WITH A LIMITED RADIO FREQUENCY?
6 HAVE THEY COMPLETED THAT? WHAT IS THE STANDARD FOR THE
7 ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS? I UNDERSTAND
8 THERE'S A LOT OF ASBESTOS AT A LOT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
9 STATIONS, WHICH IS CAUSING QUITE A PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE
10 FIREFIGHTERS. AS FAR AS THIS DERAILMENT, AND THIS THING, YOU
11 ARE TALKING ABOUT METRO LINK HAVING THIS POSITIVE TRAIN
12 CONTROL, BUT YOU AREN'T MENTIONING FREIGHT TRAINS. FREIGHT
13 TRAINS ARE DIFFERENT THAN METRO LINK. DO THEY HAVE THIS
14 POSITIVE RAIL CONTROL? YOU WERE IN CONGRESS, MADAM HAHN, DID
15 YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT THE SAME WITH FREIGHT TRAINS, OR
16 YOU JUST BLOWING IT OUT YOUR BUTT. FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE,
17 YOUR FAVORITE TOPIC.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MY FAVORITE TOPIC IS ZERO MORE
20 TIME. I THINK WE HAVE SOMEBODY ON THE PHONE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

21
22 **MODERATOR:** I AM SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. THERE ARE NO OTHER
23 SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO GET
2 SOMETHING STRAIGHT. IS THERE GOING TO STILL BE A REPORT? SO
3 THIS WAS NOT THE TOTAL REPORT TODAY? THERE WILL BE A WRITTEN
4 REPORT?

5

6 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO I AM LOOKING AT OUR AGENDA, AND IT SAYS
9 THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. SO THAT SEEMS MAYBE NOT
10 WHAT ARE DOING.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IT IS THE PRESENTATION RECEIVE AND FILE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, IT IS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO THE PRESENTATION IS RECEIVED AND FILED,
17 BUT WE ARE STILL GOING TO GET A WRITTEN REPORT? OKAY. THANK
18 YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. I APPRECIATE IT.
19 WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 3, IMPROVING LANGUAGE ACCESS IN
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR
21 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND
22 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIRWOMAN HAHN, AND FOR
25 ALSO HOLDING THIS ITEM FOR ME. I WANT TO ALSO FOR COAUTHORING



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1 THE MOTION ALONG WITH ME. I THINK IT IS VERY ESSENTIAL. THE
2 MAJORITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S POPULATION IS 70% PEOPLE OF
3 COLOR. AND NEARLY 50% OF L.A.'S POPULATION, AS YOU KNOW,
4 IDENTIFIES AS LATINO OR LATINX, WHILE ABOUT 15% OF THE COUNTY
5 IDENTIFIES AS ASIAN AMERICAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER, A.A.P.I. 8%
6 IDENTIFY AS BLACK. 3% IDENTIFY AS MIXED RACE OR OTHER, AND 1%
7 ARE NATIVE AMERICAN. L.A. COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, IS HOME SO A
8 WIDE VARIETY OF INDIGENOUS MIGRANTS AS WELL THAT REPRESENT
9 DIFFERENT PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA. AND, IN FACT, A MAP PRODUCED
10 BY AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS CIELO IN 2021 SHOWED THAT 11,000
11 PEOPLE SURVEYED, OVER HALF OF THEM SPEAK AN INDIGENOUS
12 LANGUAGE, INCLUDING OVER 17 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES FROM CENTRAL
13 AND SOUTH AMERICA. IMMIGRANTS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AS YOU
14 KNOW, ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
15 MANY OWN SMALL BUSINESSES. THEY KEEP OUR SERVICE INDUSTRY
16 RUNNING. AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, THEY HELD A LARGE SHARE OF
17 THE ESSENTIAL JOBS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ALSO KNOW
18 THAT IMMIGRANTS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY
19 IMPACTED BY THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC. OUR
20 COUNTY SOCIAL SAFETY NET IS THERE TO HELP COUNTY RESIDENTS
21 DURING THESE TOUGH TIMES. HOWEVER, FOR MANY IMMIGRANTS AND
22 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THOSE COUNTY SERVICES ARE INACCESSIBLE
23 DUE TO LANGUAGE BARRIERS. WITH LATINO HOMELESSNESS ON THE
24 RISE, IT IS FAIR TO CORRELATE THIS TROUBLING INCREASE TO
25 LANGUAGE BARRIERS. I HAVE HEARD THAT MYSELF. WE KNOW THESE



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1 BARRIERS EXIST WHEN IT COMES TO FAMILIES INVOLVED IN OUR CHILD
2 WELFARE SYSTEM. AND LAST YEAR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSED
3 MY MOTION TO DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS AND EQUITY
4 PLAN. THE LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN WOULD HELP TO ENSURE THAT ALL
5 COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS
6 A PRIMARY LANGUAGE, CAN MORE EASILY ACCESS OUR COUNTY
7 SERVICES, A NOVEL THOUGHT. AS PART OF THE INITIAL REPORT BACK
8 FOR THE MOTION, THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS CONDUCTED A
9 LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS OF LANGUAGE ACCESS PROGRAMS ACROSS THE
10 COUNTRY, THE COUNTY, I AM SORRY, IDENTIFYING BEST PRACTICES.
11 THROUGH THAT EFFORT, O.A.I., THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS,
12 OVER 100 COUNTY AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, PUT TOGETHER THEIR
13 PERSPECTIVES AND GAVE FEEDBACK ON BARRIERS CONFRONTING
14 SPEAKERS OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH TO THEIR ABILITY TO
15 ACCESS COUNTY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. O.I.A. DEVELOPED A SERIES
16 OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I BELIEVE CAN HELP THE COUNTY ENSURE
17 ITS SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF
18 WHAT LANGUAGE THEY SPEAK. THIS MOTION BEFORE US WOULD
19 ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY TO DEMONSTRATE
20 THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ALL OF OUR
21 SERVICES. IT WOULD ALSO DESIGNATE O.I.A., THE OFFICE OF
22 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, AS A COORDINATING ENTITY FOR A COUNTY-WIDE
23 LANGUAGE ACCESS SYSTEM, THAT WOULD DO THE FOLLOWING: PROVIDE
24 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON THEIR
25 DEPARTMENTAL LANGUAGE ACCESS PLANS, COORDINATE LANGUAGE ACCESS



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1 TRAININGS, AND ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTY SYSTEMS MEET CERTAIN
2 LANGUAGE ACCESS STANDARDS. THE MOTION BEFORE US WOULD BUILD
3 OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPAND
4 THE TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES AND CAPACITY
5 AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY AND DEVELOP A BANK OF INTERPRETERS
6 THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THESE ACTIONS,
7 I BELIEVE, ARE CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT OUR RESIDENTS WHOSE
8 PRIMARY LANGUAGE, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, IS NOT
9 ENGLISH CAN FULLY ACCESS OUR SERVICES. IT IS ABOUT EQUAL
10 ACCESS. AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THAT. AND I WILL
11 BE REMISS IF I DON'T BRING UP THE CASE THAT CONFRONTED US
12 ALMOST A YEAR AGO WHEN WE HAD AN INDIGENOUS WOMAN FROM -- WHO
13 SPOKE A DIFFERENT DIALECT AND WAS MISUNDERSTOOD, AND THEREFORE
14 HAD HER CHILD REMOVED UNNECESSARILY BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T
15 ADEQUATE INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE. AND I THINK WE HAVE REALLY
16 FALLEN BEHIND IN THAT ASPECT. I THINK IT WAS BOLD FOR US TO
17 SAY THAT 20 YEARS AGO, THAT WE WOULD HAVE BILINGUAL AND OTHER
18 LANGUAGES. AND SOMEHOW, IT IS FALLEN ASIDE. AND I KNOW THAT IS
19 HISTORICALLY HERE IN THE COUNTY. SO WE HAVE SO DO A BETTER JOB
20 AND INCENTIVIZE AND MAYBE PAY A LITTLE MORE, NOT JUST PAY,
21 MONETARILY, BUT PAY ATTENTION TO THIS. SO I WOULD ASK MY
22 COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ASKING ME
25 TO COAUTHOR. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING US UP THAT CASE



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1 BECAUSE I THINK THAT CASE MADE IT SO CLEAR ON HOW THE IMPACTS
2 OF HAVING A LANGUAGE BARRIER, THE IMPACTS OF SOMETHING SO
3 CRITICAL AS CHILD SERVICES, CHILD WELFARE AND BEING
4 MISUNDERSTOOD BECAUSE THERE WAS THE WRONG INTERPRETER THERE
5 THAT DAY. I THINK THAT'S OPENED MY EYES AS WELL. AND IT IS
6 TRUE THAT FAR TOO MANY INDIVIDUALS IN OUR IMMIGRANT
7 COMMUNITIES OR THOSE WITH MIXED STATUS HOUSEHOLDS FEEL UNSEEN,
8 UNHEARD, UNDERREPRESENTED, BY GOVERNMENT, OR SOMETIMES THEY
9 ARE SCARED TO SEEK OUT THE BENEFITS THAT ARE RIGHTLY THERE'S
10 BECAUSE OF THIS LANGUAGE BARRIER. AND ONE WAY WE CAN HELP TO
11 ALLEVIATE SOME OF THAT APPREHENSION IS BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH
12 AND ENGAGE WITH THE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE.
13 HAVING ACCESS TO ALL LANGUAGES IS SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE, IN
14 THIS COUNTY, WE HAVE OVER 220 CULTURES AND OVER 240 UNIQUE
15 SPOKEN LANGUAGES. AND WHAT WE HEAR CONSISTENTLY IS THERE IS A
16 NEED FOR SPANISH, MANDARIN, TAGALOG, AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES
17 TO BE REPRESENTED WITHIN ALL OF OUR COUNTY SERVICES. AND WE
18 SET OUT ON A MISSION TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS AND LISTEN
19 TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEY REITERATED HOW IMPORTANT
20 LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL AWARENESS IS FOR OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO
21 HAVE SO IT IS EASIER TO HAVE BENEFITS, TO FEEL PROTECTED, AND
22 TO FEEL SEEN. TODAY'S MOTION WILL TASK THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT
23 AFFAIRS TO BE THE LEAD WITH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR ALL OF OUR
24 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ENGAGE WITH PEOPLE
25 DIRECTLY. AND THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A CENTRALIZED HUB WHERE OUR



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1 DEPARTMENTS CAN TURN TO FOR TRANSLATIONS SERVICES ASSISTANCE
2 24/7, WHICH WILL HELP STREAMLINE OUR RESOURCES, INCREASE
3 ACCESS TO TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED THE MOST. THIS MOTION, I
4 BELIEVE, WILL MAKE OUR COUNTY AS ACCESSIBLE AND WELCOMING AS
5 POSSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR
6 COMMUNITIES ARE INCLUDED AND REPRESENTED. THANK YOU, AGAIN,
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. SUPERVISOR
8 HORVATH.

9

10 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS AND TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT
12 MOTION FORWARD. ONE OF OUR MANY STRENGTHS IN LOS ANGELES IS
13 OUR DIVERSITY. OUR MANY VIBRANT CULTURES AND LANGUAGES ARE AN
14 ASSET TO OUR GLOBAL ECONOMY, TO THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF OUR
15 COMMUNITY, AND TO OUR LOCAL CULTURE. THIS DIVERSITY REQUIRES
16 THAT WE ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES REGARDLESS
17 OF LANGUAGE. ACCESS IS NECESSARY TO HELP PEOPLE ACHIEVE
18 POSITIVE HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND MANY OTHER OUTCOMES. IT IS
19 CRITICAL TO A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY. A FUNDAMENTAL
20 PRINCIPLE IN OUR DEVLIVERY SOCIAL SERVICES IS TO MEET PEOPLE
21 WHERE THEY ARE. FOR COUNTY SERVICES, THIS MEANS ENSURING THAT
22 OUR MATERIALS AND INTERACTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND PROVIDED IN
23 ONE'S PREFERRED LANGUAGE. LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT BE A BARRIER TO
24 SEEKING ASSISTANCE OR ACCESSING SERVICES. I LOOK FORWARD TO
25 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MOTION, CONTINUED UPDATES ON ITS



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1 PROGRESS, AND SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE
2 SO WE CAN DO BETTER. THANKS.

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

7

8 **OPERATOR:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
9 ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DAISY MA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **DAISY MA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DAISY MA, AND I AM WITH
15 [INDISCERNIBLE] SERVICE CENTER, C.S.C. C.S.C. HAS BEEN SERVING
16 THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY FOR 52 YEARS. C.S.C. IS A F.Q.H.C.
17 WE ARE FRONTLINE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND REMAINED OPEN DURING
18 THE PANDEMIC. C.S.C. STAFF IS DIVERSE IN LANGUAGES. BESIDES
19 ENGLISH, THEY SPEAK SPANISH AND CHINESE IN NUMEROUS DIALECTS,
20 SUCH AS CANTONESE, MANDARIN, [INDISCERNIBLE], VIETNAMESE,
21 HUIZHOU, AND TAIWANESE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR
22 YOU MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES.
23 AS YOU MENTIONED, IMMIGRANTS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE THE
24 BACKBONE TO THE REGION'S ECONOMY. MAINLY MOM AND POP SMALL
25 BUSINESSES WERE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING THE



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1 PANDEMIC AND TRIED TO REMAIN OPEN IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
2 UNFORTUNATELY, THE COUNTY'S SOCIAL SAFETY NET IS OUT OF REACH
3 BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE BARRIERS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL COUNTY
4 SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS
5 THEIR PRIMARY LANGUAGE. THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP FOR ENSURING
6 EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY. I
7 RESPECTFULLY URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION.

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

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11 **DAISY MA:** THANK YOU.

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HUONG WIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **HUONG WIN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HUONG WIN,
18 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR A.A.P.I. EQUITY
19 ALLIANCE, WHICH IS A COALITION OF OVER 40 NONPROFIT
20 ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE 1.6 A.A.P.I.S IN L.A. COUNTY. WE
21 THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION
22 TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS. IMMIGRANTS AND COMMUNITIES OF
23 COLOR INDEED MAKE UP THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY'S
24 POPULATIONS. ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS
25 COLLECTIVELY SPEAK OVER 20 LANGUAGES IN THE COUNTY ON A



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1 REGULAR BASIS. MANY ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS COUNTY SERVICES AND
2 IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PANDEMIC AND EMERGENCY
3 SITUATIONS DUE TO LANGUAGE BARRIERS. THIS MOTION IS AN
4 IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD, AND COMMUNITY INPUT THROUGHOUT THE
5 PROCESS REMAINS CRITICAL. WE THANK THE AUTHORS OF THE MOTION,
6 THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS FOR THEIR WORK, AND URGE THE
7 BOARD AND C.E.O. TO PASS THIS MOTION AND ENSURE THAT IT IS
8 FULLY FUNDED AT EVERY STEP. THIS COULD BE A TRULY
9 TRANSFORMATIVE MOMENT FOR THE COUNTY TO DELIVER SERVICES FOR
10 ALL. THANK YOU.

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

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALI YUSEFI. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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16 **ALI YUSEFI:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALI YUSEFI, AND I AM WITH THE
17 COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS, L.A. CHAPTER. WE ARE
18 ALSO A PROUD CO-CHAIR OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION, A
19 COALITION OF OVER 100 IMMIGRANT-LED COMMUNITY- BASED
20 ORGANIZATIONS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS FOR
21 HER MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES.
22 IMMIGRANTS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE THE BACKBONE TO THE
23 REGION'S ECONOMY. MANY RUN SMALL BUSINESS. AND DURING THE
24 PANDEMIC, MANY WERE DEEMED ESSENTIAL WORKERS CONTINUING TO
25 WORK WHILE MANY OF US HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK FROM HOME. AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 UNFORTUNATELY, MANY IMMIGRANTS THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THE
2 COUNTY -- FOR MANY OF THESE COMMUNITIES, THE COUNTY'S SAFETY
3 NET IS OUT OF REACH BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE BARRIERS. IT IS
4 CRITICAL THAT ALL COUNTY SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE THAT
5 DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS A PRIMARY LANGUAGE. THIS MOTION WILL
6 HELP STRENGTH OUR COUNTY'S SAFETY NET, ENSURING THAT THOSE
7 SERVICES MEANT TO PREVENT THINGS LIKE HOMELESSNESS CAN BE
8 REACHED BY EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTY. THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP IN
9 ENSURING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY.
10 I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIEGO MORENO. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

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18 **DIEGO MORENO:** HELLO AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
19 DIEGO MORENO, AND I AM WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC
20 PARTNERSHIP. THE PARTNERSHIP IS A CONSORTIUM OF BUSINESS,
21 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND NONPROFIT
22 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE
23 31 CITIES THAT MAKE UP THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I WANT TO THANK
24 SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO STRENGTHEN THE
25 LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES. IMMIGRANTS AND COMMUNITIES



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1 OF COLOR ARE THE BACKBONES OF THE REGION'S ECONOMY, AND IT IS
2 DETRIMENTAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE EASY
3 ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED. MANY RUN SMALL BUSINESSES.
4 AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, MANY WERE DEEMED ESSENTIAL WORKERS,
5 CONTINUING TO WORK SO THAT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE DIDN'T FALTER
6 IN A VERY TRYING TIME. WHILE MANY OF US HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO
7 WORK FROM HOME, UNFORTUNATELY FOR MANY IMMIGRANTS AND
8 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THE REALITY IS THAT THE COUNTY SERVICES
9 -- SOCIAL SAFETY NET IS OUT OF REACH DUE TO THE LANGUAGE
10 BARRIERS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT OUR COUNTY SERVICES MEET THE
11 NEEDS OF EVERYONE THAT IT REPRESENTS AND ADJUST LANGUAGE
12 ACCESSIBILITY TO BE INCLUSIVE FOR THOSE THAT DON'T SPEAK
13 ENGLISH AS A PRIMARY LANGUAGE.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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17 **DIEGO MORENO:** AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE.

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

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21 **DIEGO MORENO:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CALLING. NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE FERRERAGE. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **MICHELLE FERRERAGE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHELLE
5 FERRERAGE, AND I AM WITH THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER. WE DO AFTER
6 SCHOOL PROGRAMMING, SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND
7 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
8 AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA
9 SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY
10 SERVICES. WE HAVE WORKED WITH A HUGE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND
11 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT SPEAK MANDARIN, CANTONESE,
12 VIETNAMESE, SPANISH, AND OTHER LANGUAGES. AND THEY HAVE
13 BARRIERS TO ACCESSING IMPORTANT CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES. IT
14 IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL COUNTY SERVICES ARE MADE ACCESSIBLE
15 TO THOSE THAT DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS A PRIMARY LANGUAGE. THIS
16 MOTION WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S SOCIAL SAFETY NET AND
17 ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY HAS ACCESS TO THE SERVICES THAT THEY
18 NEED TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY, TO
19 ADDRESS THINGS LIKE COVID. AND IT IS A CRITICAL STEP TO
20 ENSURING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY'S RESIDENTS.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23
24 **MICHELLE FERRERAGE:** I WOULD LIKE THE URGE THE BOARD TO PASS
25 THIS MOTION.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DORINA WONG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **DORINA WONG:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DORINA WONG, AND I AM THE
7 POLICY DIRECTOR AT ASIAN RESEARCHERS, INC. A.R.I. IS A
8 NONPROFIT C.B.O. ESTABLISHED IN 1980 DEDICATED TO PROVIDING
9 MULTIPLE SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADVOCACY NEEDED IN THE ASIAN
10 AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER IMMIGRANT AND
11 LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN AND SUPPORT THEIR
13 MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR LIMITED ENGLISH
14 SPEAKERS AND IMMIGRANTS TO OVERCOME THE MANY LANGUAGE BARRIERS
15 THEY FACE IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS MOTION IS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP
16 TO ADDRESS LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, AND
17 WE SUPPORT THE CONSCIOUS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE
18 COUNTY LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN IN O.I.A. AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND
19 ENSURING THAT COMMUNITY INPUT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
20 PROCESS, THAT ADEQUATE FUNDING BE ALLOCATED TO IMPLEMENT THE
21 PLAN, AND THAT THE COUNTY PLAN BE COORDINATED IN MIND WITH THE
22 L.A. CITY ACCESS PLAN, WHICH IS BEING CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED.
23 THEREFORE, WE URGE THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. TO PASS THE MOTION
24 AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS IMPORTANT
25 ISSUE.



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SUPERVISORS

1
2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER,
3 PLEASE.

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

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I AM SORRY, THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. AND
8 LANGUAGES ARE SO IMPORTANT. AND THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION
9 TO MAKE THEM ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE TO IMMIGRANTS AND PEOPLE
10 WHO SPEAK THE MANY LANGUAGES OF OUR COUNTY. AND IT IS HARD.
11 TRANSLATION SERVICES DON'T COME EASY. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD
12 TRANSLATE EVERY SINGLE DOCUMENT INTO 240 LANGUAGES, OBVIOUSLY,
13 BUT THIS IS WHY WE NEED A CONSULTANT TO JOIN US IN WASHINGTON
14 TO GET THE RIGHT BALANCE I THINK TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE
15 RIGHT MIX. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING A
16 LEAD LEADER HERE. AND IF SHE CAN ASK HER TEAM, AND MAYBE
17 C.E.O. COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, TO MAYBE RESPOND. I WROTE A
18 NICE ARTICLE ABOUT PRIMO VILLANUEVA, A GREAT CALEXICO KID,
19 AND I HAD IT TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH AT MY OWN EXPENSE BECAUSE
20 I COULDN'T FIND A WAY BECAUSE PEOPLE WOULD ASK. THEY SAID WOW,
21 WHAT A GREAT STORY, AN EMPOWERING ABOUT A LATINO. IF YOU CAN
22 THINK OF A WAY TO PLACE IT SOMEWHERE, EVEN IN A SMALL
23 PUBLICATION WOULD BE FANTASTIC, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AT
24 MAKING THESE LANGUAGES AVAILABLE.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOANNE LEE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **JOANNE LEE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOANNE LEE, SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH
6 THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH PROVIDES FREE
7 LEGAL SERVICES TO OVER 100,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY IN THE
8 GREATER L.A. AREA EACH YEAR. THANK YOU SO SUPERVISORS SOLIS
9 AND HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION AND THE O.I.A. FOR THEIR REPORT. WE
10 ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT. AS WE KNOW, IN OUR COUNTY, OVER 2
11 MILLION INDIVIDUALS USING OVER 200 LANGUAGES CONTINUE TO
12 EXPERIENCE BARRIERS, WHICH WERE EXACERBATED DURING THE
13 PANDEMIC, LEAVING OUR LINGUISTICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES
14 BEHIND TO BEAR RISKS AND LOSSES TO THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND
15 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. WE KNOW THERE ARE PARALLEL EFFORTS IN THE
16 CITY OF L.A., OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, AND STATEWIDE, AND HAVE
17 FAITH THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL RISE AS A LEADER IN PROMOTING
18 LANGUAGE JUSTICE AND EQUITY FOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.
19 MOVING FORWARD, WE URGE THE COUNTY TO ENSURE AND PRIORITIZE
20 SUFFICIENT FUNDING AT EACH STEP AND INCORPORATE MORE
21 DELIBERATE AND FORMALIZED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE
22 PROCESS OF CREATING, IMPLEMENTING, AND ENFORCING A COUNTY-
23 WIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY, AS WELL AS A SYSTEM FOR HOLDING
24 ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ACCOUNTABLE --

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SUPERVISORS

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

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

5
6 **SOFIA QUINONES:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. AND
7 AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SPOKE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND DIFFERENT
8 LANGUAGES, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, WE USE THE TERM MIGRATION,
9 NOT JUST IMMIGRATION BECAUSE WE HAVE A CYCLICAL, BICULTURAL,
10 BINATIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO OUR RELATIVES TO THE SOUTH. I ALSO
11 WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INTERPRETER AND A
12 TRANSLATOR. THIS CAN BE LIFE AND DEATH. SPECIFICALLY WHEN IT
13 COMES TO BEING IN A HOSPITAL, THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE, AND
14 ALSO WHEN IT COMES TO LEGAL MATTERS. I THINK IF YOU ARE GOING
15 TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS, ALSO THINK ABOUT FUNDING
16 TRANSPORTATION. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T -- ARE NOT IN THE
17 BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO PAY OUT OF THEIR POCKET TO GO
18 OUT AND DEAL WITH PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY LIKE IN DETENTION
19 CENTERS. AND THE TRANSLATOR PROFESSION IS ALSO SUFFERING FROM
20 A GLOBAL MOVEMENT, WHERE THROUGH A.I. OR FROM PEOPLE GETTING
21 CONTRACTS THAT WORK AT HOME, THE PRICE FOR TRANSLATION AND
22 INTERPRETATION HAS GONE DOWN. AND SO, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE
23 GLOBAL PICTURE WHEN WE ARE DEALING WITH THIS. SO THANK YOU FOR
24 THIS MOTION. WE SUPPORT IT. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD --



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SUPERVISORS

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

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

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6 **ERIC MCKENNEL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERIC MCKENNEL. I AM WITH
7 LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER. WE ARE A 43-YEAR-OLD SOCIAL
8 SERVICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION. WE PROVIDE
9 SERVICES TO JAPANESE, KOREAN, CHINESE, AND SPANISH-SPEAKING
10 CLIENTS. AND WE BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
11 FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION
12 TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES. YOU KNOW,
13 MAYBE THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING LANGUAGE
14 ACCESS IN THE COUNTY IS WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE PANDEMIC.
15 MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND CLIENTS COULD NOT GET INFORMATION
16 ABOUT COVID-19 WHEN THE OUTBREAK FIRST HAPPENED, THE
17 RESTRICTIONS AND THE REGULATIONS THAT WERE TAKING PLACE,
18 BECAUSE THEY DID NOT READ OR SPEAK ENGLISH. THEY STRUGGLED TO
19 GET TESTED. MANY STRUGGLED TO BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR VACCINES
20 DUE TO LANGUAGE AND TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS, AND STRUGGLED TO
21 APPLY FOR RENT RELIEF AND OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT, SUCH AS THE
22 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS. AND SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. I WOULD URGE THE BOARD TO
24 PASS AND FULLY FUND THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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SUPERVISORS

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS AQUILINA SORRENIO. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

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6 **AQUILINA SORRENIO:** HELLO. YES. MY NAME IS AQUILINA SORRENIO
7 SOSA, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FILIPINO WORKERS
8 CENTER. WE'RE A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, WHO WORKS
9 WITH LATINO IMMIGRANT WORKERS, ESPECIALLY DOMESTIC WORKERS,
10 HOME CARE WORKERS. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HILDA
11 SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY
12 SERVICES, AND IT WAS VERY, VERY APPARENT TO US DURING THE
13 PANDEMIC JUST HOW MANY CHALLENGES WE HAVE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL
14 TO ACTUALLY BRIDGING THE LANGUAGE ACCESS GAPS AND THAT IT
15 REALLY, REALLY IMPACTS NOT ONLY THOSE SPECIFIC IMMIGRANTS BUT
16 THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS IN DEALING WITH SO MANY
17 IMPORTANT ISSUES. AND SO, WITH FILIPINOS ALSO, WE ARE ONE OF
18 THE LARGEST A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
19 WHILE WE HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ENGLISH CAPABILITY, WE ALSO
20 HAVE MANY LANGUAGE BARRIERS, AS WELL. SO THIS MOTION WOULD
21 HELP TO STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY'S SOCIAL SAFETY ENSURING THOSE
22 SAFETY NETS --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.
25 THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JULIE FONG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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4 **JULIE FONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. NAME IS DR. JULIE FONG. AND I HAVE
5 BEEN AN EDUCATOR FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND A COMMUNITY MEMBER IN
6 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR OVER 40. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
7 FOR YOUR MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COMMUNITY
8 SERVICES. AS WE HEARD PREVIOUS ITEMS, HAVING LANGUAGE ACCESS
9 IS AN IMPERATIVE. AS A DAUGHTER THAT JUST NAVIGATED A SOCIAL
10 SERVICE FOR MY MOTHER NOT JUST AN HOUR AGO, AND THEN RUSHED
11 BACK HOME TO BE ON THIS CALL, I KNOW PERSONALLY THAT LANGUAGE
12 ACCESS MATTERS TO ENSURE THAT MY MOM CAN RECEIVE SERVICES SHE
13 NEEDS. MY MOM IS AN AMERICAN. AND LIKE OTHERS WITHIN
14 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, SHE AND SO MANY OTHERS ARE THE BACKBONE
15 OF OUR ECONOMY AS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. MY MOM AND SO MANY
16 OTHERS ARE ALSO MOMS, DADS, BROTHERS, AND SISTERS. WE ARE PART
17 OF THE AMERICAN FABRIC, THOUGH WE ARE NOT OFTEN SEEN AND HEARD
18 AS SUCH. BUT IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL COUNTY SERVICES ARE
19 ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE THAT DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS A PRIMARY
20 LANGUAGE, AND THIS MOTION WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY'S
21 SOCIAL SAFETY NETWORK.

22

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

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25 **JULIE FONG:** ARE MEANT TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CALLING IN. NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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8 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO
9 THANK YOU FOR THIS CONTINUED ENSLAVEMENT OF THOSE PERSONS WITH
10 A PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH INSTEAD OF PROMOTING
11 ENGLISH AS THEIR SECOND LANGUAGE, WHICH IS DONE WORLDWIDE IN
12 SO MANY AREAS IN EUROPE AND IN FRANCE, SO FORTH, AND EVEN IN
13 CANADA. AND ALL YOU ARE DOING IS PANDERING. AND DON'T FORGET,
14 ENGLISH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY
15 LEGISLATION. SO LET'S GET OFF OF THIS CRAP AND SPENDING MONEY,
16 WHICH YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN. YOU ARE ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL
17 FOR EVERY DAMN THING. AND DON'T SEND ANYBODY TO WASHINGTON. IT
18 IS A NATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF
19 YOURSELF. TEACH THEM ENGLISH. LANGUAGE UNITES PEOPLE, PEOPLE.
20 TRY THAT ONE ON FOR SIZE.

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARY WHITEHILL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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SUPERVISORS

1 **MARY WHITEHILL:** HI THERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION.
2 MY NAME IS MARY WHITEHILL. I AM THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE
3 DIRECTOR OF MARY'S LIST. WE ARE A LOS ANGELES COUNTY BASED
4 ORGANIZATION WORKING WITH FAMILIES RESETTLING AS REFUGEES HERE
5 IN LOS ANGELES, ALL OVER CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO IN 24 STATES
6 NATIONALLY. I AM CALLING BECAUSE I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO
7 PASS THIS MOTION. WE ARE A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
8 WORKING DIRECTLY WITH FAMILIES. WE ARE PROVIDING SERVICES THAT
9 THEY GET IN ADDITION TO WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT
10 RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT IS VERY,
11 VERY COMMON THAT FAMILIES NEEDS ARE NOT BEING MET BY THE
12 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT ARE IN PLACE FOR THEM. AND IT
13 TAKES ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OURS ON THE GROUND TO SET FAMILIES UP
14 WITH TUTORS, TO GET THEM SET UP TO LEARN ENGLISH WHEN THEY GET
15 HERE. THIS IS SPECIFICALLY AN ISSUE FOR RESETTLING MOMS, WHO
16 DON'T NECESSARILY COME HERE SPEAKING CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH
17 THE WAY THAT THEIR PARTNERS WHO WERE MILITARY INTERPRETERS --

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

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21 **MARY WHITEHILL:** IN AFGHANISTAN.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. THANK YOU. OKAY,
24 WE'RE GOING IN-PERSON, MR. SACHS.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. IT
2 IS ABOUT NAVIGATING THIS MORASS OVER TRASH. L.A.U.S.D. IS
3 SPENDING \$28,000 PER STUDENT, AND THEY'RE GRADING ON A CURVE,
4 WITH 30% PASSES. YOU WERE IN CITY COUNCIL, MADAM CHAIR,
5 WEREN'T YOU? DO YOU REMEMBER THAT? HOW MUCH IS THE COUNTY'S
6 BUDGET THIS YEAR? WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE MONEY FOR
7 THESE PROGRAMS? HOW MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING IN THE
8 COUNTY? DO YOU HAVE AN ELEVATING PROGRAM? HOW -- WHAT'S THE
9 EFFICACY OF THIS PROGRAM? WHAT DO YOU RATE IT AT? I MEAN --
10 YOU HAVE LOUSY COMPUTERS THAT WERE ORDERED BY L.A.U.S.D., AND
11 THEY WERE DELIVERED BY SOME CROOK WHO TOOK THE MONEY AND GAVE
12 L.A.U.S.D. CRAPPY COMPUTERS. WHY DID THAT HAPPEN? WHY WASN'T
13 HE PROSECUTED? DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THAT, MADAM CHAIR?

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16
17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THAT, WEREN'T YOU?

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 3 IS
24 NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND TO
25 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.



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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

22

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

24

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



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 11,
3 IMPROVING ACCESS TO GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS, WHICH I
4 HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS
5 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. COLLEAGUES, I HELD THIS
6 BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT IS SO IMPORTANT AND SO CRITICAL, AND I
7 HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC A LOT OF TIMES, YOU PROBABLY DO TOO, THAT
8 WE SHOULD BE ENFORCING EXISTING GUN REGULATIONS THAT ARE
9 ALREADY ON THE BOOKS BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT ENACTING NEW ONES.
10 AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IS ACTUALLY DOING. IN 2016,
11 CALIFORNIA PASSED A RED FLAG LAW THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO
12 PETITION A COURT FOR A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER. OR A
13 G.V.R.O. AND WHEN GRANTED BY THE COURTS, A G.V.R.O. MANDATES
14 THE REMOVAL OF ALL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM A PERSON WHO
15 IS DETERMINED TO BE AT RISK OF CAUSING EMINENT HARM, EITHER TO
16 HIMSELF OR TO OTHERS. A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE
17 TO PETITION FOR ONE OF THESE G.V.R.O.S, NOT JUST LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT. SCHOOL OFFICIALS, EMPLOYERS, COWORKERS, HOUSE
19 MATES, FAMILY MEMBERS, INTIMATE PARTNERS OF SOMEONE WHO THEY
20 THINK IS AT RISK CAN FILE FOR A G.V.R.O. TO REMOVE GUNS FROM
21 THEIR POSSESSION AND PREVENT THEM FROM BUYING NEW ONES. THIS
22 LAW HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SAVE LIVES, BUT THERE'S ONE GLARING
23 PROBLEM. MOST PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY DON'T KNOW IT EXISTS. AND
24 SO, THIS MOTION DOES THREE THINGS TO FIX THAT. FIRST, IT
25 DIRECTS OUR OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO IMPLEMENT A



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1 PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ABOUT G.V.R.O.S EXPLAINING WHAT THEY
2 ARE AND HOW TO PETITION FOR ONE. SECOND, IT ASKS FOR A PROCESS
3 TO COLLECT DATA ON G.V.R.O.S. AND THIRD, IT MAKES SURE THAT WE
4 ARE STREAMLINING THE PROCESS TO PETITION FOR G.V.R.O.S WITHIN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE LAST PIECE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT CAN
6 BE INTIMIDATING FOR AN AVERAGE PERSON TO NAVIGATE THE COURT
7 SYSTEM AND GO THROUGH THE PROCESS TO GET FIREARMS OUT OF THE
8 HANDS OF ONE OF THEIR LOVED ONES. THIS MOTION WILL MAKE SURE
9 THAT THAT PROCESS IS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE, MAYBE BY
10 ESTABLISHING A HOTLINE OR AN EASY TO NAVIGATE WEBPAGE. AND I
11 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONNECT THIS EFFORT TO THE WORK
12 BEING DONE WITH OUR 211 AND OUR 988 HOTLINES SO THAT THE CALL
13 REPRESENTATIVES CAN GUIDE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO FILE FOR ONE OF
14 THESE G.V.R.O.S WHEN IT COMES UP. AND LASTLY, ALL OF THIS
15 SHOULD BE INFORMED BY THE WORK BEING DONE IN OTHER
16 JURISDICTIONS. OUT OF THE 1,384 G.V.R.O.S PROCESSED IN
17 CALIFORNIA IN 2021, ONLY 54 WERE ISSUED IN L.A. COUNTY, WHILE
18 435 CAME OUT OF SAN DIEGO. SO WE CERTAINLY CAN LEARN WITH HOW
19 THEY ARE DOING IT. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR
20 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION. AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
21 REMARKS RIGHT NOW? THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU HIT IT RIGHT ON THE
24 NOSE THERE. I THINK THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AND JUST
25 THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE ENOUGH TO ARTICULATE OR CAMPAIGN



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SUPERVISORS

1 IN TERMS OF PROVIDING INFORMATION TO ALL THOSE LINGUISTICALLY
2 CHALLENGED COMMUNITIES AS WELL, JUST LIKE THE PREVIOUS MOTION.
3 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE
4 VEHICLES AND TOOLS AVAILABLE TO THEM. LAST WEEK, I HAD A VERY
5 INTERESTING MEETING WITH SEVERAL COUNCIL GENERALS, WOMEN OF
6 COLOR, THAT RESIDE HERE, THAT ARE ASSIGNED HERE TO WORK IN
7 L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE THEY HAVE MANY NATIONALS AND PEOPLE THAT
8 LIVE HERE. SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS I MET WITH WERE FROM
9 CROATIA, SOUTH AFRICA, CHINA, AND ITALY, AND THEIR FIRST
10 QUESTION TO ME WAS WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
11 WHERE CAN WE GET HELP? HOW DO WE KNOW THAT TOOLS ARE
12 AVAILABLE, RESTRAINING ORDERS AND WHAT HAVE YOU? SO THIS IS
13 VERY TIMELY, ESPECIALLY AS WE ARE CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
14 MONTH. AND WE NEED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW, WOMEN, MEN, PARTNERS,
15 EVERYONE KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING OF URGENCY FOR US. SO I
16 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS. I DON'T NEED TO SAY ANY MORE, YOU
17 SAID IT WELL. THANK YOU AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, TOO.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I SEE NO OTHER
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WANTING TO SPEAK, SO EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
22 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

23
24 **OPERATOR:** WILL CHARMAINE BELL, MARGARET MCCRUMB, MICAH DE LA
25 VEGA, MOSES SANCHEZ, AND WENDY ROMOLO PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
2 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MARGOT BENNETT. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **MARGO BENNETT:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARGOT BENNETT. AND I AM
8 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. THE GUN
9 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER CAN HELP PREVENT SUICIDE, MASS
10 SHOOTINGS, AND MASS SHOOTINGS LINKED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
11 YET, FEW PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY KNOW OF THIS IMPORTANT LAW AND
12 HOW TO IMPLEMENT IT. WHILE OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA
13 HAVE HAD GREAT SUCCESS USING CRITICAL TOOL, L.A. COUNTY HAS
14 FALLEN BEHIND. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS PROPOSAL. AND I LOOK
15 FORWARD TO IT UNANIMOUSLY PASSING AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION. IT
16 WILL TRULY SAVE LIVES.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT
19 WOMEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR YEARS. NEXT
20 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS WENDY WANG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **WENDY WANG:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WENDY WANG WITH SYCAMORES.
25 WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISORS HAHN AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED
2 STEPS TO BROADEN PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF
3 CALIFORNIA'S GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS AND THE PETITION
4 PROCESS, AND TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE DATA COLLECTION
5 METHODOLOGY TO TRACK THESE ORDERS. AS A LONG- STANDING MENTAL
6 HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE PROVIDER IN L.A. COUNTY, SYCAMORES IS
7 EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES, ESPECIALLY
8 LINGERING TRAUMA, DUE TO GUN VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES,
9 AND COMMUNITIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE URGE THE BOARD TO
10 CONTINUE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS AND REVIEW ALL AVAILABLE
11 STRATEGIES TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROBERT DISNEY.

16
17 **ROBERT DISNEY:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ROBERT DISNEY. MY FAMILY
18 SURVIVED THE COLUMBINE SHOOTING SOME 20 YEARS AGO. MY NIECE
19 AND NEPHEW WERE BOTH STUDENTS THERE. MY BROTHER-IN-LAW WAS A
20 MEMBER OF THE S.W.A.T. TEAM. HE IS THE SHARPSHOOTER AT HIS OWN
21 CHILDREN'S SCHOOL. SO THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS NEAR AND DEAR
22 TO MY HEART. WE HAVE A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE WORKING ON
23 TRYING TO GET SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN L.A. COUNTY MORE AWARE AND
24 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS AND OTHER
25 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ABOUT G.V.R.O.S, AND IT IS DIFFICULT. IT



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1 IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE HAD TO DO PATCHWORK BECAUSE THERE
2 ISN'T THE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT. WE HAVE TO DO A LOT OF
3 EDUCATION BEFORE WE GET ANYBODY TO LISTEN TO US AND TO WORK
4 WITH US ON MAKING SURE THAT THEIR TEACHERS AND STAFF KNOW HOW
5 TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WHO ARE IN CRISIS AND GET THEM THE HELP
6 THAT THEY NEED. SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
7 SOLIS FOR LEADING ON THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

8

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

10

11 **ROBERT DISNEY:** AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THERE ARE GRASSROOTS
12 VOLUNTEERS OUT THERE WORKING ON THIS RIGHT NOW.

13

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

15

16 **ROBERT DISNEY:** WHO GENUINELY NEED THIS SUPPORT. SO, THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CALLING IN. NEXT
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

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

22

23 **LAUREN LEBE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
24 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
25 ISSUE. LAUREN LEBE, AND I REPRESENT LOS ANGELES BASED WOMEN



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SUPERVISORS

1 AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE AND BRADY CALIFORNIA. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
2 THIS MOTION TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF CALIFORNIA'S GUN VIOLENCE
3 RESTRAINING ORDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN CALIFORNIA, IN
4 2021, NEARLY 1,600 PEOPLE DIED BY FIREARM SUICIDES. USE OF THE
5 GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER LIKELY COULD HAVE PREVENTED
6 SOME OF THESE DEATHS. SIMILARLY, THE LIVES OF WOMEN IN
7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATIONS COULD BE SAVED. UNFORTUNATELY,
8 THE LAW IS UNDERUTILIZED BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT
9 IT. A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENSURE
10 THAT THE G.V.R.O. IS USED WHEN APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NORMAN DUPONT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **NORMAN DUPONT:** SUPERVISORS, I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF W.A.G.F.A.
17 AND A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. ALSO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
18 IMPORTANT PROPOSITION AND WOULD REQUEST THAT THOSE
19 IMPLEMENTING IT CONSIDER ASKING THE L.A. COUNTY BAR AND THE
20 VARIOUS OTHER BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO
21 DO THEIR PART, WHICH I KNOW THEY WILL DO, IN EXPLAINING WHAT A
22 GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER IS AND HOW IT CAN HELP THOSE
23 WHO ARE POTENTIALLY IN DANGER FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
24 VIOLENT TENDENCIES. I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT WE CONSIDER,
25 OR THE SUPERVISORS CONSIDER, THE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING



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SUPERVISORS

1 ORDER LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE L.A. COUNTY AND THE STATE OF
2 CALIFORNIA COURT SYSTEM. THERE IS A DESCRIPTION OF GUN
3 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS.

4

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

6

7 **NORMAN DUPONT:** IT IS A GOOD ONE, AND WE URGE --

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MIA LEVIS PORTER. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **MIA LEVIS PORTER:** HI, MY NAME IS MIA LEVIS PORTER. I AM A
16 VOLUNTEER WITH MOMS DEMAND ACTION AND A GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVOR.
17 MY BROTHER DIED BY GUN SUICIDE 30 YEARS AGO. I AM CALLING IN
18 STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I KNOW FIRSTHAND WHEN A PERSON
19 IS IN CRISIS AND CONSIDERING HARMING THEMSELVES OR OTHERS, IT
20 IS THE FAMILY MEMBERS, THE COWORKERS, SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, WHO
21 ARE OFTEN THE FIRST TO SEE THE WARNING SIGNS. G.V.R.O.S CAN
22 AND WILL PREVENT NEEDLESS TRAGEDY, BUT ONLY IF PEOPLE ARE
23 AWARE IT EXISTS. IN 6% OF MASS SHOOTINGS, WHICH CONSTITUTE
24 ONLY 1% OF GUN DEATHS DAILY, THE SHOOTER EXHIBITED WARNINGS
25 BEFORE. AND IN CONNECTICUT, WHERE G.V.R.O.S WERE USED, THEY



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1 AVERTED 1 IN 10 SUICIDES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
2 SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS
3 MOTION TO HELP ENSURE G.V.R.O.S ARE BEING UTILIZED WHEN NEEDED
4 IN L.A. COUNTY.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE OH, GOING
7 IN-PERSON, OKAY, WELCOME.

8

9 **CHARMAINE BELL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHARMAINE BELL. AND I
10 AM A PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS.
11 WE ARE A VIOLENT INTERVENTION PREVENTION ORGANIZATION, AND WE
12 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. BEING THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY, THERE IS LITTLE TO NO AWARENESS OF THIS MOTION, OF THE
14 GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS, AND WE OFTEN DON'T KNOW THE
15 PROCESS OF WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE DURING AND AFTER FILING. SO IF
16 WE CAN BRING SOME AWARENESS TO THIS MATTER, I THINK WE WILL BE
17 ABLE TO CURB SOME GUN VIOLENCE THAT MOST OF THESE FAMILIES
18 ENDURE AND HAVE GONE THROUGH. SO I AM ALL FOR IT, AND I HOPE
19 THIS MOTION GETS PUSHED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

23

24 **WENDY ROMOLO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND CHAIR HAHN FOR
25 YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCING THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS WENDY



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1 ROMOLO. AND I AM A VOLUNTEER WITH MOMS DEMAND ACTION. I
2 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. G.V.R.O.S PROVIDE DUE PROCESS
3 AND ARE A PROVEN WAY TO INTERVENE BEFORE GUN VIOLENCE TAKES
4 MORE LIVES. INDIANA SAW A 7.5% REDUCTION IN GUN SUICIDE AFTER
5 PASSAGE OF THEIR RED FLAG LAWS. OVER THE PAST DECADE, GUN
6 SUICIDE RATE AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS HAS INCREASED 66%. IT
7 WAS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT I LEARNED A RECENT GRADUATE OF
8 MY SON'S HIGH SCHOOL, JUST 19 YEARS OLD, SHOT AND KILLED
9 HIMSELF. WE NEED TO DO MORE, AND WE NEED TO DO IT FASTER. I
10 HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY FOR MOST OF MY
11 LIFE, AND I AM RECENTLY MOVED TO CLAREMONT, A SMALL CITY. AND
12 SMALL CITIES HAVE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES THAN OTHERS IN THE
13 COUNTY. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY DON'T HAVE PUBLIC CITY ATTORNEY
14 MODELS. BARRIERS LIKE THESE CAN DEPRIVE SMALL CITIES OF
15 INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CONSISTENT PARTNERSHIPS FOR
16 IMPLEMENTING G.V.R.O.S AND SAFE GUN STORAGE EDUCATION.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19
20 **WENDY ROMOLO:** THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. APPRECIATE YOUR
23 COMMENTS NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **MIKE DE LA VEGA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MIKE DE LA VEGA, AND I'M
2 WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS. OUR MISSION IS TO PREVENT
3 VIOLENCE AND HELP COMMUNITIES HEAL FROM TRAUMA. WE ARE IN
4 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND INCREASE AWARENESS
5 FOR GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS. WE WORK WITH VICTIMS OF A
6 CRIME AND COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY GUN VIOLENCE AND SUPPORT
7 PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT HELP PREVENT VIOLENCE, AND ULTIMATELY
8 TO SAVE LIVES. I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW GUN VIOLENCE HAS
9 AFFECTED MY LIFE WHEN A GHOST GUN TOOK THE LIFE OF MY FATHER.
10 I WAS ROBBED OF MY FATHER BEING ABLE TO WALK ME DOWN THE
11 AISLE. HE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MEET MY CHILDREN. AND THIS
12 HURTS ME VERY MUCH TO KNOW THIS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. THE
13 ACCESS TO GHOST GUNS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, IS A DANGEROUS
14 COMBINATION, AND WE NEED TO INCREASE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
15 ORDERS TO PREVENT -- TO HELP PROMOTE PEACE AND CREATE SAFER
16 COMMUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN OUR COUNTRY.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MARGARET MCCRUMB:** HI, MY NAME IS MARGARET MCCRUMB. I LIVE IN
21 LONG BEACH. AND MANY YEARS AGO, MY BROTHER WAS WALKING TO THE
22 -- TO HIS CAR FROM THE STORE IN LOS ANGELES, AND HE WAS
23 ROBBED, SHOT, AND KILLED. SO WHEN YOU HEAR ME SPEAK TO TODAY,
24 PLEASE MAYBE THINK OF ALL THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN OUR CITY,
25 AND IN OUR COUNTY, THAT HAD TO EXPERIENCE THE DEATH OF SOMEONE



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1 THEY CARE ABOUT AND THEIR LIVES WERE TAKEN FROM THEM BY GUN
2 VIOLENCE. I DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH MORE TO ADD FROM WHAT'S BEEN
3 SAID. IT'S ALL BEEN SO INFORMATIVE, BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO
4 KNOW THAT G.V.R.O.S ARE WORKING. IN LONG BEACH, JUST A FEW
5 WEEKS AGO, THE POLICE IN LONG BEACH USED A G.V.R.O. TO GO TO A
6 MAN'S HOUSE THAT HAD BEEN THREATENING HIS COWORKERS. AND WHEN
7 THEY GO THERE, THEY FOUND HE HAD SEVERAL GUNS HE OWNED
8 LEGALLY, BUT HE ALSO HAD SEVERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS, WHICH HE DID
9 NOT OWN LEGALLY IN HIS HOME. AND THEY WERE ABLE TO REMOVE
10 THOSE AND HOPEFULLY PREVENT A TRAGEDY AT THE MAN'S WORK. SO I
11 GUESS I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY MOST OF YOU PROBABLY HAVE HAD TO
12 TALK TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS AFTER A SHOOTING, TRY TO PROVIDE
13 SOME CONSOLATION, AND JUST FROM MY EXPERIENCE, PLEASE KNOW IT
14 REALLY DOES HELP IF YOU CAN TELL THEM YOU ARE TRYING, YOU
15 CARE, AND YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU CAN WITH YOUR AUTHORITY TO
16 HELP.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE
19 YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20
21 **MOSES SANCHEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MOSES SANCHEZ. I AM
22 ALSO FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSS ROADS. OUR MISSION IS TO
23 PREVENT VIOLENCE AND HELP COMMUNITIES HEAL FROM TRAUMA. THE
24 DISCUSSION OF GUN VIOLENCE IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE DISCUSSION
25 OF MENTAL HEALTH. I THINK IT IS PRETTY CLEAR THAT MENTAL



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1 HEALTH, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PANDEMIC, HAS HAD AN EFFECT ON
2 EVERYONE, FROM OUR YOUTH TO ADULTS, ACROSS THE SPECTRUM. THAT,
3 IN MY VIEW, HAS PROVEN A DANGEROUS COMBINATION WITH THE GUN
4 VIOLENCE THAT WE WITNESS EVERY DAY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. GANG
5 VIOLENCE, DRIVE-BYS, ARMED ROBBERIES, IT IS HEARTBREAKING WEEK
6 TO WEEK TO SEE OUR YOUTH BE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE THAT COULD
7 HAVE EASILY BEEN PREVENTABLE WITH MEASURES SUCH AS THIS ONE.
8 LET'S DO THE RIGHT THING AND INCREASE THE SAFETY OF OUR
9 FAMILIES FRIENDS ACROSS THE CITY. THANK YOU.

10
11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12
13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A
14 THREE MONTH REPORT BACK, THE LAW THAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR AGENDA
15 STATES THAT IT WAS ENACTED IN 2016. THIS IS 2022. THIS IS SIX
16 YEARS LATER. WE HAVE OPEN CARRY. WE HAVE MORE DRUGS. WE
17 LOWERED THE THRESHOLD FOR MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES TO UNDER
18 \$500. NOW, IF YOU BREAK INTO SOMEBODY'S HOUSE AND YOU DO LESS
19 THAN \$500 WORTH OF DAMAGE, IT IS ONLY A MISDEMEANOR. WE HAVE
20 LOST CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT. WE NEED MORE SUICIDE PREVENTION.
21 WE NEED MORE SCHOOL COUNSELORS. IS THIS THE NEW NORMAL? THE
22 BIGGEST THING THAT HAPPENED SINCE 2016 WAS THE REPEAL OF THE
23 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FREE HEALTHCARE
24 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD HAVE NEEDED IT. IT ACCOMPLISHED
25 A WHOLE LOT OF PROGRAMS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID FOR --



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1

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

3

4 **PETER BERNAL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS PETER
5 BERNAL. I AM THE PROJECT COORDINATOR WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
6 CROSS ROADS AND THE REGIONAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION IN
7 SERVICE PLAN AREA 8. I AM A LONGSTANDING RESIDENT AND MEMBER
8 OF THE HARBOR AREA COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS NOTORIOUSLY BEEN
9 RAVAGED BY GUN VIOLENCE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. AS AN
10 INTERVENTIONIST, PREVENTIONIST, YOUTH COACH, COALITION MEMBER,
11 I SPEAK FOR THE COMMUNITY IN SAYING THIS MOTION IS VERY
12 IMPORTANT TO BRING AWARENESS TO A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS TO BE
13 AWARE OF ALL OF ITS OPTIONS. COMING FROM A HOME MYSELF THAT
14 WAS RAVAGED BY GUN VIOLENCE, MY MOTHER HAD A SPOUSE WHO OFTEN
15 INTIMIDATED US WITH THE GUNS HE OWNED, I FEEL THAT THIS MOTION
16 ACTUALLY HAD A CHANCE TO BE AWARE OF IT COULD HAVE MADE
17 DRASTIC CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE HOME I GREW UP IN.
18 SO, AT SOCAL CROSSROADS, WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
21 SPEAKERS?

22

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

24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER SPEAKERS, ITEM 11 IS
2 NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
3 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 11 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISE SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

17

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

24

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



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

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 14,
5 PROCLAIMING MARCH 18TH, 2023 AS PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY, WHICH I
6 HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
7 PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE HAVE
8 ERIKA ANZOATEGUI. OH MY GOD, I SAID IT RIGHT AFTER SIX YEARS.
9 I KNOW. YES, OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND RUBEN MARQUEZ,
10 CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, RICARDO GARCIA, THEY
11 ARE BOTH HERE AND AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. THIS MOTION,
12 COLLEAGUES, WILL PROCLAIM MARCH 18TH AS PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY,
13 OFTEN CALLED GIDEON DAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME HERE IN LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY. AND THE DATE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT MARKS 60
15 YEARS SINCE THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON GIDEON V.
16 WAINWRIGHT THAT MADE IT A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT FOR A DEFENDANT
17 TO BE PROVIDED A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY IF THEY CANNOT
18 AFFORD SO HIRE ONE THEMSELVES. THE RIGHT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT
19 IT BECAME ONE OF THE MIRANDA RIGHTS THAT ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED
20 TO BE READ TO ANYONE BEING ARRESTED. BUT EVEN BEFORE THE
21 SUPREME COURT CASE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ESTABLISHED OUR OWN
22 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE IN 1914, THE FIRST IN THE NATION TO DO
23 SO. SINCE THEN, THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE AND THE ALTERNATE
24 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN PROVIDING PUBLIC
25 DEFENSE BUT HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVANCING SOCIAL AND RACIAL



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1 JUSTICE. I WANTED TO HOLD THIS ITEM TODAY TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF
2 THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS DO. ONE OF THEIR
3 INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IS THEIR RECORD CLEARING EVENTS, WHERE
4 VANS WILL BRING LEGAL EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS INTO OUR
5 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE A CRIMINAL RECORD CAN
6 BE AN OBSTACLE TO HOUSING OR EMPLOYMENT, SO THESE CLINICS
7 REALLY HELP TO REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS. THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS ARE
8 ALSO IMPORTANT PARTNERS IN OUR COUNTY'S HOMELESS COURTS, WHERE
9 UNHOUSED PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH LOW LEVEL OFFENSES GO TO
10 AN ALTERNATIVE COURT AND ARE CONNECTED TO HOUSING AND OTHER
11 SOCIAL SERVICES THEY NEED RIGHT THEN AND THERE. AND OUR PUBLIC
12 DEFENDERS OFFICE AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE HAVE
13 BEEN A HUGE PARTNER IN MAKING THOSE A SUCCESS. SO, LET ME TAKE
14 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR HEAD PUBLIC
15 DEFENDER, RICARDO GARCIA, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ERIKA
16 ANZOATEGUI, AND THEIR INCREDIBLE STAFF AND WORK TIRELESSLY
17 EVERY DAY TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU,
18 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. WOULD
19 YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? AND THEN I SEE MS. BARGER ON THE
20 QUEUE, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE TWO HERE.

21
22 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR OFFERING SUCH A FINE LEAD, MADAM
23 CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE ON THIS ITEM WITH
24 YOU. I, TOO, WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO OUR
25 DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO INDIGENT DEFENSE



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1 WORK. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY PUBLIC
2 DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS. THE ATTORNEYS IN
3 THESE OFFICES WORK ON THE FRONTLINES OF A SYSTEM THAT IS NOT
4 DESIGNED TO PUT ANYONE AT EASE, MUCH LESS THOSE WHO ARE
5 CHARGED WITH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. IN A SYSTEM THAT FAVORS THOSE
6 WITH POWER AND AUTHORITY, OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS SPEAK FOR THOSE
7 WHO DON'T HAVE EITHER. THE OFFICE OF OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC
8 DEFENDER I WANT TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO BECAUSE I THINK
9 NOT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE ROLE THAT YOU PLAY. YOU TAKE ON
10 SOME OF THE MOST COMPLEX CASES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
11 A.P.D. ATTORNEYS ARE CALLED ON TO DEFEND CLIENTS WHO CANNOT BE
12 REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. THEY ARE ALMOST ALWAYS THE
13 LAST LINE OF DEFENSE IN THE COUNTY'S STRUCTURE FOR INDIGENT
14 DEFENSE. AND I WANT TO SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
15 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND EVERYONE ON YOUR TEAM. UNDER
16 YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE A.P.D.'S OFFICE HAS EXEMPLIFIED THE
17 COUNTY'S CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST VISION. YOU EMPOWER ATTORNEYS IN
18 YOUR DEPARTMENT TO PUSH FOR A FAIR PRETRIAL RELEASES AND
19 ADVOCATE FOR DIVERSION THROUGH O.D.R. AND OTHER BOARD
20 INITIATIVES. I KNOW THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IS WORKING TO
21 DO THE SAME. ERIKA, IN PARTICULAR, IS A COLLABORATOR AND
22 LEADER, NOT JUST WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY, BUT THROUGHOUT THE
23 STATE, WHERE SHE IS WELL- RESPECTED AMONG HER PEERS AND
24 JUDICIAL LEADERS AS WELL AS HER COMMUNITY, WHERE SHE IS AN
25 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND



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1 OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. I WANT TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO
2 THE A.P.D. ATTORNEYS WHO WOMAN IN COURTROOMS RIGHT NOW. YOU
3 ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO COUNSEL. WE
4 KNOW WITHOUT YOU, PEOPLE ENTANGLED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
5 SYSTEM WOULD SIMPLY BE LOST. YOU GIVE THEM A VOICE AND FORCE
6 THE SYSTEM TO REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS WHO MATTER
7 AND DESERVE OUR CARE. PLEASE KNOW YOUR HARD WORK DOES NOT GO
8 UNNOTICED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM, SO
9 WE CAN RECOGNIZE OUR INCREDIBLE PUBLIC DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND
10 EVERYONE IS WHO IS FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I AM SORRY,
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THEN SOLIS.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR YOUR MOTION TO PROCLAIM MARCH
17 18TH AS PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY. A LAWYER WHO PURSUES A CAREER IN
18 PUBLIC DEFENSE CARES ABOUT REPRESENTATION, OFTEN FOR THE MOST
19 VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. PUBLIC
20 DEFENSE IS A MATTER OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY. BUT ENSURING EVERY
21 PERSON HAS AN ATTORNEY WASN'T ALWAYS THE LAW OF THE LAND. WHEN
22 CLARENCE EARL GIDEON TOOK HIS CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT TO
23 FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO A LAWYER IN STATE PROSECUTIONS, HE SET
24 THE STAGE FOR COUNTLESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE YEARS TO
25 COME. AND SINCE THEN, THE SUPREME COURT HAS EXPANDED THE RIGHT



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1 TO COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS FACING POTENTIAL JAIL TIME AND FOR
2 MINORS IN DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS. NOW, 60 YEARS LATER, WE
3 KNOW THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT PUBLIC DEFENSE HAS ON OUR JUSTICE
4 SYSTEM. AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS PROUD TO LEAD THE WAY AS A
5 VOICE FOR THOSE WHO NEED REPRESENTATION. TODAY, MORE THAN 600
6 COUNTY DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO SERVE
7 THEIR CLIENTS. AND I AM SURE WE COULD USE A LOT MORE. MANY
8 PUBLIC DEFENDERS ALSO PROVIDE A BRIDGE TO LIFE CHANGING
9 RESOURCES, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, MEDICAL CARE,
10 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, IMMIGRATION SERVICES, AND HOUSING.
11 THIS WRAP AROUND CARE ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY AND GREATLY
12 REDUCES PEOPLE'S FUTURE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
13 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF RICARDO AND ERIKA, WE HAVE TEAMS OF
14 GREAT ATTORNEYS WORKING IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE
15 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. I KNOW THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGES AND
16 THE PERSONAL SACRIFICES PUBLIC DEFENDERS MAKE EACH DAY TO
17 ENSURE THEY DO RIGHT BY THEIR CLIENTS. AND I AM DEEPLY
18 GRATEFUL FOR THE COMMITMENT OF YOU AND BOTH YOUR TEAMS IN
19 SHARING THAT VISION AND MAKING IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU, MADAM
20 CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND KUDOS TO YOU, CHAIR
25 HAHN AND HORVATH, FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM BEFORE US. IT IS



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1 REALLY CRITICAL TO BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE THE WORK YOU ALL DO
2 AND WHAT A MONUMENTAL TASK TO GET DONE SOME MANY DECADES AGO,
3 AND THAT'S THROUGH THE GIDEON SUPREME COURT DECISION. I THINK
4 ANY OF US THAT HAVE STUDIED HISTORY OR POLITICS, WE
5 UNDERSTAND HOW TREMENDOUS THAT CASE WAS AT THAT TIME. AND WE
6 HAVE TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT RIGHT NOW WE ARE BEING CHALLENGED
7 ACROSS THIS COUNTRY ON THIS VERY PREMISE. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO
8 OPPOSE WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE AND WHAT WE ARE ADVOCATING AND
9 JUST HOW -- HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO EVOLVE IN THESE TWO
10 DEPARTMENTS. AND THEY HAVE EVOLVED. ERIKA, I HAVE SEEN YOUR
11 WORK, AND I HAVE SEEN RICARDO'S WORK OUT IN THE FIELD, AND
12 SOMETIMES IT IS JUST TAKING ACTION OUTSIDE, BOOTS ON THE
13 GROUND, TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN REAL LIFE SITUATIONS. I
14 SAW IT HAPPEN WITH YOU, ERIKA, AND ALSO WITH RICARDO. I WILL
15 NEVER FORGET WHEN RICARDO WAS RECENTLY, BACK IN THE DAY, WAS
16 JUST COMING ONBOARD. HE MET US OUT IN THE WATERSHED, WHITTIER
17 NARROWS. AND I TOLD HIM YOU HAVE TO COME BECAUSE WE NEED YOUR
18 FOLKS THERE TO HELP WITH EXPUNGEMENT. SO DURING THE COURSE OF
19 THOSE MONTHS, HE CAME BACK, NOT ONLY DID HE DO THAT, BUT HE
20 ALSO BROUGHT A VAN THAT NOW ADVERTISED HIS SERVICE, AND I
21 THOUGHT WOW, WHAT DID IT TAKE JUST TO GET THAT SIMPLE NOTE
22 DONE AND HOW TRANSFORMATIVE IT IS FOR THE REST OF OUR COUNTY.
23 SO I WANT TO COMMEND BOTH OF YOU FOR THAT AND FOR PROVIDING I
24 THINK WHAT HAS BEEN LACKING IN THE PAST, THAT COMPASSION. FROM
25 THESE DEPARTMENTS. NO DOUBT YOUR ATTORNEYS ARE OVERWHELMED



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1 WITH CASEWORK AND MANY OBSTACLES WITH OUR COURT SYSTEM, BUT I
2 THINK YOUR FOLKS REALLY HELP TO LEAD THE WAY. AND I WANT TO
3 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT. I KNOW OUR C.E.O. HAS BEEN GENEROUS
4 IN GIVING ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO INCREASE PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW
5 FOR ADDITIONAL HIGHER UPS, PEOPLE THAT ARE ATTORNEYS BUT THAT
6 ARE ACTUALLY NAVIGATORS. I SAW THIS OUT IN THE FIELD AT
7 SALAZAR PARK. AND I WAS VERY STRUCK BY THE CALIBER OF
8 INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE HIRED, HELPING PEOPLE TO NAVIGATE. SO IT
9 ISN'T JUST A ONE OFF YOU HELP PEOPLE FILL OUT PAPERWORK OR
10 KIND OF MONITOR THEM AS THEY GO THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM, BUT
11 IT IS ACTUALLY GIVING THEM RESOURCES THAT THE COUNTY HAS
12 AVAILABLE AND NAVIGATING IT FOR THEM. AND FOR ME, THAT IS JUST
13 A ONE UP ON EVERYBODY ELSE BECAUSE YOU ALL ARE DOING IT. SO
14 THANK YOU, THIS IS A DAY SOON WE WILL BE CELEBRATING, MARCH
15 18TH, AND TO YOU THE VICTORY GOES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, BOTH OF
16 YOU.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
19 MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT
22 TO AUTOMOBILED MY VOICE TO THE COMMENTS MADE BY ALL MY
23 COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU, TOO, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD
24 AND TO REALLY AMPLIFY THE HISTORIC DECISION OF GIDEON. WHEN I
25 JOINED THE BOARD, ONE OF THE EARLIEST MOTIONS I AUTHORED WITH,



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1 THEN SUPERVISOR, KUEHL WAS TO EMPOWER INDIGENT DEFENSE
2 SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND SINCE THAT MOTION, THE
3 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAVE BEEN
4 ABLE TO HIRE NEW ATTORNEYS AND OTHER TEAM MEMBERS, WHO ARE
5 CRITICAL FOR A REALLY HOLISTIC DEFENSE. PLEASE KNOW I WILL
6 CONTINUE SUPPORT EXPANDING INDIGENT SUPPORT RESOURCES BECAUSE
7 WE KNOW THAT ZEALOUS ADVOCACY IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH AN
8 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RESOURCES FOR THE DEFENSE TEAM TO ENSURE
9 THAT ATTORNEYS AREN'T CONSISTENTLY OVERBURDENED WITH MORE
10 CASES THAN THEY CAN HANDLE. I BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE
11 CONTINUE TO UPLIFT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RIGHT TO DEFENSE, AND
12 AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK RICARDO AND ERIKA AND EVERY EMPLOYEE
13 THAT WORKS EVERY DAY TO MAKE GIDEON'S PROMISE REAL IN L.A.
14 COUNTY. AND IN KEEPING WITH THAT, PLEASE KNOW I WILL REACH OUT
15 TO YOU BECAUSE, AS I THINK ABOUT GIDEON'S PROMISE, JUVENILES
16 THAT ARE DETAINED IN OUR SYSTEM ARE OFTEN REPRESENTED BY YOU.
17 I WILL REACH OUT BECAUSE WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH
18 YOUR ROLE CAN PERHAPS HELP THEM FURTHER. SO KNOW I WILL BE
19 CALLING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ERIKA AND RUBEN, WOULD YOU LIKE
22 TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

23
24 **ERIKA ANZOATEGUI:** THANK YOU, CHAIR HAHN, FOR INVITING ME TO
25 SPEAK HERE TODAY. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING



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1 THIS MOTION FORTH. AS YOU MENTIONED, I AM YOUR ALTERNATE
2 PUBLIC DEFENDER HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT IS DISTINCT MY
3 HONOR TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING
4 A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE OFTEN OVERLOOKED AND OFTEN
5 THE UNSUNG HEROES OF OUR SOCIETY, PUBLIC DEFENDERS. FOR US,
6 BEING PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS IS NOT
7 MERELY A JOB TITLE. IT IS A CALLING. DAILY, WE ARE AT THE
8 FOREFRONT OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE REFORM,
9 CHALLENGING UNFAIR LAWS, FIGHTING DRACONIAN SENTENCES, AND
10 SCRUTINIZING ILLEGAL PRACTICES THAT FALL THE HEAVIEST ON THE
11 MOST VULNERABLE, OVER-POLICED, AND MARGINALIZED INDIVIDUALS OF
12 OUR SOCIETY. AS MANY OF YOU MENTIONED, THE SIXTH AMENDMENT OF
13 THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES CITIZENS THE RIGHT
14 TO AN ATTORNEY WHEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME, AND THE LANDMARK
15 SUPERIOR COURT DECISION OF GIDEON V. WAINWRIGHT FURTHER
16 SOLIDIFIED THIS RIGHT BY STATING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CANNOT
17 AFFORD AN ATTORNEY MUST BE PROVIDED WITH ONE. THIS DECISION
18 WAS A GAME CHANGER FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AS IT
19 RECOGNIZED THAT ACCESS TO COMPETENT DEFENSE IN THE JUSTICE
20 SYSTEM IS WHAT IS NEEDED,, REGARDLESS OF THE ABILITY IF YOU
21 COULD AFFORD ONE. THE DECISION WOULD BE MEANINGLESS WITHOUT
22 INDIVIDUALS LIKE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WHO WORK TIRELESSLY AND
23 SACRIFICE THEIR OWN FAMILY TIME TO UPHOLD THE VALUE OF GIDEON,
24 BUT THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE NEVER FALTERS. THE WORK OF A
25 PUBLIC DEFENDER GOES FAR BEYOND JUST ENSURING ACCESS TO LEGAL



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1 REPRESENTATION. IN DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS THE
2 BEDROCK OF OUR SOCIAL STRUCTURE, THEY REMIND SOCIETY NEVER
3 GIVE UP ON PEOPLE. SUPERVISORS, THE GIDEON DECISION WOULD BE
4 NOTHING WITHOUT THE IMPACT YOU HAVE MADE AND THE COMMITMENT
5 YOU HAVE MADE TO SUPPORTING PUBLIC DEFENDERS. I WANT TO THANK
6 THIS BOARD FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP WORKING TOWARD
7 THE JUST AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ALL WITH A CARE FIRST/JAILS
8 LAST PRIORITY. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO UPLIFT THE
9 TEAM THAT HELPS SUPPORT PUBLIC DEFENSE, OUR INVESTIGATORS, OUR
10 PARALEGALS, OUR PSYCH SOCIAL WORKERS, SECRETARIES, ADMIN
11 STAFF, AND SUPPORT STAFF. THANK YOU ALL. IN CONCLUSION, THANK
12 YOU FOR RECOGNIZING MARCH 18TH AS PUBLIC DEFEND DAY IN L.A.
13 COUNTY, AND THANK YOU TO PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC
14 DEFENDERS IN THIS COUNTY FOR ALL YOU DO. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
15 HARD WORK. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I AM
18 PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC
19 DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND ON BEHALF OF OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER,
20 RICARDO GARCIA, WHO, DUE TO A CONFLICT, UNFORTUNATELY SENDS
21 HIS REGRETS. ON THIS 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT'S
22 LANDMARK DECISION, IN GIDEON V. WAINWRIGHT, ON THIS NEARLY
23 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE,
24 WE WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR HAHN, COAUTHOR SUPERVISOR
25 HORVATH, AND THIS ENTIRE BOARD FOR THIS MOTION TO DECLARE



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1 MARCH 18TH PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY. THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS A
2 CORNERSTONE OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. YET, ALL TOO OFTEN, IT IS
3 THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO, ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, ARE
4 NOT PROVIDED WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION THAT THEY DESERVE AND
5 ARE ENTITLED TO. WE, IN LOS ANGELES, IN BOTH OFFICES, THE
6 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, UNDERSTAND
7 THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION
8 TO THOSE WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO IT. AND WE
9 SURVIVE -- AND WE STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE JUSTICE-
10 INVOLVED HAVE THEIR RIGHTS VIGOROUSLY PROTECTED AND THAT THEIR
11 CASES ARE HEARD IN A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL MANNER. PUBLIC DEFENSE
12 DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE AND TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY
13 OF THE SUPREME COURT GIDEON'S DECISION AND TO THE DEDICATED
14 WORK PERFORMED EVERY SINGLE DAY BY OUR ATTORNEYS, BY OUR
15 INVESTIGATORS, BY OUR PARALEGALS, OUR PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL
16 WORKERS, CLERICAL EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER SUPPORT STAFF. WE ALSO
17 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOMMIT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE
18 AND FAIRNESS BY ENSURING THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF
19 THEIR FINANCIAL MEANS AND THE COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH THEY
20 COME, HAVE ACCESS TO THE HIGHEST QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION.
21 WE ARE COMMITTED TO FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO ARE
22 UNABLE TO FIGHT FOR THEMSELVES AND TO ENSURE THEIR VOICES ARE
23 HEARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I THINK WE'LL
2 PROBABLY ASK MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK. AGAIN, THANK YOU
3 SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE, ERIKA AND RUBEN, AND, AGAIN, A SHOUT
4 OUT TO RICARDO GARCIA. IT DOES TAKE A SPECIAL LAWYER TO WANT
5 TO GO INTO THIS SIDE OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, BUT IT IS SO
6 IMPORTANT AND SO CRITICAL. AND THANK YOU, ERIKA, FOR CALLING
7 OUT. THERE'S A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTING THE LAWYERS
8 IN MAKING SURE THAT JUSTICE IS DELIVERED EQUALLY. SO THANK
9 YOU. THANK YOU, ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE
10 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

11
12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WILL CAROLINE GREENSPAN, LAUREN FOCAI,
13 TAMARA GAYDEN, AND YOUNG SHANG WANG PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND
14 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MEREDITH GALLEN. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **MEREDITH GALLEN:** MY NAME IS MEREDITH GALLEN, AND I AM A BOARD
21 MEMBER FOR LOCAL 148, THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS' UNION.
22 ON BEHALF OF THE OVER 600 PUBLIC DEFENDERS WE REPRESENT, LOCAL
23 148 OFFERS OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 14. IN THE 60
24 YEARS SINCE THE SUPREME COURT DECIDED THE CASE THAT CREATED A
25 PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM, THE DEMANDS PLACED ON PUBLIC DEFENDERS



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1 HAVE GREATLY EXPANDED. PUBLIC DEFENDERS ARE NOW CALLED UPON
2 NOT ONLY TO ASSIST CLIENTS WITH THEIR LEGAL DEFENSE BUT ALSO
3 TO HELP CONNECT THEM WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE,
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, IMMIGRATION SERVICES, AND EVEN
5 HOUSING. WE FEEL PRIVILEGED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AS PUBLIC
6 DEFENDERS. HOWEVER, WE ARE IN CRISIS. OUR MEMBERS ARE CARRYING
7 EXCESSIVE WORKLOADS AND ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ASKED TO DO MORE
8 WITH LESS. OUR MEMBERS ARE LEAVING A PROFESSION THAT FEELS
9 LIKE A VOCATION IN STARTLING NUMBERS BECAUSE THEY ARE
10 SUFFERING FROM BURN OUT AND WORK- RELATED HEALTH CONDITIONS.
11 WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION THAT A YES VOTE ON
12 THIS MOTION BRINGS, BUT WE HOPE IT WILL LEAD THE BOARD TO TAKE
13 CONCRETE STEPS TO ADDRESS THE WORKLOAD CRISIS OF L.A. COUNTY
14 PUBLIC DEFENDERS. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
21 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.



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1 **CAROLINE GREENSPAN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR HAHN AND HONORABLE
2 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PROCLAIMING MARCH 18TH,
3 2023 AS PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY, MY NAME IS CAROLINE GREENSPAN. I
4 AM A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER'S OFFICE. YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS POPULATION ALLOWS
6 ME TO DO THE WORK I DO, WHICH IS TO REACH OUT TO OUR MOST
7 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH RESIDENTIAL
8 TREATMENT PROGRAMS, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. I
9 WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. YOUR COMMITMENT
10 MEANS SO MUCH TO ME AND MY COLLEAGUES. AND YEAH, I THINK
11 THAT'S ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **YOUNG SHIN WONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE
16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YOUNG SHIN WONG. I HAVE BEEN A PUBLIC
17 DEFENDER FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS NOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
18 DECLARING MARCH 18TH PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY. IT IS TRULY ONE OF
19 THE MOST CHALLENGING, REWARDING, AND FULFILLING JOBS I HAVE
20 EVER HAD, AND I HAVE BEEN A CONTESTANT ON JEOPARDY. BEING A
21 PUBLIC DEFENDER ACTUALLY MEANS SOMETHING VERY TANGIBLE AND CAN
22 HAVE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS FOR OUR CLIENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN MY
23 LAST TRIAL, MY CLIENT WAS CHARGED WITH A CRIME AND INSISTED HE
24 ACTED IN SELF-DEFENSE. HE WAS FACING OVER A YEAR IN JAIL. NO
25 ONE BELIEVED HIM EXCEPT FOR ME. ONE OF OUR EXCELLENT



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1 INVESTIGATORS WAS ABLE TO PROCURE A COPY OF THE SURVEILLANCE
2 FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT, AND IT SHOWED MY CLIENT WAS RIGHT.
3 THE VIDEO COMPLETELY CONTRADICTED THE POLICE REPORT AND THE
4 TESTIMONY OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM. THE VIDEO RESULTED IN A 30
5 MINUTE NOT GUILTY VERDICT, AND MY CLIENT WAS ABLE TO WALK OUT
6 OF COURT THAT DAY A FREE MAN. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS FOR PROVIDING THE BUDGET AND THE MEANS THAT WERE
8 KEY TO THIS OUTCOME, ESPECIALLY THE WONDERFUL INVESTIGATIONS
9 UNIT THAT WAS ABLE TO LITERALLY DROP EVERYTHING AND GO AND
10 FIND THIS EXONERATING VIDEO BEFORE IT WAS ERASED.

11
12 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
13 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **TAMARA GADEN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISORS. MY
16 NAME IS TAMARA GADEN. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK ABOUT
17 WHY PUBLIC DEFENSE IS SO IMPORTANT. I AM A LIEUTENANT IN THE
18 OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. MY JOB AND THE JOB OF THE
19 INVESTIGATORS I SUPERVISE IS TO DOGGEDLY PURSUE LEADS. FOR
20 EXAMPLE, WHEN A LAWYER TELLS US TO TRY TO FIND A WITNESS WHO
21 WE ONLY KNOW BY THE FIRST NAME OF ANDRE WHO USUALLY SITS
22 OUTSIDE A RED TENT IN THE WHITTIER NARROWS WASH, OR WHEN WE
23 WALK AROUND AN ARREST SCENE LOOKING FOR THAT CAMERA THAT NO
24 ONE ELSE SAW THAT RECORDED WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, WHICH WASN'T
25 CAPTURED IN THE POLICE REPORT. WITHOUT OUR INVESTIGATORS AND



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1 OUR EFFORTS, OUTCOMES CAN BE VERY DIFFERENT. SO THANK YOU FOR
2 PROCLAIMING MARCH 18TH, 2023 PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5
6 **LAUREN FUKAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR HAHN AND MADAM
7 SUPERVISORS. AND I AM THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE LATE MOSS
8 FUKAI. RAISED IN A FAMILY COMMITTED TO CIVIL SERVICE, MY
9 GRANDFATHER SERVED AS CHIEF DEPUTY TO THE LATE SUPERVISOR
10 KENNETH HAHN. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO CARRY ON THIS LEGACY AS
11 A SUPERVISING PARALEGAL IN THE COUNTRY'S FIRST AND LARGEST
12 PUBLIC DEFENSE AGENCY. OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD, MR. GARCIA, OFTEN
13 COMPARES PARALEGALS TO NURSE PRACTITIONERS, A PARALLEL I FIND
14 INCREDIBLY SIGNIFICANT, AS PARALEGALS PROVE TO BE
15 INDISPENSABLE EVERY DAY. WE ARE THE SILENT PARTNERS IN MANY OF
16 OF OUR DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESS STORIES IN BOTH PRETRIAL AND POST-
17 CONVICTION. PARALEGALS ARE ALWAYS THE FIRST VOLUNTEERS FOR
18 COUNTY OUTREACH EVENTS PROVIDING RECORD CLEARING SERVICES. WE
19 PLAY VITAL ROLES IN TRIAL PREPARATION AND OFTEN SIT AT COUNCIL
20 TABLE. PARALEGALS VISIT OUR CLIENTS IN JAIL WITHOUT HESITATION
21 AND DEVELOP MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM. PARALEGALS
22 AUTHOR REPORTS FOR JUDGES AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN THE HOPES
23 OF AN ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PLAN. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND
24 OUR EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FOR BELIEVING IN OUR WORK. SPEAKING



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1 ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER PARALEGALS AND THE ALTERNATE
2 DEFENDER PARALEGALS TODAY HAS BEEN AN HONOR. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO IS YOUR AUNT JANICE?

5

6 **LAUREN FUKAI:** MM-HMM.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, FUKAI, WHO, OF COURSE, WAS OUR
9 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR MOST OF THE YEARS I WAS A
10 SUPERVISOR AND BEFORE. SO YOUR FAMILY HAS A GREAT LEGACY HERE
11 IN L.A. COUNTY.

12

13 **LAUREN FUKAI:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THE WORK. NEXT
16 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, OKAY. THANK YOU, AND WITH
21 THAT, ITEM 14, DECLARING MARCH 18TH AS PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY IS
22 NOW BEFORE US. I AM GOING TO MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
23 HORVATH TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
24 THE ROLL.

25



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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

12

13 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

14

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

21

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

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. WE WILL NOW
2 MOVE ON TO ITEM 15, RAISING THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG AT LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY FACILITIES, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF
4 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO
5 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. COLLEAGUES, THIS MOTION IS ABOUT FLYING
6 THE PROGRESSIVE PRIDE FLAG IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DURING PRIDE
7 MONTH IN JUNE. A LITTLE HISTORY, THE FIRST KNOWN PRIDE FLAG
8 DEBUTED AT THE SAN FRANCISCO GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE IN JUNE OF
9 1978. AT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GAY ACTIVIST HARVEY MILK,
10 GILBERT BAKER SEWED THE FLAG TO SYMBOLIZE THE VALUE AND
11 DIGNITY OF THE GAY COMMUNITY. THE ORIGINAL PRIDE FLAG
12 CONTAINED EIGHT STRIPS, EACH A SEPARATE COLOR OF THE RAINBOW,
13 PLUS HOT PINK. THE COLORS REPRESENTED SEX, LIFE, HEALING,
14 SUNLIGHT, NATURE, MAGIC, AND ART, SERENITY, AND SPIRIT. IN
15 2019, A VERSION OF THE FLAG WAS DEBUTED THAT INCLUDED THE SIX
16 RAINBOW STRIPES, RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN, AND VIOLET,
17 AS WELL AS THE COLORS FROM THE TRANSGENDER PRIDE FLAG, LIGHT
18 BLUE, PINK, AND WHITE STRIPES, TO EMBRACE THE TRANSGENDER
19 COMMUNITY. AND MOST RECENTLY, THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG WAS
20 CREATED BY ARTIST, DANIEL QUASAR, AS A COMBINATION OF THE
21 REIMAGINING OF THE ORIGINAL PRIDE FLAG. THE PROGRESS PRIDE
22 FLAG'S BLACK AND BROWN STRIPES REPRESENT MARGINALIZED
23 L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, COMMUNITY MEMBERS LOSS TO
24 H.I.V. A.I.D.S. AND THOSE CURRENTLY LIVING WITH H.I.V.
25 A.I.D.S. THE NEW FLAG COLORS ARE IN A CHEVRON SHAPE TO



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1 REPRESENT A NEED FOR FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT. I THINK IT IS
2 REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS AT THIS TIME, COLLEAGUES,
3 BECAUSE WE ARE SEEING AN INCREDIBLE TREND OF ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+,
4 ANTI-TRANS BILLS BEING PASSED AND AN ALARMING RATE ACROSS THIS
5 COUNTRY. IN JUST THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2023, THERE HAVE
6 BEEN 340 ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED
7 ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. 150 OF THOSE WOULD SPECIFICALLY RESTRICT
8 THE RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THERE'S EVEN A BILL
9 RESTRICTING WHO CAN GO TO A DRAG SHOW. AND MUNICIPALITIES AND
10 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE TAKING MEASURES THAT PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY
11 OF THE PRIDE FLAG ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IN CLASSROOMS. IN
12 FLORIDA, A BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT
13 WOULD LIMIT FLAG DISPLAYS AT ALL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 BUILDINGS STATEWIDE. AND THIS PRIDE FLAG HAS BECOME AN ICONIC
15 SYMBOL OF L.G.B.T.Q.+ INCLUSION. IN 2019, GOVERNOR NEWSOM
16 REQUESTED THAT THE PRIDE FLAG BE FLOWN ON THE MAIN FLAG POLE
17 AT THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING IN COMMEMORATION OF L.G.B.T.Q.
18 PRIDE MONTH, MAKING THE FIRST TIME IN STATE HISTORY THAT THAT
19 OCCURRED. I REMEMBER IN CONGRESS, CONGRESS MEMBER ALAN
20 LOWENTHAL I BELIEVE WAS THE ONLY MEMBER OF CONGRESS WHO FLEW
21 THE PRIDE FLAG OUTSIDE OF HIS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE. I JUST
22 FEEL LIKE IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE TO RAISE AND TO FLY AND TO
23 HAVE THAT FLAG WAVE FOR ALL TO SEE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT
24 SENDS A MESSAGE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A BEACON OF HOPE.
25 ALL ARE WELCOME HERE. AND HOPEFULLY, IT WILL COUNTER, IN SOME



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1 SMALL WAY, ALL THE HATE WE ARE SEEING SPEWED ACROSS THIS
2 COUNTRY. NOW, I WILL ASK MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HORVATH --
3 OH, I ALSO WANTED TO -- YOU MIGHT BE SAYING THIS, BUT I REALLY
4 APPRECIATE THE LETTER WE GOT FROM JOHN ERICKSON, THE MAYOR PRO
5 TEM OF YOUR CITY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, EXPRESSING HIS SUPPORT FOR
6 FLYING THIS FLAG, AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU HIM FOR DOING
7 THAT. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOUR BOLD ALLYSHIP IN
10 BRINGING THIS FORWARD IS CLEAR. AND I ALSO THANK YOU FOR
11 INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR WITH YOU. EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW OUR
12 L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY HAS MADE STRIDES TOWARDS INCLUSION, WE
13 TILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. THE PRIDE FLAG IS A SIGN OF
14 ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION, WHICH IS WHY THE DELIBERATE
15 EXCLUSION OF THE FLAG BY CITIES, INCLUDING IN OUR OWN
16 BACKYARD, IS SO DISTURBING AND TROUBLING TO OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+
17 COMMUNITY. I AM PROUD THAT WE WILL BE FLYING THE PROGRESS
18 PRIDE FLAG AT ALL OF OUR COUNTY FACILITIES. THIS FLAG INCLUDES
19 BLACK AND BROWN STRIPES TO REPRESENT MARGINALIZED L.G.B.T.Q.+
20 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WERE LOST TO
21 H.I.V. A.I.D.S. AND THOSE CURRENTLY LIVING WITH H.I.V.
22 A.I.D.S., AS WELL AS PASTEL BLUE, PINK, AND WHITE FOR THE MOST
23 MARGINALIZED TRANS COMMUNITY. THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG COLORS
24 ARE ALSO IN A CHEVRON SHAPE TO REPRESENT A NEED FOR FORWARD
25 MOVEMENT, AND THAT WE DO NEED. THE RAISING OF THE PROGRESS



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1 PRIDE FLAG AT ALL COUNTY FACILITIES SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT
2 ALL ARE WELCOME, AND L.A. COUNTY FIGHTS FOR JUSTICE AND
3 INCLUSIVITY AND, AS OUR CHAIR INDICATED, AT A TIME WHERE WE
4 ARE SEEING LEGISLATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY, LEGISLATION THAT
5 WOULD TURN PARENTS AGAINST THE NEEDS OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN,
6 OUTLAWING DRAG BRUNCH. LET'S BE CLEAR, THE WORLD IS MUCH
7 IMPROVED WITH DRAG BRUNCH. AND CALLING FOR THE ERADICATION OF
8 TRANS PEOPLE UNDER THE GUISE OF USING A WORD THAT IS NOT A
9 WORD, TRANSGENDERISM IS NOT A THING. THERE IS TRANSGENDER
10 PEOPLE WHO NEED AND DESERVE OUR RESPECT AND SUPPORT, AND
11 CALLING FOR THEIR ERADICATION IS OUTRAGEOUS AND UNCALLED FOR.
12 WE MUST STAND UP AND DO THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR L.G.B.T.Q.
13 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND TO ALL OF OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ FAMILY, YOU
14 BELONG HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO EXIST, TO
15 THRIVE, TO LOVE, TO BE SUPPORTED, AND TO KNOW YOU ARE NOT
16 ALONE. TODAY, I AM WEARING A PIN I GOT, ACTUALLY AT THE SAN
17 FERNANDO VALLEY L.G.B.T. CENTER'S EVENT THIS PAST WEEKEND, A
18 HEART SHAPED TRANSGENDER FLAG, AS WELL AS A COUNTY SYMBOL THAT
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SHARED WITH ME SHOWING THE RAINBOW COLORS. I
20 WILL CONTINUE TO WEAR THEM PROUDLY, TO STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT
21 AS WE ALL MUST IN THIS TIME. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO PRIDE MONTH
22 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY SEEING THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG FLYING AT
23 OUR HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, OUR LIBRARIES, FIRE STATIONS,
24 SHERIFF STATIONS, AND ALL COUNTY FACILITIES SENDING A CLEAR
25 SIGNAL TO OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, THAT YOU ARE WELCOME, AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU BELONG HERE IN ALL PLACES IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ECHO EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN
7 SAID. AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT
8 FORWARD. BUT MY QUESTIONS IS YOU TALK ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION,
9 WE SHOULD HAVE A STANDING POSITION ON LEGISLATION BOTH STATE
10 AND FEDERAL, IF IT COMES FORWARD, THAT WE TAKE AN OPPOSED
11 POSITION OR AT LEAST PUT A RED FLAG TO LET THE BOARD KNOW
12 BECAUSE, TO YOUR POINT, WE MEAN WE REPRESENT 10 MILLION
13 PEOPLE. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO USE OUR VOICE
14 AND TRACK AND MONITOR THOSE TYPE OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS THAT
15 ARE TAKING PLACE BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE LEGISLATION
16 REGARDING DRAG QUEENS, AND I WANT TO GO GO TO BRUNCH, BY THE
17 WAY, JUST SAYING. YEAH, OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THERE'S A GREAT ONE IN LONG BEACH.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THIS BOARD
22 TO HAVE A STANDING POSITION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WILL LOOK
23 LIKE. WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT, BUT MOVING FORWARD SO THERE IS THE
24 ABILITY FOR US TO USE OUR VOICE AND OUR ADVOCATES AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 LOBBYISTS IN D.C. TO PUSH BACK WHEN THOSE TYPE OF THINGS COME
2 FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. I JUST WANT TO REALLY REAFFIRM WHAT HAS
7 ALREADY BEEN SAID BY THE CHAIRWOMAN AND OUR LATEST ADDITION TO
8 OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LINDSEY, AND EVERYONE ELSE HERE ON
9 THE BOARD. I THINK WHAT ALSO GETS LOST IS THAT SOMETIMES WE
10 THINK ABOUT THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, AND WE FORGET THAT THERE
11 ARE -- ALL OF US, BUT SOMETIMES WE FORGET ABOUT WHAT THE MAKE
12 UP OF THAT MEANS. WE HAVE A LOT OF IMMIGRANT PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 UNDOCUMENTED THAT FALL UNDER THIS CATEGORY. AND THEY, TOO,
14 HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED MAYBE TWO OR THREE TIMES, AND I JUST WANT
15 TO SAY THAW BECAUSE I KNOW SOME HAVE COME BEFORE THIS BOARD TO
16 ASK US FOR ASSISTANCE AND HELP. AND SO, I AM REMINDED OF HOW
17 IMPORTANT THAT IS, WHETHER IT IS DISPLAYING A FLAG, OR
18 PAINTING A LIFEGUARD, RIGHT, POST OUT IN LONG BEACH, OR
19 WHEREVER IT IS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE HEARD ABOUT THE DEFACING
20 OF ALL THAT AND WHAT THAT MEANS. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE
21 STAND TOGETHER AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD. I
22 WAS HAPPY THAT BACK IN 2019 THAT WE DEVELOPED THIS. MY STAFF
23 CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA OF HAVING THIS PARTICULAR PIN THAT HAS
24 OUR COUNTY SEAL ON IT WITH THE FLAG. AND I AM SURE EVERYONE
25 HERE HAS ONE. IF NOT, I AM SURE WE WILL GET THE COUNTY TO



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1 PURCHASE MORE SO THAT EVERYONE HAS ONE. SO AGAIN,
2 CONGRATULATIONS. AND TO OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, WE ARE
3 HERE. WE ARE REMINDED EVERY SINGLE DAY OF WHAT YOU CONTRIBUTE
4 AND THE MANY THINGS THAT YOU GO THROUGH IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO
5 WE STAND TALL WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

6
7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I AM GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP THE
8 LIFEGUARD TOWER. IT WAS IN REACTION, ACTUALLY, TO THE BURNING
9 DOWN OF A LIFEGUARD TOWER IN LONG BEACH THAT HAD BEEN PAINTED
10 WITH THE RAINBOW COLORS THAT A YOUNG PERSON APPROACHED ME AND
11 ASKED IF WE MIGHT PAINT THE HERMOSA BEACH LIFEGUARD TOWER IN
12 RAINBOW. AND I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR LIFEGUARDS
13 BECAUSE THEY CAN BE VERY TERRITORIAL OF THEIR TOWERS AND DON'T
14 GIVE IT UP LIGHTLY TO HAVE ANOTHER MESSAGE. AND THEY WERE MORE
15 THAN HAPPY TO HAVE THAT TOWER PAINTED IN THE RAINBOW COLORS.
16 AND YES, AGAIN, WHEN YOU SHOWED ME A FEW YEARS AGO YOUR PIN
17 THAT YOU HAD YOUR HILDA L. SOLIS SUPERVISOR PIN WITH THE
18 COUNTY SEAL IN THE RAINBOW COLORS, I IMMEDIATELY HAD MY STAFF
19 MAKE ME SOME THAT SAID JANICE HAHN AND NOT HILDA SOLIS, BUT
20 THAT WAS A GREAT IDEA, AND YOU LED THE WAY ON THAT ONE. SO,
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
22 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 15, RAISING THE
23 PROGRESSIVE PRIDE FLAG AT L.A. COUNTY FACILITIES.



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1 **OPERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS.

2 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TONY HUANG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **TONY HUANG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS TONY HUANG. I AM THE
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AQUATIC CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA'S
8 STATEWIDE L.G.B.T.Q.+ CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. I WANT TO
9 THANK CHAIRMAN HAHN AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR YOUR LONGTIME
10 ALLYSHIP AND FOR THEIR MOTION, WHICH WOULD RAISE THE PROGRESS
11 PRIDE FLAG THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. IN LIGHT OF THE ONSLAUGHT
12 OF ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ ATTACKS IN OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING
13 HUNDREDS OF [INDISCERNIBLE] LEGISLATION ATTACKING L.G.B.T.Q.+
14 YOUTH AND CRIMINALIZING THE EXISTENCE OF TRANS PEOPLE, IT IS
15 CRITICAL THAT L.A. COUNTY CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT WE ARE A PLACE
16 OF INCLUSION AND ACCEPT FOR ALL CITIZENS. THE PRIDE PROGRESS
17 FLAG REPRESENTS THE TRUE DIVERSITY OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+
18 COMMUNITY AND ALL THE COMMUNITIES WE ARE PART OF. AND HAVING
19 THAT FLAG FLOWN DURING PRIDE MONTH AT FACILITIES THROUGHOUT
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL DEMONSTRATE L.A.'S COMMITMENT TO
21 SUPPORTING L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE NOT JUST TO ANGELENOS BUT TO ALL
22 THOSE ACROSS CALIFORNIA AND THE ENTIRE NATION. AS YOU ALL HAVE
23 BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, I WANT TO
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.



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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CARLOS TORRES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **CARLOS TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARLOS TORRES, AND I
6 AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ CENTER LONG
7 BEACH. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE
8 AMAZING WORK THAT YOU DO IN SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES DAY IN
9 AND DAY OUT. RAISING THE PRIDE FLAG, AS IT WAS MENTIONED
10 PREVIOUSLY, EXEMPLIFIES THE ABILITY OR THE FACT THAT, NOT ONLY
11 ARE WE PART OF THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT ALSO IT
12 SENDS A MESSAGE TO ALL OF THOSE THAT WE ARE A COUNTY WHERE WE
13 BELONG, AND WE ARE VISIBLE, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
14 SUPPORT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE FLAGS IN THE MONTH
15 OF JUNE.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANN BECK. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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22 **ANN BECK:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS NOT JUST BY MY OPINION
23 BUT THE THOUGHT -- THE KNOWINGNESS THAT THE SCIENCE SAYS THAT
24 THERE ARE OVER A BILLION DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.
25 GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE AND NOT ADAM AND STEVE. SO I DON'T



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1 SEE THE NECESSITY OF FLYING A FLAG WHEN THEY ALREADY HAVE
2 THEIR FREEDOMS. SO, I DON'T GET THE POINT OF FLYING A FLAG TO
3 SAY THEY ALREADY HAVE THEIR FREEDOMS. MAY I HAVE A RESPONSE TO
4 THAT, PLEASE?

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE DON'T RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENT.
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR OPINION. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE IN ANY IN-PERSON?

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO IN- PERSON, AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 15 IS
16 BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO
17 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

25



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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

2

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

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6 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

12

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

14

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

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 19, ADDRESSING
20 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY CONCERNS IN DISADVANTAGED
21 COMMUNITIES UNDER SIEGE BY ILLEGAL DUMPING, WHICH WAS HELD BY
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,
23 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. YES, I'M
24 SORRY. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I HAVE GOT MARK PESTRELLA HERE, AND I
2 JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS, IF THAT WOULD BE OKAY.
3 THE DATA THAT YOUR STAFF PROVIDED MY OFFICE SHOWS A LARGE
4 SPIKE IN ILLEGAL DUMPING COUNTY-WIDE IN 2020, BUT A DOWNWARD
5 TREND THEREAFTER. HOWEVER, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND MORE
6 RURAL COMMUNITIES, ILLEGAL DUMPING HAS REMAINED STEADY. CAN
7 YOU SPEAK TO WHAT YOUR TEAMS ARE SEEING, AND WHAT YOU
8 ATTRIBUTE THE THE INCREASE TO?

9

10 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IN FACT,
11 WHILE THERE MAY BE A DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF
12 COMPLAINTS, THE QUANTITY OF WHAT WE ARE SEEING DUMPED IS, NOT
13 ONLY IN THE NORTH COUNTY, IS MOSTLY DEBRIS FROM CONSTRUCTION
14 AND GRADING, GRADING, AND ALSO I SAW A SITE TODAY, A PICTURE
15 OF A SITE TODAY, WHERE SOMEBODY HAD REMODELED THEIR HOME AND
16 TAKEN ALL THE CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION AND DUMPED IT OUT INTO A
17 RURAL AREA, ONE OF THE CANYONS IN YOUR AREA. IN THE URBANIZED
18 AREAS, IN THE BASIN HERE, WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS ESSENTIALLY
19 THE DEBRIS FROM SHELTERS AND FROM PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
20 HOMELESSNESS BEING DISCARDED IN THE STREET. SO IT LOOKS LIKE
21 KITCHEN LEFTOVERS AND JUST EXCREMENT AND OUR BASIC TRASH YOU
22 WOULD SEE IN YOUR KITCHEN BEING DISPOSED OUT OF YOUR KITCHEN.
23 SO IT IS A COMBINATION OF THE TWO, SUPERVISOR, BUT I DON'T
24 WANT TO DOWNPLAY THE AMOUNT WE ARE SEEING AND THE SIGNIFICANCE
25 OF IT AND THE GENERAL DISBURSAL OF IT. AND ONE OF THE OTHER



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1 THINGS I WANT TO MENTION IS THERE'S THIS INTERTWINING OF AN
2 EMERGENCY, SO, FOR INSTANCE, IN THE STORM EVENTS WE JUST HAD,
3 WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT WE ARE MOVING
4 OUR OWN SOIL THAT'S COME OFF THE SLOPES AND THAT, WE ARE
5 SEEING RESIDENTS AND OTHERS ACTUALLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT
6 MOMENT TO DUMP GRADING, SOIL, DIRT, ROCK, DEBRIS, KNOWING THAT
7 WE WOULD PICK THAT MATERIAL UP POTENTIALLY. SO WE ARE SEEING A
8 COMBINATION OF THINGS, BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THERE'S A
9 CONSISTENT FLOW OF ILLEGAL DUMPING OCCURRING ACROSS LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY.

11
12 **SUP. BARGER:** YOU MENTIONED THE INFLUX OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE,
13 AND I KNOW MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF CALLS ON THAT. THE
14 COUNTY RECENTLY ADOPTED A REVISED CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
15 ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2005 JUST A FEW MONTHS
16 AGO. GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY HAS PUT A NUMBER OF ORDINANCES IN
17 PLACE TO REGULATE CONSTRUCTION WASTE, WHY ARE WE SEEING SUCH
18 HIGH LEVELS OF ILLEGAL DUMPING? AND I AM SURE THAT'S NOT
19 UNIQUE TO THE DESERT IN TERMS OF THE CONSTRUCTION WASTE.

20
21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** RIGHT. SO WE ARE SEEING THE -- WHAT IS
22 HAPPENING IS WE ARE SEEING RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT WILL BE
23 ACCEPTED AT THE DUMP. THE COST ALSO OF DISPOSING OF MATERIALS
24 AT THE LANDFILLS HAS INCREASED IN AN EFFORT BY THE STATE TO
25 DIVERT THESE TYPES OF MATERIALS AWAY FROM OUR LANDFILLS INTO



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1 RECYCLING PLANTS. THE MARKET IS NOT ACCEPTING A LOT OF THE
2 MATERIALS IT USED TO ACCEPT FOR RECYCLING. AND THIS IS ONE OF
3 THE OTHER ISSUES. SO IT IS A COST INCREASE, AND THEN A GENERAL
4 GENERAL UPTICK IN REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION IN L.A.,
5 INCLUDING IN FACT MUCH OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE WE ARE BUILDING
6 FOR THE METRO SYSTEM AND THAT IS CREATING WHERE
7 SUBCONTRACTORS, FOR INSTANCE, MAY BE FINDING IT CHEAPER TO
8 ACTUALLY MOVE MATERIALS OUT INTO AREAS THAT AREN'T LANDFILLS
9 OR DISPOSING OF THEM APPROPRIATELY. BUT GENERALLY, THE COST
10 HAS GONE UP, AND IT IS DRIVING THIS CHOICE OF NOT DISPOSING
11 CORRECTLY.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** SO I HAVE TO WONDER BECAUSE WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT
14 THIS WITH METRO, AND EVEN WITH OUR CONTRACTORS, DO WE HAVE A
15 CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT. AND IF SO, IS THERE A WAY TO DO
16 VERIFICATION, REQUIRE THEM TO SHOW RECEIPTS OR SOMETHING,
17 BECAUSE THAT IS PROBLEMATIC? AND AS PRICES GO UP, ESPECIALLY
18 WITH THE PROJECTS WE ARE DOING, I DON'T WANT THE NORTH COUNTY,
19 ESPECIALLY, IN MY DISTRICT, TO BE BOMBARDED WITH ILLEGAL
20 DEBRIS, ESPECIALLY SOME OF IT MIGHT BE TOXIC.

21
22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** RIGHT. SO THE MOTION IN FRONT OF US ACTUALLY
23 CALLS FOR MORE AUTHORITIES AND FOR MORE SOURCE TRACKING OF THE
24 MATERIALS WHEN THEY LEAVE A SITE. CURRENTLY, NO LANDFILL IS
25 ALLOWED TO ACCEPT THE MATERIALS WITHOUT IT BEING IDENTIFIED



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1 WHERE IT CAME FROM. AND YES, IN FACT, IN OUR CONTRACTS, PUBLIC
2 CONTRACTING CODE AS WELL AS THE BUILDING CODE REQUIRES THAT A
3 CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MATERIAL BE LABELED FOR RECYCLING. AND
4 REMEMBER, WE JUST UPPED THE AMOUNT THAT HAS TO BE RECYCLED. SO
5 WE ARE FORCING IT INTO WHERE WE WANT IT TO GO. THE THING --
6 THE NEW THING WE WANT TO DO, AND YOU ARE ALLOWING FOR THAT IN
7 THIS MOTION, IS FOR US TO GO SEEK MORE AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY
8 TRACK THE MATERIALS AND HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHERE THEY
9 DUMP THE MATERIAL.

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** SO YOUR STAFF SHARED INFORMATION WITH MY OFFICE
12 THAT SAID IN FISCAL YEAR '21-'22, THE COUNTY SPENT ALMOST \$2
13 MILLION ON CONTRACTED ILLEGAL DUMPING SERVICES. HOWEVER, MOST
14 OF THE NORTH COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE EITHER DISTRICTS OR
15 FRANCHISES, SO HOW MUCH ARE WE REALLY SPENDING AS A COUNTY TO
16 ADDRESS THE ISSUE? AND WHERE IS THIS FUNDING COMING FROM?

17

18 **MARK PESTRELLA:** RIGHT, SO MULTIPLE SOURCES. AS YOU MENTIONED,
19 SUPERVISOR, THE NORTH COUNTY DOES HAVEN'T A TRASH COLLECTION
20 SYSTEM, A FORMAL ONE. THERE IS A SYSTEM TO REMOVE TRASH, BUT
21 IT IS PRIVATELY RUN. THE CURRENT -- THE SYSTEMS, THE FRANCHISE
22 SYSTEMS, WE DO REQUIRE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE
23 CONTRACTORS TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE FOR DISPOSAL. AND AS YOU
24 MENTIONED, IT IS \$2 MILLION, AND IT COMES, AGAIN, FROM THOSE
25 CONTRACTS, THOSE FRANCHISES THAT WE HAVE. WE ARE ALSO SPENDING



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1 AN ORDER OF ABOUT \$2 MILLION OR MORE ANNUALLY FROM OUR ROAD
2 FUND TO ACTUALLY PICK UP MATERIALS. AND THIS IS MONEY THAT
3 COULD BE USED FOR OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, RATHER THAN BEING
4 USED FOR THAT. WE ARE ALSO SPENDING SOMETHING ON THE ORDER,
5 YOU MIGHT HAVE EVEN SEEN THE CONTRACT TODAY FOR FLOOD CONTROL,
6 WHERE WE HAD SOMETHING LIKE A CONTRACTED CAPACITY OF \$6
7 MILLION A YEAR ACROSS THE COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY FOR TRASH PICK
8 UP. AND THEN THIS YEAR, THE '23-'24 BUDGET, I HAVE ASKED THE
9 GENERAL FUND TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS TO OUR QUALITY OF
10 LIFE INITIATIVE OF \$11 MILLION, IN WHICH A PORTION OF THAT
11 WOULD GO TO SERVICING SPECIFICALLY NORTH COUNTY'S ILLEGAL
12 DUMPING.

13
14 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MARK, AND I
15 APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWER. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
16 FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
17 JUSTICE ISSUE FOR MANY IN MY COMMUNITIES. THESE AREAS HAVE
18 SOME OF THE REMAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AVAILABLE, AND IT IS
19 REALLY VERY BURDENSOME FOR THE FAMILIES THAT LIVE UP THERE. I
20 KNOW THERE ARE ILLEGAL DUMPING HOT SPOTS IN EVERY CORNER OF
21 THE COUNTY. I AM SURE EACH ONE OF US COULD SHARE STORIES ABOUT
22 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BEING IMPACTED. AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
23 WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE
24 COUNTY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR TEAMS TO BE EVERYWHERE, WHICH
25 IS WHY WE SHOULD EXPLORE TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS THAT CAN HELP



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1 US IDENTIFY ANY REPEAT OFFENDERS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
2 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT -- WHEN I DRIVE UP THE 14
3 FREEWAY, AND SEE A DUMP TRUCK, I ALWAYS WONDER ARE THEY
4 ILLEGALLY DUMPING, OR IS IT IN FACT LEGITIMATE. AND YOU SEE IT
5 ALL DAY ON THE 14 FREEWAY. THIS IS A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE. IN
6 MANY CASES, THE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL DUMPING POSES HEALTH AND
7 SAFETY CONCERNS. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTED CASES OF ILLEGAL
8 DUMPING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, INCLUDING ONE DOCUMENTED
9 INSTANCE OF THOUSANDS OF BATTERIES BEING THROWN ACROSS A RURAL
10 COMMUNITY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH, AS MANY ARE AWARE,
11 ARE VOLATILE AND HIGHLY FLAMMABLE. THIS INCIDENT REQUIRED THE
12 FIRE DEPARTMENT'S HAZMAT TEAM TO COME OUT AND PROVIDE CLEANUP.
13 IN OTHER CASES, THERE HAVE BEEN LARGE SCALE HAULING AND
14 DUMPING OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE IN REMOTE PARCELS OF LAND,
15 WITHOUT THE PROPERTY OWNER'S KNOWLEDGE, AS WELL AS THE DUMPING
16 OF ACRES OF MULCH AND GREEN WASTE. THESE ILLICIT ACTIVITIES
17 ARE PROFIT-MOTIVATED OFTEN TO AVOID HAVING TO COMPLY WITH
18 INCREASINGLY STRINGENT REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS TO SAFELY
19 DISPOSE OF WASTE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. MOST CONCERNING IS
20 THESE ACTIVITIES ENDANGER THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR
21 COMMUNITIES AND, UNMITIGATED, COULD CAUSE FIRES, HAVE IMPACTS
22 ON LOCAL WILDLIFE AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, AND COULD
23 POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATE LOCAL GROUNDWATER. IN SOME AREAS IN MY
24 DISTRICT WHERE THIS TYPE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING HAS INCREASED,
25 COMMUNITIES RELY SOLELY ON WELLS AND LOCAL AQUIFERS FOR WATER.



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1 THE RECENT DATA WE HAVE SHOWS THESE ACTIVITIES PEEKED IN 2020
2 AND HAS TRENDED DOWNWARD, BUT COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE AT AN
3 UNSUSTAINABLE RATE. THE COUNTY HAS LONG ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS
4 ILLEGAL DUMPING AND HAS CREATED MULTIPLE TASKFORCES TO CURTAIL
5 THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT THE COUNTY CAN AND
6 SHOULD DO MORE, THUS IT IS PARAMOUNT WE DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE
7 ENFORCEMENT TEAM AND LEGISLATIVE PENALTIES TO DETER THESE
8 ACTIVITIES. THE CURRENT CIVIL PENALTY AND FINE STRUCTURES IN
9 PLACE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEANINGFULLY DETER BAD ACTORS. AS
10 A MATTER OF FACT, IT IS CHEAPER FOR THEM TO PAY THE PENALTY
11 THAN IT IS TO PAY TO DISPOSE OF PROPERLY THEIR WASTE. THERE
12 NEEDS TO BE MEANINGFUL REPERCUSSIONS TO DETER THOSE WHO ARE
13 LITERALLY BLIGHTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND FURTHER PERPETRATING
14 INJUSTICES IN SOME OF THE MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. SOME
15 OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BESIEGED BY THIS ILLICIT ACTIVITY
16 DO NOT HAVE THE LOUDEST VOICES OR THE MOST RESOURCES. THESE
17 ARE TRULY THE VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES THAT
18 HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY UNDER-RESOURCED. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE
19 IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SPEAK UP FOR THEM AND TO ENSURE WE
20 TAKE EVERY ACTION POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THEM AND THEIR HAZARDS.
21 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, MARK AND YOUR TEAM, BECAUSE I KNOW IT
22 IS LITERALLY LIKE A WHACK-A-MOLE. YOU IDENTIFY AN AREA WHERE
23 THE ILLEGAL DUMPING IS TAKING PLACE, THEY FIGURE IT OUT. WE
24 HAVE TAKEN A FEW, DAWN, THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM, WE'VE TAKEN A
25 FEW TO COURT AND WON IN AREAS WHERE THERE'S BEEN ILLEGAL



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1 DUMPING TAKING PLACE ACTUALLY WHAT IS NOW SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S
2 DISTRICT, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M REALLY GLAD YOU BROUGHT THIS
5 UP. THIS IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM, BUT IT DOES SEEM TO BE GETTING
6 WORSE. I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS
7 ANGELES, IT WAS A HUGE PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY IN VULNERABLE
8 COMMUNITIES, SOUTH L.A. AND YOU'RE RIGHT. I MEAN EITHER IT WAS
9 PEOPLE NOT KNOWING HOW TO CALL THE BULKY ITEM PICKUP OR NOT
10 KNOWING HOW TO DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE OR FLAT OUT FOLKS
11 WHO WERE PAID TO CLEAR A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND POCKET THE
12 TIPPING FEE AT A LANDFILL AND WENT AHEAD AND DUMPED IT
13 WHEREVER THEY WANTED TO. AND WHEN YOU SAID I'M SURE EVERY
14 CORNER OF L.A. COUNTY SUFFERS FROM THIS, EXCEPT FOR THE
15 WEALTHY COMMUNITIES. I DON'T SEE ILLEGAL DUMPING IN BEVERLY
16 HILL OR PALOS VERDES OR PACIFIC PALISADES. IT REALLY IS IN IN
17 OUR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS IS OF
18 COURSE IT LOOKS LIKE NOBODY CARES. NOBODY IS PAYING ATTENTION.
19 THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T DESERVE TO HAVE PEOPLE
20 LOOKING OUT FOR THEM. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING A CHAMPION,
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR DISTRICT. AS I RECALL, IN THE
22 CITY, WE DID A REWARD FEE. AND THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE WANT
23 TO LOOK AT. IF SOMEONE ACTUALLY COULD GIVE INFORMATION TO LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT ABOUT A LICENSE PLATE NUMBER, AND THEY WERE FOUND
25 TO BE CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL DUMPING, THERE WAS A REWARD THAT



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1 WAS GIVEN. I THINK WE WENT ONE STEP FURTHER AND ACTUALLY
2 LOOKED TO IMPOUND THE VEHICLE THAT WAS USED IN THE CRIME OF
3 ILLEGAL DUMPING. CLEARLY, RIGHT NOW, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR
4 BARGER, THE PUNISHMENT IS JUST NOT ENOUGH. IT'S THE COST OF
5 DOING BUSINESS. AND I THINK WE NEED TO GET TOUGH. I SAY ALL
6 THAT. WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY INTERVENING LATE AT NIGHT TRYING
7 TO STOP SOMEONE DOING THIS. WE'RE NOT ASKING THE PUBLIC TO DO
8 THAT, BUT IF THE PUBLIC DOES SEE WHAT THEY THINK IS ILLEGAL
9 DUMPING, THEY CAN CALL 1-888-CLEAN-LA. THAT'S 1-888-253-2652
10 IF YOU SEE IT, AND, AGAIN, DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER, BUT
11 WE NEED A BUNCH OF EYES AND EARS OUT THERE WATCHING FOR THIS
12 BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID, OUR ENFORCEMENT ARM, OUR PUBLIC WORKS
13 FOLKS, JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO BE PATROLLING.
14 USUALLY, IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT THAT THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE THEY
15 DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN, BUT WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
16 GET THIS UNDER CONTROL. IT'S JUST ONE OF THE REALLY TERRIBLE
17 CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND FOR PEOPLE'S BASIC QUALITY OF LIFE
18 TO NOT HAVE THIS KIND OF DUMPING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. MARK,
19 DID YOU LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO TRY TO SOMETHING?

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21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU. YOU PUT THE AD IN THERE. IT WAS
22 PERFECT. I ALSO WANT TO REMIND THE RESIDENTS THAT PUBLIC WORKS
23 HAS DEVELOPED AN APP FOR THE COUNTY CALLED THE WORKS APP. THE
24 WORKS APP ALSO ALLOWS YOU, WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE, TO BASICALLY
25 POINT THE PHONE AT A DUMPING SITE, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO



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1 INTERACT WITH ANYBODY. YOU SEND IT TO US, AND WE BECOME AWARE
2 OF IT. AND THE OTHER THING IS, SUPERVISOR, AS YOU SAID, 888-
3 CLEAN-LA IS THE NUMBER. AND WE HAVE A WEBSITE WWW.CLEANLA.COM.
4 PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS TO BE THE TRASH HAULER OF CHOICE IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. WE SEEK TO IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOODS SO THEY'RE SAFE AND
6 CLEAN. I HAVE A MAJOR INITIATIVE UNDER MY CURRENT STRATEGIC
7 PLAN FOR US TO ACHIEVE THESE THINGS. AS THE MOTION CALLS FOR,
8 THERE WILL BE METRICS THAT WE'LL ALL UNDERSTAND SO WE CAN
9 ACTUALLY TRACK CLEARLY HOW IMPROVED OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE
10 BECOMING AS WE PUT MORE FOCUS ON THIS. IT'S REALLY UNTIL WE
11 KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS THAT WE CAN GET TO THEM. THE OTHER
12 THINGS, THE AUTHORITY THAT I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT WE'LL TRY
13 TO SEEK IS TO ACTUALLY START FENCING PROPERTIES THAT ARE
14 RECEIVING THESE MATERIALS, SO RESTRICTING THE ABILITY FOR
15 THOSE THAT ARE NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING TO ENTER ONTO PRIVATE
16 PROPERTY. AND THAT WOULD BE A BIG, BIG HELP FOR US IF WE COULD
17 RESTRICT ACCESS ALONE SO THOSE SITES AREN'T AVAILABLE FOR
18 DUMPING. SO A LOT GOING ON HERE, AND I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S
19 SUPPORT.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, I'LL CALL ON SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS AND THEN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND CHAIR HAHN. I
25 THINK THIS IS TIMELY, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE STORMS. YESTERDAY,



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1 I WAS OUT IN MY FIELD OFFICE IN EAST L.A. DRIVING DOWN SOME OF
2 THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES, AND IT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION TO SEE THE
3 TRASH -- ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TRASH SURROUNDING OUR BUS STOPS
4 AND BLANKETS AND WHAT HAVE YOU. I GET IT. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING
5 FOR SHELTER, BUT I REALLY DO FEEL THAT THERE'S ALMOST THIS
6 LACKADAISICAL APPROACH WHEN IT HAPPENS IN POOR COMMUNITIES. I
7 KNOW YOU CAN'T HAVE MAYBE PEOPLE 24 HOURS, BUT SURELY THE
8 FOLKS THAT ARE CHECKING OUT OUR REGION IN EAST LOS ANGELES CAN
9 REALLY DO MAYBE A BETTER JOB. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S -- WE HAVE
10 TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, MAYBE NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY, FUNDS
11 AVAILABLE, AND PRIORITIZING THIS AS OUR NEW KIND OF POST-
12 PANDEMIC ILLS THAT WE'RE SEEING IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT
13 ISN'T JUST IN EAST L.A., BUT I SEE IT ALSO IN OTHER PARTS OF
14 MY DISTRICT, THE NEW DISTRICT, HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND ALSO
15 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AND THERE IS A LOT OF ILLEGAL DUMPING. IT
16 ISN'T JUST FROM THE HOMELESS, BUT I THINK PEOPLE ARE JUST
17 FIGURING WELL, NO ONE'S GOING TO PICK IT UP. THAT'S A GOOD
18 SPOT, SO I'LL LEAVE WHATEVER I HAVE THERE, BUT I'M VERY
19 CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE CONTAMINANTS AND THE WASTE THAT IS
20 BEING LET OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS. AND PEOPLE AND CHILDREN ARE
21 WALKING BACK AND FORTH, WHETHER IT'S BUS STOP, A LIBRARY, OR A
22 PARK. I REALLY DO THINK WE HAVE TO DO MORE. I WOULD HOPE THE
23 C.E.O. WILL WORK WITH US AND YOU TO SEE HOW WE CAN PRIORITIZE
24 MORE FUNDING BECAUSE I DO THINK THE RUBRIC HAS CHANGED, AND
25 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT HAS OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION CLEARLY



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1 HAVE BEEN FACED WITH A DILEMMA BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO COME
2 BACK, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE. AND YET THEY FEEL AS THOUGH NO ONE
3 CARES ABOUT THEM. AND PART OF IT IS WHAT THEY HAVE TO LIVE
4 WITH THAT THEY -- THAT SURROUNDS THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND I
5 REALLY DO WANT TO SEE MORE HAPPENING. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
6 SUPPORT THIS. I THINK WE HAVE TO DO MUCH MORE. I THINK THERE
7 IS A STATISTIC THAT WAS ALREADY MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY --
8 IN EAST L.A. AND OTHER DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE
9 COUNTY, DEFINED BY STATE LAW, WE MAKE UP 22% OF THE
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS HERE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO
11 OVER 75% OF ALL REPORTED ILLEGAL DUMPING CASES IN THE
12 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THAT IS JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE, SO WE HAVE
13 TO DO A BETTER JOB. AND I BELIEVE THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION
14 TO DO THAT. SO I SUPPORT THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING SOME
15 MONETARY RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR TEAM'S
21 WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH US BECAUSE WE HAD SOME INITIAL
22 CONCERNS, SO I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR PUBLIC
23 WORKS AND PLANNING TO BE AT THE TABLE TO INFORM ENFORCEMENT
24 RECOMMENDATIONS. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND WE ARE ALL CLEAR THAT
25 THERE'S BEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE



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1 PAST SEVERAL YEARS. AND ALTHOUGH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE
2 BEEN WORKING IN COORDINATION ON THIS ISSUE, THERE IS CLEARLY A
3 NEED TO BRING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES TO THE TABLE
4 WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF DETERRING ILLEGAL DUMPING. AND WHEN
5 WE THINK ABOUT ANOTHER POPULATION THAT GETS BLAMED FOR THE
6 MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF TRASH WE SEE IN OUR STREETS ARE OUR
7 UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS AND HOW THEY -- PARDON
8 THE PUN -- GET DUMPED ON AS A RESULT OF ILLEGAL DUMPING. AND
9 SO, THIS IS A GROWING CONCERN, A BIG ISSUE COUNTY-WIDE, IN MY
10 DISTRICT AS WELL. SO I APPRECIATE THE MOTION, APPRECIATE OUR
11 CONCERNS BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE
12 MOTION TODAY.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL --
15 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I SEE YOU JUST POPPED UP.

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17 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS
19 FORWARD. WE'VE ALL SEEN INSTANCES OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AS WE
20 DRIVE AROUND THE COUNTY, AND THE COMMUNITIES IMPACTED ARE IN
21 ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS, AND THEY MUST ENDURE THE IMPACTS OF
22 DUMPING ON A DAILY BASIS, WHETHER THEY BE ENVIRONMENTAL,
23 STORM- RELATED WHEN GARBAGE CLOGS STORM DRAINS AND PROMPTS
24 FLOODS, OR JUST THE DAILY SIGHT OF TRASH IN ONE'S OWN
25 NEIGHBORHOOD. AS CONSTRUCTION HAS INCREASED, AS HAS BEEN SAID,



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1 SO HAS THE PREVALENCE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING, AND WE MUST
2 ACCELERATE BOTH OUR RESPONSES TO ADDRESS IT AND PROACTIVE
3 MEASURES TO PREVENT IT. FORTUNATELY, AS WE'VE HEARD, OUR
4 D.P.W. DOES SIGNIFICANT WORK TO REMOVE ILLEGAL DUMPING, BUT
5 THIS ISN'T SUSTAINABLE, ESPECIALLY WITHOUT THE RESOURCES TO DO
6 THE WORK, AND THE COSTS CONTINUE TO BECOME MORE AND MORE
7 COSTLY. FOR THESE REASONS, I'M ENCOURAGED TO SEE THIS MOTION
8 AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL COME OUT OF IT, AND I'M
9 PARTICULARLY INTERESTED BOTH IN HOW TECHNOLOGY WILL PLAY A
10 ROLE IN HELPING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE IMPACTS BUT ALSO TO
11 ENSURING THAT CONTRACTORS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
12 ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY'RE CHARGING INDIVIDUALS FOR
13 THEIR DISPOSAL FEES, THEN ILLEGALLY DUMPING IN THEIR
14 NEIGHBORHOODS THEIR OWN CONSTRUCTION WASTE. I LOOK FORWARD TO
15 SEEING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUR DEPARTMENTS WILL BRING FORWARD
16 AND TO ALL OF THE WAYS THAT WE'LL ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
20 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM.

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22 **OPERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS FOR
23 THIS ITEM.. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE.



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ANDREA ALARCON. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **ANDREA ALARCON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.
5 ANDREA ALARCON, MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE. I SPEAK
6 IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM WHICH WILL NO DOUBT HELP TO
7 COMBAT OUR ONGOING FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL DUMPING IN OUR
8 COMMUNITIES. THE CITY OF PALMDALE AND THE GREATER ANTELOPE
9 VALLEY HAVE LONG BEEN A DUMPING GROUND. LAST YEAR ALONE, WITH
10 OUR LIMITED RESOURCES, OUR CITY PICKED UP OVER 2000 TONS OF
11 ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATERIALS, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE THE
12 ILLEGAL DUMPING CONTINUES. THE CITY OF PALMDALE IS UNIQUE IN
13 THAT IT'S NOT ONLY ADJACENT TO LARGE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE
14 ALSO HAVE SEVERAL POCKETS OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN OUR
15 CITY LIMITS. AND ILLEGAL DUMPERS ARE SAVVY. THEY HAVE COME TO
16 KNOW WHERE OUR CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT CAN AND CANNOT ENFORCE.
17 ILLEGAL DUMPERS HAVE COME TO LEARN IF THEY JUST GO ACROSS THE
18 STREET INTO ONE OF THE UNINCORPORATED POCKET IN OUR CITY,
19 THERE IS NO ONE AROUND TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR DUMPING
20 MATTRESSES, REFRIGERATORS, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION
21 MATERIALS, AND HUGE PILES OF WASTE THAT WILL, AS THEY'VE
22 LEARNED AND OUR RESIDENTS HAVE HAD TO LIVE WITH, WILL SIT
23 THERE FOR MONTHS BEFORE BEING ADDRESSED BECAUSE IT'S OUT OF
24 OUR JURISDICTION. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU WILL TACKLE THAT ISSUE
25 HEAD ON. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I LOOK FORWARD TO



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1 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU, THE COUNTY, AND I URGE THE
2 BOARD TO ADOPT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TAMMY NECESSARY. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

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9 **TAMMY NECESSARY:** HI, MY NAME IS TAMMY NECESSARY. I LIVE IN
10 ACTON, KATHRYN BARGER, DISTRICT 5. I'M WITH THE ACTON ILLEGAL
11 DUMPING TASKFORCE. WE ARE A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS THAT GO OUT,
12 ABOUT 25 OF US. WE GO OUT WEEKLY, AND THEN WE HAVE MONTHLY
13 GATHERINGS, AND THEN WE HAVE EVERY 3-4 MONTH BIGGER
14 GATHERINGS. WE ARE PICKING UP, OUT OF ACTON, SO MUCH HOUSEHOLD
15 TRASH, GROW HOUSE TRASH, CONSTRUCTION DUMPS, WHOLE HOUSE
16 REMODELS, MEDICAL DUMPS, TIRES, COUCHES, CHAIRS. THEY ARE A
17 LOT OF TIMES JUST OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY'S PICK UP ZONE, SO IF
18 IT'S MORE THAN 35 FEET OFF THE CENTER DIVIDER OF THE MIDDLE OF
19 THE ROAD, THE COUNTY WILL NOT PICK IT UP. SO THAT'S WHERE WE
20 GO IN AS VOLUNTEERS, AND WE PICK UP ALL THIS STUFF, AND WE GET
21 IT INTO OUR OWN PERSONAL DUMPSTERS, OR WE HAVE SOMETIMES CALL
22 THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY CAN COME AND HELP US WITH THINGS
23 LIKE TIRES AND MATTRESSES. BUT THEY TAKE HAVE TAKEN THE
24 VOUCHER PROGRAM AWAY - -

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SERGIO VERA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SERGIO VERA:** HI, MY NAME IS SERGIO VERA. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1,
7 A RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES. I THINK SOME OF THE STRATEGIES
8 THAT NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED ARE ENFORCEMENT. THERE IS NO
9 ENFORCEMENT IN THIS. AND EDUCATION, A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS,
10 ESPECIALLY EAST L.A., DO NOT KNOW THAT ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS
11 CALL THE GARBAGE COMPANY, AND THEY'LL COME AND PICK UP YOUR
12 COUCHES, YOUR MATTRESSES, WHATEVER. ANOTHER THING, WHERE I
13 SPECIFICALLY LIVE, THERE WAS A PROJECT DONE, A STORM WATER
14 CAPTURE PROJECT, WHICH LEFT OUR MEDIANS BARREN, AND THEY
15 LOOKED DESERTED. SO ILLEGAL DUMPING HAS INCREASED IN THAT
16 AREA. SO PEOPLE THINK WE DON'T CARE BECAUSE OUR MEDIANS LOOK
17 TERRIBLE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING ON THIS. I
18 HOPE YOU CAN REALLY HELP GET THOSE MEDIANS TO LOOK NICE SO
19 THAT WAY THE ILLEGAL DUMPING CAN STOP. THANK YOU.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SOFIA QUINONES. YOU MAY GIVEN.

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1 **SOFIA QUINONES:** I THINK WE'RE BETTER PREPARED WHEN THE
2 MORATORIUM ENDS DEALING WITH HOUSING BECAUSE, EVERY FIRST OF
3 THE MONTH, WE SEE THE MATTRESSES AND EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING
4 TO BE PUT OUT WHEN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE KICKED OUT. WE ALSO
5 NEED STREET SWEEPING CREWS. EVEN DEALING WITH PICKING UP, SOME
6 OF THE TRASH CANS ARE JUST OVERFLOWED. AND THOSE THAT PICK UP,
7 THEY DON'T GO AND SWEEP AROUND. YOU KNOW, THE TRUCK COMES IN,
8 BUT THEY DON'T PICK THE MESS THAT'S ON THE SIDEWALK. SO STREET
9 SWEEPING CREWS HAVE TO BE PART OF IT, AND WE HAVE TO WORK WITH
10 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SO THAT THE ILLEGAL DUMPERS WHO
11 ARE DEALING WITH HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL ARE PUT IN JAIL, NOT
12 THE SUBCONTRACTORS THAT ARE COMING IN, THE OWNERS OF THE
13 PROPERTY WHERE THE DUMPING IS TAKING PLACE. THANK YOU FOR THE
14 MOTION. WE SUPPORT IT, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS ON THE
15 EAST SIDE. WE HOPE THEY'RE ADDRESSED. THANK YOU.

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

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

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21 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, THANKS. FOLKS, THIS ISSUE IS AS OLD AS
22 TIME, AND IT HAS BEEN VERY WELL POINTED OUT HERE. THE BIG
23 ISSUE IS MONEY. IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO FUND THIS THING TO THE
24 EXTENT NECESSARY, PACK UP YOUR TENT AND GO HOME AND FORGET
25 ABOUT IT. AND IF YOU'RE DRIVING ISSUE IS PLEASURE PAIN. THAT'S



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1 WHAT MAN RESPONDS TO. YOU CONFISCATE EVERY VEHICLE, PRIVATE
2 OR COMMERCIAL, AND YOU'LL MAKE A MAJOR IMPACT. IF YOU'RE NOT
3 WILLING TO DO THAT, AGAIN, PACK UP AND GO HOME. AND THE OTHER
4 THING IS THE MAN MENTIONED FLOOD CONTROL IS THE BIGGEST
5 EXPENSE AS FAR AS CLEANING THINGS UP, AND WHO KNOWS MORE ABOUT
6 THAT THAN SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS AS FAR AS HERE'S ROWLAND
7 HEIGHTS AND THE FULLERTON AREA, WHICH YOU CAN SEE ON MY
8 YOUTUBE CHANNEL, BY THE WAY. AND THAT IS THE ONE WHERE I GOT
9 SHOT AT. THANKS TO YOU FOR NOT CLEANING UP AND INTERVENING IN
10 A TIMELY MANNER. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS, ITEM 19 IS
17 NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. I SECOND WILL IT TO
18 APPROVE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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

24
25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.



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

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5 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

6

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

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, MARK, FOR
19 BEING HERE. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 55B --

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE ON ITEM 20.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THREW AWAY A WHOLE PAGE. THAT'S HOW I'M
24 GOING TO GET THESE MEETINGS MOVING. ITEM 20, SUPPORT FOR H.R.
25 1201, NAPOLITANO, INCREASING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT.



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SUPERVISORS

1 DO NOT TELL GRACE I TRIED TO THROW THAT PIECE OF PAPER AWAY.

2 YEAH, I KNOW.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION FOR DR. LISA WONG,
5 OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KIND OF
6 TOUCH BASE. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A COMMON THEME AMONGST THIS
7 BOARD IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT BED CAPACITY AND ALL, BUT I AVE
8 HAD PEOPLE ASK ME WHY WE AREN'T DOING MORE TO INCREASE BED
9 CAPACITY. AND I TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION LIMITS
10 AND OUR ABILITY TO SCALE UP NECESSARY MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. SO,
11 AND I KNOW THAT THE STATE IS NOW SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING AND
12 IS GOING TO APPLY FOR AN I.M.D. WAIVER. CAN YOU OUTLINE HOW
13 REPEALING IT OR AMENDING IT WILL PROVIDE US WITH ADDITIONAL
14 FLEXIBILITY?

15

16 **DR. WONG:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE
17 TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT FOR THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MOSTLY PEOPLE WE SERVE. WITH
19 THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION, THIS MEANS THAT, WHEN WE HAVE FACILITIES
20 THAT ARE MORE THAN 16 BEDS, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO CLAIM TO
21 MEDI-CAL. SO WE HAVE TO KEEP THESE KINDS OF FACILITIES AT 16
22 BEDS OR LESS, WHICH MEANS, IF WE HAVE A FACILITY THAT'S A
23 LITTLE BIT LARGER, FOR INSTANCE, UP AT OLIVE VIEW AT THE
24 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE, WE DID A 64-BED FACILITY. TO DO
25 THAT, WE HAVE TO SEPARATE INTO 16 DIFFERENT POD BUILDINGS AND



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1 GET FOUR DIFFERENT -- I'M SORRY, FOUR PODS OF 16 EACH AND GET
2 FOUR DIFFERENT PROVIDERS. EVERY FACILITY HAS TO HAVE A
3 SEPARATE OUTDOOR SPACE, SEPARATE ELEVATOR BANKS, EVERYTHING.
4 SO, WE LOSE THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT WE COULD HAVE. AND
5 ALSO THE KINDS OF FACILITIES THAT I.M.D. EXCLUSION CONSIDERS
6 AS I.M.D.S IS NOT REASONABLE TO US BECAUSE IT INCLUDES EVEN
7 SOME OF OUR BOARD AND CARES. IF A BOARD AND CARE HAS OVER 16
8 BEDS, AND THE PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH OR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES,
9 WHICH REALLY IS BEST PRACTICE, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO CLAIM FOR
10 ANY OF THOSE SERVICES.

11
12 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I'M GLAD YOU SAID THAT BECAUSE I ACTUALLY
13 THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ON THE HOSPITAL BEDS. AND I DID NOT KNOW
14 IT WAS ON THE BOARD AND CARE. AND THAT WAS SOMETHING, AGAIN,
15 THAT I WANTED MY COLLEAGUES TO HEAR BECAUSE IT GOES FAR
16 BEYOND JUST HOSPITALIZATION. IT GOES TO THE WHOLE VISION THAT
17 THIS BOARD HAS IN TERMS OF HELPING GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREET
18 AND PUTTING THEM IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY WILL SUCCEED
19 AND NOT END UP FALLING BACK INTO HOMELESSNESS. SO, I WANT TO
20 THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE CONGRESSWOMAN
21 NAPOLITANO. AND I AM GOING TO TELL HER THAT YOU THREW HER --

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE DON'T.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** WHO HAS BEEN A CHAMPION FOR MENTAL HEALTH
2 SERVICES AND REFORMS FOR DECADES. AND SHE'S BROUGHT IN OTHER
3 LEGISLATIVE FIXES TO SOME OF THE ISSUES. REPEALING THE I.M.D.
4 EXCLUSION IS A TOP PRIORITY, AND I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS BEEN
5 CONSISTENT WITH ONE VOICE ON THAT. AND I'M GRATEFUL THAT SHE
6 HAS BROUGHT THIS LEGISLATION BACK IN THIS CYCLE. THE COUNTY
7 HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT WE CAN DEVELOP COMMUNITY-BASED AND
8 HOLISTIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SETTINGS THAT ARE LARGER THAN
9 16 BEDS. BEING CAPPED AT 16 BED PER FACILITY NOT ONLY STRAINS
10 OUR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW BEDS BUT ALSO STRAINS OUR PROVIDERS
11 WHO ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH US TO MEET THE NEED BUT ARE
12 FORCED TO MANAGE MULTIPLE SMALLER FACILITIES. I HOPE THAT
13 THROUGH THIS LEGISLATION WE CAN INCREASE THE 16 CAP BUT ALSO
14 ADDRESS HOW THE I.M.D. DEFINITION APPLIES TO FACILITIES LIKE
15 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS, BOARD AND CARES, AND OTHER
16 FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT LARGE SCALE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS.
17 IN CO-CHAIRING THE N.A.C.O. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING
18 COMMISSION, WE HAVE ORGANIZED A NATIONAL COALITION AROUND
19 ISSUES LIKE THE I.M.D. REFORM TO HELP EDUCATE CONGRESS ON THE
20 NATION-WIDE IMPACT OF RESTRICTIONS LIKE THIS ON OUR ABILITY
21 TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE. SO, I WOULD ASK
22 FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR
25 THIS MOTION WITH YOU. WE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING, THIS BOARD HAS



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1 BEEN ADVOCATING FOR CHANGES TO THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION FOR A
2 LONG TIME. EVERY TIME WE TAKE OUR ANNUAL TRIP BACK TO
3 WASHINGTON D.C., IT IS ON THE TOP OF OUR PRIORITY IN TRYING
4 TO REALLY GET THIS WAIVED FOR US HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. IT
5 WOULD MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN HOW WE CAN BUILD AND STAFF,
6 PARTICULARLY OUR MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. AND I KNOW, DR. WONG,
7 YOU'VE TOLD US THIS, RIGHT, THAT THE I.M.D.EXCLUSION IS AN
8 OBSTACLE IN DOING THAT. WE WERE DISCUSSING IT AS IT RELATED
9 TO OUR L.A. ALLIANCE SETTLEMENT AND HOW MANY MENTAL HEALTH
10 BEDS WE CAN ACTUALLY SAY FOR CERTAIN THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
11 BUILD IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AND THIS I.M.D. EXCLUSION IS ONE
12 OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS IN US DOING MORE. IT PREVENTS US FROM
13 DRAWING DOWN DOLLARS TO FUND THESE BEDS, BUT IT PUTS A STRAIN
14 ON THE PROVIDERS BECAUSE THEY ALSO HAVE TO BE SPLIT UP FIVE
15 OR SIX WAYS IN ONE FACILITY. AND THAT JUST IS, AT THIS POINT,
16 IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. NOW, REMEMBER, THIS WAS ESTABLISHED TO
17 TRY TO COUNTERACT THE LARGE INSTITUTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH
18 FACILITIES WITH BARBED WIRE AROUND THEM AND THE WAREHOUSING
19 OF THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. THAT'S WHY WE
20 HAVE IT, BUT AT THIS POINT, IT NEEDS TO BE TWEAKED OR WAIVED
21 OR FIXED IN A WAY THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THE KIND OF MENTAL
22 HEALTH SERVICE WE NEED WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH WHAT I THINK IS
23 AN ANTIQUATED NOW REQUIREMENT. SO, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
24 THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU, CONGRESSWOMAN NAPOLITANO FOR HEARING
25 OUR CRIES. SHE IS SUCH AN ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH



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1 LEGISLATION, FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I'VE NEVER KNOWN
2 ANYONE THAT IS THAT MUCH OF A CHAMPION CONSISTENTLY FOR
3 IMPROVING THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO
4 PEOPLE. SO, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I SEE
5 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS ON THE QUEUE.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE IT. I WANTED TO ECHO REALLY THE
8 COMMENTS YOU MADE, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S A PERFECT
9 EXAMPLE OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF A WELL-INTENTIONED
10 POLICY. AND I APPRECIATE THE CONGRESSWOMAN FOR BRINGING IT
11 FORWARD. LAST YEAR, MY CHAIRWOMANSHIP YEAR, AND I DID THE
12 D.C. TRIP, AND SPEAKING TO SECRETARY BECERRA, SPEAKING TO
13 SENATORS PADILLA AND FEINSTEIN, THE ONE ISSUE THEY ALL
14 BROUGHT BACK UP WAS THE HISTORIC ISSUE THAT THEY WERE TRYING
15 TO FIX. AND I WAS LIKE WE GET THAT. HOWEVER, THE PENDULUM HAS
16 SWUNG TOO FAR IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. AND WE NEED SOME
17 FLEXIBILITY. SO, SOMETIMES, THESE POLICES HAVE TO BE
18 INTRODUCED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO HELP ERASE OLD
19 TAPES AND REEDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE CURRENT KIND OF STATE OF
20 AFFAIRS. SO, HOPEFULLY, THIS GO ROUND WILL BE THE WINNER. AND
21 I'M THRILLED TO KNOW THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS NOW
22 OFFICIALLY WEIGHED IN IN THEIR NUMEROUS AMENDMENT WAIVERS
23 THAT THEY SUBMIT EVERY YEAR TO FINALLY INCLUDE THIS. THAT HAS
24 BEEN AN ISSUE THAT YOUR PREDECESSOR REALLY CONTINUED TO HARP
25 ON. SO, IT TOOK A MINUTE, BUT I'M GLAD TO HEAR, SUPERVISOR



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1 BARGER, THAT WE'RE HERE. GLAD TO SUPPORT TODAY'S ACTION.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. WONG, DID YOU WANT TO SAY

5 ANYTHING ELSE?

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7 **DR. WONG:** NO, I JUST WANT TO SAY, THOUGH, THAT I REALLY

8 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S SUPPORT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

9 AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF CONGRESSWOMAN NAPOLITANO,

10 TOO. I AGREE. SHE'S LIKE A FORCE OF NATURE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE IS. SHE IS. THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE

13 OFFICER, AND YOU PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO

14 HAVE SIGNED UP AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **OPERATOR:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE COME FORWARD. AND STAFF

17 WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE

18 SPEAK, PLEASE?

19

20 **MODERATOR:** THERE ARE NO PARTICIPANTS IN THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS

21 THE BOARD.

22

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

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THIS IS ITEM 20. IT REFERS TO
2 MEDICAID INSTITUTIONS. MEDICAID, MEDICARE AND THE AFFORDABLE
3 CARE ACT ARE ALL FEDERAL LAWS. YOU WANT TO BUILD BEDS, BUT
4 YOU ELIMINATED M.L.K., JR. HOSPITAL FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM.
5 IT'S NO LONGER PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM. DIDN'T YOU KNOW
6 THAT. IT'S BEEN NOT PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM FOR OVER FIVE
7 YEARS. DID YOU REPLACE IT WITH A GENERAL HOSPITAL? I HEARD
8 YOU TALK ABOUT A GENERAL HOSPITAL. IS THAT WHAT YOU REPLACED
9 IT WITH? YOU REPLACED M.L.K., JR. HOSPITAL WITH A GENERAL
10 HOSPITAL? THERE'S NO HOSPITAL IN THAT DISTRICT. THERE'S NO
11 COUNTY HOSPITAL IN THAT DISTRICT, JANICE HAHN. WASN'T YOUR
12 FATHER BUILT THAT HOSPITAL? FOR WHOM? AND NOW, IT'S GONE.
13 IT'S NOT THERE ANYMORE. THAT'S TERRIBLE. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE
14 AFFORDABLE -- DON'T YOU CARE? IT'S ALL ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE
15 CARE ACT. IT'S ALL ABOUT OBAMACARE. YOU HAD 15,000 PEOPLE
16 SIGNED UP.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN-
19 PERSON?

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKER, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 20 IS
24 NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WILL SECOND TO
25 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.



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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

13

14 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'RE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM
3 55B, DEPUTY GANGS, SUPPORT FOR THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN
4 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO ERADICATE DEPUTY
5 GANGS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH
6 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT
8 ON THIS ITEM. AND WE HAVE WITH US TODAY SEAN KENNEDY, CHAIR
9 OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, MAX HUNTSMAN, OUR
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND FRANKY CARRILLO, COMMISSIONER OF THE
11 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND THEY'RE ALL HERE AND
12 AVAILABLE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
15 ALSO WELCOME OUR WITNESSES HERE TODAY AND INCLUDING THOSE IN
16 THE AUDIENCE THAT ARE HERE THAT ARE ALSO A PART OF THIS
17 EFFORT, THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IF THEY COULD
18 STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED BECAUSE I KNOW THEY'VE BEEN MEMBERS
19 OF OUR COMMISSION THAT ARE HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
20 [APPLAUSE] AND THOSE ADVOCATES AS WELL. IT'S A NEW DAY,
21 MEMBERS. AND I THINK IT'S A VERY SPECIAL TIME FOR US. SOME OF
22 US HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE BEFORE US ON DEPUTY GANGS,
23 AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE NOT CALLING THEM CLIQUES BECAUSE IT IS
24 WHAT IT IS. THEY'RE GANGS. THE MOTION BEFORE US, MEMBERS,
25 DEALS WITH AN ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN CALLED A CANCER WITHIN THE



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY HAS
2 BEEN DEALING WITH FOR OVER 50 YEARS AS REPORTED. DEPUTY GANGS,
3 AS WE KNOW, ARE NOT NEW, AND I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT
4 NOT JUST TO NAME THE PROBLEM BUT FIGURE OUT AND IMPLEMENT WHAT
5 WE NEED TO DO TO GET RID OF THESE DEPUTY GANGS. THERE'S
6 ABSOLUTELY NO REASON THAT I CAN EVER THINK OF AS TO WHY WE
7 WANT TO PROTECT AND ENABLE DEPUTY GANGS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
8 ANGELES. IN FACT, WE VOTED ON SEVERAL MOTIONS ABOUT DEPUTY
9 GANGS, MANY OF WHICH I HAD AUTHORED, INCLUDING SUPPORTING A
10 STATE BILL ON GETTING RID OF DEPUTY GANGS STATEWIDE. AND WE
11 HAVE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE ERADICATION OF DEPUTY GANGS
12 OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM OTHER
13 LEGISLATORS CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST DEPUTY GANGS.
14 AND OUR COUNTY'S PROBLEM WITH DEPUTY GANGS HAS BEEN A TOPIC OF
15 MEDIA ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THEY'VE BEEN WRITING ABOUT IT.
16 HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WANT THIS COUNTY TO BE KNOWN
17 FOR DEPUTY GANGS. I CERTAINLY DON'T. AND TRUTHFULLY,,
18 COLLEAGUES, I'M FRUSTRATED AND EXASPERATED THAT DEPUTY GANGS
19 ARE NOT DISAPPEARING, EVEN WITH ALL THE ATTENTION ON THIS
20 SUBJECT. RATHER, THE OPPOSITE SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING. DEPUTY
21 GANGS ARE THRIVING BECAUSE THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY ARE
22 ENABLES THEIR AND EXISTENCE AND EXPANSION IN THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY GANGS ARE PARTICULARLY HARD HITTING IN MY
24 OWN DISTRICT, THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS
25 YOU WELL KNOW, MY DISTRICT HOUSES THE EAST L.A. SHERIFF'S



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1 STATION, WHICH IS ALMOST LIKE THE CENTER OF THE DEPUTY GANGS
2 AS THEY SPROUT HERE, LIKE THE NOTORIOUS BANDITOS, AND THEY
3 SPREAD ACROSS TO OTHER STATIONS. THEY LARGELY SPREAD BECAUSE
4 DEPUTY GANG MEMBERS ARE TRANSFERRED TO INFILTRATE OTHER PARTS
5 OF THE DEPARTMENT INSTEAD OF THEM BEING CUT OFF RIGHT THERE
6 WITH THE DEPARTMENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOUR DISTRICT IS
7 TERRORIZED BY THE EXECUTIONERS THAT OPERATE OUT OF THE COMPTON
8 SHERIFF'S STATION. OUR JAILS AREN'T SAFE EITHER. IN FACT, THE
9 2000 AND 3,000 BOYS CAUSE HAVOC AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE
10 INCARCERATED AND EVEN AMONGST THEIR OWN COLLEAGUES. THERE HAVE
11 BEEN LAWSUITS FROM FORMER DEPUTIES STATING THEY WERE BULLIED,
12 HARASSED, AND INTIMIDATED BY DEPUTY GANG MEMBERS, DEPUTY GANG
13 MEMBERS, BANDITOS, BUFFALO SOLDIERS, CAVEMEN, COMPTON
14 EXECUTIONERS, COWBOYS, GRIM REAPERS, LITTLE DEVILS, LYNWOOD
15 VIKINGS, PIRATES, REGULATORS, WAYSIDE WHITIES, AND THE LIST
16 GOES ON ABOUT ALL THESE DEPUTY GANGS THAT WERE ALLOWED TO
17 THRIVE OVER THE MANY, MANY YEARS. I CAN'T STRESS HOW DAMAGING
18 THIS IS AND HAS BEEN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
19 IMPACTED. IT'S THE DISINTEGRATION OF THOSE RELATIONSHIPS IN
20 OUR COMMUNITY, AND IT IS IMPACTFUL, AND IT'S CAUSING LOW
21 MORALE IN THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF AND EVEN IMPACTING
22 RECRUITMENT, IN MY OPINION. THE FISCAL DENT ALSO IS SOMETHING
23 THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER BECAUSE THE COUNTY'S BUDGET RANGES
24 FROM ANYWHERE FROM 50 TO \$60 MILLION A YEAR DUE TO LAWSUITS.
25 PICTURE THAT FOR A SECOND IN YOUR MIND. THINK OF WHAT WE COULD



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1 DO WITH 50 OR \$60 MILLION. RIGHT NOW, I'M THINKING ABOUT MORE
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, PROGRAMS
3 FOR AGING RESIDENTS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, RESTORATIVE
4 JUSTICE PROGRAMS, MORE DIVERSION. WE HAVE A LOT OF NEED IN
5 THIS COUNTY, AND INSTEAD OF FUNDING THESE VITAL SERVICES,
6 THESE MILLIONS ARE GOING TOWARDS LAWSUITS ABOUT DEPUTY
7 MISCONDUCT AND DEPUTY GANG AFFILIATION. I KEEP THINKING BACK
8 ON THE FAMILIES, AND I HEARD FROM THEM A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO,
9 NOT TOO LONG AGO, WHOSE LOVED ONES WERE KILLED BY DEPUTY
10 GANGS, MANY OF WHOM HAD ALLEGED THAT THEIR LOVED ONES WERE
11 KILLED BY MEMBERS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCE. I SAID THEM WOULD I
12 WOULD CONTINUE TO STAND BY THEM, FIRST BY SUSTAINING THE
13 RESOURCES THAT THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE
14 UNDER THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, NOT A NEW CONCEPT,
15 BUT SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A LONG TIME AGO. WE
16 DID IT LAST YEAR, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE, BUT I'M ALSO
17 COMMITTED, AS SOME OF YOU ON THE BOARD ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY,
18 OF RIDDING THE DEPARTMENT OF MISCONDUCT AND SUPPORTING
19 DISCIPLINE AND, IF NECESSARY, TERMINATION OF DEPUTY WHO ENGAGE
20 IN THIS MISCONDUCT AND CALLING FOR ZERO TOLERANCE OF DEPUTY
21 GANGS, DEPUTY CLIQUES, GANG-LIKE BEHAVIOR. IT'S COMPLETELY
22 UNACCEPTABLE. THIS COUNTY WILL NOT ENABLE THIS KIND OF
23 BEHAVIOR. IT IS HARMFUL TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US, AND I WILL
24 SAY WHAT LITTLE HOPE I HAVE IS WITH SHERIFF LUNA AND HIS NEWLY
25 CREATED CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING UNIT WITH EILEEN DECKER



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1 HEADING THAT UNIT. AMONG MANY OF THE OBJECTIVES, ONE IS
2 ERADICATION OF DEPUTY GANGS. I HAD HOPED THAT THE SHERIFF AND
3 EILEEN DECKER OR SOMEONE FROM THE C.P.U. COULD BE HERE TO TALK
4 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT HOW THEY PLAN TO ADDRESS DEPUTY GANGS, BUT
5 THE SHERIFF, I'M TOLD, IS HOLDING A MEETING WITH HIS
6 LEADERSHIP AND THEREFORE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND. SHERIFF LUNA HAS
7 PROVIDED A STATEMENT, HOWEVER, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO READ AT
8 THIS TIME: "I WANT TO THANK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
9 SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION REGARDING THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
10 COMMISSION'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. I WAS ELECTED TO
11 BRING NEW LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THIS DEPARTMENT,
12 AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL HELP GUIDE MY ZERO TOLERANCE
13 POLICY FOR DEPUTY GANGS. WITH THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF
14 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING, LED BY FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY, EILEEN
15 DECKER, THIS OFFICE WILL BE STAFFED WITH ATTORNEYS,
16 INVESTIGATORS, AUDITORS, AND IT WILL BE TASKED WITH HELPING TO
17 ERADICATE DEPUTY GANGS FROM THIS DEPARTMENT. IT'S ALSO
18 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE VAST MINORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT
19 PERSONNEL ARE HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE
20 COMMITTED TO HUMBLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
21 WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
22 COMMISSION, AND INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THIS CRITICAL MATTER."
23 SO, I WANT TO GET TO THE ROOT OF WHY DEPUTY GANGS ARE CREATED
24 AND WHY THEY CONTINUE TO EXIST BECAUSE I'M TIRED, QUITE
25 FRANKLY, OF BAND-AIDS. I THINK ENOUGH. WE CAN'T AFFORD MORE



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1 BAND-AIDS FOR AN OOZING WOUND. CHAIR HAHN, I HAVE ASKED THE
2 FOLLOWING, AS YOU MENTIONED, INTRODUCING THEM EARLIER, WE
3 HAVE SEAN KENNEDY, WHO IS CHAIR OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
4 COMMISSION AND A MEMBER OF THE DEPUTY GANGS AD HOC COMMITTEE.
5 WE HAVE MAX HUNTSMAN, WHO IS HERE, HAS BEEN WITH US FOR MANY
6 YEARS NOW AS OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND ONE OF YOU MY OWN
7 CONSTITUENTS, FRANKY CARRILLO, WHO IS ALSO SERVING US IN L.A.
8 COUNTY ON THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND I THINK HE
9 CAN LEND SOME VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION. MADAM CHAIR, IF I
10 CAN, CAN I ASK THEM TO PLEASE SPEAK, AND THEN WE CAN GO ON AND
11 THEN ASK FOR THE MEMBERS --

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** TO ASK QUESTIONS. SO, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE
16 TO HAVE OUR CHAIRMAN KENNEDY, IF HE COULD START. FIRST OF ALL,
17 I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR
18 YOUR COURAGE DURING SOME OF THE TOUGHEST TIMES THAT WE
19 EXPERIENCED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I KNOW THERE WERE MANY
20 ACCUSATIONS ALLEGED AGAINST YOU BY OUR FORMER SHERIFF AND
21 OTHERS, BUT KNOW YOU ARE WELCOMED HERE, THAT THIS IS A NEW
22 DAY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, CHAIR KENNEDY, IF YOU COULD
23 SHARE WHAT THE C.O.C. PROCESS HAS BEEN TO GET US TO THIS POINT
24 WITH THE PUBLISHING OF THIS REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED THIS WEEK.



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1 IF YOU COULD BEGIN WITH THAT, AND THEN I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP
2 QUESTION.

3

4 **SEAN KENNEDY:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YOU WANT TO TURN YOUR MIC ON. THERE YOU GO.

7

8 **SEAN KENNEDY:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
9 THIS INVITATION TO SPEAK ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S WORK REGARDING
10 DEPUTY GANGS. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.
11 MY REAL JOB IS TO TRAIN LAW STUDENTS TO REPRESENT MIDDLE
12 SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRO BONO IN DELINQUENCY
13 PROCEEDINGS AND EDUCATIONAL PROCEEDINGS. AND OVER AND OVER
14 AGAIN, THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD TELL MY STUDENTS AND MYSELF
15 THAT THEY THOUGHT IT WAS HYPOCRITICAL THAT THEY WERE BEING
16 ACCUSED OF GANG ENHANCEMENTS OR GANG-RELATED OFFENSES WHEN
17 THE DEPUTIES WHO WERE ACTING AS THE GANG EXPERTS IN COURT OR
18 THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS WERE MEMBERS OF GANGS THEMSELVES.
19 THAT ACTUALLY PROMPTED LOYOLA TO PUBLISH A REPORT IN JANUARY
20 OF 2021, BUT I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE COMMISSION REPORT,
21 WHICH WENT MUCH FURTHER THAN MA AND A BUNCH OF LAW STUDENTS
22 COULD GO. AND SO, WHAT WENT INTO THIS REPORT AFTER THE CHARGE
23 WAS GIVEN, WE RECRUITED A VERY ABLE SPECIAL COUNSEL, BERT
24 DEIXLER, AND MANY OTHER LAWYERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIMES.
25 MANY WERE FORMER ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OR FEDERAL



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1 PUBLIC DEFENDERS. AND THEY ASSISTED THE COMMISSION IN MEETING
2 THE CHALLENGE ISSUED BY SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, WHO CLAIMED THERE
3 WAS NO EVIDENCE OF DEPUTY GANGS. WE HELD SEVEN EVIDENTIARY
4 HEARINGS, FOUR HOURS EACH, WHERE WE TOOK TESTIMONY FROM
5 NUMEROUS PEOPLE, AND THEN WE HELD AN 8TH ONE WHERE WE TOOK
6 MORE TESTIMONY FROM THE COMMUNITY. SO A TOTAL OF EIGHT
7 EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS, 32 HOURS OF TESTIMONY, MOST OF IT SWORN.
8 IN ADDITION TO THE LIVE TESTIMONY, IT WAS VERY HARD TO GET
9 PEOPLE TO TALK, BY THE WAY, AS RECOUNTED IN THE REPORT. FOR
10 EVERY ONE PERSON THAT MR. DEIXLER WAS ABLE TO GET TO TESTIFY,
11 THERE HAD TO BE THREE OR FOUR, MAYBE EVEN FIVE WHO BACKED OUT
12 ON US AT THE LAST MINUTE OUT OF FEAR OF RETALIATION BECAUSE
13 THERE WAS A WAVE OF INTIMIDATION COMING FROM THE UPPER RANKS
14 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND AS PEOPLE WOULD TESTIFY, THEY
15 WOULD BE ADVISED THAT THEY WERE BEING WATCHED AS THEY LEFT
16 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, WHERE THE HEARINGS OCCURRED. BESIDES THAT
17 TESTIMONY, THE SPECIAL COUNSEL INTERVIEWED APPROXIMATELY 80
18 OTHER WITNESSES AND REVIEWED SCORES OF LAWSUITS AND
19 DEPOSITIONS. AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ITSELF INTERVIEWED
20 PEOPLE, AS WELL. I INTERVIEWED 35 PEOPLE OVER THE COURSE OF
21 THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS REGARDING DEPUTY GANGS. MANY WERE
22 FORMER DEPARTMENT MEMBERS OF EVERY RANK, SOME CURRENT
23 DEPARTMENT MEMBERS, AND MANY PEOPLE WHO FEEL THAT THEY HAVE
24 SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF DEPUTY GANGS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.
25 IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE CONSULTED WITH SCHOLARS AND



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PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND ON THE EAST COAST, SO WE GOT A FULL NATIONAL SWEEP ABOUT THE FIRST AMENDMENT REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, WHICH THEY ARE. AND FINALLY, WE REVIEWED ALL THE PRIOR REPORTS, THE COLTS COMMISSION REPORT, THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS REPORT, THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE REPORT, LOYOLA'S OWN REPORT, AND I SUBMITTED A 10 YEAR STUDY OF ALL DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT SHOWED THAT THEY WERE ALL CLUSTERED AROUND THE STATIONS WITH ACTIVE DEPUTY GANGS. IT WOULD BE NO SURPRISE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT THE CLUSTERS OF THE HIGHEST SHOOT RATES PER CAPITA ARE SOUTH L.A., CENTURY STATION, AND SOUTH L.A. STATION, COMPTON STATION, AND EAST L.A. STATION, FOLLOWED BY THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATIONS BECAUSE THIS IS THE AREAS WHERE THE DEPUTY GANGS CLUSTER WHERE THERE ARE STRUGGLING COMMUNITIES. SO AFTER THAT RIGOROUS PROCESS, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL COUNSEL ENGAGED IN A LONG PROCESS OF DEBATING THE ISSUES AND CONSULTING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND OTHER AGENCIES BEFORE WE WERE ABLE TO FINALLY PUBLISH OUR REPORT. WE WISHED WE COULD HAVE GONE FURTHER OR LONGER, BUT THE ISSUE IS SUCH THAT WE FELT WE SHOULD PUBLISH AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY COULD.



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ASK, TOO, IF YOU HAD
2 SHARED THIS REPORT WITH THE SHERIFF PRIOR TO ITS RELEASE AND
3 WHAT HIS COMMENTS WERE OR ANY RECOMMENDATIONS HE MAY HAVE
4 MADE?

5
6 **SEAN KENNEDY:** DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE REPORT, WHICH WAS A
7 FAIRLY LONG PROCESS, WE DID CONSULT WITH SHERIFF LUNA AND
8 TALKED ABOUT THE ISSUES. SO HE WAS EXPECTING THE ISSUES, AND
9 WE DID PROVIDE HIM WITH A COPY OF THE REPORT SHORTLY BEFORE
10 ITS RELEASE FOR HIS INPUT. I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR SHERIFF
11 LUNA BECAUSE, I THINK IN MANY WAYS, HE'S SPOKEN FOR HIMSELF,
12 BUT I CAN TELL THIS BOARD THAT SHERIFF LUNA WAS VERY -- IN A
13 REFRESHING CHANGE FROM THE PRIOR FOUR YEARS -- WAS VERY
14 WILLING TO ENGAGE WITH US. HE WAS VERY HONEST. HE MADE STRONG
15 STATEMENTS THAT ONE OF HIS PRIORITIES IS TO RID THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF THIS LONGSTANDING PROBLEM OF DEPUTY GANGS. AND SO, WHILE I
17 DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR HIM, I THINK I SPEAK FOR ALL THE AD
18 HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHEN I SAY HE WAS A FULLY-ENGAGED MEMBER
19 WHEN WE WERE DEBATING THE ISSUES, AND I THINK HE'S VERY
20 POSITIVE ABOUT THIS REPORT.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP, TOO, TO ASK YOU IF YOU
23 THINK THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COULD HELP
24 THE SHERIFF IN THE REPORT, IF COULD YOU MAYBE TOUCH ON THAT.



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1 **SEAN KENNEDY:** YES, I THINK FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE MOST
2 IMPORTANT THING IS FOR THE SHERIFF TO ADOPT THE POLICY THAT
3 C.O.C. RECOMMENDED IN APRIL 2021 TO IMPOSE A BLANKET BAN ON
4 DEPUTIES JOINING SECRET EXCLUSIONARY GANGS OR WHATEVER YOU
5 WANT TO CALL THEM BECAUSE THESE SECRET EXCLUSIONARY GANGS
6 UNDERMINE THE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY IN MY
7 OPINION, BECAUSE THEY CAUSE IRREPARABLE HARM TO FAMILIES AND
8 COMMUNITIES THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS SUPPOSED TO SERVE. SO, I
9 THINK THE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING A BLANKET BAN ON JOINING
10 THESE SECRET EXCLUSIVE GANGS IS CRITICAL, AND I HOPE THE BOARD
11 WILL SUPPORT US IN THAT RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE IT IS REALLY
12 THE LINCHPIN UPON WHICH ALL THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS REST.
13 NEXT, I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO TELL THIS BOARD, I HAVE STUDIED
14 THE HISTORY OF DEPUTY GANGS FOR MANY YEARS NOW. AND HISTORY
15 TELLS US THAT SHERIFF LUNA HAS AN UPHILL BATTLE, AND THAT
16 HE'S GOING TO FACE ENORMOUS RESISTANCE TO ERADICATING DEPUTY
17 GANGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE SOME IN THE DEPARTMENT HAVE
18 CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT THIS IS PART OF CAMARADERIE OR
19 BUILDING MORALE OR EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN FACT, ANY
20 KIND OF CAMARADERIE IN WHICH PEOPLE BOND TOGETHER BASED ON
21 INFLECTING VIOLENCE ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS IS THE OPPOSITE OF
22 21ST CENTURY POLICING AND THE OPPOSITE OF A HEALTHY POLICE
23 CULTURE, IN MY OPINION. SO HE WILL NEED THIS BOARD AND THE
24 COUNTY COUNSEL TO SUPPORT HIM AND BACK HIM UP WHEN THE
25 INEVITABLE LAWSUITS ARE FILED ALLEGING THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT



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1 OFFICERS HAVE A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 RACIST, EXCLUSIONARY DEPUTY GANGS. THEY DO NOT. AND TO THAT
3 END, I RESPECTFULLY URGE THIS BOARD TO RELEASE THE 2021 COUNTY
4 COUNSEL LEGAL OPINION EXPLAINING WHY THERE IS NO LEGAL BAR FOR
5 ANY ELECTED SHERIFF TO PASS AND ENFORCE A POLICY AGAINST
6 DEPUTY GANGS. THAT MEMORANDUM HAS EXISTED FOR QUITE A LONG
7 TIME. IT HAS BEEN HELD IN SECRET. THE PRIOR SHERIFF WOULD
8 STAND ON THE [INDISCERNIBLE] AND LITERALLY FALSELY PROCLAIM
9 THAT HE HAD NO RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE DEPUTY GANG MEMBERS
10 BECAUSE IT WOULD RUN AFOUL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. WE HAVE AN
11 OPINION THAT SAYS OTHERWISE. I THINK THE ENTIRE COMMISSION, I
12 SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE COMMISSION WHEN I SAY WE URGE THIS BOARD
13 TO WAIVE THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND RELEASE THAT
14 IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH CHAIR KENNEDY. AND AGAIN, I,
17 SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, OBVIOUSLY WAS VERY ALARMED WITH THE
18 REPORT YOU ISSUED A WHILE BACK DOCUMENTING THE HISTORY OF
19 THESE GANGS AND THEIR EXISTENCE FOR MANY, MANY DECADES AND THE
20 FACT WE COULDN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT SOONER. WHAT TROUBLES
21 ME MORE IS THE PAIN INFLICTED ON OUR CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE
22 COME HERE, SOME ARE SEEKING RETRIBUTION, AS WELL AS OUR OWN
23 EMPLOYEES. THERE WERE A FEW BRAND NEW DEPUTIES THAT WERE
24 BEATEN UP AND HARASSED BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO JOIN THE GANG.
25 SO, I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR AND DEFINITELY WILL HAVE THOSE



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1 DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR C.E.O. AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AS WE MOVE
2 FORWARD BECAUSE, AS I SAID EARLIER, THIS IS A NEW DAY. IT IS A
3 NEW DAY, AND WE HAVE TO CHANGE OUR HISTORY AND MAKE IT BETTER.
4 SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND ALL THOSE -- ALL
5 THE WORK YOU DID AND ALL THOSE HOURS THAT PEOPLE CAME FORWARD
6 AND TESTIFIED, ALL OF WHAT 30-SOME HOURS YOU MENTIONED, EIGHT
7 HEARINGS. AND FOR THOSE COMMUNITY PEOPLE THAT SHOWED UP, I
8 THINK THEY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT JUSTICE HAS TO BE FOR
9 EVERYONE, NOT JUST A FEW. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT
10 TO TURN MY QUESTIONS NOW TO OUR O.I.G., INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX.
11 YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. YOU'VE
12 SEEN IT, I BELIEVE, FIRSTHAND IN OUR DISCUSSIONS THAT WE'VE
13 HAD IN PREVIOUS YEARS. YOU'VE SEEN IT IN THE JAILS AND AT THE
14 STATIONS, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD HELP MAYBE LEND SOME
15 FOCUS HERE TO KIND OF BETTER INFORM THIS BOARD WHAT YOUR TEAM
16 HAS SEEN AND WHAT EVIDENCE YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN ON
17 THIS ISSUE OF GANGS.

18
19 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS YOU KNOW, IT'S A 50-
20 YEAR PROBLEM. SPECIAL COUNSEL DEIXLER REFERRED TO AS A CANCER.
21 AND I THINK THAT IS A CORRECT ANALOGY. IT HAS GROWN FOR 50
22 YEARS. AND AS A RESULT, IT HAS MADE ITS WAY INTO EVERY PART OF
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND IT MUST BE REMOVED WITH
24 DECISIVE ACTION. SO I APPRECIATE THE MOTION BEFORE US. I CAME
25 FROM THE MEETING THAT PREVENTS THE SHERIFF FROM BEING HERE



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1 WHEN HE WAS ADDRESSING HIS COMMAND STAFF. AND I'LL TELL YOU HE
2 GAVE A SOBERING SPEECH REGARDING THE GOALS AHEAD OF HIM, HIM
3 AND HIS DEPARTMENT. THE LAST SLIDE WAS ABOUT THIS REPORT. SO,
4 HE IS LISTENING. HIS DEPARTMENT IS LISTENING. AND I THINK IT'S
5 A FINE TIME TO SPEAK, AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE C.O.C.
6 IN SPEAKING. SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE OBSERVED, THERE
7 HAS BEEN A STRONG EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE 50 YEARS TO SUPPRESS
8 INFORMATION ABOUT THE GANGS. NOBODY KNOWS THE NAMES. WE
9 IDENTIFIED A LIST OF 42 NAMES THAT THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF HAD
10 IDENTIFIED, AND YET PREVIOUSLY THEY REFUSED TO GIVE US
11 INFORMATION ON THEM. I THINK THAT WILL CHANGE NOW. AS YOU
12 MENTIONED, EILEEN DECKER, A FORMER UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, HAS
13 BEEN GIVEN A MANDATE FROM THE SHERIFF TO WORK THIS PROBLEM.
14 AND AS YOU KNOW, THE STATE LAW OF CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN CHANGED
15 TO DEMAND A SOLUTION TO THIS. IT'S NO LONGER JUST US IN L.A.
16 COUNTY FIGHTING, WE HAVE SUPPORT AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND
17 THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE PROBLEM BEFORE US ISN'T JUST, AS
18 WAS DESCRIBED, A PROBLEM OF DEPUTIES WANTING TO FEEL BETTER
19 ABOUT THEIR DEPUTY WORK. THERE'S AN ELEMENT IN THIS OF VIOLENT
20 ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXTREMISM, AND THAT'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM ACROSS
21 THIS COUNTRY, AND IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE,
22 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DO NOT ALLOW TO INFECT OUR LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS, OR WE'LL PAY A HORRIBLE PRICE, THE
24 PUBLIC WILL PAY A HORRIBLE PRICE. I TOOK THE ATTORNEY
25 GENERAL'S OFFICE AROUND ON AN INSPECTION IN THE LATTER PART OF



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1 LAST YEAR AT THE EAST L.A. STATION WHERE THE BANDITOS ARE
2 CENTERED. AND I FOUND A LOGO OF A VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUP
3 THERE ALONG WITH SOME OTHER LOGOS ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE,
4 PARTICULARLY AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT WHEN IT ATTEMPTS TO
5 RESTRICT THE PERCEIVED SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF DEPUTIES. I
6 BROUGHT THAT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
7 WHICH GENERATED A DOCUMENT THAT THEY CIRCULATED IN WHICH IT
8 WAS DESCRIBED AS THOUGH I WAS SUGGESTING THERE MATE BE A
9 PROBLEM HERE, BUT THERE WASN'T ANY SOLID EVIDENCE OF IT. WELL,
10 AS YOU KNOW, MEMBERS OF THE 3 PERCENTERS, THE GROUP WHOSE LOGO
11 WAS UP THERE, HAVE BEEN CONVICTED IN THE JANUARY 6TH ASSAULT
12 ON OUR CAPITOL, INCLUDING AN ALLEGATION OF TERRORISM CAUSING
13 AN ENHANCEMENT TO THE PRISON SENTENCE THEY HAVE. THERE'S A
14 SHERIFF IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WHO USED TO BE A
15 MEMBER OF THE OATH KEEPERS, A GROUP LINKED TO THIS GROUP. SO
16 WE'RE DEALING WITH A PROBLEM THAT IS MUCH DEEPER THAN JUST --
17 AND I USE THE TERM "JUST" IRONICALLY -- THE DEPUTY GANG
18 PROBLEM. AFTER I BROUGHT THAT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A FLYER WAS POSTED IN EAST LOS ANGELES
20 WITH MY PICTURE AND A PICTURE OF A GUN. AND THAT'S WITHIN THE
21 CENTER WHERE THE BANDITOS ARE. ALSO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOUR
22 PICTURE WAS THERE, TOO. I THINK YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT THIS
23 BEFORE. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, SO FAR, ALMOST NO INVESTIGATION HAS
24 BEEN DONE OF THAT MATTER. SO YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S A NEW DAY, AND
25 I THINK THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHTLY US, BUT IT'S NOT A MOMENT



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1 TOO SOON. AND I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO PROCEED WITH THIS
2 MOTION AND TO FOLLOW UP WITH OTHERS AS NEEDED AS TIME GOES ON
3 AND TO SUPPORT SHERIFF LUNA AND WHAT SAYS HIS GOAL TO MAKE A
4 DIFFERENCE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN PROFESSIONALISM,
5 21ST CENTURY POLICING, AND GETTING RID OF THESE GANGS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANTED TO ASK, WE TALK ABOUT THE STATIONS
8 AND JAILS, WHAT ABOUT CUSTODY? WE DIDN'T REALLY TOUCH ON THAT
9 CUSTODY COMPONENT OF THIS, OF THE GANGS? ARE THEY PREVALENT IN
10 CUSTODY, FOR EXAMPLE, TWIN TOWERS OR ANY OTHER DETENTION
11 FACILITY?

12

13 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THE GANGS WERE CERTAINLY PREVALENT IN CUSTODY
14 WHEN SHERIFF BACA ESSENTIALLY WENT TO WAR AGAINST THE F.B.I.
15 IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEM AGAINST INVESTIGATION. AT THAT TIME,
16 THERE WERE A LOT OF GANG MEMBERS, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY
17 HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR TRANSFERRED, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN A LOT O
18 F DIRECT EVIDENCE. I HAVE HEARD SOME ALLEGATIONS REGARDING
19 CUSTODY. CERTAINLY, THERE IS SOME VERY UNPLEASANT ICONOGRAPHY
20 THAT'S BEEN PUT UP WITHIN CUSTODY AREAS THAT SUGGESTS THAT
21 THERE MAY BE SOMETHING GOING ON THERE, BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN
22 ABLE TO UNCOVER DIRECT EVIDENCE, WHICH IS WHY MY OFFICE PLANS
23 TO BEGIN VERY SOON AN INVESTIGATION IN WHICH WE'RE GOING TO
24 NAME NAMES. ONE BY ONE, WE'RE GOING TO IDENTIFY THE PEOPLE IN
25 THE GROUP, IDENTIFY WHETHER OR NOT THEY VIOLATED THE CODE



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1 SECTION, AND PROVIDE BRADY LISTS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
2 OFFICE WHETHER THEY ASK FOR THEM OR NOT AS REQUIRED BY THE
3 CONSTITUTION. WHEN WE'RE DONE, I EXPECT EITHER MY OFFICE OR
4 MS. DECKER'S OFFICE TO EVENTUALLY SORT OUT, IDENTIFY ALL THE
5 GROUPS AND FIGURE OUT WHICH ONES ARE GANGS AND WHICH ONES ARE
6 SOMETHING LESS. TO BE CLEAR, I FULLY SUPPORT THE C.O.C.'S
7 ENCOURAGEMENT OF A POLICY THAT ELIMINATES THESE GROUPS ACROSS
8 THE BOARD, REGARDLESS OF THE CONDUCT, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE
9 PUBLIC AND TO PROTECT THE DEPUTIES FROM JOINING ONE THINKING
10 IT'S ALL GOOD CLEAN FUN WITH JUST A LITTLE SKULL TATTOO, AND
11 THEN FINDING OUT, OH MY GOSH, WE'RE VIOLATING THE LAW. I THINK
12 IT'S NECESSARY TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THE GROUPS.

13
14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT THE REPORT
15 LAYS OUT 27 RECOMMENDATIONS, SO THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO BE
16 DONE. AND IT'S GOING TO BE VERY AMBITIOUS ON THE PART OF ALL
17 OF US TO GET THAT DONE. LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I'M GRATEFUL THAT
18 FRANKY CARRILLO COULD BE HERE, AND I WANTED HIM TO PROVIDE HIS
19 OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE REGARDING DEPUTY GANGS, AND I THINK
20 YOU WILL FIND HIS STORY VERY INFORMATIVE, ENLIGHTENING, AND
21 COURAGEOUS.

22
23 **FRANKY CARRILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK
24 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO SHARE MY STORY,
25 WHICH IS ACTUALLY OUR STORY, IT'S 9A COUNTY STORY ABOUT THIS



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1 ISSUE. I WAS RAISED IN A SMALL TOWN, LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA, NOT
2 TOO FAR FROM HERE, WHICH MANY AT THE TIME REFERRED TO AS A
3 BEDROOM COMMUNITY WITH FOLKS WHO WERE FACTORY WORKERS WITH
4 GOODYEAR AND CHEVY AND SO ON AND ALSO WHICH WAS THE HOME OF
5 THE LYNWOOD VIKINGS. THE COMMUNITY, I MUST STRESS, WAS A BRAVE
6 COMMUNITY. THEY FILED, AFTER MANY YEARS OF ENDURING THE VIKING
7 NIGHTMARE, FILED A CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT, THOMAS V. L.A.
8 COUNTY. DURING THAT LAWSUIT, AS A 16-YEAR-OLD BOY, MY LIFE WAS
9 TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. THERE WAS A CRIME THAT WAS COMMITTED IN
10 LYNWOOD WHERE AN INNOCENT MAN, DONALD SARPY, WAS MURDERED
11 DURING A DRIVE-BY. AND THAT SAD CASE WAS COMPOUNDED WHEN THEY
12 ACCUSED THE WRONG BOY, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE ME. I WAS A 10TH
13 GRADER IN HIGH SCHOOL. MY LIFE HADN'T TRULY TAKEN FORM AND
14 LAUNCHED, BUT I WAS -- THERE I WAS. I WAS ARRESTED, ACCUSED,
15 TRIED AS AN ADULT, AND EVENTUALLY FACING A JURY TRIAL. THE
16 EVIDENCE THAT WAS USED AGAINST ME WERE FIVE YOUNG BOYS. THAT
17 WAS IT, THEIR EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY. AND MY NAIVE POSITION WAS
18 THEY'RE JUST CONFUSING. THEY'RE MISTAKEN. THIS WILL ALL BE
19 RESOLVED. THE ADULTS WHO ARE HERE WILL MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS.
20 AND SADLY, THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED. THE JURY CAME BACK WITH A
21 GUILTY VERDICT. I WAS SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS TO LIFE WITH AN
22 ADDITIONAL SIX LIFE SENTENCES ON TOP OF THAT. I'M NOW 18 YEARS
23 OLD. FAST FORWARD, I'M TWO DECADES IN STATE CUSTODY FROM THE
24 YOUTH AUTHORITY ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO FOLSOM PRISON. FRIENDS
25 WHO WERE THERE WITH ME WOULD MOCK ME AND SAY, "FRANKY, JUST



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1 GIVE UP, MAN. YOUR A LIFE SENTENCE, YOU'RE A LIFER. THERE IS
2 NOTHING YOU CAN DO BECAUSE, IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE THE LIGHT
3 OF DAY, YOU HAVE TO PROVE THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
4 STATES FAILED YOU. YOU HAVE TO PROVED THAT THESE WITNESSES
5 LIED AGAINST YOU, AND YOU HAVE TO PROVE ULTIMATELY THE
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS BEHIND IT." LO AND BEHOLD, I DIDN'T
7 GIVE UP. AND LO AND BEHOLD, I PROVED WHAT I AM TELLING YOU
8 HERE TODAY. THE EVIDENCE SURFACED THAT THOSE BOYS WEREN'T --
9 THEY WEREN'T LYING. THEY WERE BEING MANIPULATED TO TESTIFY THE
10 WAY THEY WERE. THEY WEREN'T MISTAKEN. THEY WERE BEING COERCED
11 BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, CRAIG DITCH, WHO IS AN ADMITTED
12 VIKING GANG MEMBER, WHO IS NOW RETIRED. AND THE STORY
13 UNRAVELED. SO NOW IT ALL BECAME VERY CLEAR WHAT HAD HAPPENED
14 AND WHY IT HAPPENED, AND MY ATTORNEYS PROVED TO THE COURT HERE
15 IN LOS ANGELES OF WHAT I'M SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY. AND THERE
16 TRULY WAS NO OTHER THING TO DO WAS TO FRAME ME. AND SO, 12
17 YEARS AGO, MARCH OF 2011, I WAS FREED, AND I WAS EXONERATED,
18 BUT I CAN'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED. MY STORY THEN MOVED FORWARD
19 INTO A CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT WHERE THESE ALLEGATIONS I'M
20 SPEAKING TO YOU ABOUT REACHED A FEDERAL LEVEL, AND THIS BODY
21 AWARDED ME \$10.1 MILLION, WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THE LARGEST IN
22 THE COUNTRY. I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT. THANK YOU. BUT I
23 CAN'T FORGET WHAT IS HAPPENING -- WHAT HAPPENED TO ME AND
24 WHAT IS CONTINUING TO HAPPEN IN THIS COUNTY. I PREFACED THIS
25 BY TALKING ABOUT THIS VERY BOLD AND COURAGEOUS COMMUNITY OF



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1 THESE FOLKS IN LYNWOOD, THESE FOLKS WHO SUED THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT. WHAT I KNOW FROM THAT STORY AND WHAT I KNOW FROM
3 MY OWN STORY IS THAT THOSE DEPUTIES WHO WERE INVOLVED BACK
4 THEN, IT BROKE MY HEART TO LEARN THAT WHEN I CAME HOME, THEY
5 WERE NO LONGER DEPUTIES. THEY WERE UNDERSHERIFFS. THERE WERE
6 COMMANDERS. THEY WERE IN THE TRAINING FACILITIES. THEY WERE
7 LIEUTENANTS. AND MAYBE THEY HAD GONE AWAY FROM THEIR ON THE
8 GROUND TACTICS OF DEPUTY GANG, BUT THEY'RE NOW THROUGHOUT THE
9 ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. MY STORY HAS RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL FAME
10 THROUGH NETFLIX. THERE'S A STORY THAT'S BEING TOLD THERE. IT
11 WAS AIRED TWO YEARS AGO. AND IT RANG THROUGH THE RINGER OF THE
12 FEDERAL NINTH CIRCUIT COURT, WHICH IS NOW CASE LAW THAT PEOPLE
13 CAN LOOK UP ABOUT THIS QUALIFIED IMMUNITY THAT DIRECTLY
14 INVOLVES TO MY CASE. ALL THAT TO SAY, AND I'LL USE YOUR WORDS,
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IT TRULY IS A NEW DAY. IT TRULY IS A NEW
16 DAY. AND I FEEL TERRIBLE THAT I HAVE TO CARRY THE BURDEN OF
17 THE PAST, AND IT BOTHERS ME THAT IT IS JUST WHAT IT IS, BUT
18 THANKFULLY I WAS ABLE TO ENDURE THAT, AND HERE I AM TO TESTIFY
19 ABOUT THIS TRAGEDY. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO SEAN KENNEDY AT THE
20 C.O.C., THE COMMISSION WHO WAS HERE, MAX HUNTSMAN, THIS ENTIRE
21 BOARD, WHO HAS TAKEN THIS TOPIC VERY SERIOUSLY SO THAT FOLKS
22 LIKE MYSELF, THIS COMMUNITY, OTHER COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THIS
23 COUNTY, INCLUDING ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT GETS FORGOTTEN ABOUT A
24 LOT, DOES NOT HAVE TO ENDURE THIS TRAGEDY. I'M HERE,
25 OBVIOUSLY, ANOTHER VOICE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. IT'S



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1 OBVIOUSLY LONG OVERDUE, BUT I'M GRATEFUL THAT IT'S A NEW DAY.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, FRANKY, AND TO ALL THREE OF
5 YOU, THE PANEL, AND TO ALL THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT HAVE
6 BEEN A PART OF THIS ONGOING LABORIOUS TASK OF TRYING TO
7 CORRECT A WRONG. AND I'M JUST SO PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR THE
8 HARD WORK THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE PUT FORWARD, INCLUDING OTHER
9 PEOPLE THAT MAY HAVE WORKED WITH US HERE IN THE COUNTY THAT
10 LEFT BECAUSE OF SUCH BAD BEHAVIOR, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD.
11 BUT THIS HAS TO CHANGE BECAUSE THERE ARE PROBABLY THOUSANDS OF
12 FRANKYS OR FRANCESCAS THAT ARE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW THAT HAVE
13 BEEN IMPACTED BY WHAT HAS GONE ON. AND WE CAN'T ALLOW THAT TO
14 HAPPEN ANYMORE. SO I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE COMMISSION FOR
15 YOUR HARD WORK AND PERSISTENCE BECAUSE I KNOW, AT MANY TIMES,
16 IT WAS UP AND DOWN. AND AT SOME POINT, I DIDN'T ALSO BELIEVE
17 THAT WE WERE GOING TO SEE A DAY LIKE THIS, BUT HERE WE ARE. SO
18 NOW, WE HAVE TO TAKE THIS FORWARD. SO I THANK YOU. MADAM
19 CHAIR, I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. I THINK THE BOARD MEMBERS
20 WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD.



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1 AND I WANT TO START BY THANKING THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
2 COMMISSION FOR YOUR COURAGE TO TO TELL THE TRUTH IN THE FACE
3 OF FEAR AND INTIMIDATION AND GROSS ABUSES OF POWER. I WANT TO
4 THANK EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. AND ALTHOUGH THE REPORT
5 WAS ISSUED THIS LAST WEEK, I COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE WHOLE
6 THING. I HAD TO PUT IT DOWN. I'LL JUST TELL YOU THE TRUTH. AND
7 I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO IT, BUT I COULDN'T TAKE IT ALL
8 IN ONE READING. AND I AM MAD AS HELL THAT HALF OF THE STATIONS
9 MENTIONED ARE IN THE DISTRICT THAT I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF
10 REPRESENTING, A DISTRICT RICH IN HISTORY AND CULTURE OF HARD
11 WORKING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR FAR
12 TOO LONG. AND THEY AND WE DESERVE BETTER. I APPRECIATE THAT
13 THIS BOARD HAS WORKED TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND
14 ACCOUNTABILITY BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS EXHIBITED BY
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I COAUTHORING THE MOTION LAST YEAR THAT
16 ALLOWED US TO PUT ON THE BALLOT, AND THE VOTERS OVERWHELMING
17 PASSED, TO GIVE US THE POWER TO REMOVE A SHERIFF FOR
18 MISCONDUCT, THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE TO ADDRESS AND HEAR
19 ABOUT THE HARASSMENT OF FAMILIES BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
20 AND STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT. I
21 HOPE THOSE ACTIONS SEND A MESSAGE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT THE
22 INTIMIDATION AND SECRECY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, BUT I HAVE TO
23 SAY I WISH I COULD BELIEVE IN MY HEART AND SOUL THAT IT'S A
24 NEW DAY. I TEND TO BE -- I AM NOT A PESSIMIST BY NATURE, BUT
25 WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BLACK AND BROWN BOYS AND



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1 GIRLS WHO ARE WALKING AROUND TODAY ON THE GANG DATABASE, WHO
2 MAY NOT EVEN KNOW THAT THEY ARE. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE TOMES
3 OF STATE LEGISLATION AND LOCAL LEGISLATION DEALING WITH OR
4 ADDRESSING KIDS ASSOCIATED WITH GANGS, EVERYTHING FROM
5 SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS TO, YOU NAME IT, AND THE IRONY THAT A
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT WOULD COME TO SACRAMENTO AND
7 TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THAT LEGISLATION WERE NO BETTER
8 THEMSELVES. SO, I DIDN'T READ ALL 27 RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE I
9 COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE REPORT JUST YET. BUT I SURE WISH
10 THAT, IN ADDITION TO DECLARING THAT THERE ARE GANGS AND
11 ROOTING THEM OUT, WE HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE TO SOME OF THE SAME
12 GANG-RELATED LAWS THAT WE HOLD OTHERS TO. MAYBE THEY SHOULD BE
13 ADDED TO THE GANG DATABASE, AND THEREFORE THEIR MOVEMENT
14 TRACKED, THEIR ABILITY TO TRAVEL OR HAVE FAMILY REUNIONS WITH
15 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE ON THE GANG DATABASE, OR THEIR
16 ABILITY TO GET A BANK LOAN OR A STUDENT LOAN, MAYBE THEY
17 SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE GANG DATABASE SINCE WE HAVE DECLARED
18 THAT THEY ARE GANGS SO THEY CAN BEAR THE WEIGHT OF THE
19 AFFILIATION THAT THEY FOUND SO IMPORTANT TO THEIR ABILITY TO
20 DO THEIR JOB. YOU KNOW, AND HEARING THE HISTORY THAT YOU
21 TALKED OUT, MR. KENNEDY, JUST REMINDED ME OF AN EXHIBIT AT THE
22 AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN D.C. THAT TALKS ABOUT THE HISTORY
23 OF TERM PATROLMAN AND HOW IT GOES BACK TO THOSE SENT OUT TO
24 RETRIEVE ENSLAVED PEOPLE WHO WERE SEEKING FREEDOM. AND HOW
25 THEY WERE OFTEN FROM THE SAME COMMUNITIES OF THE ENSLAVED,



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1 LOOKED LIKE THE ENSLAVED, BUT WERE EMPOWERED TO USE EXTREME
2 FORCE AND ABUSE, AND I'M SAD TO -- IT SADDENS ME TO THINK
3 THAT, IN A PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENVIRONMENT HUNDREDS
4 OF YEARS LATER, THAT MANY OF THEIR ACTIONS HAVEN'T VEERED TOO
5 FAR FROM THE ORIGINS OF THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF WHAT A PATROLMAN
6 WAS. SO IT'S CLEAR THAT CULTURAL AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES NEED
7 TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AND I TRULY HOPE THAT
8 SHERIFF LUNA AND THE CAPTAINS AT THE STATION DO SOMETHING TO
9 ERADICATE THIS BEHAVIOR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT THE SHERIFF
10 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION CONSIDER A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
11 THAT INCLUDES THE QUALITATIVE DATA FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
12 HAVE CONSISTENTLY AND BRAVELY SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH
13 DEPUTY GANGS SO WE REALLY HAVE A COMPLETE PICTURE AND
14 UNDERSTANDING OF THE FULL RAMIFICATIONS THAT THEIR ACTIONS
15 HAVE HAD ON FAR TOO MANY FAMILIES, POOR FAMILIES, FAMILIES OF
16 COLOR FOR DECADES. YOU KNOW, MR. CARRILLO, I WISH THAT YOU
17 WERE THE LAST PERSON THAT HAD TO ENDURE WHAT YOU DID, BUT YOU
18 AND I CERTAINLY KNOW YOU WEREN'T AND MAY NOT BE THE LAST. AS
19 HARD AS WE ALL WORK TO CREATE A JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT REALLY IS
20 JUST AND FAIR AND EQUITABLE, AND ALL WORK WE HAVE DONE TO
21 SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE SO THEIR MIRANDA RIGHTS CAN'T BE WAIVED,
22 SO UNDER 15 CAN'T BE TRIED AS ADULTS, ALL THOSE TACTICS, THOSE
23 INTIMIDATION TACTICS THAT HAVE BEEN USED FOR MULTIPLE
24 GENERATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WRONGLY INCARCERATED
25 PEOPLE WHO DISPROPORTIONATELY LOOK LIKE YOU AND ME. SO I'M



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1 GLAD YOU'RE HERE TO TELL YOUR STORY AND TO GIVE ALL OF US THE
2 COURAGE TO CONTINUE TO WHAT WE NEED DO TO FIGHT TO CREATE A
3 JUDICIAL SYSTEM, A LEGAL SYSTEM, A CARCERAL SYSTEM THAT IS
4 HUMANE AND JUST AND DOESN'T DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT
5 COMMUNITIES WHO ARE LEAST ABLE TO STAND UP AND DEFEND
6 THEMSELVES AND ARE MOST OFTEN LEAST BELIEVED. SO I AM PROUD TO
7 BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TODAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I AM SURE
8 THERE WILL BE OTHER MOTIONS THAT WILL COME OUT OF THE REPORT.
9 I HOPE THAT WE DO CONSIDER LEANING IN HARD AND HOLDING THOSE
10 WHO ARE FOUND TO HAVE GANG AFFILIATION ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SAME
11 PROVISION THAT'S THE REST OF US ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO IF WE
12 CHOOSE TO AFFILIATE WITH A GANG. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER -- SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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17 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I FIRST WANT TO THANK
18 YOU, FRANKY, FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS VULNERABILITY FOR CHOOSING TO
19 SHARE YOUR STORY, NOT JUST HERE, BUT WORLDWIDE. YOU INSPIRE
20 ME, AND YOU INSPIRE COUNTLESS PEOPLE TO PERSEVERE IN DOING
21 BETTER IN OUR FIGHT FOR JUSTICE. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU. I
22 AM DISGUSTED WITH WHAT YOU HAD TO EXPERIENCE. AND I AM IN AWE
23 OF YOUR STRENGTH TO COME FORWARD AND TESTIFY HERE AND CHOOSE
24 TO FIGHT TO MAKE CHANGE. THANK YOU. WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR
25 PRESENCE HERE TODAY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR



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1 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN
2 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE DEPUTY GANG AD HOC COMMITTEE,
3 SPECIAL COUNSEL, ALL WHO TESTIFIED AT THE HEARINGS ABOUT THE
4 IMPACT OF DEPUTY GANGS. FOR OVER 50 YEARS, THE LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY DEPUTY GANGS.
6 THIS IS NO SECRET. IT IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND SHOULD
7 BE A TOTAL EMBARRASSMENT, ESPECIALLY TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
8 CLOSEST TO THE PROBLEM AND HAVE THE MOST INFLUENCE IN ENDING
9 IT, THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT. THESE DEPUTY GANGS HAVE
10 ERODED TRUST WITH THE COMMUNITY, WITHIN THEIR OWN WORKFORCE.
11 THESE GANGS RESULT IN LOW MORALE, BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND
12 RETALIATION INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT, AND COUNTLESS HARMS OUTSIDE
13 OF THE DEPARTMENT. NONE OF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE. AND I AM GLAD
14 TO SEE THAT OUR NEW SHERIFF HAS STARTED THE WORK TO CORRECT
15 IT, BUT THIS IS WORK THAT HAS BEEN LONG ONGOING WITH COUNTLESS
16 PEOPLE INVOLVED. AND I WANT TO THANK AGAIN, THE COMMISSION FOR
17 CONTINUING TO PERSEVERE IN THE FACE OF UNTHINKABLE ADVERSITY,
18 ESPECIALLY OUR THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSIONER WHO HAD THE
19 DEPARTMENT RAID HER HOME, HER PLACE OF WORK. IT IS UNTHINKABLE
20 WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO PEOPLE WHO ARE SIMPLY FIGHTING FOR
21 JUSTICE AND FOR AN ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM THAT WE CAN ALL
22 BELIEVE IN. THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE CIVILIAN
23 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ARE AN EXCELLENT START TO ACHIEVING OUR
24 GOAL OF ELIMINATING DEPUTY GANGS, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THIS WORK
25 HAS HAPPENED WITH PREVIOUS ATTORNEY GENERAL BECERRA, NOW



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1 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONTA, CONGRESSMAN JIMMY GOMEZ. ALL LEVELS OF
2 GOVERNMENT HAVE CALLED FOR ACTION. SO WE ARE WELL PAST THE
3 POINT OF ONE MORE REPORT BACK, AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THIS
4 MOTION DEMANDS ACTION. I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION. I
5 LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE WORK THAT OUR NEW SHERIFF IS DOING TO
7 ELIMINATE DEPUTY GANGS, AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY WE ALL MUST
8 DEMAND IF WE WANT A DEPARTMENT AND A JUSTICE SYSTEM WE CAN ALL
9 TRULY BELIEVE IN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WILL BE SHORT. I WANT TO THANK
14 YOU FOR COMING DOWN, SEAN. AND I WANT TO THANK PUBLICLY MY
15 APPOINTEE, ROBERT BONNER, WHO I KNOW HAS BEEN VERY VOCAL ON
16 THIS ISSUE. AND FRANKY, THANK YOU. I THINK THAT WE HEAR
17 STORIES, BUT TO HAVE IT COME FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED
18 IT I THINK DRIVES HOME THE FACT OF THE NEED FOR ACTION. AND
19 THEN MAX, WHAT CAN I SAY, MAX. YOU HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF HITS,
20 REPUTATION-WISE AND ALL, BUT YOU KEPT FOCUSED. SO THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR DETERMINATION AND THE STRENGTH YOU HAVE HAD AS WELL.
22 I SUPPORT THIS, BUT I ALSO WANT THIS BOARD TO RECOGNIZE THERE
23 ARE ITEMS IN HERE THAT ARE GOING TO BE CIVIL SERVICE AND ARE
24 GOING TO BE -- BLESS YOU -- MEET AND CONFER. AND I WANT US ALL
25 TO BE GOING INTO THIS WITH EYES WIDE OPEN BECAUSE WE HAVE TO.



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1 AND LUNA -- AND IF YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT. I DON'T KNOW
2 IF THE COMMISSION DID LOOK AT THAT OR EXTRAPOLATE THOSE THAT
3 ARE -- WE ARE GOING HAVE TO DEAL WITH ON THAT LEVEL. I GUESS
4 THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION TO YOU.

5

6 **SEAN KENNEDY:** YES, THERE'S A LONG HISTORY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
7 COMMISSION UNDOING THE FEW INSTANCES OF DISCIPLINE. THE
8 MAJORITY OF THE JUMP OUT BOYS WERE REINSTATED EVEN THOUGH
9 THEIR CREED ADVOCATING PERJURY AND MISCONDUCT ON THE STREETS
10 WAS FOUND IN AN L.A.S.D. PATROL CAR. SO THAT'S PROBABLY THE
11 SUBJECT OF FUTURE REPORTING BECAUSE IT IS A REAL PROBLEM.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE YOU SAYING THAT. I THINK IT IS
14 IMPORTANT, WHEN I LOOK AT THE I THEREFORE MOVES, ONE THING
15 STANDS OUT, I THINK WE NEED TO GET A REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD
16 ON WHAT OF THOSE 27 ARE GOING TO REQUIRE THIS BOARD TO TAKE
17 ACTION BECAUSE MOST OF THE -- WELL, ALL OF IT IS UNDER THE
18 SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION. WE ARE ACTUALLY ENDORSING AND
19 RECOMMENDING THAT THE SHERIFF DO IT. NOW, WE KNOW THE SHERIFF
20 IS COMMITTED. THIS SHERIFF IS COMMITTED TO MOVING THIS
21 FORWARD, BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO FALL INTO OUR
22 LAP AS IT RELATES TO HOW TO GET THE SHERIFF WHERE HE NEEDS TO
23 BE. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME, FESIA, IF WE COULD
24 VET WHERE THOSE ARE SO THAT WE, AS A BOARD, CAN START
25 DISCUSSING WHAT THE NEXT STEP IS BECAUSE THERE WILL BE



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1 IMPEDIMENTS BEYOND WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE
2 HISTORY AND THE FACT THAT IT IS IN THE DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE
3 GOING TO BE IMPEDIMENTS FROM A BUREAUCRACY STANDPOINT
4 IMPLEMENTING SOME RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I JUST -- I DON'T KNOW
5 IF THAT WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. AND IT DOESN'T MEAN WE
6 SHOULDN'T. I AM JUST TRYING TO SET THE STAGE FOR WHAT THIS
7 BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ACTION ON.

8

9 **SEAN KENNEDY:** WELL, I AM A FORMER CAREER PUBLIC DEFENDER. I
10 WELCOME IMPEDIMENTS AND DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. I THINK THE
11 COMMISSION HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ON THE LEGALITIES BECAUSE
12 SOMETIMES MAYBE WE OUGHT TO FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT IN COURT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I AM NOT SAYING OTHERWISE, BUT WHAT I AM
15 SAYING IS IS THAT WE WILL ADOPT THIS TODAY. AND IT IS GOING TO
16 GO OVER OVER TO THE SHERIFF, THEN WE'RE GOING TO GET A REPORT
17 IN SIX MONTHS THAT GOING TO SAY 10 OF THEM WERE IMPLEMENTED
18 BUT THE REST WE ARE NOT ABLE TO. AND IT IS GOING TO WHY NOT.
19 AND IT IS GOING TO BE BECAUSE CIVIL SERVICE RULES STATE X, Y,
20 Z. SO I JUST I WANT US TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION BEFORE US
21 MOVING FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN, AS A BOARD, SUPPORT EFFORTS TO
22 RIGHT WHAT HAS BEEN WRONG.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK THE
25 MOTION ACTUALLY CALLS FOR COCO, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, TO BE



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1 ENGAGED. SO THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT TO ADDRESS. AND IF WE
2 HAVE TO FIND LEGISLATIVE REMEDIES, THEN WE SHOULD BE ON IT
3 BECAUSE I THINK THE OUTCRY IS SO STRONG THAT WE HAVE TO DO
4 SOMETHING. THIS ISN'T THE ONLY UNION WHERE WE HAVE HAD ISSUES.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT IT IS NOT EVEN LEGIS -
7 - IT IS WITHIN OUR OWN ABILITY ON THIS BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THEN WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TAKE THAT --

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S WHY I AM ASKING FOR YOU ALL TO
12 LOOK AT IT AND PROVIDE IT TO US. THERE WERE A COUPLE THAT
13 STOOD OUT TO ME, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE, AGAIN, I DON'T
14 WANT -- WE HAVE A SHERIFF THAT IS WORKING WITH US,
15 COLLABORATIVELY. AND I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE GIVE HIM
16 ALL THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO SUCCEED.

17

18 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO, SUPERVISORS, COUNTY COUNSEL AND I
19 WILL WORK WITH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WE WILL GO
20 THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SEE WHICH ONES HAVE POTENTIAL
21 IMPACTS TO OUR AGREEMENTS WITH LABOR, AS WELL AS ANYTHING IN
22 THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES THAT WILL REQUIRE US TO TAKE SOME
23 EXTRA STEPS TO IMPLEMENT.

24

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



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1
2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND YOU KNOW I WASN'T BEING DRAMATIC OR
4 FACETIOUS WHEN I SAID THEY SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE
5 RULES AND LAWS ON THE BOOKS THAT IMPACT GANG MEMBERS. AND SO,
6 IF WE REALLY LOOK AT THOSE, AND THEY ARE THEN DEEMED A MEMBER
7 OF A GANG, TO LOOK AT OUR EXISTING PENAL CODE. THAT MIGHT
8 TRUMP ONE'S CIVIL SERVICE STATUS IF YOU ARE TAGGED AS A GANG
9 MEMBER AND YOUR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR GANG
10 MEMBERSHIP ARE THEN DETERMINED TO BE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. THAT
11 COULD THEN SEND US DOWN A WHOLE DIFFERENT PATH. SO I JUST
12 WOULD ASK THAT WE CONSIDER ALL OF THAT IN TOTALITY. AND THE
13 OTHER THING I JUST REALLY WANTED TO GET A RESPONSE IF I COULD
14 FROM YOU ABOUT MY REQUEST ABOUT A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT THAT
15 INCLUDES THE QUALITATIVE DATA FROM FAMILY MEMBERS SHARING
16 THEIR EXPERIENCES BEING HARASSED BY DEPUTY GANG MEMBERS.

17
18 **SEAN KENNEDY:** YES, THAT DECISION WAS ALREADY MADE FRIDAY. WE
19 HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN. THE ISSUES THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED BY
20 THIS BOARD RIGHT NOW ARE ISSUES THAT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION
21 BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS THAT
22 OVERRIDE EVERYTHING THAT ARE NOT BEING COMPLIED WITH. WE HAVE
23 TESTIFYING LAW ENFORCEMENT WITNESSES FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
24 TESTIFYING IN CRIMINAL TRIALS LIKE FRANKY'S, WHERE THEY HAVE
25 HAD AN OBLIGATION FOR 60 YEARS TO DISCLOSE TO THE ACCUSED THE



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1 IMPEACHING INFORMATION ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT WITNESSES BEING IN
2 A LAW ENFORCEMENT GANG, AND THEY AREN'T DOING IT. AND THE SAME
3 WITH WITH THE POLICE SHOOTINGS, WHEN THE INVESTIGATE THE
4 DEPUTY SHOOTINGS, THEY INVESTIGATE THE DECEDENT'S GANG
5 MEMBERSHIP, BUT NOBODY ASKS IF THE DEPUTY WHO HAS SHOT THE
6 COMMUNITY MEMBER IS AFFILIATED AND TATTOOED WITH THE
7 EXECUTIONERS OR THE BANDITOS. SO IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED
8 PROCESS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, BUT THE COMMISSION WELCOMES
9 WEIGHING IN, AS WELL.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MY COLLEAGUES. JUST
12 LISTENING TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU SO CONCERNED AND
13 THOUGHTFUL IN HOW WE ARE APPROACHING THIS. THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR HOW YOU STARTED OFF AND GIVING US THE
15 TESTIMONY OF THESE THREE MEN. AND MAY I ALSO SAY, NUMBER ONE,
16 MAX, YEAH, YOU HAVE REALLY GONE THROUGH IT, RIGHT. YOU HAVE
17 BEEN MALIGNED AND HUMILIATED AND CALLED ALL SORTS OF NAMES.
18 AND YET, YOU ARE STILL HERE. AND THE MORE INFORMATION THAT
19 COMES OUT, THE MORE YOU ARE AFFIRMED AND VINDICATED FOR WHAT
20 YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SEND THE ALARMS ABOUT. SO THANK YOU.
21 DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING SOMETHING?

22

23 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I DO, I WANT TO SAY YOU ARE TOOTING YOUR OWN
24 HORN BECAUSE THIS BOARD BACKED ME WHEN THE SHERIFF CAME AFTER
25 ME. AND I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATED THAT. YOU



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1 DIDN'T PULL THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER ME. YOU LET ME FIGHT THAT
2 FIGHT. AND IT'S SO FAR GONE PRETTY GOOD. WE'RE NOT DONE.
3 OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT I REALLY
4 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT I GOT BACK IN THE DARK DAYS. AND I HOPE
5 THIS IS A NEW DAY, BUT THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT. I REALLY
6 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU. YOUR WORK IS SO IMPORTANT,
9 AND I AM SURE MANY TIMES YOU FELT ALONE DOING IT, BUT I THINK
10 A LOT OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE HAS BROUGHT US HERE TODAY. AND
11 THANK YOU, SEAN, FRANKY, FOR YOUR HEARTFELT TESTIMONY. I THINK
12 IT REALLY, GOING FORWARD, WILL SHAPE HOW THIS BOARD LOOKS AT
13 ALL REPORT BACKS AND CONTINUES TO STAY ON TOP OF THIS. I THINK
14 THE KEY IS IMPLEMENTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, MONITORING THE
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SOME SENSE OF HOW WE
16 SHOULD, ON THIS BOARD, DEEM SUCCESS OR PROGRESS. THAT IS GOING
17 TO BE INTERESTING AND MAY BE DIFFICULT. THERE MAY BE STEPS
18 FORWARD AND STEPS BACKWARD, BUT I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT WE
19 ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. AND SPEAKING OF THE SAME PAGE, I WAS
20 -- I READ WHAT A.L.A.D.'S, THE DEPUTY SHERIFF UNION, STATEMENT
21 WAS. AND JUST TO READ IT, RIGHT, THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION DOES
22 NOT CONDONE BEHAVIOR THAT IS UNLAWFUL OR INTENTIONALLY
23 VIOLATES THE STANDARDS OF MODERN PROFESSIONAL POLICING. HE
24 SAID THAT THE UNION HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO DEFEND AND
25 REPRESENT ITS MEMBERS, BUT THAT THE ORGANIZATION STILL



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1 BELIEVES THERE'S A WAY TO WORK TOGETHER, TO "ACHIEVE A COMMON
2 OBJECTIVES WITHOUT INFRINGING ON ANYONE'S RIGHTS." SO I HOPE
3 THAT WILL ALLOW US TO SOMEHOW WORK TOGETHER ON A PATHWAY
4 FORWARD. AND I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BRING
5 EVERYBODY ALONG AS WE DO THIS, BUT TO MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT
6 THAT THIS BOARD OF FIVE WOMEN IS ADAMANT AND DETERMINED, AND I
7 THINK YOU HEARD A LITTLE BIT LOSING PATIENCE, KIND OF TIRED OF
8 THIS DISCUSSION. I MEAN WE WERE EVEN GIVEN A LETTER OF CEASE
9 AND DESIST BY THE FORMER SHERIFF ASKING US NOT EVEN TO USE THE
10 WORD DEPUTY GANGS BECAUSE, IN FACT, THEY DID NOT EXIST. SO IT
11 DOES FEEL LIKE A NEW DAY. WE WILL GIVE SHERIFF LUNA AS MUCH
12 SUPPORT AS HE NEEDS. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK ONE OF THE -- THIS
13 IS A SMALL ISSUE, BUT YOU BROUGHT UP JUST THE LOGOS THAT
14 SOMETIMES WE FIND IN THE STATIONS. AND I REMEMBER ONE OF THE
15 FIRST TOURS I TOOK, AND THERE WAS A LOGO IN THE LOBBY OF THE
16 STATION. I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHICH ONE IT WAS NOW, BUT IT
17 WAS AS BIG AS OUR COUNTY SEAL, AND IT DESIGNATED ANOTHER NAME.
18 AND I, THEN AND THERE, SAID THERE SHOULD BE NO OTHER LOGO IN
19 ANY OF OUR FACILITIES EXCEPT OUR COUNTY SEAL. AND EVERYTHING
20 ELSE SHOULD BE ERADICATED. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST
21 STEPS WE SHOULD DO TO SHOW WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS
22 A COUNTY FAMILY, AND WHAT OUR VALUES ARE, AND WHAT WE STAND
23 FOR. BUT THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 BRAVERY AND COURAGE IN BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND WITH THAT --
25



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I DO WANT TO THANK THEIR STAFF AS
2 WELL BECAUSE COMMISSIONERS ARE OUTSTANDING, AND OUR O.I.G.,
3 BUT THE STAFF THAT DO THE WORK BEHIND THE SCENES, INCLUDING MY
4 OWN STAFF, ESTHER LIM, STAND, SHE'S SHY, BUT TO ALL OF THEM.
5 LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU,
6 MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM THE
9 PUBLIC, IF THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO WEIGH IN ON THIS ITEM.
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT
11 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD
14 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU, DANA GARCETTI, DANIELLE VAPI, HANS
15 JOHNSON, AND PATTY GIGGINS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
16 REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

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

20

21 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, FOLKS. YES, THIS IS A GREAT DAY, AND
22 THERE'S NO THING THAT'S DIFFERENT. BACK IN '97 WHEN YOU HAD
23 THE NAP COMMISSIONER SERPICO IN NEW YORK CITY, AND THEN THE
24 SECOND NAP COMMISSION. AND WHAT THE BIG DIFFERENCE ARE IS
25 TODAY WE HAVE 1) A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN, 2) WE HAVE -- AND HE



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1 IS NOT FROM THE OLD SCHOOL, IF YOU WILL. AND YOU HAVE YOUR
2 COMMISSION WAS DOING THIS STELLAR WORK, BUT THEN ALSO YOU HAVE
3 S.B.2 AND S.B.16, WHICH BRING IN THE ABILITY OF THE CIVILIANS
4 TO ENGAGE THIS SITUATION AND GET RID OF SOME BAD EGGS, ETC. SO
5 WE CAN ONLY HOPE FOR THE BEST AND LOOK FORWARD TO THIS THING
6 AND REALLY TAKING CARE OF THINGS, BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE
7 GROUP THERAPY SITUATION, CALL IT BAND OF BROTHERS. THAT'S THE
8 NATURE OF THE BEAST, AND PLEASE GET RID OF THAT TIME CLOCK.
9 SOMEBODY JUST PUT IT BACK UP. IT'S AN EMBARRASSMENT. THANK
10 YOU.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADRIANA BAUTISTA. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16
17 **ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF ERADICATING THE
18 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF ANY AND ALL GANGS, SHERIFFS
19 DEPUTY GANGS. THIS IS UNFORTUNATELY PART OF L.A. HISTORY PAST
20 AND PRESENT. WHAT A SHAME. ALSO JUST AMOUNT OF DAMAGE THAT
21 THEY HAVE DONE TO OUR COMMUNITIES IS OUTRAGEOUS. THIS -- THIS
22 IS THE BEGINNING, BUT I HAS TO CONTINUE TO BE SOMETHING THAT
23 THIS BOARD IS IN CLOSE CONVERSATION WITH THE OVERSIGHT
24 COMMITTEE AND JUST CONTINUE TO LOOK TO THEIR LEADERSHIP AS



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1 THEY HAVE BEEN VERY PASSIONATE EVEN WITH THE UNLAWFUL AND
2 UNCOORDINATED --

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6
7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DENISE WATSON. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9
10 **DENISE WATSON:** THANK YOU. MY FIRST THOUGHT IS THE CIVILIAN
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY DO NOT MAKE
12 THE FINAL DECISION. SO THEY MAKE THE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT GOES
13 TO THE SHERIFF OR WHOMEVER THE RECOMMENDATION GOES TO. AND
14 USUALLY THE PERSON THAT IT GOES TO, THEIR JOB IS TO MAINTAIN
15 AND PROTECT COUNTY INTEGRITY OR CITY INTEGRITY SO THAT THE
16 CITY DOESN'T GET SUED, OR THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET SUED. IT
17 WOULD PROBABLY SERVE BETTER -- I AM IN SUPPORT OF 55B, BUT IT
18 WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT BETTER IF MAYBE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION WAS ABLE TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION AND NOT HAVE IT
20 GO THROUGH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. LIKE -- I SAY ELECTED
21 OFFICIALS BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS LIKE THE GENTLEMAN THAT
22 SPOKE ABOUT HIS 30 YEARS TO LIFE, HE TALKED ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE
23 GETTING PROMOTED TO COMMANDERS AND TRAINING FACILITIES AND THE
24 HIGHER POSITIONS. SO UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S WHO IS MAKING THE
25 FINAL DECISION.



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1
2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4
5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7
8 **SOFIA QUINONES:** HELLO. TO FOLLOW UP ON THE LAST PERSON
9 SPEAKING, IT REMINDS ME WHEN THE WHOLE ISSUE CAME UP WITH THE
10 LAWSUIT WITHIN A.L.A.D.S. IT WAS A MINORITY SLATE THAT RAN.
11 THAT MINORITY SLATE WAS THERE TO GET RID OF THE WHITE
12 SUPREMACY WITH THE LYNWOOD VIKINGS. WELL, WHEN TANACA WAS
13 RUNNING AND MCDONALD, HE HAD TO GET PRIVATE MONEY BECAUSE A
14 JUDGE CAME IN AND BLOCKED THEIR FUNDS. THAT'S THE HISTORY THAT
15 WE HAVE TO LOOK AT BECAUSE THE WHITE SUPREMACY IS ROOTED. AND
16 IT ISN'T ONLY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE
17 PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND PEOPLE ON THE
18 BENCHER. AND SO, I JUST WANTED TO THROW SOME HISTORY IN THERE
19 AND FOR PEOPLE TO RESEARCH THAT LAWSUIT BECAUSE, AFTER THAT,
20 A.L.A.D.S WAS THE ONE WHO WENT UP AGAINST MCDONALD SO THAT WE
21 COULDN'T LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL TATTOO, NOW A BUNCH OF OTHER
22 TATTOOS CAME OUT WITH A LOT OF OTHER GANGS AND CLIQUES SO THAT
23 YOU COULDN'T FIND THE WHITE SUPREMACIST. I JUST WANTED TO
24 STATE THAT FOR THE RECORD. GOODBYE.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE WE GOING IN-PERSON? MISS
2 GARCETTI, ARE YOU -- YES, HELLO. WELCOME.

3
4 **DANA GARCETTI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO ERADICATE DEPUTY
6 GANGS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MY NAME IS DANA GARCETTI,
7 AND I AM ONE OF THREE ATTORNEYS ASSIGNED TO THE LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY UNIT AT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
9 OFFICE. LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT IS A FOCAL POINT FOR OUR
10 OFFICE, AND YOUR MOTION REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WORK.
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE SHARE YOUR EXASPERATION, WHICH I THINK
12 ALSO YOU INDICATED SUPERVISOR HAHN. FOR YEARS, WE HAVE KNOWN
13 ABOUT GANGS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, GANGS THAT
14 UNDERMINE PUBLIC FAITH IN POLICE AND THAT OPERATE UNDER A CODE
15 OF SILENCE, INTIMIDATION, AND RETALIATION. AS CHAIR KENNEDY
16 SAID, THESE GANGS DO IRREPARABLE HARM TO COMMUNITIES AND TO
17 OUR CLIENTS. THESE GANGS ENDANGER ALL OF US, INCLUDING THEIR
18 FELLOW SWORN DEPUTIES WHO REFUSE TO COMPROMISE THEIR ETHICS IN
19 ORDER TO JOIN THE BANDITOS, THE EXECUTERS, THE 3,000 BOYS, AND
20 ANY OF THE OTHER GANGS NAMED IN CHAIR KENNEDY'S 2021 REPORT.
21 IF I MAY, IF MR. HUNTSMAN CHOOSES TO SHARE THE NAMES OF THE
22 DEPUTIES IDENTIFIED AS GANG MEMBERS, PLEASE SHARE THEM WITH
23 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
24 AS WELL BECAUSE IT IS OUR CLIENTS WHO WILL NEED TO PROVE --
25 WHO WILL NEED TO IMPEACH THOSE DEPUTIES --



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1
2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DANA. THANK YOU FOR COMMENTING.
3 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4
5 **DANIELLE BUTLER VAPI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND
6 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANIELLE BUTLER VAPI, AND I AM INTERIM
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
8 COMMISSION. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TIME TO SPEAK, AND THANK
9 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING THIS
10 MOTION FORWARD TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO
11 ERADICATE DEPUTY GANGS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE
12 COMMISSION'S REPORT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE BOARD SEPTEMBER
13 2021 MOTION TO ERADICATE DEPUTY GANGS AND CREATE STRONGER
14 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THE REPORT UNDERSCORES THE NEGATIVE IMPACT
15 THESE GANGS HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT PROVIDES 27 CLEAR RECOMMENDATIONS TO
17 ERADICATE DEPUTY GANGS IN THE AREAS OF LEADERSHIP AND
18 SUPERVISION, POLICIES AND TRAINING, REDEPLOYMENTS AND
19 ROTATIONS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AS I REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT TO
20 ADOPT THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND URGE SHERIFF LUNA TO
21 IMPLEMENT THEM, I KNOW THAT OUR WORK IN THIS AREA IS NOT DONE
22 WITH THIS REPORT. WE HAVE FAITH THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
23 CURRENT LEADERSHIP UNDERSTANDS THE DAMAGE THE DEPUTY GANGS
24 CAUSE. AND THAT SHERIFF LUNA AND HIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE A



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1 PARTNER IN WORKING TO ELIMINATE GANGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND
2 THE CULTURE IT CREATES.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. HELLO, PATTY. WELCOME.

5

6 **PATTY GIGGINS:** HI.

7

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

9

10 **PATTY GIGGINS:** GREETINGS, EVERYONE. I AM PATTY GIGGINS,
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEACE OVER VIOLENCE AND COMMISSIONER ON
12 THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THIS REPORT CALLS
13 FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADOPT THE 27 RECOMMENDATIONS, ONCE AND
14 FOR ALL, TO ROOT OUT THE CANCER THAT HAS CAUSED GREAT HARM TO
15 THE COMMUNITY AND ERODED TRUST IN THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER
16 DECADES OF NEGLIGENCE, THIS IS A CHANCE AT A NEW BEGINNING. WE
17 MUST ALL STAY VIGILANT AND UNIFIED IN DEMANDING THIS
18 ACCOUNTING, CLEANSING, AND TRANSFORMATION, AND OUR SHERIFF
19 CANNOT DO IT ALONE. IT WILL REQUIRE ALL OF US, ALL OF US, THE
20 COMMUNITY, THIS BOARD, TO BE COURAGEOUS AND REALLY SURVEY THE
21 OUTCOMES OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. I HAVE BEEN A C.O.C.
22 COMMISSIONER FOR SIX YEARS, AN INAUGURAL APPOINTEE. I CHAIRED
23 IT TWICE, AND I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY, THIS
24 CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY, EVEN WITH THE TARGETED RETALIATION
25 AGAINST SO MANY OF US. SERVING ON THIS COMMISSION HAS BEEN



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1 SOME OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL WORK IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION I HAVE
2 DONE IN 40 YEARS OF MY CAREER. IT HAS BEEN MEANINGFUL TO HEAR
3 THE STORIES FROM THE FAMILIES WHOSE LOVES ONES WERE KILLED AND
4 WHO ARE BRAVE ENOUGH TO KEEP QUESTIONING, DEMANDING ANSWERS,
5 AND TELLING THEIR STORIES. IT HAS BEEN VALIDATING TO HEAR FROM
6 THE PAST AND CURRENT DEPUTIES.

7

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

9

10 **PATTY GIGGINS:** NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THE JOB DONE. THANK YOU
11 SO MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE.

15

16 **HANS JOHNSON:** HI, THERE. I AM HANS JOHNSON. I AM A RESIDENT OF
17 THE FIRST DISTRICT AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
18 COMMISSION. I AM HERE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION
19 AND FOR THE EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER SUPERVISORS
20 AND WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, INCLUDING
21 ONE WHO PERSONALLY HAS BORNE THE STRIPES OF THE RETALIATION SO
22 THOROUGHLY DOCUMENTED IN THIS REPORT. THE 17 RECOMMENDATIONS
23 AROUND STATIONS AND DEPUTY GANGS AND THE 10 SPECIFIC
24 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY ARE STELLAR, BUT I WANT TO
25 ADD ONE ADDITIONAL REALM OF INVOLVEMENT THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN



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1 MENTIONED, AND THAT IS BY THE PUBLIC. WE, AS MEMBERS OF THE
2 PUBLIC, AND ANGELENOS GENERALLY, SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY
3 TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON FOR THIS IMPLEMENTATION. AND I WANT TO
4 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR
5 DOING JUST THAT, IN PARTICULAR SUPERVISOR -- THE SUPERVISORS
6 FROM THE SECOND AND THIRD DISTRICT FOR THEIR COMMENTS HERE
7 TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. LET'S GET THIS
8 DONE. BYE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OR DO WE
11 HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, ANY OTHER SUPERVISOR WANT
16 TO SAY ANYTHING? OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 55B IS
17 NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
19 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 55B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

24



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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

5

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

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

10

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD
23 BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON
24 THE AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A



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1 FUTURE AGENDA. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISORS SOLIS
2 AND MITCHELL WILL READ IN MOTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

3
4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A READ IN, BUT I
5 BELIEVE THAT WE CAN VOTE ON IT TODAY IS WHAT I AM TOLD BY
6 COUNTY COUNSEL. SO I WOULD LIKE TO GO RIGHT INTO IT, AND YOU
7 HAVE AGREED TO COAUTHOR, MADAM CHAIR. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.
8 COLLEAGUES, THIS MOTION BEFORE US CALLS FOR ACTION ON WHAT WE
9 HAVE BEEN HEARING, ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND CONTRABAND ENTERING
10 INTO OUR JUVENILE HALLS. I HEARD LAST NIGHT THAT THIS PAST
11 WEEKEND, THERE WERE SEARCHES CONDUCTED WITH CANINE SEARCH
12 UNITS AT BARRY J NIDORF, WHICH RESULTED IN FINDING OVER 40
13 VAPE PENS, DOZENS OF XANAX PILLS, AT LEAST FIVE CELL PHONES,
14 AND A BAG OF CRUSHED UP PILLS. AND I AM AWARE THAT, DURING AN
15 EARLIER SEARCH, THEY FOUND FENTANYL PILLS, I BELIEVE 50, IN A
16 JUVENILE HALL UNIT. PRIOR TO SEARCHES EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE
17 LEARNED OF TWO OVERDOSES THAT HAPPENED AT BARRY J NIDORF.
18 FORTUNATELY, THE BOARD SUPPORTED A MOTION EARLIER THIS YEAR TO
19 PROVIDE NARCAN AND TRAINING TO STAFF. NARCAN WAS USED TO SAVE
20 THOSE YOUTH WHO OVERDOSED. I ALSO KNOWN WE ARE HAVING MAJOR
21 ISSUES AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL WITH INDIVIDUALS THROWING
22 ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND CONTRABAND OVER THE WALLS. I DO WANT TO
23 RECOGNIZE THAT WE KNOW THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS ENGAGED TO
24 ADDRESS THIS, BUT I BELIEVE THIS REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION.
25 THEREFORE, THE READ IN MOTION IS BEFORE US. AND THE DIRECTIVES



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1 READ: WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT
2 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 14 DAYS
3 ON HOW THE DEPARTMENT IS IMMEDIATELY ADDRESSING THE FLOW OF
4 ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND CONTRABAND THAT ARE ENTERING THE
5 COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM,
6 USING CANINE SEARCH TEAMS TO CONDUCT SEARCHES OF HOUSING UNITS
7 ONLY FOR ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND CONTRABAND, SUPPLEMENTING
8 EXISTING SECURITY STATIONED AT THE ENTRANCES AND PERIMETERS
9 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING THE USE OF CANINE SEARCH
10 TEAMS, AND REPORTING OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND
11 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON ANY COMPLAINTS OF MISUSE OR
12 MISCONDUCT ON THE USE OF CANINE SEARCH TEAMS AND DOCUMENTATION
13 ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF CANINE SEARCH TEAMS WITH DATE, TIME,
14 UNITS, NAMES OF STAFF INVOLVED IN SEARCH, NAMES OF STAFF
15 ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT, AND WHAT WAS DISCOVERED, MEASURES TAKEN,
16 AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 PUBLIC HEALTH TO MAKE NARCAN READILY AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO
18 YOUTH AND EDUCATING AND TRAINING YOUTH ON HOW TO USE NARCAN,
19 DIRECT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND PROBATION OVERSIGHT
20 COMMISSION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH AN INITIAL REPORT BACK IN
21 WRITING 45 DAYS AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVE 1 AND 60
22 DAYS THEREAFTER ON WHETHER EXPANDING THE USE OF CANINE SEARCH
23 TEAMS AND SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING SECURITY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 WAS EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING THE FLOW OF SUBSTANCES AND
25 CONTRABAND IN THE JUVENILE HALLS, ANY MISUSE OR MISCONDUCT ON



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1 THE USE OF CANINE SEARCH TEAMS, ANY DISCREPANCIES WITH
2 REPORTING ON SEARCHES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADDRESSING
3 ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND CONTRABAND, DIRECT THE OFFICE OF
4 INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH SUPPORT FROM THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
5 COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A REPORT BACK IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS
6 WITH DETAILS ABOUT THEIR IN DEPTH AND COMPREHENSIVE
7 INVESTIGATION INTO HOW ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND CONTRABAND ARE
8 ENTERING THE FACILITIES, INCLUDING THROUGH STAFF AND VISITORS
9 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, TO ADDRESS ILLICIT SUBSTANCES
10 AND CONTRABAND FROM ENTERING THE JUVENILE HALLS, DIRECT THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
12 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
13 TO PROVIDE A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN 14 DAYS
14 WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF PROGRAMS CENTERED ON REDUCING
15 THE USE OF SUBSTANCE USE BY YOUTH. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY
16 ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I WILL SECOND THAT MOTION,
19 BUT WE WILL VOTE ON THIS MOTION AFTER HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT
20 ON ALL THE REMAINING ITEMS. IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HORVATH HAS AN AMENDMENT.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AN AMENDMENT TO THIS? OKAY. I DIDN'T SEE
25 THAT IN MY -- OH, OKAY.



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE RECEIVED JUST WORKED ON IT SINCE THEN. I JUST
3 WANTED TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES, ITEMS 5 AND 6, WHICH
4 ARE BEING CIRCULATED TO THE BOARD. ITEM 5 WOULD DIRECT THE
5 PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS ABOUT THEIR
6 IMMEDIATE EFFORT WITH PROBATION STAFF WITH SUPERVISORIAL
7 DUTIES TO INITIATE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AGAINST ANY
8 EMPLOYEE WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ANOTHER EMPLOYEE ENABLING THE
9 ILLICIT -- THE SPREAD OF ILLICIT SUBSTANCES BUT DOES NOT
10 REPORT THOSE ACTIVITIES TO THEIR SUPERVISOR AND 6, DIRECT THE
11 PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS ABOUT THEIR
12 WORK TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THE DISCIPLINE PROCESS, INCLUDING
13 TERMINATION, FOR ANY EMPLOYEE WHO, IN VIOLATION OF COUNTY
14 POLICY, IS FOUND TO BE ENABLING THE SPREAD OF ILLICIT
15 SUBSTANCES IN ANY JUVENILE PROBATION FACILITY. I WANTED TO
16 MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT THE YOUTH WHO ARE CAUSING
17 THIS ISSUE. IT IS OTHERS WHO ARE BRINGING THESE SUBSTANCES,
18 AND IF OUR STAFF ARE ENABLING THAT THAT WE IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS
19 IT WITH OUR RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY ACTION. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU WANT SECOND --
22 WELL, YOU DON'T REALLY NEED -- DO YOU NEED TO SECOND AN
23 AMENDMENT? YOU NEED TO ACCEPT IT.

24



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, I THINK IT IS FINE IF THERE'S NO ISSUE WITH
2 RESPECT TO -- IT IS A REPORT BACK, SO WE ARE GOOD.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE VETTED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. THANK YOU FOR
5 ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT.

6
7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM -- SUPERVISOR
8 MITCHELL IS WHO WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM.

9
10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND THANK YOU FOR THAT, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN. I
11 HAVE TWO READ INS TODAY, COLLEAGUES. THESE ARE MOTIONS I
12 INTEND TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD ON MARCH 21ST. THE FIRST ONE
13 HAS TO DEAL WITH OUR A.R.P.A. DOLLARS. SINCE BEING SIGNED INTO
14 LAW IN MARCH OF 2021, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INVESTMENTS
15 MADE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY HAVE HELP POWER A HISTORIC
16 RECOVERY, LEADING TO THE LARGEST JOB GROWTH EVER IN A CALENDAR
17 YEAR. THE FEDERAL TREASURIES RULES FOR A.R.P. DEPLOYMENT HAVE
18 ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS, NOT ONLY THE NEAR TERM IMPACT,
19 BUT ALSO THE UNDERLYING HISTORIC DISPARITIES EXACERBATED BY
20 COVID-19, INCLUDING LONG TERM HEALTH DISPARITIES,
21 UNDERINVESTMENT IN MICRO-BUSINESSES, AND UNDERSERVED
22 NEIGHBORHOODS IN NEED OF SAFE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS. THE COUNTY
23 HAS ALREADY ALLOCATED BOTH TRANCHES OF OUR HISTORIC \$1.9
24 BILLION THROUGH OUR GROUNDBREAKING EQUITY FORMULA. SINCE
25 DECEMBER 2022, THE BOARD HAS NOT RECEIVED A PUBLIC BRIEFING ON



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1 THE PROGRESS THE COUNTY IS MAKING TOWARD CONTRACTING FOR
2 A.R.P. PROGRAMS INVESTED IN COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY IMPACT.
3 TO KEEP WITH TRANSPARENCY AND TO ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW
4 THE PROGRESS THE COUNTY IS MAKING IN INVESTING A.R.P. DOLLARS
5 WITH AN EQUITY LENS, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION
6 SHARED DIRECTLY IN A PUBLIC OPEN SETTING. SO THE READ IN --
7 THE MOTION THAT I WILL BE BRINGING FORWARD ON MARCH 21ST READS
8 AS FOLLOWS: IT WILL DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD
9 AT THE MARCH 21 BOARD MEETING WITH AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S
10 PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING T THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT,
11 INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF THE COUNTY'S \$1.9 BILLION THAT HAS
12 BEEN BOTH OBLIGATED AND EXPENDED ACROSS EACH A.R.P. PROGRAM
13 AND BY DEPARTMENT. OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT'S THE FIRST ONE,
14 SHALL I GO ON TO MY SECOND ONE, MADAM CHAIR?

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD. AND THESE BOTH ARE TO BE
17 PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA?

18
19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MARCH 21ST, PLEASE.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY. I HAVE TOO MUCH PAPER. HANG ON ONE
24 SECOND. I AM NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE THING BECAUSE IT'S
25 FOUR PAGES. MY NEXT ONE -- THANK YOU. THIS MOTION I INTEND TO



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1 PLACE ON THE MARCH 21ST BOARD AGENDA, AS WELL. THE COUNTY HAS
2 A SACRED OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE A SAFE, HEALTHY, AND
3 REHABILITATIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CARE.
4 THE CRISIS IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS HAS MADE IT NECESSARY TO
5 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MULTIPLE STRATEGIES TO ENSURE WE ARE
6 MORE APPROPRIATELY SERVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SHORT TERM.
7 THIS SHOULD INCLUDE THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A
8 STRUCTURED RELEASE SYSTEM. SO THE GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT EACH
9 YOUNG PERSON IS PLACED IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING
10 POSSIBLE TO MOST APPROPRIATELY MEET THEIR NEEDS. THIS REQUIRES
11 THAT PROBATION AND ITS PARTNERS MORE PROACTIVELY DEVELOP
12 RELEASE PLANS AND IDENTIFY YOUNG PEOPLE APPROPRIATE FOR
13 RELEASE OR PLACEMENT IN A LESS RESTRICTIVE SETTING. SO THEY
14 ARE NOT INCARCERATED FOR ANY LONGER THAN IS NECESSARY, THIS
15 MOTION WOULD INSTRUCT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO CONVENE
16 SEVERAL STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH. IN
17 ADDITION, THE MOTION WOULD INSTRUCT THE CHIEF TO WORK WITH THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN FACILITATING ACCESS TO
19 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT EACH YOUNG PERSON'S REENTRY.
20 THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME TO REVIEW AND IMPROVE THE SYSTEMS THAT
21 ARE NORMALLY RELIED ON TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. WHILE SUPERVISOR
22 HORVATH, WHO IS GOING TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH ME, AND I
23 INTEND TO PLACE THIS NOTION ON THE NEXT BOARD AGENDA, THE
24 PROBATION DEPARTMENT DOESN'T NEED TO WAIT FOR BOARD ACTION TO
25 TAKE THESE STEPS OUTLINED IN THE DIRECTIVES. HOWEVER, I DO



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1 URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO MORE PROACTIVELY AND COLLABORATIVELY
2 DEVELOP RELEASE PLANS AND IDENTIFY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAN BE
3 SAFELY AND APPROPRIATELY RELEASED TO THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE
4 SETTING. MADAM CHAIR, IT WAS A FOUR PAGE MOTION SO I DIDN'T
5 READ THE WHOLE THING, BUT IT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AND ON
6 THE PUBLIC WEBSITE, I BELIEVE, AS OF NOW. AGAIN, I WILL BE
7 BRINGING THE MOTION BACK FOR MARCH 21ST. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 HORVATH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
11 SPECIALS? SEEING NONE, WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT
13 HELD WE THE SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0
15 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA
16 ITEM NUMBERS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT
18 OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO
23 THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND
24 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM,
25 TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS, AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE



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1 MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
2 CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU
3 WILL ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL
4 IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL
5 TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. WILL LEE ESINE, DR. GENEVIEVE
6 CLAVREUL, RYAN YU, MARGARET MCCRUMB, DAVID GILLOTTE, ARNOLD
7 SACHS, WENDY ROMOLO, HEATHER MOORE, NICHOLAS TIROTO, LORENZO
8 DIHITIO, ANTIGONE ROBINSON, MAXI SEBASIC, ADRIAN MANOSA, AND
9 CHARMAIGNE BELL PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE
10 THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS KENYA ROBINS HAROLD.
13 PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
14 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16
17 **KENYA ROBINS HAROLD:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS KENYA ROBINS
18 HAROLD. I AM DOING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M A LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY EMPLOYEE, AND I'M CALLING ABOUT CHANGE IN THE L.A.
20 COUNTY RETURN TO WORK POLICY. PER D.H.R. EFFECTIVE MARCH 2022,
21 THE COUNTY LAUNCHED A NEW DISABILITY MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE
22 PROGRAM WHICH REPLACED RETURN TO WORK PROGRAM, [INDISCERNIBLE]
23 D.N.C. PROGRAMS, CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT FORMS, AND ITS
24 PROCESS IS OBSOLETE. CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS ALLOWED EMPLOYEES
25 TO RECEIVE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR PERMANENT WORK



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1 RESTRICTIONS WHILE THE COUNTY SEEKS PERMANENT REASONABLE
2 ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND DID A COUNTY- WIDE
3 JOB SEARCH THROUGH D.H.R., THROUGH P.P.G. 621, IF NECESSARY.
4 EMPLOYEES WERE ABLE TO WORK AND MAINTAIN OUR FAMILY SUPPORT.
5 I ASKED FOR THE POLICY, AND I AM TOLD IT IS NOT IN WRITING AS
6 OF YET. ANY POLICY THAT IS NOT IN WRITING IS BEING USED TO
7 DETRIMENT FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS, AND WE ARE NOT ABLE TO
8 REFERENCE ANYTHING IN WRITING. THE WRITTEN POLICY ALLOWS FOR
9 CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS, AND WE AREN'T BEING ALLOWED TO
10 BENEFIT FROM IT. I DON'T THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR L.A.
11 COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT IS NOT IN WRITING TO OUR
12 DETRIMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE IS A WRITTEN POLICY THAT
13 SERVES THE EMPLOYEES' BEST INTERESTS.

14
15 **THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**

16
17 **>>KENYA ROBINS HAROLD:** I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE BOARD --

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES. PLEASE
22 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
23 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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1 **SOFIA QUINONES:** 2, 3, 4, 5, PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON. I
2 WAS CALLING IN BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SUPERVISOR
3 HILDA SOLIS KNOWS THAT THE EAST L.A./BOYLE HEIGHTS COALITION
4 WOULD LIKE A MEETING WITH HER. WE WANT TO DISCUSS A VERY
5 SERIOUS SITUATION REGARDING A PROJECT AT [INDISCERNIBLE]. WE
6 BELIEVE THAT IT IS AN ANTI-MEXICAN HATE CRIME. ALSO I WANTED
7 TO SPEAK TO ITEM NUMBER 2. MS. MITCHELL, YOUR MOTION LAST
8 WEEK, HAD TO DEAL WITH INCLUSION AND HAVING A SEAT AT THE
9 TABLE. AND YOU GUYS SENT OUT SOMETHING HAVING TO DO WITH 5G, A
10 LETTER, AND THE COMMUNITY HAS TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE WHEN
11 YOU SEND LETTERS OUT. SO TOMORROW, WE WILL BE HAVING A PRESS
12 CONFERENCE REGARDING 5G AT RESURRECTION CHURCH. ALSO, LAST
13 WEEK, I WAS NOT ABLE TO SPEAK UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT. I FELT I
14 WAS CENSORED BECAUSE THERE WAS -- SO I WANTED TO ADDRESS ONE
15 OF THE COMMENTS THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO ADDRESS WHEN CHAIR HAHN
16 RECOMMENDED THAT IF EAST L.A. WANTED TO BE INCORPORATED WE GO
17 THROUGH L.A.F.C.O. IT'S BEEN 173 YEARS, AND WHEN OUR AREA, NOT
18 ONLY OUR AREA, BUT THE BLACK COMMUNITY WAS SEGREGATED THERE
19 WAS GERRYMANDERING. IN ALL THE HISTORY OF L.A.F.C.O., YOU
20 NEVER HAD TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO SAY THAT WE COULDN'T
21 SUSTAIN OURSELVES. AND SO, WHY WOULD WE BELIEVE THE SAME
22 COUNTY BOARD THAT STOLE SO MANY RESOURCES AND GERRYMANDERED
23 OUR DISTRICTS THAT THERE WAS NO FUNDS TO SUSTAIN A CITY. WE
24 COULD HAVE SUSTAINED A CITY, BUT WHEN THE ORIGINAL LINES WERE
25 DRAWN, AND THIS WAS DURING A VERY RACIST TIME, LITTLE BY



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1 LITTLE, OUR INCORPORATED AREAS GOT CARVED AWAY, AND CITIES ALL
2 ALONGSIDE STARTED TAKING PORTIONS, TAKING AWAY THE ECONOMIC
3 RESOURCES. AND I OFFERED TO PAY FOR AN AUDIT TO PROVE THAT
4 THIS WAS HAPPENING, AND THE COUNTY BLOCKED IT. SO I JUST
5 WANTED TO SHARE THAT HISTORY WITH YOU. AND I ALSO WANTED TO
6 TALK TO YOU BECAUSE TODAY WE TALKED ABOUT THE EMERGENCY
7 RESPONSE BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED IN OHIO. WE DEMAND THE SAME
8 TYPE OF RESPONSE TO THE EXIDE CATASTROPHE WHERE 7 MILLION
9 POUNDS OF LEAD ARE CONTAMINATING OUR FAMILIES AND DYING. THE
10 LETTER THAT WAS SENT OUT REGARDING EXIDE, WE DIDN'T HAVE A
11 SEAT AT THE TABLE, AND THERE WERE A LOT OF NAMES LEFT OUT OF
12 IT, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES THAT REPRESENT BLACK AND BROWN
13 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THIS ENVIRONMENTAL
14 RACISM THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE COUNTY STARTED. YESTERDAY,
15 I GOT TO SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MS. HAHN'S OFFICE,
16 AND I REACHED OUT TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS THAT DEALT WITH
17 THE 9/11 TOWERS THAT CAME DOWN, AND THEY RECOMMENDED OTHER
18 PROFESSIONALS.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR CALLING.
21 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GIA SAVIO. PLEASE STATE THE
24 ITEMS NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
25 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **GIA SAVIO:** HI. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 29 AS WELL AS
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU SHOULD -- GO AHEAD.

6

7 **GIA SAVIO:** CAN I GO?

8

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

10

11 **GIA SAVIO:** YES. OKAY. SO, I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE
12 DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN REGARDS TO HOMELESSNESS
13 BECAUSE THAT'S DEFINITELY THE CASE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. I
14 THINK EVERYONE AGREES. HOWEVER, I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT YOU
15 ARE ALLOWING THE EVICTION MORATORIUM TO EXPIRE. WE -- WE ALL
16 KNOW EVICTIONS ARE THE REAL NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS.
17 AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE STILL CATCHING UP FROM THE PANDEMIC, A
18 LOT OF PEOPLE ARE OUT OF WORK OR HAVE LOST SOMEONE IN THEIR
19 FAMILY THAT THEY MAY HAVE DEPENDED ON. SO A HUGE WEAVE OF
20 EVICTIONS WILL BE HAPPENING IF WE ALLOW THE MORATORIUM TO
21 EXPIRE. SO I AM GLAD YOU ARE REMEMBERING WOMEN'S HISTORY
22 MONTH, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO ARE RIGHT NOW AT THE VERY
23 BRINK OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING BECAUSE OF THIS MORATORIUM
24 EXPIRING? I WANT TO REALLY URGE YOU TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM
25 UNTIL THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN REGARDS TO HOMELESSNESS IS



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1 RESOLVED BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE WILL SOLVE
2 HOMELESSNESS IF WE ALLOW LANDLORDS TO CONTINUE EVICTING
3 TENANTS JUST OUT OF GREED. YOU TALK ABOUT SUPPORTING THE
4 L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. ALL
5 OF THIS IS MOOT IF WE ALLOW PEOPLE TO CONTINUE BEING THROWN
6 INTO THE STREETS BECAUSE BEING EVICTED AND DISPLACED IS THE
7 NUMBER WITH ONE CAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES FOR A LOT OF
8 PEOPLE, AS WELL. WE KNOW THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY IS HIGHLY
9 IMPACTED BY IT. WE KNOW A LOT WOMEN ARE STUCK IN ABUSIVE
10 RELATIONSHIPS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO BECAUSE HOUSING
11 IS TOO UNAFFORDABLE, AND THEY'RE AFRAID TO FIND ANYTHING ELSE.
12 SO PLEASE, EXTEND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. THANK
15 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
18 THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
19 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, I WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT AND SEVERAL OF THE OTHER MANY, MANY ITEMS. GREAT WORK
23 ON ALL THESE ITEMS. I JUST WANT TO SAY HUNTSMAN HAS PUT IN
24 SUCH A LONG TOUR OF DUTY. MAYBE NOW THAT WE HAVE EILEEN
25 DECKER, IT WOULD OBVIATE THE NEED FOR HIM TO DO ANYMORE HEAVY-



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1 LIFTING AND HE THE TAKE HIS PLACE ON THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL
2 HISTORY BOARD. I THINK IT IS TIME TO MAKE LEGITIMATE CHANGES.
3 I WAS UPSET TO HEAR, THOUGH, IT WAS A LITTLE COMPELLING, ABOUT
4 THE DOGS GOING IN BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING I HAVE ALWAYS
5 POINTED OUT. IF YOU WANT TO STOP CONTRABAND, YOU JUST NEED A
6 GOOD DOG INVOLVED. SO IT IS GREAT THAT IT IS WORKING. I JUST
7 HOPE IT IS STOPPING SHORT OF GRABBING THE YOUTH, WHICH I AM
8 SURE IT IS. GOOD WORK. AND IT IS IRONIC BECAUSE, AT CITY HALL
9 TODAY, THEY WERE I INTERVIEWING A ROBOTIC DOG. AND EUNISSES
10 AND SOME OF THE OUTSPOKEN YOUNG MEMBERS IN THE COUNCIL WERE
11 RAISING EYEBROWS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE WORRIED ABOUT A
12 COMPUTERIZED SURVEILLANCE DOG. THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE
13 JOBS. SO WHAT CAN I SAY? THIS MEETING IS VERY UNWIELDY. I
14 WOULD LIKE IT IF WE DIDN'T CLOUD THE FRONT UP WITH REPEATS
15 FROM LAST WEEK ABOUT HOW GREAT WE ARE DOING ON THE FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT EQUITY PIECE BECAUSE WE ARE DOING TERRIBLY. IT IS
17 IMPORTANT TO RAISE IT UP BUT NOT TO THE DETRIMENT OF OTHER
18 DIALOGUE. BUT KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND LET'S GET EVERYBODY
19 TO WASHINGTON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THAT IS OUR TOP
20 PRIORITY, FOR ME, AND I THINK FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTY. SO
21 THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT DOES NOTE SOUND LIKE A ROBO
24 DOG IN THE BACKGROUND, ERIC PREVEN. THAT SOUNDED LIKE A REAL
25 ONE.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT WAS THE REAL THING.

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

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

9
10 **SANDY NAVARRO:** HI, I'M SANDY NAVARRO. I AM SPEAKING --
11 ADDRESSING -- SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A
12 RESIDENT IN DISTRICT 2 AS WELL AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
13 AND AN ARTIST. LAST YEAR, I WORKED WITH ESPERANZA COMMUNITY
14 HOUSING AND WE RISE TO HOST THE FIRST SOUTH CENTRAL FILM
15 FESTIVAL THAT DREW OVER 300 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING YOUTH
16 WHO WALKED AWAY WITH MUCH NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES.
17 WHILE WE ARE PROUD OF THE IMPACT WE HAVE MADE, WE ARE DEEPLY
18 CONCERNED AFTER LEARNING THAT D.M.H. AND CAL MESA ARE NOT
19 FUNDING WE RISE BUT INSTEAD DIRECT PLANS TO ORGANIZATIONS
20 THAT ENTAIL COVERING COSTS UPFRONT, UNREALISTIC AND
21 IMPRACTICAL TIMELINES, AS WELL AS INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS THAT
22 MAKE FUNDING INACCESSIBLE FOR SOME GROUPS. DEVIATING FROM A
23 SUCCESSFUL MODEL THAT IS WE RISE NOT ONLY EXCLUDES GROUPS WHO
24 HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO GETTING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES INTO
25 THE HANDS OF COMMUNITIES, BUT IT CREATES INEFFICIENCIES AND



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1 DISRUPTIONS IN SERVICES. RATHER THAN INTERRUPTING THE MOMENTUM
2 OF WE RISE, WE ASK THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN MORE PEER FUNDING
3 AND ENGAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE PROCESS. THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR ADVOCATING FOR OUR
5 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

6
7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8
9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADRIANA BAUTISTA. PLEASE
10 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
11 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12
13 **ADRIANA BAUTISTA:** HI, I'M TALKING ON ITEMS 19, 15, 10, 55G,
14 AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA. ENHANCING EQUITY, DIVERSITY,
15 AND INCLUSION AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE
16 FIRE CAMPS, MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUTH, AT JUVENILE DETENTION
17 CENTERS WHO FIGHT FIRES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND WHO ARE
18 PAID BELOW MINIMUM WAGE, THIS IS -- YOU CANNOT ADDRESS ANTI --
19 - YOU CANNOT HAVE AN ANTIRACIST AGENDA WITHOUT INCLUDING THESE
20 FOLKS WHO ARE OFTENTIMES PUT AT THE MOST DANGEROUS CRITICAL
21 AREAS OF FIRE FIGHTING. AND ALSO DISCUSSING THE L.G.B.T.Q.
22 FLAG, BESIDES THE SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION OF HAVING THE FLAG
23 OUT, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO PROTECT QUEER FOLKS FROM HATE
24 CRIMES WHICH ARE INCREASING IN LA COUNTY AND ARE NOT TAKEN
25 SERIOUSLY BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHO ARE OFTEN RACIST AND



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1 SEXIST PIGS? THE SAME SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT KILLED CHARLES
2 TOWNS, FRED WILLIAMS, DEJOHN KISNEE, AND SO MANY MORE MURDERED
3 BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN L.A. COUNTY RUN OUR CORRECTIONAL
4 DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE JUVENILE CENTERS THAT SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS ADDRESSED THAT ARE BEING AFFECTED BY OPIOIDS. AND THAT'S
6 EVEN MORE REASON TO VERY CRITICALLY ERADICATE THE GANGS AND
7 THE ABUSE THAT IS OUT OF CONTROL IN THAT DEPARTMENT. ALSO, YOU
8 CANNOT TALK ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND OPEN
9 THE MEETING WITH A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE
10 FACT THAT THE COUNTY HAS FAILED THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THIS
11 LAND. BEGIN THE PROCESS OF RETURNING LAND TO L.A.'S FIRST
12 PEOPLES AND SUSTAIN IT TO SUPPORT TRIBAL EFFORTS FOR HOUSING,
13 CULTURAL PRACTICES, AND STEWARDSHIP, SUCH AS CORAVONGA
14 SPRINGS, PROVONGA, AND OTHER SITES IDENTIFIED BY FIRST
15 PEOPLES. U.S. GOVERNMENT SIGNED AND BROKE TREATIES WITH THE
16 GABRIELENO TONGVA PROMISING 1.55 MILLION ACRES, OVER HALF OF
17 L.A. COUNTY IN 1851. WE CANNOT EXPECT THE PEOPLE OF L.A. TO
18 HONOR THE LAND IF WE CONTINUE TO DISHONOR THE LAND'S ORIGINAL
19 ANCESTRAL STEWARDS. AND -- JUSTICE FOR CHARLES TOWNS, FIRE
20 CLARISSA PRENTISS, FIRE ELIZAR MORALES. AND I YIELD THE REST
21 OF MY TIME.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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

4
5 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THIS IS A ROWLAND HEIGHTS ROY HERE. AND ON ITEM
6 NUMBER 9, THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE WOODSHED ON
7 THIS. TO HAVE THE AUDACITY TO PUT THE SHERIFF'S SITUATION
8 THERE TOGETHER WITH THE JUVENILE HALL, THAT IS JUST PLAIN EVIL
9 AND WRONG. AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WANT TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS UNENDINGLY FOR LAST WEEK'S SITUATION, WHERE
11 SHE WAS LAMENTING THAT ANYTHING SHOULD BE DONE IN LIGHT OF
12 TRANSPARENCY THAT WOULD POSSIBLE SLOW THE BUSINESS OF THE
13 BOARD DOWN AT ALL. I TELL YOU, THAT WAS HILARIOUS. WHEN IT'S
14 TAKEN, BETWEEN SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MORE THAN
15 A YEAR AND STILL THAT BURNT OUT SHELL OF MARTINEZ HOUSE IS
16 STILL -- IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED AND TAKEN DOWN A YEAR
17 AGO. SO THANK YOU FOR THE LEVITY. I APPRECIATE IT. AND TAKE
18 THE CLOCK OFF THE SCREEN UNLESS YOU WANT TO HIRE ME TO RUN IT.
19 OKAY. AND I WORK FOR CHEAP, MINIMUM WAGE. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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



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

2

3 **RYAN YU:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS RYAN YU. I AM HERE WITH MY
4 WIFE. WE ARE MOM AND POP LANDLORDS, AND WE ARE BEGGING YOU TO
5 LET THE EVICTION MORATORIUM EXPIRE. WE ARE BEING CRUSHED UNDER
6 THE WEIGHT OF TENANTS WHO REFUSE TO PAY RENT. WE HAVE HAD
7 TENANTS WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID, AND WE HAVE WORKED IT
8 OUT WITH THEM. IN MANY CASES, IN EVERY CASE, WE JUST FORGAVE
9 THE DEBT. WE LET THEM TWO ON THEIR WAY. THEY WERE HONESTLY
10 TRYING. WE COULD SEE THE DIFFERENCE. THE ONES THAT LEFT ARE
11 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US. AND WE HAVE BEEN -- THE IDEA OF
12 SOLVING HOMELESSNESS IS MOBILE AND BEAUTIFUL, AND I SEE YOUR
13 HEARTS. WHEN MY WIFE AND I WALKED IN HERE, WE WERE SO BLOWN
14 AWAY BY THE GOOD ENERGY IN THIS ROOM. THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM
15 IS MAKING US PAY FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE HOMELESS
16 SITUATION. WE ARE PAYING FOR IT. WE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE
17 FUNDING IT, AND WE CAN'T DO IT ANY MORE. WE ARE VERY HAPPY AS
18 CITIZENS AND AS PART OF THE ELECTORATE TO DO OUR PART AT THE
19 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT THREE YEARS IS ENOUGH. PLEASE,
20 PLEASE, PLEASE, LET IT EXPIRE. LET US BE ABLE TO MAKE
21 DECISIONS. THANK YOU.

22

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

24



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN WE HAVE SOMEONE GO OVER AND MAKE
2 SURE THAT HE IS AWARE OF ALL THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS AVAILABLE?
3 THERE MIGHT BE SOME ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR YOU, AS A
4 LANDLORD.

5

6 **RYAN YU:** CAN I JUST SAY ONE THING ABOUT THAT?

7

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

9

10 **RYAN YU:** WHICH IS THAT THE MONEY WHICH YOU HAVE ALLOCATED,
11 THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT COVER AS TINY FRACTION OF THE PEOPLE,
12 RIGHT, BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN L.A. AND WE TOTALLY
13 UNDERSTAND THAT.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** I UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **RYAN YU:** WE ARE ACTUALLY ASKING YOU NOT TO SEND MONEY TO US,
18 PLEASE, IF THERE'S ANY MONEY TO BE ALLOCATED, GIVE IT TO
19 PEOPLE WHO WILL BECOME HOMELESS. GIVE IT TO TENANTS WHO
20 ACTUALLY NEED HELP. YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE ONES THAT REALLY NEED
21 IT. YOU COULD HIRE PEOPLE TO WITH THEM. PLEASE GIVE IT TO
22 THEM.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE FOR COMING
25 DOWN AND MAKING YOUR VOICES HEARD. DR. CLAVREUL.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. THIS IS A VERY TOUGH ISSUE. AND I
3 AM GOING TO SPEAK ON IT TO PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT I WAS HOPING
4 TODAY THAT AFTER ME COMING THIS MORNING AND TALKING ABOUT MY
5 SITUATION AND THE ISSUES WITH L.A.H.S.A. SOMEBODY WOULD COME
6 AND TALK TO ME, BUT NOBODY DID. I SHOULDN'T SAY THAT. TYLER
7 DID. HE ALWAYS DOES. HE ALWAYS FOLLOWS THROUGH. IT'S THE
8 PEOPLE FROM L.A.H.S.A. WHO WILL NOT FOLLOW THROUGH. AND I
9 THINK YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THEY NEED TO BE
10 INVESTIGATED BECAUSE THERE'S MANY MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO
11 HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT DOING WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO
12 BE DOING. PLEASE, INVESTIGATE WHAT IS GOING ON WITH L.A.H.S.A.
13 THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ANTIGONE
18 ROBINSON, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON
19 BEHALF OF A.H.F. ABOUT THE S.T.I. EPIDEMIC IN L.A. COUNTY.
20 B.I.P.O.C. AND OTHER DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ARE LIKELY TO
21 BOTH BECOME INFECTED BY AN S.T.I. AND SUFFER THE LONG TERM
22 HEALTH COMPLICATIONS THAT RESULT FROM A LACK OF TREATMENT. IN
23 L.A. COUNTY, THE SYPHILIS INCIDENT RATES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS
24 IN 2021 AND 2022 WERE MORE THAN DOUBLE THE REPRESENTATION OF
25 THE TOTAL POPULATION. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN COMPARED TO WHITE



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1 PEOPLE NATIONWIDE, AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE ALMOST TWICE AS
2 LIKELY TO REFRAIN FROM SEEKING HEALTH CARE DUE TO COST AND TO
3 NOT HAVE INSURANCE. L.A.C.D.P.H. ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPACT OF
4 STRUCTURAL RACISM ON HEALTH CARE AND HAVE BOLSTERED OUTREACH
5 EFFORTS TO THESE COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, THEY CONTINUE TO BEAR A
6 DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE S.T.I. DISEASE BURDEN IN LOS
7 ANGELES. WE ASK SUPERVISORS TO PRIORITIZE THE S.T.I. CRISIS,
8 CONSIDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PREVENT FURTHER
9 B.I.P.O.C. COMMUNITIES FROM SUFFERING CHRONIC HEALTH
10 CONDITIONS, SUCH AS THE PARALYSIS, BLINDNESS, AND DEAFNESS
11 THAT CAN RESULT FROM LATE STAGE OR TERTIARY SYPHILIS.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT
14 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15
16 **MAXI SABACHIC:** HI, MY NAME IS MAXI SABACHIC. I WILL BE
17 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GENERAL PUBLIC ON BEHALF OF A.I.D.S.
18 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATIONS ABOUT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS
19 IN L.A. COUNTY. IN THE LAST TWO S.T.D. REPORTS BACK, L.A.
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AIMED TO EXPAND S.T.I.
21 SCREENING WITHIN VARIOUS HEALTHCARE SETTINGS AND ESTABLISH
22 BASELINE SCREENING RATES FOR SUB- POPULATIONS AT ELEVATED RISK
23 S.T.I.S. HOWEVER, THESE TANGIBLE TESTING AND SCREENING RATES
24 HAVE STILL NOT BEEN SET. WITHOUT A BASELINE, THE D.P.H. CANNOT
25 EXPECT COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE EXPANDED HEALTHCARE SETTINGS,



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1 WHICH IS NOW OFFER TESTING AND TREATMENT, SUCH AS MOBILE
2 UNITS, EMERGENCY ROOMS, PRIMARY CARE OFFICES, HOSPITALS,
3 SCHOOLS, AND THE E.R. WE ASK THAT D.P.H. PRIORITIZE THE
4 IDENTIFICATION OF THESE TANGIBLE BASELINES AND INCENTIVES FOR
5 COMPLIANCE. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE CAN HELP
6 MOTIVATE PROVIDERS TO ADHERE TO PUBLIC HEALTH'S S.T.I.
7 PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FACILITATE A SIGNIFICANT
8 REDUCTION IN THE NEW S.T.I. CASES PER YEAR. PLEASE DIRECT
9 D.P.H. TO ESCALATE THESE ITEMS FROM TIER TWO TO TIER ONE OF
10 THE LATEST PROPOSED S.T.I. DISEASE CONTROL INTERVENTIONS.
11 A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND OTHER COMMUNITY- BASED
12 ORGANIZATIONS ARE WILLING TO COLLABORATE TO SET THE S.T.I.
13 SCREENING BASELINE FOR L.A. COUNTY.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **LORENZO DECHUDIO:** HI, MY NAME IS LORENZO DECHUDIO, AND I'LL BE
18 SPEAKING ON GENERAL COMMENT ON BEHALF OF A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
19 FOUNDATION ABOUT THE NEED TO BOLSTER PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS AND
20 DECLARE A STATE EMERGENCY FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS
21 IN L.A. COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MUST TAKE SWIFT ACTION TO ADDRESS
23 THE SURGE OF S.T.I.S IN LOS ANGELES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.
24 DURING THE COVID-19 AND MONKEYPOX EPIDEMICS, COUNTY OFFICIALS
25 FOUND WAYS TO REDUCE BARRIERS FOR TESTING AND TREATMENT LIKE



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1 CREATIVE NEW LOCAL FUNDING STREAMS, SIMPLIFYING PAPERWORK, AND
2 INTEGRATING DATA SYSTEMS, AND RELYING ON POINT OF CARE
3 TESTING. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD AND D.P.H. UTILIZE THESE SAME
4 STRATEGIES FOR S.T.I.S. THE INCREASING NUMBERS OF BABIES BORN
5 DEAD WITH SYPHILIS AND STRAINS OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT
6 GONNORHEA IS JUST AS SERIOUS AS COVID-19 OR MONKEYPOX AND
7 SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE SAME URGENCY. DECLARING A PUBLIC
8 HEALTH EMERGENCY ON S.T.I.S WOULD ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 PUBLIC HEALTH TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING, EXPAND TESTING
10 AND TREATMENT, AND TO BOLSTER OTHER EFFORTS, SUCH AS CONTACT
11 TRACING OR HEALTH PROMOTION. WE MUST ACT NOW. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I HAVE
16 GOT A FEW ITEMS OUT BUT THAT'S OKAY. YOU GOT RID OF ITEM O,
17 MONKEYPOX, BUT YOU KEPT ITEMS H ABOUT THE COVID-19 AND ITEM I
18 ABOUT THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT WAS NAMED
19 AFTER? THAT WAS NAMED AFTER A SHERIFF IN ORANGE COUNTY. IT HAD
20 TO DO WITH GADFLIES. GADFLIES ARE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO MEETINGS
21 AND TALKED ABOUT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. I WAS A GADFLY. I WAS
22 COMING TO THESE MEETING IN 2008. AT THAT TIME, THE COUNTY'S
23 BUDGET WAS \$18 BILLION. I HEARD A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, THE
24 COUNTY'S BUDGET WAS OVER \$44 BILLION. 2017 WAS QUITE A YEAR
25 FOR ONE OF THE EX-SUPERVISORS. GOT RID OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE



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1 ACT. TALKED ABOUT HOMELESS. TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE DAMAGES.
2 YOU HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE RECENT RAINSTORMS AND ALL
3 THE DAMAGE THAT WAS DONE. WHY DON'T YOU ADD TO THAT YOUR A-
4 LIST RIGHT HERE? WE HAVE FLOODING AND EVERYTHING ELSE. LET'S
5 SEE, SUNSHINE COUNTY LANDFILL WAS DOUBLED IN 2008 FROM 36,000
6 TONS TO 66,000 TONS. IT'S THE MATH. YOU HAVE A \$6 PLANNING
7 MAGAZINE FOR A LOT OF ITEMS IN DOWNTOWN L.A. ARE YOU AWARE OF
8 AT? IT'S 21ST CENTURY POLICING. THE 21ST CENTURY STARTED IN
9 2001 NOT IN THE YEAR 2000 AS SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK. I HAVE
10 HEARD PEOPLE THINK THAT IT STARTED IN THE YEAR 2000. THAT'S
11 PRETTY STUPID. IT NOT ONLY UPLIFTING, IT'S EPIC. YOU HAVE GOT
12 TO PUT YOUR LASER LIGHT FOCUS BACK ONTO WHAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?

16
17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER MEMBERS, SUPERVISOR.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
20 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR -- OH NO. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
21 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1 AND
24 2, 4-8, 12 AND 13, 16-18, 21-24, 26-29, 31-40, 42-54, 55A,
25 55D-55G, 55H AS REVISED, 58, S.D.1, 1D AND 2D, 4D, 56A,



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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S READ-IN MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 HORVATH.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED
5 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE
6 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

17

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

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

22

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

25



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

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

4

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

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
10 TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO IT
11 WILL BE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH IN THAT ORDER.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
14 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GEORGINA
15 YRACHETA, SOLOMON DOUGHTON, AND LUNA DOUGHTON. GEORGINA
16 YRACHETA, SOLOMON DOUGHTON, AND LUNA DOUGHTON TRAGICALLY
17 PASSED AWAY AS A RESULT OF A FIRE AT THEIR APARTMENT COMPLEX
18 THIS PAST WEEKEND IN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. GEORGINA GREW UP
19 IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND ATTEND LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL AND
20 HAD BUILT A LIFE IN HER COMMUNITY. HER FRIENDS SAY GEORGINA
21 WAS FIERCELY PROTECTIVE OF HER GRANDCHILDREN AND A DOTING
22 GRANDMOTHER ALWAYS READY TO PROVIDE LOVE AND SUPPORT TO HER
23 FAMILY. SOLOMON AND LUNA WERE 3 YEARS OLD AND 3 MONTHS OLD,
24 RESPECTIVELY AND BRIGHT FUTURES AHEAD OF THEM EXTINGUISHED
25 BEFORE THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARK. GEORGINA, SOLOMON,



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1 AND LUNA ARE SURVIVED BY ENRIQUE AND PAMELA, EXTENDED FAMILY
2 AND FRIENDS, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY OF WEST COVINA, ALL OF
3 WHOM HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS HORRIBLE TRAGEDY. I MOVE THAT
4 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HOSSEIN
5 MOINI TABATABAI. OCTOBER 2ND, 1952 IN MASHHAD, IRAN, MR.
6 TABATABAI PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023 AT THE
7 AGE OF 70. IN 1976, HOSSEIN WOULD MAKE HIS WAY TO THE UNITED
8 STATES AND SETTLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HIS LIFE WOULD
9 SYMBOLIZE THAT TRULY UNIQUE AMERICA HISTORY THAT MILLIONS OF
10 IMMIGRANTS HAVE LIVED. HE MARRIED MARIA LUCRECIA PARRILLA
11 RODRIGUEZ AND FOUND A HOME IN UNINCORPORATED ROWLAND HEIGHTS.
12 OVER THE NEXT 40 PLUS YEARS, THEY WOULD RAISE THREE SONS AND
13 ENDURE THE DEATH OF A DAUGHTER. FOR OVER TWO DECADES, HOSSEIN
14 WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE THE
15 ROWLAND RAIDERS JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM.
16 WHETHER IT WAS WORKING THE GRILL AT THE ANNUAL PANCAKE
17 BREAKFAST, DRAGGING THE BASEBALL FIELD INTO A GAME, OR JUST
18 BEING INVOLVED IN THE LIVES OF THEIR YOUNG ATHLETES, COACH TAB
19 WAS LARGER THAN LIFE AND PRESENCE. HOSSEIN IS SURVIVED BY
20 THREE SONS, SHAHAB, TOURAJ, AND ERIC, AS WELL AS FIVE
21 GRANDCHILDREN, CYRUS, NARIYAH, NORIANNA, TOBIAS, AND RUBY, AND
22 COUNTLESS NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL NEVER FORGET
23 THE IMPACT HE HAD ON THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.



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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT
3 WHEN HE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DENNIS
4 GREENE. MR. GREENE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1960 IN
5 BAYTOWN, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE
6 AGE OF 62 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE RELOCATED IN THE SECOND
7 DISTRICT AT A YOUNG AGE WITH HIS FAMILY AND PROUDLY ATTENDED
8 92ND STREET SCHOOL, MARKHAM JUNIOR HIGH, AND DAVID STARR
9 JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL. MR. GREENE WAS A DEDICATED COUNTY
10 EMPLOYEE, WHO SERVED FOR 35 YEARS. HE WAS PROMOTED NUMEROUS
11 TIMES DURING HIS CAREER, AND, IN HIS LAST ROLE, HE WAS A LEGAL
12 OFFICE SUPPORT ASSISTANT IN THE AUTOMOTIVE FRAUD UNIT OF THE
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. BEFORE JOINING THE COUNTY, HE
14 WORKED AS A TEACHER'S AID FOR HIS OWN HIGH SCHOOL AND AS A
15 CHOREOGRAPHER FOR THE CHEER AND DRILL TEAM. HIS LARGER THAN
16 LIFE PERSONALITY AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL GARNERED THE RESPECT
17 AND ADMIRATION OF HIS STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS. AS PART OF
18 HIS SERVICE TO THE COUNTY, HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF
19 S.E.I.U. 721 AS A WORKSITE ORGANIZER, TRAINER, ADVOCATE AND
20 SHOP STEWARD. IN HIS SPARE TIME, HE ENJOYED COOKING AND
21 HOSTING GUESTS AT HIS HOME. HE WAS ALSO A DEVOTED MAN OF GOD,
22 WHO REGULARLY ATTENDED PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH. HE'LL BE
23 REMEMBERED AS AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER AND MENTOR, AN EXEMPLARY
24 EMPLOYEE, AND A LOVING FAMILY MAN AND FRIEND. HE IS SURVIVED
25 BY HIS BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, ANTHONY AND SANDRA, NIECE,



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1 IRENE, THREE NEPHEWS, ANTHONY, GREG, AND DESHAWN, A HOST OF
2 EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES OF THE COUNTY AND
3 S.E.I.U., WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT
4 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN IN THE MEMORY OF
5 JETHROLONIA STALLWORTH, WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF MY EXECUTIVE
6 ASSISTANT, WENDY. I JUST TEASED WENDY, AND I SAID CLEARLY HER
7 MOTHER'S FATHER'S NAME WAS JETHRO. AND WENDY SAID, "YES, SHE
8 WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY JETHROLONIA IN THE WORLD," PROUDLY.
9 ALRIGHT, JETHROLONIA. MRS. STALLWORTH, THE BELOVED MOTHER,
10 AGAIN, OF OUR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND 40-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE,
11 WENDY, WAS BORN ON JANUARY 18TH, 1939, IN TUNNEL SPRINGS,
12 ALABAMA AND PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 23RD SURROUNDED BY HER FAMILY
13 AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE ATTENDED MONROE TRAINING SCHOOL IN
14 ALABAMA AND RELOCATED TO THE CITY OF COMPTON IN 1957. IN THE
15 SAME YEAR, SHE RECONNECTED WITH LESTON, A CHILDHOOD FRIEND
16 FROM ALABAMA WHO ALSO HAPPENED TO BE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES.
17 THEY WERE HAPPILY MARRIED NINE MONTHS LATER, AND FOUR CHILDREN
18 WERE BORN TO THIS LOVING UNION. UTILIZING HER TRAINING AND
19 SKILLS FROM TRADE SCHOOL, SHE SECURED A CAREER AS A MACHINE
20 OPERATOR FOR XEROX, WHERE SHE PROUDLY WORKED FOR 26 YEARS
21 BEFORE RETIRING. DURING HER CAREER, SHE ALSO SERVED AS A UNION
22 STEWARD, WHO FOUGHT FOR EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE PAY RAISES,
23 HEALTH, DENTAL, AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS. SHE ENJOYED COOKING
24 AND WAS KNOWN FOR HER DELICIOUS PEACH COBBLERS AND SWEET
25 POTATO PIES. SHE WAS AN AVID CARD PLAYER AND ENJOYED PLAYING



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1 VARIOUS CARD GAMES WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IN ADDITION,
2 SHE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER FOR MANY YEARS THE ST. ALBERT THE
3 GREAT CHURCH IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED
4 FOR HER UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HER
5 SENSE OF HUMOR, AND IMPRESSIVE CULINARY SKILLS. SHE WAS
6 PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, LESTON, AND LEAVES BEHIND TO
7 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER FOUR CHILDREN, DARRYL, LESTON, JR.,
8 TIMOTHY, AND WENDY, THREE DAUGHTERS- IN-LAW AND ONE SON-IN-
9 LAW, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, AND 10 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS
10 A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HER
11 DEARLY AND KEEP HER MEMORY ALIVE. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN
12 EXTENDING OUR CONDOLENCES TO WENDY AND HER FAMILY, AND
13 ABSOLUTELY I WILL ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN. THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR HORATH.

17
18 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THREE ADJOURNMENTS
19 TODAY. I FIRST MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
20 OF BURT BACHARACH, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 8TH. HE WAS A
21 RESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC PALISADES NEIGHBORHOOD OF LOS ANGELES.
22 WITH HIS PARTNER HAL DAVID, COMPOSER BURT BACHARACH WROTE SOME
23 OF THE BIGGEST HITS OF AMERICAN POP MUSIC, MANY OF WHICH WERE
24 SUNG BY DIONNE WARWICK, INCLUDING WALK ON BY, I SAY A LITTLE
25 PRAYER, ALFIE, DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE, THE LOOK OF



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1 LOVE, AND WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW. DON'T WORRY, I WON'T SING
2 FOR THEM TODAY. THIS ABSOLUTE LEGEND'S CAREER SPANS SEVEN
3 DECADES AND INCLUDED SEVEN HOT 100 NUMBER ONE HITS WITH ONE
4 THOUSAND ARTISTS RECORDING HIS SONGS. IN 2015, ROLLING STONE
5 RANKED BACHARACH AND DAVID AT NUMBER 32 FOR THEIR LIST OF 100
6 GREATEST SONGWRITERS OF ALL TIME. BACHARACH'S MUSIC IS
7 INFLUENCED BY HIS BACKGROUND IN JAZZ AND UNCOMMON SELECTIONS
8 OF INSTRUMENTS FOR SMALL ORCHESTRAS. HE ARRANGED, CONDUCTED,
9 AND PRODUCED MUCH OF HIS RECORDED OUTPUT. BACHARACH IS
10 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANE HANSEN, AND HIS CHILDREN, OLIVER,
11 RALEIGH, AND CHRISTOPHER.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS FOR BURT BACHARACH.

14
15 **SUP. HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY, ALL FIVE. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
16 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIAN WASSER.
17 PHOTOJOURNALIST, JULIAN WASSER, DIED ON FEBRUARY 8TH. HE WAS A
18 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. HE CHRONICLED L.A. CELEBRITY CULTURE
19 OF THE 1960S, INCLUDING PHOTOS OF THE YOUNG PAUL MCCARTNEY AND
20 ELTON JOHN, STEVE MCQUEEN, ANJELICA HOUSTON, JACK NICHOLSON,
21 AND JOAN DIDION. HE WAS ALSO WITNESS TO DOCUMENTER OF HISTORY.
22 HE CAPTURED ROBER F. KENNEDY AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL THE
23 EVENING HE WAS ASSASSINATED. WHEN THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN
24 LUTHER KING, JR. SPOKE AT A CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY IN LOS ANGELES
25 IN 1963, HE WAS THERE. WITH HIS NIKON IN TOW, WASSER USED HIS



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1 CONSIDERABLE GIFT OF GAB TO FLATTER, CAJOLE, AND EXCITE HIS
2 SUBJECTS. HE TREATED CELEBRITIES LIKE FRIENDS, ONCE BRINGING
3 ZUBAN METTA, THEN DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC, TO
4 THE WHISKEY AGO-GO. "I THOUGHT HE WOULD GET A KICK OUT OF IT,"
5 WASSER TOLD W MAGAZINE. HE HATED IT. GALLERIST CRAIG KRULL,
6 WHO REPRESENTED HIM FOR 30 YEARS, SAID HE HAD AN UNFLINCHING
7 EYE FOR THE INTENSITY OF EXPERIENCE IN L.A., WHETHER IT'S A
8 CLUB ON THE SUNSET STRIP OR THE MANSON MURDERS OR THE WATTS
9 RIOTS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ALEXI. FINALLY, I MOVE
10 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUSAN
11 OTHMER. SUSAN FITZGERALD OTHMER DIED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. A
12 NEUROSCIENTIST BY TRAINING, SHE BECAME A LEADER IN
13 NEUROFEEDBACK, DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO HELP HER SON, WHO HAD
14 SEIZURES AND BEHAVIOR DIFFICULTIES THAT REQUIRED PHYSIOLOGICAL
15 INTERVENTION. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRIAN OTHMER
16 FOUNDATION AND CLINICAL DIRECTOR AT THE E.E.G. INSTITUTE,
17 LOCATED IN WOODLAND HILLS. SHE ALSO FOUNDED THE TOPANGA CANYON
18 DOCENTS, WHICH PROVIDED EXPERIENCES OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
19 TO SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
20 SIEGFRIED, SON, KURT, AND BROTHER, JOSEPH. THANK YOU, MADAM
21 CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JAMES WESLEY BRYAN, WHO
25 PRACTICED OPHTHALMOLOGY IN THE SOUTH BAY FROM 1972 TO 2018. HE



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1 WAS CHIEF OF STAFF AT LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY. THE ELDER OF
2 IDENTICAL TWINS, JIM GREW UP IN KANSAS CITY, PLAYED BASKETBALL
3 AT STANFORD, AND WENT TO CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE SERVED IN
4 THE 44TH MEDICAL BRIGADE IN VIETNAM, THEN COMPLETED HIS
5 RESIDENCY AT THE MAYO CLINIC. HE SETTLED IN PALOS VERDES,
6 WHERE HE LIVED MOST OF HIS ADULT LIFE. JIM IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 WIFE, MICHELLE, HIS DAUGHTERS, LISA AND HOLLY, SONS- IN-LAW,
8 JOE AND STEVE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, BRYAN, OLIVIA, BRADLEY,
9 AUDREY, AND GRACE. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS TWIN, TIMOTHY
10 LESLIE BRYAN, HIS BIG SISTER, DR. BARBARA BRYAN HEISS, AND
11 THEIR FAMILIES. HE'LL BE INTERRED AT THE RIVERSIDE NATIONAL
12 CEMETERY. HE WAS BELOVED. THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER.

13
14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM J. GALLOWAY, A
16 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
17 81 ON MARCH 2ND. WILLIAM PROUDLY SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE
18 UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1966 TO 1968, INCLUDING A TOUR IN
19 VIETNAM. HIS LAST YEAR IN THE ARMY, TOOK HIM TO FORT BRAGG,
20 NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE HE MET HIS WIFE, BRENDA. THEIR 54 YEAR
21 MARRIAGE PRODUCED TWO SONS, JOEY AND STEPHEN. WILLIAM ATTENDED
22 PASADENA SCHOOLS, WASHINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, JOHN MUIR
23 HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND REMAINED
24 DEDICATED TO EDUCATION IN PASADENA THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE LIFE.
25 BILL AND BRENDA ENGAGED IN PHILANTHROPY, BOTH LOCALLY AND ON



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1 THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THEY ENDOWED THE GALLOWAY PLAZA, A
2 BEAUTIFUL SCULPTURE GARDEN AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, THE FIRST
3 FACILITY AT P.C.C. NAMED AFTER AN AFRICAN AMERICAN. WILLIAM
4 WAS A MEMBER OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE SMITHSONIAN
5 NATIONAL BOARD, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
6 HISTORY AND CULTURE, PASADENA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
7 PASADENA CITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUDICIAL
8 PROCEDURES COMMISSION, PASADENA MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ART,
9 PASADENA PLAYHOUSE, PASADENA POLICE FOUNDATION, AND I COULD GO
10 ON AND ON. HIS CIVIC INVOLVEMENT WAS BOUNDLESS, AND HE WAS
11 HONORED BY MANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS FOR HIS MANY
12 CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME. HE WILL BE MISSED AS
13 BOTH A LEADER AND AS A FRIEND IN THE COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED
14 BY HIS WIFE, BRENDA, HIS TWO SONS, JOEY AND STEPHEN, AND
15 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ARIANNA, AND HIS SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
16 THAT WE -- WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF FRED JOSEPH
17 APOLITO, RESIDENT OF SAUGUS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93.
18 FRED WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK AND ATTENDED HARREN HIGH
19 SCHOOL IN MANHATTAN. PRIOR TO SPENDING A SHORT TIME IN THE
20 U.S. NAVY AS SEAMAN 2ND CLASS, FRED WENT TO TECHNICAL SCHOOL
21 IN NEW YORK TO BECOME A T.V. CAMERAMAN. HE MET HIS SWEETHEART,
22 FRANCES, IN BROOKLYN. AFTER FRANCES'S FAMILY MOVED TO LOS
23 ANGELES, THEY RECONNECTED AND WERE MARRIED ON NOVEMBER 17TH,
24 1953 IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. FRED OWNED A CARPET
25 CLEANING BUSINESS BEFORE HE JOINED COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS IN



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1 NOVEMBER OF 1971, WHERE HE WORKED AS A WAREHOUSEMAN. HE WAS
2 LOVED AND ADORED BY MANY AT THE COLLEGE. FRED RETIRED FROM
3 C.O.C. IN DECEMBER OF 1993. HE WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND, FATHER,
4 GRANDFATHER, BROTHER, AND FRIEND. HE WAS FAITHFUL TO GOD AND
5 HIS FAMILY, AND HE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL ROLE MODEL. HE IS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, ANN MARIE PINO, TERRI GIBBS, BARBARA
7 APOLITO, FRANCESCA APOLITO, FREDRICK APOLITO, RAELEA APOLITO,
8 NINE GRANDCHILDREN, NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS
9 BROTHER, STEPHEN APOLITO, HIS SISTERS, TERRI ALBANESE, PHYLLIS
10 CETERA, PLUS SEVERAL NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND IN-LAWS. ALSO THAT
11 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GUY EMBREE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
12 PASADENA AND WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
13 AGE OF 100 ON JANUARY 13TH. GUY ATTENDED U.C. BERKELEY AND WAS
14 PHI BETA KAPPA. HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN ENGINEERING AND
15 JOINED THE NAVY SOON AFTER. DURING HIS TIME IN THE NAVY, HE
16 WAS PART OF A YOUNG ENGINEERING TEAM THAT PIONEERED THE
17 PRECURSOR OF THE MODERN AIRPLANE FLIGHT RECORDER. AFTER HIS
18 MILITARY SERVICE, HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO HIS FAMILY AND HIS
19 BUSINESS, EMBREE BUSES, INC. EMBREE BUSES IS A FAMILY BUSINESS
20 FOUNDED BY GUY'S PARENTS, GUY AND LULA EMBREE. THROUGHOUT HIS
21 LIFE, GUY WAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENT BUS
22 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT, CHURCH GROUPS, AND CHARTERED TOURS. ALONG WITH THIS,
24 GUY WAS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF HOLLISTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
25 IN PASADENA, WHERE HE WAS BAPTIZED, MARRIED, AND SERVED THE



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1 CONGREGATION BY CHAMPIONING THE PRESERVATION OF ITS HISTORIC
2 ARCHITECTURE, INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS MAGNIFICENT
3 PIPE ORGAN. FOR HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY, A CONCERT WAS HELD USING
4 THIS OR HIM USING THIS HISTORIC ORGAN. GUY WAS ALSO A LIFE
5 MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND THE PASADENA
6 KIWANIS CLUB. IN THE 1960S, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER, GUY LUTHER
8 EMBREE. THIS HONOR WAS DISPLAYED IN GUY'S CORPORATE OFFICE IN
9 PASADENA THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME. HE'LL BE DEARLY MISSED BY
10 THE PASADENA COMMUNITY FOR HIS MANY LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS AND
11 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS FAMILY, HIS
12 COUNTRY, AND HIS COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE
13 CHILDREN, MARILEE MCELVAIN, ANITA STADLER, AND RYAN EMBREE,
14 ALONG WITH SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEW. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF JOHN NOBREGA, JR., FORMER COUNCILMAN AND LONGTIME
16 RESIDENT OF MONROVIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 9TH AT THE
17 AGE OF 90. JOHN BEGAN HIS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WHEN HE SERVED IN
18 THE CITY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION FROM 1972 TO 1982. HE
19 WAS ELECTED TO THE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL IN 1992 AND WAS RE-
20 ELECTED IN 1986 AND AGAIN 1990, WITH HIS TERM ENDING IN 1994.
21 DURING HIS TENURE ON THE COUNCIL, HE SERVED MULTIPLE YEARS AS
22 MAYOR PRO TEM AND WAS A LIAISON FOR PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS. HE
23 BECAME WELL-KNOWN FOR ADVOCATING FOR MONROVIA FIRE AND RESCUE
24 AND PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN KEEPING FIRE SERVICES WITHIN
25 THE JURISDICTION OF LOCAL CITY CONTROL. HE TRULY LOVED HIS



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1 COMMUNITY AND HELPED SPUR THE CITY TOWARD KEEPING AND
2 PROVIDING SERVICES THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF
3 MONROVIA. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
4 OF 66 YEARS, PATRICIA, SON, DAUGHTERS, AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN.
5 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL "RUSS" NOVAK, WHO
6 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64. RUSS WAS BORN ON APRIL 8TH,
7 1958, IN YOUNGSTOWN OHIO. RUSS WAS A MECHANICAL GENIUS, WHO
8 COULD FIX ANYTHING. HE ONCE CONVERTED HIS SISTER'S STANDARD
9 TRANSMISSION TO AN AUTOMATIC, WHEN SHE COMPLAINED OF ROLLING
10 BACKWARDS WARDS DOWN HILLS. HE HAD A SERIES OF CARS THAT HE
11 LOVED, BUT HIS EL CAMINO WAS HIS PRIDE AND JOY. FOLLOWING HIS
12 GRADUATION FROM CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, HE WORKED HIS
13 WAY THROUGH YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY AS A METAL WORKER.
14 RUSS MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN THE EARLY '80S, WHERE HE BEGAN A
15 35 YEAR CAREER AS AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER AT H.R. TEXTRON, ONE
16 OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SUPPLIERS OF MISSION SYSTEMS AND
17 PRODUCTS FOR AIRCRAFT AND GUIDED WEAPONS. RUSS HAD A WIDE
18 VARIETY OF INTERESTS. HE LOVED AVIATION AND WOULD HAVE LOVED
19 TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A PILOT. HE LEARNED TO COOK FROM HIS
20 ITALIAN MOM AND WAS A MASTER AT THE BARBECUE GRILL. RUSS
21 PURCHASED AN TOWNHOUSE ON A GOLF COURSE IN VALENCIA, WHERE HE
22 LIVED FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE LOVED GOLFING, SAILING, CAMPING,
23 AND RIDING DIRT BIKES IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT AND FOREST. A
24 KIND AND GENTLE SOUL, RUSS MADE FRIENDS EASILY. HE CHERISHED
25 HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED FRIEND, JANICE BOYD, HIS SISTERS,
2 DEBRA LEO, DINA RUDEN, HIS NIECE, CORRINE LONG, HIS NEPHEW,
3 TRAVIS LEO, AND HIS AUNT, NANCY ABEID. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT
4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT REITER, RESIDENT OF VALENCIA,
5 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS BORN ON MAY 14TH,
6 1933 IN SPALDING, NEBRASKA. ROBERT MARRIED MARLENE LANGHORST
7 IN HOWELLS, IN NEBRASKA ON AUGUST 19TH, 1961. HE WAS A
8 HARDWORKING ENGINEER AND RETIRED FROM LOCKHEED IN 1992. ROBERT
9 WAS A MEMBER OF ST. KATERI AND LOVED SINGING IN THE CHOIR. HE
10 WAS ALSO A FOUR YEAR NAVY VETERAN AND FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHT.
11 ROBERT WAS A LOVING HUSBAND AND DEVOTED FATHER. HIS HEARTY
12 LAUGH AND JOKES WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. ROBERT IS SURVIVED BY
13 HIS CHILDREN, GREG, KEN, SCOTT, CHRISTINE, AMY, AND PAUL, AND
14 HIS GRANDCHILDREN, BETSY, REBECCA, JOHN, HAMISH, CHLOE,
15 CAROLINE, KATIE, DANNY, JAMES, PHOEBE, ETHAN, AND FINLEY.
16 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT EVERYBODY? WE WILL TAKE
19 ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
21 AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND WHILE
22 WE ARE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE WILL BE SHOWING VIDEO
23 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION
24 RECOGNIZING BEVERLY WHITE. THAT'S GREAT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
25 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.



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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE TO BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
4 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.1, PUBLIC
5 EMPLOYMENT DISCIPLINE DISMISSAL AND RELEASE, ITEM C.S.2,
6 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM C.S.3,
7 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND
8 DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** A GREAT JOURNALIST GETS TO THE HEART OF THE
11 STORY. A GREAT JOURNALIST CARES ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES THEY
12 REPORTED ON AND THE PEOPLE WHO CALL THOSE COMMUNITIES HOME.
13 AND A GREAT JOURNALIST IS STEADFAST IN THEIR HUNT FOR THE
14 TRUTH AND A TRUSTED VOICE FOR SOURCES AND AUDIENCES ALIKE. ALL
15 OF THESE ARE TRUE OF BEVERLY WHITE. AFTER A REMARKABLE 30 YEAR
16 CAREER AS A REPORTER WITH N.B.C.4, SHE'S GIVEN HER FINAL SIGN
17 OFF AT THE STATION AND IS HEADING TO FLORIDA FOR RETIREMENT.
18 LOOKING BACK ON THE PAST THREE DECADES, SHE HAS COUNTLESS
19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT SHOULD MAKE HER PROUD. WHETHER BEVERLY
20 WAS COVERING MAJOR WEATHER EVENTS LIKE FIRES AND FLOODS OR
21 PROVIDING THE LATEST PANDEMIC UPDATES, WE COULD ALWAYS COUNT
22 ON HER TO PROVIDE A SENSE OF ASSUREDNESS IN TIMES OF CRISIS.
23 SHE ALSO COVERED SOME OF THE BIGGEST HEADLINES OF OUR TIME,
24 THE 1994 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, PROTESTS AFTER GEORGE FLOYD'S
25 MURDER, AND THE DEATHS OF PRINCE AND MICHAEL JACKSON. ALTHOUGH



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1 THE TOPICS SHE REPORTED ON WERE OFTEN HEAVY, SHE ALWAYS
2 APPROACHED THE 11 O'CLOCK NEWS WITH A PLACE OF EMPATHY AND
3 HUMANITY. WHILE BEVERLY IS MOVING TO A NEW CHAPTER IN HER
4 LIFE, HER LEGACY WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MANY JOURNALISTS
5 SHE MENTORED. AS A LONGTIME MEMBER AND TWO TIME PRESIDENT OF
6 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS, SHE'S
7 INTENTIONALLY INVESTED IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF REPORTERS.
8 SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO OFFER WORDS OF WISDOM AND SHARE
9 INSIGHTS FROM HER S STORIED CAREER. BEVERLY, I WANT TO THANK
10 YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 COMMUNITIES. YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND TENACIOUS WORK HAS MADE AN
12 IMPACT ON THE COUNTY AND THE REGION. KNOW YOU WILL BE MISSED,
13 BUT KNOW THAT YOU HAVE FRIENDS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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15 **BEVERLY WHITE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. NOT JUST FRIENDS, BUT,
16 FRANKLY, INSTANT FAMILY. L.A. AND OUR REGION HAS EMBRACED ME
17 AND ADOPTED ME IN WAYS I COULD HAVE NEVER HAVE DREAMED. WHEN I
18 CAME HERE 30 YEARS AGO, I WAS LIKE A LOT OF NEWBIES,
19 MISPRONOUNCING SEPULVEDA AND LA CIENEGA AND CAHUENGA, BUT ONCE
20 I GO COMFORTABLE AND PEOPLE GO COMFORTABLE WITH ME, THE 30
21 YEARS ACTUALLY FELT LIKE 15. IT HAS FLOWN BY. AND I THANK YOU
22 FOR BEING PART OF IT, BEING ACCESSIBLE TO MEDIA FOLKS LIKE
23 ME, AND IT MATTERS THAT YOU CONTINUE DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING,
24 AND I'M BLESSED AND HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS TODAY. THANK YOU
25 SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** WE'RE BLESSED AND HONORED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A
3 PART OF THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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5 **BEVERLY WHITE:** L.A. COUNTY WILL ALWAYS HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN
6 MY HEART NO MATTER WHERE I ROAM.

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** CONGRATULATIONS.

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10 **BEVERLY WHITE:** I APPRECIATE YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
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5 CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

6 (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

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8 Discipline/Dismissal/Release. (23-0993)

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10 **The Board dismissed Dr. Adolfo Gonzales, Los Angeles**
11 **County's Chief Probation Officer. The vote of the Board**
12 **was unanimous, with all Supervisors present.**
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15 CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

16 (Government Code Section 54957)

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18 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**
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23 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

24 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

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

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36 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)
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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors March 7, 2023, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 23rd day of March 2023, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as
18 on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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