

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, ON PAGE 416]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2023, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND, ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR, BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS-- PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING-- AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE

DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER: THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS; THE GABRIELENO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL; THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS; THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS-KIZH NATION; THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS; THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. THANK YOU. AND I JUST ALWAYS WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IT WAS YOUR MOTION THAT IS NOW REQUIRING US TO GIVE THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. TODAY, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY DONNA DIAZ, PASTOR, NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT; AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY STEPHANIE STONE, RETIRED UNITED STATES NAVY, CURRENT CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. IF YOU ARE ABLE THIS MORNING, PLEASE STAND.

DONNA DIAZ: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR OF THE BOARD, JANICE HAHN, AND GOOD MORNING TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS FROM ALL FIVE DISTRICTS. SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR THE INVITATION. SECOND SAMUEL 23:3-4 READS: "WHEN ONE RULES JUSTLY OVER MEN, RULING IN THE FEAR OF GOD, THEY DAWN ON THEM LIKE THE MORNING LIGHT, LIKE THE SUN SHINING FORTH ON A CLOUDLESS

MORNING, LIKE RAIN MAKES GRASS TO SPROUT FROM THE EARTH." SO, FATHER, WE COME TO YOU THIS MORNING, AS THIS MEETING BEGINS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND ALL THE OTHER DISTRICTS REPRESENTED HERE, TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING ISSUES OF THIS GREAT CITY: DECISIONS THAT WILL DETERMINE LIFE IN THIS CITY. FIRST OF ALL, WE LIFT UP FORMER L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, IN HER JOURNEY WITH CANCER. WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD DAILY ENCOUNTER HER WITH YOUR LOVE AND YOUR STRENGTH, THAT YOUR PEACE AND YOUR HEALING VIRTUE WOULD COME UPON HER; AND FOR THIS MEETING, THAT YOU WOULD GRANT THIS GREAT LEADERSHIP WISDOM, REVELATION, AND KNOWLEDGE OF YOU, THAT THE EYES OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE ENLIGHTENED, THAT THEY WOULD KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF THEIR CALLING, WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THEIR INHERITANCE, AND WHAT IS THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF YOUR POWER TOWARDS THEM WHO BELIEVE ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF YOUR GREAT MIND. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

STEPHANIE STONE: I AM HERE IN HONOR OF OUR VIETNAM VETERANS, AND IN RECOGNITION TO THE UPCOMING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR; ENDING OF THE VIETNAM WAR. PLEASE STAND. PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART. VETERANS CAN RENDER A HAND SALUTE. AND REPEAT AFTER ME. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT

STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE. ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK OUR PASTOR, DONNA DIAZ, FOR JOINING US TODAY, AND SERVING AS OUR INVOCATOR FOR TODAY. I COULDN'T HELP EXCEPT TO HAVE A WOMAN LEAD US IN PRAYER TODAY. SUCH A VERY SPECIAL DAY. PASTOR DONNA DIAZ AND HER HUSBAND, DAVID, ARE THE FOUNDING PASTORS AT NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF VALINDA. THEY BOTH HAVE BEEN SERVING IN MINISTRY ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND NOW HAVE A PASSION TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER BY UNITING OUR COMMUNITIES. PASTOR DONNA HAS SPOKEN ACROSS THE NATION AT VARIOUS PASTOR GATHERINGS AND PRAYER EVENTS, BUT SHE REMAINS COMMITTED TO HER WORK IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, INCLUDING PARTNERING WITH OUR OFFICE TO SET UP TEMPORARY AUGMENTED SHELTER AT HER CHURCH, AND I THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR THAT. MY OFFICE IS GRATEFUL FOR HER SERVICE, AND TOUCHED BY THE INVOCATION THAT SHE JUST LED THIS MORNING, IN KEEPING BOTH OUR COMMUNITY OF VALINDA IN OUR HEARTS, AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE HARD TIME WHEN WE EXPERIENCE A BARRICADE SITUATION IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND FOR ALSO REMINDING US OF GREAT LEADERS LIKE SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, AND KEEPING

HER IN OUR PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU. MAY GOD BLESS ALL THOSE THAT WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY. AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE TO YOU, FOR TODAY'S INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING STEPHANIE STONE FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. MS. STONE PROUDLY SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, AND WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE HER AS OUR CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. THANK YOU, STEPHANIE, FOR YOUR SERVICE. YOU AND I HAVE WORKED TOGETHER ON A LOT OF ISSUES, AS IT RELATES TO OUR VETERANS. I THINK OF HOW YOU WORKED ON HAVING THE FIRST VETERANS DAY L.A. IN THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, AND HOW YOU EVEN WORKED ALONGSIDE ME AS WE WORKED TO RETAIN THE NAME OF THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, SO THAT ALWAYS IT REFERRED TO THOSE WHO, FROM LOS ANGELES, WENT OFF TO WAR AND NEVER CAME HOME. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND WE HAVE THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THERE WILL ONLY BE MEOWING FROM THE DAIS.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I WANT TO INTRODUCE CHEEKY TO YOU. THIS IS A THREE-MONTH-OLD MALE DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR KITTY, ABOUT... TWO MONTHS OLD?

SPEAKER: THREE.

SUP. BARGER: THREE MONTHS OLD, AND VERY, VERY SWEET. YOU CAN ADOPT CHEEKY BY CALLING 562-940-6898, OR GO ON ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. AND I SEE PEOPLE IN THE FRONT ROW LOOKING AT THIS. WHERE IS... VICKIE? THIS IS YOURS. HE'S GOT YOUR NAME ON IT. SO, THIS IS CHEEKY. AND BY THE WAY, BECAUSE IT IS RAINING, THEY ARE WAIVING ALL FEES ON ADOPTIONS, ON ANY DAY THAT IT RAINS. CORRECT?

SPEAKER: YES.

SUP. BARGER: SO, YOU CAN GO IN AND ADOPT CHEEKY, AND THEY WILL WAIVE ALL THE FEES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DARLING. AND SO IS THE CAT.

SUP. BARGER: AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE'VE GOT LOLA. LOLA IS A THREE-MONTH-OLD CHIHUAHUA TERRIER MIX, WITH AN UNDERBITE. A BITE. HI, BABY. A THREE-MONTH-OLD FEMALE. I KNOW, BABY. I.D. NUMBER 85539192. AGAIN, 562-940-6898. ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. AND THIS IS LOLA, AND SHE IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. AND SHE IS VERY SWEET, VERY PLAYFUL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DARLING. THANK YOU. AND SO FAR, WE USUALLY HAVE A PRETTY GOOD TRACK RECORD OF THESE ANIMALS THAT WE SHOW

ON T.V., WITH THE LOVELY KATHRYN BARGER. THEY USUALLY GET ADOPTED BY THE END OF THE DAY. SO, HOPEFULLY, PEOPLE OUT THERE WILL TAKE THE TIME TO OPEN UP THEIR HOMES FOR A FOREVER HOME FOR THESE ANIMALS. THANK YOU. TODAY-- LET ME SEE WHERE I AM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE YOU GOING TO CALL THE AGENDA AT THIS POINT?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM FIVE, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 12, 13, 15, AND 16, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 24, ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 56. ON ITEM 20, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 16TH, 2023, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 30, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT

THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 49, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 50, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 54-A, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 54-D, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 51, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS-- I'M SORRY. ON PAGE 51, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS, ITEMS 57 THROUGH 59. ON PAGE 52, THIS IS AN AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 2-D, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 55, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES AND REFER-BACKS, THROUGH CS-3, ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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

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

SPEAKER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE

BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 15, THEN ITEM 2, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEMS 5 AND 6, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 3, 12, 13, 16, 28, AND 45, AND THEN ENDING WITH ITEM 54-A, WHICH WERE ALL HELD BY SUPERVISORS; AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH OUR HELD ITEMS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 15, WHICH IS DEDICATING GRAND PARK IN HONOR OF FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS MAKING OPENING REMARKS, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL IN THE AUDIENCE. WE DO KNOW THERE'S FAMILY MEMBERS. I HAVE SEEN

FORMER SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE, AND WE WILL CALL THOSE UP FIRST, BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC AND THE-- YES, THE FAMILY, YEAH, BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC. WE ARE ALL WEARING PURPLE, IN HONOR OF GLORIA'S FAVORITE COLOR, AND WE ARE WEARING-- WE ARE TRYING TO WEAR-- OKAY, WE ARE WEARING IT: A SIGNATURE PURPLE STREAK IN OUR HAIR, AS HOMAGE TO HOW GLORIA-- GLORIA HAS THE REAL ONE. WE'VE GOT FAKE ONES HERE, BUT WE ARE DOING OUR BEST. SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LEAD US OFF.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO ALL THAT ARE HERE TODAY, I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK GLORIA'S FAMILY, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE MOLINISTAS. WOULD THEY ALL CARE TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED? AND RAISE THE ROOF. [APPLAUSE] IT IS A PROUD DAY, INDEED, TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE ONE OF OUR TRUE HEROES; OUTSTANDING TRAILBLAZER. FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE IN PERSON, AND THOSE ON THE PHONE LINE, THIS IS A DAY, ALSO, A CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE AND HER LEGACY. FORMER SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA GREW UP AS ONE OF TEN CHILDREN IN THE PROUD CITY OF PICO RIVERA, IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, TO A MEXICAN-AMERICAN FATHER AND MEXICAN MOTHER. SHE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN HER HOMETOWN, AND ATTENDED RIO HONDO COLLEGE, EAST L.A. COLLEGE, AND CAL STATE L.A. WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE, SHE WORKED FULL TIME AS A LEGAL SECRETARY. THEN SHE BECAME CERTIFIED AS AN ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR, AND TAUGHT

CLERICAL SKILLS AT THE EAST LOS ANGELES SKILL CENTER. SHE SERVED IN PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION, AS A DEPUTY OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL. AFTER LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE, SHE SERVED IN SAN FRANCISCO, AS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. TO BE SURE, THIS IS WHERE I FIRST MET HER. I WAS WORKING AS AN INTERN FOR THEN CONGRESSMAN ESTEBAN TORRES, IN THE WHITE HOUSE-- HE WASN'T EVEN A CONGRESSMAN; HE WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT-- AND WAS SO IMPRESSED BY HER, BECAUSE SHE CAME FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, BUT EAST L.A., AND TO SEE A PROMINENT LATINA AT A YOUNG AGE, HOLDING SUCH A HIGH POSITION, I THINK REALLY SET A PRECEDENT AND A STANDARD FOR ALL OF US. AND I KNOW THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I DECIDED TO RUN FOR OFFICE. SHE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO OFFICE IN 1982, AS A STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN; AND IN 1987, SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, WHERE SHE SERVED AS COUNCILWOMAN OF THE FIRST DISTRICT UNTIL 1991. THEN, IN FEBRUARY OF 1991, SHE WAS ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE FIRST DISTRICT ON THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, REPRESENTING AGAIN THE FIRST DISTRICT. SHE HAS HAD MANY FIRSTS, FOR MANY OF US. AFTER SHE FOUGHT HARD TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION FOR THE GROWING LATINO CONSTITUENCY-- AND SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT HARD-FOUGHT REDISTRICTING THAT TOOK PLACE. SOME OF US HAVE THAT SEARED IN OUR MEMORIES, BECAUSE IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO HAVE A LATINA ON THIS BOARD. SHE, INDEED, WAS A TRAILBLAZER. MOLINA WAS THE FIRST CHICANA IN HISTORY TO

EVER BE ELECTED IN EACH OF THOSE ROLES, AND THE FIRST WOMAN ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LET'S RAISE THE ROOF FOR THAT. SEEING HER BREAK THESE GLASS CEILINGS INSPIRED SO MANY OF US. I REMEMBER DREAMING OF ONE DAY ALSO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, JUST AS SHE DID, WITH PASSION AND WITH VIGOR. I FIRST MET GLORIA DURING HER TIME, AS I SAID, WITH PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION, AND IN THE 1990'S, COLLABORATED WITH HER ON COMMISSION FEMINIL, AS SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL. THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN-- REALLY, TRUE LATINA ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, AN ORGANIZATION ALSO DEDICATED TO ADVANCING LATINAS IN POLITICS. IT MEANT EVERYTHING TO ME THAT GLORIA ENDORSED ALL OF MY CAMPAIGNS AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE, AT THE STATE ASSEMBLY, THE STATE SENATE, THE CONGRESS, AND EVEN THE FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR. FOR FIGHTING BACK AGAINST A PLAN TO BUILD A PRISON IN EAST L.A., SHE IS WELL KNOWN. THOSE FIGHTS CONTINUE. HELPING TO GROW OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM BY BUILDING THE EAST SIDE GOLD LINE, FOUNDING L.A. PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES, CREATING THE WELLNESS CENTER AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., AND ENDING THE FORCED STERILIZATION OF WOMEN AT GENERAL HOSPITAL. GLORIA MOLINA DEMONSTRATED GREAT DETERMINATION AND PERSISTENCE IN REPRESENTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE, OUR GENTE. THAT IS WHY I AM TRULY HONORED TO LEAD THIS EFFORT IN RENAMING ONE OF HER MOST TREASURED LEGACIES, GRAND PARK-- THE PARK FOR EVERYONE-- AFTER HER. AS A VIBRANT OUTDOOR GATHERING PLACE, GRAND PARK

REPRESENTS, FOR MANY OF US, A PLACE TO CELEBRATE OUR COUNTY'S CULTURAL VITALITY. FROM THE WEST COAST'S LARGEST FREE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION TO THE FOURTH OF JULY BLOCK PARTY COVERING SIX BLOCKS, AND DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT, ALL OF THOSE HAVE BROUGHT FAME, I THINK, TO OUR AREA, TO L.A. COUNTY, AND TO THIS GREAT CITY. GRAND PARK, AS YOU KNOW, PROVIDES ANGELENOS WITH YEAR-ROUND FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, CREATE, AND CELEBRATE. GLORIA'S VISION OF CREATING GRAND PARK WAS REALIZED IN 2012, THANKS TO A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND RELATED COMPANIES. BUT THAT WAS ALSO FOUGHT HARD. IT WAS NOT AN EASY TASK FOR HER. SHE FOUGHT SO HARD TO REDEVELOP A ONCE-CONCRETE JUNGLE OUTSIDE THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION INTO AN OPEN GREEN SPACE, WHICH HAS BEEN A BEACON OF HOPE FOR MANY ARTISTS AND FAMILIES AND GATHERINGS. IT HAS NOW BEEN IN OPERATION FOR A DECADE. I RESPECTFULLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE TO RENAME GRAND PARK IN HER HONOR. MADAM CHAIR, I ALSO WANT TO JUST NOTE THAT THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES ALSO SUBMITTED A LETTER, ALSO SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TODAY, BECAUSE WE DO SHARE THE PARK WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS IDEA. I AM ALSO GOING TO LET MY COLLEAGUES SPEAK AGAIN, BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC. SO, I HAVE ON THE QUEUE, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND IT IS GREAT TO SEE ALL OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S STAFF OUT THERE. I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS SITTING OUT WITH YOU ALL, AS A STAFFER, AND IT IS REALLY GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL. IT WARMS MY HEART. AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAD THE HONOR OF BEING ABLE TO TALK TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA OVER THE WEEKEND, SHE CHERISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND VALUES THE FACT THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN SO LOYAL, AND STAYED TRUE TO BEING A MOLINISTA. EVEN YOU, JORGE. BUT FOR MANY US, THE FIRST WORD WE THINK OF WHEN WE HEAR "GLORIA MOLINA" IS "STRENGTH." SHE IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST WOMEN ADVOCATES AND LEADERS THAT I HAVE EVER MET. SHE FOUGHT TIRELESSLY FOR HER COMMUNITIES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND FOR EVERYONE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND I KNOW I SAW IT WITH L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., I SAW IT WHEN SHE WAS FIGHTING THE PRISON. SHE BROUGHT IN THE FAITH-BASED. SHE BROUGHT IN THE NONPROFITS. SHE BROUGHT IN EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE MOTHERS THAT TRULY WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. I KNOW BEING THE ONLY WOMAN ON THE BOARD WASN'T EASY, ZEV-- YOU WERE ON THE BOARD AT THAT TIME-- BUT SHE HELD HER OWN AND NEVER WAIVERED FROM HER CONVICTIONS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT, DURING HER TIME ON THE BOARD, SHE CARED SO MUCH AND WAS 100% INVESTED IN HER COMMUNITIES. IN REAL TIME, I WITNESSED HOW HANDS-ON SHE WAS WITH HER STAFF. DO YOU ALL AGREE? HANDS-ON WITH HER STAFF, AND WITH HER CONSTITUENTS. WHEN GLORIA SAW SOMETHING THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED, SHE

WENT OUT AND FIXED IT HERSELF. THERE WAS NO ISSUE TOO SMALL. EVERY LAWN, EVERY POTHOLE, EVERY WALL DESERVED THE DIGNITY OF BEING WELL KEPT. SHE HELD HERSELF AND HER STAFF TO A HIGH STANDARD, BECAUSE SHE WAS A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT. GLORIA BELIEVED HER CONSTITUENTS DESERVED THE BEST REPRESENTATION, AND THE BEST AND SAFEST NEIGHBORHOODS POSSIBLE. SHE WAS THOROUGH AND VERY, VERY THOUGHTFUL, READING THROUGH EVERY DETAIL OF A MOTION. SHE WAS TRULY A MASTERFUL POLICYMAKER. AS A POLICY DEPUTY ON HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH, I ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO HER. HER INSTINCTS WERE ALWAYS RIGHT. AND I KNOW, AS SOMEONE WHO CO-AUTHORED THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH-- HER PASSION WAS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE ON OUR STREETS. AND HER INSTINCTS LED FOR HER TO ADVOCATE FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND PARK IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. WITHOUT GLORIA MOLINA, MAKE NO MISTAKE, THERE WOULD BE NO GRAND PARK. SHE WANTED TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE THEY WOULD WANT TO GATHER, ONE THAT SHE AND HER NINE SIBLINGS WOULD HAVE LOVED WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN. NOW, MORE THAN TEN YEARS AFTER IT'S OPENED, GRAND PARK IS FOR THE PEOPLE: A PLACE FOR REST, FOR CELEBRATION, AND IT IS IN THE HEART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO HONOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHO I WOULD ARGUE WAS THE HEART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR DECADES, I CANNOT THINK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, OF A BETTER WAY THAN RENAMING THE PARK IN HER HONOR. AND SHE NOW SPENDS HER TIME SURROUNDED BY

THE LOVE AND SUPPORT OF HER FAMILY AND HER MANY, MANY FRIENDS. I HOPE EVERYONE WHO VISITS GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK IS REMINDED OF THE RELENTLESS LOVE AND SUPPORT SHE INVESTED IN HER COMMUNITIES, HER ENTIRE CAREER. AND ON A SIDE NOTE, I HAVE TO SAY THAT WE TALK ABOUT HER BEING A PUBLIC SERVANT, BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE: SHE WAS A MOTHER. AND, VALENTINA, IF YOU ARE LISTENING, SHE IS PROUD OF YOU-- THE STRENGTH. SHE RAISED YOU TO BE INDEPENDENT AND STRONG. AND, GLORIA, YOU HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB WITH VALENTINA, AS SHE HAS ONE, AND ONE ON THE WAY. AND WHEN I LOOK AT HER, I SEE IN HER THE MANY, MANY, MANY TRAITS THAT YOU HAVE INSTILLED IN HER. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT WHEN I SAID I WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE TAMALES, I GET A CALL, AND IN HER CONFERENCE ROOM, SHE HAD MADE ALL THE FIXINGS FOR TAMALES, AND SHE WAS SHOWING US HOW TO DO IT. AND I STINK AT IT. IT IS LABOR-INTENSIVE, BUT SHE MADE IT LOOK EASY. THAT WAS THE WAY SHE WAS. AND THEN ON CHRISTMAS, WHILE WE WOULD GO OUT AND RENT A RESTAURANT, SHE WOULD OPEN HER HOME TO HER STAFF, COOKING ALL DAY FROM SCRATCH TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNEW HOW MUCH THEY WERE APPRECIATED, AND ARE APPRECIATED. SO, I HAVE TO SAY, IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE DO THIS, BUT I KNOW THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND I AM HONORED THAT I WAS ABLE TO NOT WORK FOR HER, ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES I FELT LIKE I DID, BUT WORK UNDER SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT ALSO GOT TO SEE HER, AND GOT TO TELL HER HOW MUCH SHE MEANS TO ME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. NOT EVEN A DOWNED TREE AT THE FOOT OF THE DRIVEWAY WAS GOING TO KEEP ME FROM DOING YOU ALL TODAY. I GOT HERE, HOOK OR BY CROOK. PURPLE IS A POWERFUL COLOR. IN MANY AFRICAN NATIONS, IT REFLECTS ROYALTY, AND THEN IT WAS CERTAINLY POPULARIZED BY THE BEAUTIFUL POEM "WHEN I GROW OLD, I WILL WEAR PURPLE." AND SO THE FACT THAT IT IS YOUR COLOR, AND THE FACT THAT WE HONOR YOU TODAY IN WEARING IT, IS INDICATIVE, I THINK, OF BOTH OF THOSE THINGS: AGENCY, POWER, AND ROYALTY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU. I THINK IT IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE GET TO TELL PEOPLE, IN REAL TIME, WHAT WE FEEL ABOUT THEM. AND WE KNOW ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AND THE POWER OF NAMING MONUMENTS AND SPACES AND PLACES FOR PEOPLE. BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, THE DIRECT CORRELATION, IN TERMS OF HER WORK TO DELIVER THAT PUBLIC BENEFIT, MAKES IT ALL THE MORE APROPOS. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING US TO DO THIS TODAY, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE IT IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO HER VISION AND HER LEGACY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE ALL THANK YOU FOR BEING A TRUE FORCE OF CHANGE. YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE HAS ALLOWED MORE WOMEN-- AND WOMEN OF COLOR, IN PARTICULAR-- TO OWN THEIR POWER, UNAPOLOGETICALLY, AND TO SEE THEMSELVES AS LEADERS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. I

THINK ABOUT THE IMMENSE CHALLENGE AND RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO BE A WOMAN, AND A WOMAN OF COLOR IN PUBLIC SERVICE, BUT ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS OFTEN ONLY ONE IN THE ROOM. AND THE COURAGE AND THE CONVICTION... AND I AM SURE, IN MANY INSTANCES, THE PAIN AND THE HURT FEELINGS THAT THAT TOOK. IT IS NEVER EASY TO BE THE FIRST OR THE ONLY, BUT YOU WERE THERE WITH A GREATER PURPOSE, AND BECAUSE YOU WERE, ALL OF US WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW. SO, THANK YOU FOR OPENING THE DOOR THAT ENABLED US TO BE HERE, AS WE STAND TODAY, ALL FIVE OF US, WEARING YOUR ROYAL PURPLE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BRINGING YOUR FULL SELF, AND FOR FIGHTING WITH YOUR FULL BEING FOR THOSE WHO WEREN'T REPRESENTED IN THE HALLS OF DECISION-MAKING. NOT ONLY TODAY ARE WE GOING TO TAKE THE VOTE TO NAME THE PARK IN YOUR HONOR, BUT I HOPE THAT YOU KNOW, IN OUR ACTIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS, THEY WILL BE IN TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY YOU ESTABLISHED. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL WITNESS THE ACTIONS WE ARE GOING TO TAKE ON THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TODAY, A DEPARTMENT THAT YOU FOCUSED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION AND FOCUS ON, AND HAD A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN ABOUT, AS WE TALKED ABOUT IT LAST SUMMER. I HOPE THAT YOU KNOW THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEAN IN, TO LEAD AS WOMEN, UNAPOLOGETICALLY, AND THAT THAT MAKES YOU PROUD. I THINK, IN CLOSING, I WILL SAY, I AM GOING TO FINALLY TAKE THAT QUILTING CLASS THAT I HAVE WANTED TO DO MY WHOLE LIFE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE STAND WITH YOU.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD, AND FOR CONTINUING THE GREAT LEGACY OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S WORK. HER LEGACY LIVES ON IN YOU AND YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR BOTH OF YOU. IF I HAD TO CHOOSE ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, IT WOULD BE "TENACIOUS." YOU DON'T EARN THE DESCRIPTORS "FIRST," "TRAILBLAZER" IN FRONT OF YOUR NAME WITHOUT BEING RELENTLESS, PERSISTENT, AND YES, TENACIOUS. AND THAT'S HOW SUPERVISOR MOLINA GOT GRAND PARK DONE. HER DEMAND WAS THE RESULT OF HER INSIGHT FROM PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO LEVERAGE PRIVATE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC BENEFIT, EXEMPLIFYING HER LIFE'S WORK: FIGHTING FOR THOSE WHO WERE UNDERSERVED, LEFT BEHIND, AND HAD THE GREATEST NEED. HER LEGACY WILL LOOM LARGE, FROM FIGHTING TO END FORCED STERILIZATIONS OF LATINAS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, AS WE HEARD, TO STOPPING A PRISON FROM BEING BUILT IN EAST L.A., TO CREATING LONG-OVERDUE INFRASTRUCTURE IN EAST L.A.-- AND I KNOW WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THAT IN A FUTURE METRO MEETING, AS WELL-- AND FINALLY TO GRAND PARK, WHICH, THANKS TO HER SUCCESSOR AND OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WILL RIGHTFULLY BE KNOWN, THROUGH TODAY'S ACTION, AS GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK. PURPLE IS ALSO THE COLOR

OF FEMINISM, AND THE "HERSTORY" THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS MADE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. WE ALL OWE HER A DEBT OF GRATITUDE. AND I WANT TO THANK HER FOR THE FOUNDATION SHE HAS LAID, FOR ALL OF THE GLASS CEILINGS THAT SHE HAS SHATTERED FOR LATINAS, FOR ALL WOMEN, AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TODAY. I THINK IT IS A GREAT IDEA. AND JUST LISTENING TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS, IT IS JUST SO APPROPRIATE, AND THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO HONOR GLORIA MOLINA, BUT TO HONOR HER IN THE WAY OF RENAMING GRAND PARK, SINCE SHE HAD SUCH A VISION, BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY. RIGHT? YOUR OFFICE, WHICH WAS HER OFFICE, LOOKS OUT OVER GRAND PARK. SO, THAT WAS HER VISION, AND THAT WAS HER VISION. AND LOTS OF TIMES, THAT'S HOW WE DO THINGS. WE SEE IT FIRST, WE ENVISION IT, AND THEN WE BELIEVE IT CAN HAPPEN. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH GRAND PARK. SO, TO NAME IT FOR HER, I THINK, IS ABSOLUTELY APPROPRIATE. I WAS UP IN SACRAMENTO YESTERDAY, AND WENT TO A WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM UP THERE THAT TALKS ABOUT ALL THE WOMEN-- YOU WERE ALL IN THERE-- WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR STATE LEGISLATURE, BOTH IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE. AND IT DOES FEEL LIKE, WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT A BOARD OF ALL FIVE WOMEN, IT IS HARD FOR PEOPLE TO REMEMBER WHEN THINGS WERE "THE FIRST." RIGHT? AND SHE WAS THE FIRST LATINA

ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY. SHE WAS THE FIRST LATINA ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL, AND ELECTED TO THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND IT IS HARD FOR YOU YOUNG PEOPLE TO THINK OF A TIME, BECAUSE YOU ARE SEEING US, AND WE ARE MODELING WHAT IS POSSIBLE. WE ARE MODELING THAT THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY IS RUN BY FIVE WOMEN, BUT IT WASN'T ALWAYS THAT WAY. AND WHEN WE WALK DOWN THIS HALLWAY FROM OUR OFFICES TO COME INTO THIS BOARD HEARING ROOM, WE PASS PHOTOS FROM, REALLY, 1800'S, OF THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS. AND YOU KEEP WALKING, WALKING, WALKING, WALKING, AND THEY ARE ALL MEN. MY FATHER WAS ONE OF THOSE, BUT IT IS ALL MEN, UNTIL YOU FINALLY GET TO THAT PHOTO THAT GLORIA MOLINA APPEARS. AND MY DAD DID SERVE WITH HER, JUST FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT I KNOW, ZEV, YOU ALSO SERVED WITH HER. BUT TO BE THE FIRST, TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN THE ROOM, TAKES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF COURAGE, OF CONFIDENCE, OF BRAVERY, OF PERSISTENCE, OF CONTINUING TO PUSH BACK, AND TO SELL YOUR IDEAS AS BEING AS IMPORTANT AND AS RELEVANT AS THE MEN IN THE ROOM. SO, IT TOOK A LOT FROM HER, AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID IT: THAT SHE DID PAVE THE WAY FOR SO MANY WOMEN-- IN ELECTIVE OFFICE, PARTICULARLY-- AT THOSE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WHERE, BEFORE, THE DOOR HAS BEEN CLOSED. BUT I REPRESENT NOW, UNDER REDISTRICTING, PART OF HER OLD DISTRICT, WHICH WAS YOURS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND SHE IS STILL VERY LOVED AND VERY ADMIRED IN THOSE CITIES, AND I HEAR IT ALL THE TIME. I ALWAYS LIKE TO SAY, IT DOES TAKE A WOMAN, SOMETIMES, TO GET

THINGS DONE, AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS THAT WOMAN WHO ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH FOR THE COMMUNITY SHE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS. I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT IS A VERY WELL-DESERVED HONOR. AND, GLORIA, IF YOU ARE LISTENING, I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT WE ALL MAYBE HAVEN'T TAKEN THE TIME OVER THE YEARS TO SAY IT, BUT IT IS TRUE: WE ALL ADMIRE YOU, WE RESPECT YOU, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE COURAGE THAT YOU HAD ALL THOSE YEARS. AND YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE EVEN KNOWN WHAT YOU WERE DOING. SO, THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, LET US GO TO THE PUBLIC. GOOD MORNING. GO AHEAD. YEAH, GO AHEAD. ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, GOOD MORNING. IS YOUR MIC ON? NO. OH, THERE IT IS. OKAY.

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY: WELL, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO COME DOWN HERE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE BEEN IN THIS ROOM, IN THIS SESSION, SINCE I LEFT. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE YOU. I THINK, OTHER THAN GLORIA'S STAFF AND SOME OF THE COUNTY STAFF, NOBODY UNDERSTOOD HOW INDEFATIGABLE SHE WAS ABOUT GRAND PARK THAN I DO, AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD DID. JUST A LITTLE HISTORY. THE COUNTY DECIDED TO SELECT THE RELATED COMPANY TO BUILD THE PROJECT, WHICH IS NOW UP AND RUNNING. AND AS A CONDITION OF THAT AWARD, GLORIA INSISTED THAT THEY PUT UP $50 MILLION-- I BELIEVE IT WAS AT LEAST $50 MILLION-- TO REBUILD WHAT WE USED TO CALL THE

CITY HALL MALL, WHICH IS NOW CALLED GRAND PARK, AND WHICH WILL SOON BE GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK, AND THEY AGREED. THEY AGREED. AND THEN THE GREAT RECESSION HIT, AND THE DEVELOPER, NOT UNREASONABLY, SAID, "WE WANT TO DEFER THE $50 MILLION. IT IS REAL MONEY." AND SHE SAID NO. AND THEN THEY CAME BACK ANOTHER YEAR: "WE NEED TO DEFER THIS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE CAN'T SPEND $50 MILLION ON THE PARK WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN BREAK GROUND ON OUR PROJECT." SHE SAID NO. AND THIS WENT ON FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AND FINALLY, THEY JUST GAVE UP, AS MANY OF US DID WHEN GLORIA-- YES, THAT'S TRUE. AND THE PARK WAS FINISHED AND DEDICATED BEFORE THE FIRST SHOVEL WENT IN THE GROUND FOR THE RELATED PROJECT. THE PARK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN BUILT, BUT FOR HER. SO, NAMING THAT PARK FOR GLORIA MOLINA IS WHOLLY APPROPRIATE, AND IT IS WHOLLY APPROPRIATE THAT WE DO IT WHERE SHE COULD ENJOY IT AND RECOGNIZE THE SUPPORT, THE RESPECT, AND THE GRATITUDE THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS. I JUST WANT TO SAY A PERSONAL WORD. LIKE KATHRYN AND PROBABLY MANY OF YOU, I SPENT NEARLY AN HOUR WITH HER ON SUNDAY. THAT'S MORE TIME THAN I SPENT WITH HER IN ONE SITTING AT ANY TIME THAT WE SERVED TOGETHER. WE TEND TO JUST COME AND GO, AND OUR SCHEDULES WERE BUSY. AND IT WAS A WONDERFUL THING, BECAUSE, AS WE ALL KNOW, WE HAD OUR FIGHTS AND ARGUMENTS ON THIS BOARD. WE ALSO HAD SOME GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS ON THIS BOARD. AND AS I SAID TO HER, YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER ALLY, A MORE LOYAL ALLY, WHEN SHE WAS ON YOUR SIDE. AND YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR A MORE WORTHY

ADVERSARY WHEN SHE WASN'T. AND I PREFERRED TO BE ON HER SIDE. IT WAS A LOT EASIER. BUT THE ONE THING THAT I SAID TO HER THE OTHER DAY, ON SUNDAY, AND I SAY IT AGAIN, IS THAT ON THE FIRST DAY I MET HER, WHEN SHE WAS GOING TO RUN FOR THE CITY COUNCIL-- - IN 1987, I BELIEVE-- THAT I HAD THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR HER, AND THAT RESPECT ONLY GREW OVER TIME. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT ANY OF US CAN ASPIRE TO IS THAT, WHEN OUR CAREERS ARE DONE, OUR JOB IS DONE, THAT WE MAY HAVE DISAGREEMENTS, WE MAY NOT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ON THE SAME SIDE, BUT THAT THERE'S MUTUAL RESPECT. AND WITH GLORIA, SHE WAS A FORCE OF NATURE; IS A FORCE OF NATURE. AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT SHE IS HANDLING HER CURRENT TURN OF EVENTS IN THE EXACT SAME WAY SHE HANDLED EVERY OTHER THING SHE DID: UNBOWED, UNINTIMIDATED, EMBRACING A CHALLENGE, AND MAKING THE MOST OF WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE. I SAT HERE WHEN I CAME IN, AND I LOOK AT THIS DAIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT IS AMAZING, ISN'T IT?

ZEV YAROSLAVKY: HUH?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT'S AMAZING, ISN'T IT?

ZEV YAROSLAVKY: WELL, THAT'S AMAZING, TOO, BUT WHAT WAS AMAZING TO ME WAS THAT I SPENT 20 YEARS OF MY LIFE WITH HER, EVERY TUESDAY, AND I WAS JUST THINKING OF ALL OF THE THINGS

THAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER; ALL FIVE OF US. SIX OF US, ACTUALLY, IF YOU INCLUDE DEANE DANA. IT WAS A REMARKABLE PERIOD OF TIME. AND YES, SHE WAS A WOMAN, AND YES, SHE WAS TOUGH, AND YES, SHE WAS ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU ALL SAID SHE WAS, BUT THE ONE THING THAT STICKS IN MY MIND ABOUT HER, AND ALWAYS WILL: SHE WAS HONEST, AND SHE HAD INTEGRITY, AND YOU KNEW WHERE SHE STOOD. AND YOU COULD AGREE OR DISAGREE, BUT YOU NEVER HAD TO LOOK BEHIND HER AND SEE IF THERE WAS ANOTHER AGENDA. THE AGENDA WAS ALWAYS THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL SHOULD ASPIRE TO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY: THIS IS A GREAT HONOR FOR HER, AND I THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY: AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME EXTRA TIME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, I DID, AND THANK YOU. WELL SAID, ZEV. IT IS ALWAYS GREAT TO HAVE YOU COME BACK HERE AND SPEAK. THANK YOU. FORMER COUNCILWOMAN JAN PERRY.

JAN PERRY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF YOUR MOTION, AS I WAS A COLLEAGUE AND SEATMATE OF SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA ON THE GRAND AVENUE AUTHORITY, WHICH BEGAN BACK IN 2007, AND SHE SERVED AS CHAIRWOMAN FOR TWO SEASONS, TWO CYCLES. NOW, THE EXPRESSION GOES, "PEOPLE MAKE PLANS, AND GOD LAUGHS." WELL, PEOPLE MADE PLANS. THEY PLANNED TO DO THE RESIDENTIAL TOWER FIRST. THEY PLANNED TO DO THE RETAIL FIRST. BUT THEY DIDN'T ACCOUNT FOR GLORIA MOLINA, BECAUSE GLORIA MOLINA MADE THE DEVELOPERS SPEND $56 MILLION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY TO DO THE PARK FIRST. AND SHE HAD FORESIGHT. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE PREDICTED THE CRASH OF 2008, BUT I THINK, BECAUSE OF HER LIFE EXPERIENCE, HER EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNANCE, SHE KNEW SHE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF THE COMMUNITY FIRST, AND THE REST OF IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF IN DUE TIME. I WAS LOOKING LAST NIGHT AT AN OLD ARTICLE FROM THAT TIME, AND IT JUST MADE ME SMILE, BECAUSE NOBODY ACCOUNTED FOR HER TENACITY AND HER FORTHRIGHT MANNER, ALWAYS, AND NEVER HESITATED. AT ONE POINT, WHEN HER FIRST TERM ENDED-- IT WAS A MASTER CLASS TO SIT NEXT TO HER, BY THE WAY, A MASTER CLASS IN GOVERNANCE AND HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. AND AT ONE POINT, WHEN HER FIRST TERM ENDED, I WAS THE VICE CHAIR, AND TECHNICALLY I WOULD'VE BEEN UP TO BE THE CHAIRPERSON, AND SHE TURNED TO ME, AND SHE SAID, "WELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE CHAIR NEXT?" AND I LOOKED AT HER, AND I

SMILED BACK, AND I HOPE SHE IS WATCHING, AND I HOPE SHE WILL LAUGH. I SAID, "NO." I SAID, "I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO BE THE CHAIR." THAT'S BECAUSE I KNEW SHE WOULD TAKE US ACROSS THE FINISH LINE IN ONE PIECE, AND SHE DID. AND SHE DID IT WITH AN ASTONISHING SPEED AND STRENGTH. THE DAY THAT THE PARK OPENED, AND THE CHILDREN WERE DANCING IN THE FOUNTAIN, AND THE COUNTY-- AND I AM FROM THE CITY, BUT I GOT TO SAY, THE COUNTY PUT ON AN INCREDIBLE CELEBRATION. EVERYBODY WAS THERE. IT'S A TRIBUTE TO HER. IT IS A TRIBUTE TO HER, BECAUSE SHE HAD THE VISION TO CREATE PUBLIC SPACES WHERE ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY COULD COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR COLLECTIVE CULTURES. SHE WAS VERY PASSIONATE. AND I KNOW THE WORD "TENACIOUS" HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? IF SHE HAD A GOAL, THERE WAS NOTHING GETTING IN BETWEEN HER AND THAT GOAL, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST GIVE UP AND ROLL WITH IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

JAN PERRY: I WILL JUST FINISH THIS WITH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

JAN PERRY: THEN I WANTED TO SAY THAT I AM VERY, VERY GRATEFUL TO HER, AND THANKFUL TO HER, AND I WAS THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO

SEE HER THIS PAST WEEKEND. SHE STILL HAS THE ENERGY. SHE IS STILL MANAGING THINGS, GIVING ADVICE, RECOUNTING LESSONS. AND THERE WILL BE NO OTHER LIKE HER. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, JAN PERRY, FOR COMING AND SPEAKING TO US. GOOD MORNING, RON. GO AHEAD.

RON MARTINEZ: READY?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. WELCOME.

RON MARTINEZ: HI. MY NAME IS RON MARTINEZ. AS A COUPLE OF YOU MAY KNOW, GLORIA MOLINA IS MY WIFE... FOR OVER 37 YEARS. SOME GOOD YEARS, SOME NOT SO GOOD. AS ALL OF US KNOW, GLORIA IS NOW BEDRIDDEN, FOR THE MOST PART, OR SHE WOULD BE HERE TODAY. SO, IT IS MY RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THIS PLEA TO THE BOARD TO SUPPORT NAMING GRAND PARK GLORIA MOLINA PARK. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, IT WAS AN ABJECT STRUGGLE TO EVEN BUILD THE PARK, AS SOME OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE ALREADY DESCRIBED, SO I DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO THAT. BUT IT WAS HER INSISTENCE, HER TENACITY, AND HER PERSEVERANCE THAT KEPT THE PROJECT GOING, AS THEY'VE ALREADY ADDRESSED. SO, GLORIA FOLLOWED HER INSTINCTS, AND SAID, "IF I LET THEM BUILD THE ADJACENT HOTEL PRIOR TO BUILDING THE PARK, THESE DEVELOPERS ARE GOING TO RENEGE ON THEIR COMMITMENT,

BECAUSE THAT'S GENERALLY WHAT THEY DO. NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT TYPICALLY, THAT'S WHAT THEY DO." THE DEVELOPER WOULD HAVE MERELY PREFERRED TO BUILD ANOTHER CONCRETE JUNGLE. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? L.A. HAS ITS ABUNDANCE OF CONCRETE JUNGLES, ALREADY. SO SHE HELD ON, AND THE PARK WAS BUILT. IT WAS DONE THE FRANK SINATRA WAY: HER WAY. SO, SHE STOOD HER GROUND, SO NOW WE HAVE THE PARK. YOU MAY ASK, WHY THE PASSION OVER A PUBLIC PARK? WELL, GLORIA WAS THE ELDEST OF 10, AND THEY WOULD ALL GET PACKED UP INTO THE CAR TO GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS, AND THEN AFTER CHURCH, THEY WENT TO A PUBLIC PARK. CHURCH, PUBLIC PARK; NEVER CHURCH, DISNEYLAND. THAT WAS LIKE... IT NEVER HAPPENED THAT WAY. SO, WHEN MY DAUGHTER TURNED 2 YEARS OLD, I INSISTED THAT WE TAKE HER TO DISNEYLAND. I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME, BUT IT WAS. SO, GLORIA HAS POINTED OUT THAT SHE NEVER WENT TO DISNEYLAND UNTIL SHE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. AND THEN AT THAT POINT, HER PARENTS DIDN'T EVEN WANT HER TO GO. BUT SHE WENT ANYWAY, AND SHE PRESUMABLY TURNED OUT RELATIVELY OKAY, ALBEIT A FEW BUMPS AND BRUISES. WE ALWAYS MEANT TO SEND HER TO CHARM SCHOOL, BUT OBVIOUSLY, THAT DIDN'T COME TO FRUITION. OH, WELL. IN HEAVEN, THEY HAVE CHARM SCHOOL, TOO, SO IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE. TODAY, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES VISIT THE PARK ON A DAILY BASIS, INCLUDING MIGRANTS, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. AGAINST ALL ODDS, WE ENDURED THE HARD-FOUGHT CAMPAIGNS AT THE STATE, CITY, AND COUNTY LEVELS. IF GLORIA COULD DO THAT, ONE WOULD THINK,

CONCEIVABLY, SHE COULD KILL CANCER, INSTEAD OF THE CONVERSE. SO, IN 2018, OUR ONLY CHILD, VALENTINA, WAS MARRIED AT GRAND PARK, FOOD TRUCKS AND ALL. VALENTINA WENT TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL AS SHE GREW UP, AND WE ENCOURAGED HER TO GET MARRIED AT THE CATHEDRAL, SINCE GLORIA APPROPRIATED COUNTY LAND TO THE CHURCH TO BUILD THE CATHEDRAL. VALENTINA REJECTED THAT. SO, SO MUCH FOR THE INFLUENCE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, OKAY? SO, WE HAD IT OUT HERE AT THE PARK. VALENTINA AND HER HUSBAND NOW HAVE AN 18-MONTH-OLD BABY NAMED SANTIAGO, OUR FIRST GRANDCHILD, AND NOW SHE IS EXPECTING ANOTHER CHILD IN JULY, TO BE NAMED XIMENA. IT STARTS WITH AN X. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY GET THESE NAMES FROM, BUT... BUT, SO OUR FAMILY, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE TO NAME GRAND PARK GLORIA MOLINA PARK. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD KNOW THAT GLORIA IS TRYING HARD TO HANG IN THERE, SO SHE CAN LOVE AND HOLD OUR SECOND GRANDCHILD. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO HER. SO, MAY THE FORCE BE WITH US.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, RON, FOR BEING HERE. WE APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. HI, NICK. WELCOME.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND HONORABLE MEMBERS. I AM NICK PACHAHURAS. I HAVE KNOWN SUPERVISOR MOLINA OVER 35 YEARS, BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. I SERVED WITH HER ON THE [INAUDIBLE] BOARD. ON HER RECOMMENDATION, I OVERSAW THE

HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER [INAUDIBLE], BUT I ENJOY LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES. SHE IS ONE OF THE MOST DEDICATED, COMMITTED, COURAGEOUS LEADERS THAT I HAVE MET IN MY 50 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE. SHE BELONGS IN THE PANTHEON OF GIANTS: MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, SUPERVISOR KENNY HAHN, CONGRESSMAN [INAUDIBLE]. TO NAME THE PARK GLORIA MOLINA PARK, IT IS A DESERVED HONOR. IT IS A FITTING APPRECIATION, A RECOGNITION, AND THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, TO SAY, "THANK YOU, GLORIA, FOR A JOB WELL DONE."

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY, I THINK WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO LIMIT YOUR TIME TO ONE MINUTE. SO, I KNOW, FAMILY MEMBERS, YOU HAVE A LOT TO SAY, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. SO, IF YOU CAN-- I KNOW WE COULD ALL GO ON AND ON ABOUT GLORIA, BUT IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR REMARKS TO A MINUTE, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BERTHA MOLINA MEJIA. I'M GLORIA'S SISTER. THIS IS MY BROTHER, SERGIO MOLINA. AND I AM NOT A PUBLIC SPEAKER, SO I CAN'T GO ON. YOU KNOW WHO THE PUBLIC SPEAKER IS IN THE FAMILY. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THOSE BEAUTIFUL WORDS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR PASSING THIS, AND FOR ALL OF YOU. THOSE WORDS ARE ALL SO BEAUTIFUL. GLORIA, WHEN SHE HEARD, SHE WAS SO HONORED AND HUMBLED. AND US, AS A FAMILY, THIS LEGACY TO BE NAMED GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK, WE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO SEE THAT, AND WE ARE JUST-- I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND JUST VERY HUMBLED, AND MY MOM AND DAD IN HEAVEN ARE JUST SMILING. AND SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO MAKE THEM PROUD, AND SHE DID. WE ARE VERY PROUD JUST TO BE SIBLINGS. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THOSE BEAUTIFUL WORDS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VICKI SANTANA, AND I WAS A MOLINISTA FROM 2004 TO 2011. WHILE GRAND PARK WAS NOT ONE OF MY POLICY AREAS, AS I WAS THE JUSTICE DEPUTY, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR HONORING SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I WAS A PRODUCT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. I GREW UP IN BELL GARDENS, AND SHE WAS OUR "SHERO." I HAD NOT SEEN A LATINA IN THE HALLS OF POWER, UNTIL HER. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HER. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO

HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE FIRST DISTRICT AND TO THE COMMUNITY OF L.A. COUNTY. ONE OF THE THINGS I AM MOST PROUD OF IS THAT GLORIA WANTED A CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT., BUT THE BOARD CANNOT CONTRACT WITH ITSELF, SO WE DID EVERYTHING THAT WE COULD TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE WITH PATROL MINUTES, AND WE GAVE THEM DEDICATED DOLLARS IN ORDER TO DO THAT. AND SO, I AM SO PROUD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO INCREASE UNINCORPORATED PATROL FOR THE FIRST TIME, WITH THE EFFORT OF ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS. SO, I THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GOING TO THE GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK.

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

MARTHA JIMENEZ: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARTHA JIMENEZ. MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW ME AS MARTY, AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL, AND BOARD SECRETARY FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT. BUT I AM HERE TODAY NOT IN THAT CAPACITY, BUT IN THE CAPACITY OF A MOLINISTA, AND I RISE IN STRONG SUPPORT, IN DEEP, DEEP GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THIS INCREDIBLE HONOR ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, AND ALL OF THE MOLINISTAS-- PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE-- WHO ARE HERE TODAY, PRESENT AND IN SPIRIT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS NOTHING LESS THAN A COMMUNITY

TREASURE. SHE IS OUR HEART, AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY APPROPRIATE THAT THE VERY HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE INSPIRATION SHE HAS SERVED, WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE EVERYONE IN THE HEART OF THIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, MANY STORIES TO TELL, INCLUDING MY OWN PERSONAL STORY: THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA MARRIED US DURING A TIME RIGHT BEFORE PROPOSITION 8, WHEN THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY WAS UNDER THREAT, AND SHE MARRIED MY PARTNER AND I. THOSE ARE PERSONAL, THOSE ARE PRIVATE, AND YET THOSE SAY VOLUMES ABOUT HER. SO, I THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

SPEAKER: IT'S BEEN ABOUT 12 YEARS SINCE I WAS IN THIS BUILDING, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY IT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL ON THE DAIS, LADIES. I AM SO EXCITED TO BE HERE. MY HUSBAND, JORGE MORALES. I AM ERICA MORALES. I WAS A LEG ASSISTANT FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. JORGE WAS A FIELD DEPUTY. OUR LOVE STORY BEGAN HERE AT THE COUNTY, WHEN IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN, BUT TODAY WE ARE WALKING IN PROUD. BEFORE, IT WAS A SECRET. BUT I SHARE THIS WITH YOU, BECAUSE IF

YOU WORKED FOR GLORIA, IT WAS A BOOT CAMP FOR LIFE. NOT JUST FOR HERE, BUT FOR LIFE. WE ASK OURSELVES, "WHAT WOULD GOD DO?" BUT WE ALSO ASK OURSELVES, "WHAT WOULD GLORIA DO?" SO, SHE IS IN THE MIDST OF OUR MARRIAGE, OUR WORK ETHIC, OUR PARENTING, AND JUST BEING GOOD HUMAN BEINGS. AND WE ARE RAISING OUR CHILDREN WITH THE VALUES THAT SHE INSTILLED IN US, BY WORKING WITH HER AND BEING PUBLIC SERVANTS. AND WE FIND OURSELVES NOW, HAVING LEARNED FROM HER TODAY HOW TO FIGHT CANCER, AS MY HUSBAND IS ON HIS OWN JOURNEY. AND SO, WE ARE JUST HERE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HONORING HER THIS WAY. THANK YOU, GLORIA, FOR JUST PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BE TOGETHER. AND, LADIES, CONGRATULATIONS. IT IS BEAUTIFUL. IT'S BEAUTIFUL UP THERE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ERICA. THANK YOU, JORGE, FOR BEING HERE. AND YOU TOLD ME THAT STORY WHEN WE HAD DINNER, RECENTLY, OF YOUR OFFICE ROMANCE. [LAUGHTER]

SUP. BARGER: AND WHO SAVES THEIR NAME TAGS FROM THE GLORIA-- I MEAN, I'M IMPRESSED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, THAT'S GREAT, WHICH WASN'T ALLOWED, BUT AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, GLORIA, AS LONG AS IT DIDN'T IMPACT YOUR WORK PRODUCT, RIGHT? THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING US TO COME. I, TOO, WORKED FOR GLORIA FOR 11 YEARS, WHEN SHE FIRST CAME TO THE COUNTY, BUT I REALLY WANTED TO FOCUS ON AFTER GRAND PARK WAS DEDICATED, THAT I BECAME A PARK USER. I STARTED WORKING FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR 17 YEARS, AND INSTEAD OF SHUFFLING TO WORK EVERY DAY, I STROLLED IN. AND THEY SAY THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DOES NOT HAVE SEASONS, BUT THAT PARK REALLY CHANGED MY MORNING, HAVING LUNCH EVERY DAY AT THE PARK; NOT JUST MYSELF, BUT A LOT OF OTHER COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL EMPLOYEES. I'D SEE JURORS SITTING THERE. IT WAS UNHEARD OF FOR PEOPLE TO HANG OUT AT THE PARK. NOBODY WANTED TO DO THAT BEFORE THE PARK WAS DEDICATED. SO, ALTHOUGH I REALLY DID ENJOY-- IT MADE MY DAY A LOT EASIER, AND I WOULD LEAVE, SOMETIMES, LATE AT NIGHT. AND DURING CHRISTMAS, IT WAS JUST BEAUTIFUL. AND I TELL YOU, THE AIR GOT FRESHER IN THAT AREA IN L.A., BECAUSE OF THE PARK. BUT QUICKLY, I ALSO WANTED TO TELL SUPERVISOR SOLIS THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING THAT STAFF WAS NOT ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH FOR 23 YEARS: TRYING TO CONVINCE HER TO ALLOW THE NAMING OF SOMETHING-- A TRAIL, A PARK, A BUILDING. IT WAS ALWAYS WITH A RESOUNDING NO. AND SO YOU ARE ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING THAT I KNOW SHE IS SMILING ABOUT NOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS OFELIA ESPARZA. I BELIEVE I REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY. I'M A COMMUNITY MEMBER. I AM 91 YEARS OLD, AND I HAVE SEEN SO MANY CHANGES, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM PROUD AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE WITNESSED IS SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA RISE TO SO MANY LEVELS IN HER POLITICAL CAREER, BUT ALSO AS A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. SHE HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE CULTURAL AND THE ARTS IN MY COMMUNITY. AS PART OF SELF HELP GRAPHICS, I HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY HER ADVOCACY, HER GENEROSITY, AND EVEN HER PARTICIPATION. AND SO THIS IS FITTING AND PROPER AND, I BELIEVE, THE RIGHT THING TO DO, AS SOMEBODY ELSE HAS SAID, TO NAME THIS PARK AFTER GLORIA MOLINA. I HAVE BEEN PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE OTHER LOS MUERTOS EVENTS, SINCE IT OPENED IN 2013.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, CHAIR. MY NAME IS WENDY ROMALO, AND I, TOO, WORKED FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, OR G.M., AS WE WOULD CALL HER. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, SO MANY POWERFUL LIVING LEGACIES IN

ALL THE PEOPLE THAT SERVED HER CONSTITUENTS. TOO MANY STORIES, TOO MANY FIRSTS. I WILL ONLY SHARE ONE: ONE OF THE QUIET-- AND SOMETIMES NOT SO QUIET-- LESSONS SHE TAUGHT ME. AND EVERYONE WHO WORKED FOR HER WAS TO VIEW EVERY PROBLEM, EVERY PROPOSED POLICY, FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CONSTITUENT YOU SERVE. FROM MY TOUR OF DUTY, THAT WAS CHILDREN. HOW IS THIS PROGRAM YOU'RE ADVOCATING FOR GOING TO WORK, FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHILD? HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM IMPROVE THE DIGNITY OF THAT YOUNG GIRL ON PROBATION? SHE TAUGHT ME IF YOU GOVERN AND SERVE FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU, G.M. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS HONOR IS EARNED, AND I CAN TELL YOU, OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS, I HAVE SHARED THAT LESSON IN EVERY ROLE I HAVE TAKEN ON, QUIETLY, AND NOT SO QUIETLY, MANY TIMES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. HI, CINDY.

CINDY MISCIKOWSKI: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM CINDY MISCIKOWSKI, AND I CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AT THE MUSIC CENTER, YOUR PARTNER ACROSS THE STREET. WE HAVE BEEN HONORED TO MANAGE THE GRAND PARK FOR MORE THAN THE LAST TEN YEARS, IN THE MANNER THAT I HOPE SUPERVISOR MOLINA DOES APPRECIATE. IT IS A PARK FOR ALL, WHETHER IT IS THE TENS

OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE BIG, FESTIVE OCCASIONS, OR THE SMALLER, QUIETER MOMENTS, WHEN PEOPLE JUST COME FOR SOLACE, FOR WELLBEING, FOR A SENSE OF SHARING AND PARTICIPATION. THAT IS WHAT WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE, AND ITS LEGACY BEING NAMED FOR HER IS JUST THE MOST WONDERFUL TRIBUTE. IT WOULD NOT EXIST BUT FOR HER. WE ALL KNOW THAT. AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO FREE AND LOW-COST PROGRAMMING, SO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY CAN BE THERE. I AM GOING TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT TO TELL YOU THAT I WAS FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT SERVED AS A STAFF MEMBER, LIKE ALL THE MOLINISTAS HERE, TO A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. AND ONCE A STAFF MEMBER, ALWAYS A STAFF MEMBER, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. BUT I USED TO SIT THERE AS A STAFF MEMBER, AND WHEN GLORIA SPOKE-- AND THE CITY COUNCIL WAS VERY MUCH LIKE WHEN SHE WAS HERE-- PEOPLE STOPPED AND LISTENED. SHE WAS FEISTY, SHE WAS SURE OF WHAT SHE WAS SAYING, AND SHE MADE A DIFFERENCE. AND TALK ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO REMEMBER, I THINK ZEV CALLED WHERE THE GRAND PARK IS NOW THE L.A. CITY MALL. I REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS DARK. IT WAS DINGY. IT WAS PARKING LOTS. IT WAS A PLACE, GOING FROM THE CITY HALL TO THE BOARD, YOU NEVER WANTED TO WALK THROUGH IT. IT WAS NOT A PLEASANT PLACE TO BE. AND TODAY, IT IS VIBRANT. IT IS OPEN. IT IS BEAUTIFUL. IT IS BRILLIANT, JUST LIKE GLORIA. SO, IT IS A GREAT TRIBUTE TO HONOR HER IN THIS WAY, AND WE PLEDGE-- I PLEDGE-- ON BEHALF OF THE MUSIC CENTER

ACROSS THE STREET, TO KEEP THAT OPEN EMBRACE FOR ALL IN THAT PARK, THE GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CINDY, FOR BEING HERE. WHAT AN HONOR IT WAS FOR ME TO SERVE WITH YOU AND JAN PERRY ON THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, REALLY AT A TIME WHEN THERE WEREN'T THAT MANY WOMEN ON THE CITY COUNCIL, AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU, CINDY, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CITY AND COUNTY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS LUCAS RIVERA, THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF GRAND PARK, AND I DEEPLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. IT WAS BECAUSE OF GLORIA MOLINA THAT I'M HERE IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS, AND I REMEMBER THE DAY THAT I INTERVIEWED WITH HER. SHE WAS MY FINAL INTERVIEW, THE GATE, AND I GOT TO HER OFFICE, AND WE INTERVIEWED. SHE HAD ONE QUESTION. SHE SAID TO ME, "SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO FOR THIS PARK? WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL?" AND I ALMOST LAUGHED. I WAS SO AFRAID OF HER AND WHAT SHE ASKED. BUT I SAID ON THING THAT WE BOTH HAD IN COMMON. I SAID, "WELL, SUPERVISOR, THIS PARK BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE." IT IS THE PEOPLE'S PARK. AND I DEDICATED THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF MY WORK HERE GIVING IT TO THE PEOPLE, AND SUPPORTING LOCAL EMERGING ARTISTS. AND FOR THIS TO BE NAMED THE GLORIA MOLINA GRAND

PARK, IT IS A LEGACY WHICH WILL OUTLIVE ANY BRAND, ANY BRAND. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WELL SAID. THANK YOU. WELL SAID. NEXT SPEAKER. ARE YOU HER NIECES?

SPEAKER: YES, WE ARE HER NIECES. HELLO. MY NAME IS JESSICA MEJIA, AND THIS IS MY SISTER...

SPEAKER: ERICA WISE.

SPEAKER: AND WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING US, AND THANK YOU TO MIGUEL SANTANA. I KNOW HE HAS JUST HELPED US WITH ALL OF THIS. BUT ON THE FAMILY SIDE, IT'S SO FUNNY TO HEAR ALL THE STORIES, AND TO READ ALL OF THE POSTS. SO, TO THE PUBLIC, TO ALL OF HER CONSTITUENTS, TO THE COMMUNITY, IT'S JUST SO INTERESTING FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO HEAR EVERY LITTLE STORY THAT SHE HAS, AND WE'RE READING THEM. SO, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT AND THE OUTPOUR FOR MY AUNT.

SPEAKER: THE SAME WITH MY SISTER. I DID GET THE HONOR TO WORK WITH HER. SHE'S A VERY TOUGH LADY, A VERY LOVING AUNT. THE NUMBER-ONE THING WAS TO ENSURE THAT WE RESPECTED THE COMMUNITY AT ALL TIMES, AND TREAT THEM WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, AND I

CARRY THAT EVERY DAY WITH MY WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. IT MEANS A LOT TO US. I KNOW IT MEANS A LOT TO HER AND HER FAMILY, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. WHAT A BLESSING IT IS TO BE HER NIECES, I'M SURE.

SPEAKER: IT IS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE WE GOING TO THE PHONES?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, WE ARE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE PHONES.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PLEASE COME FORWARD: ARNOLD SACHS, DAVID VELLA, DONALD HARLAN, HERMAN HERMAN, CARLA GONZALEZ, CORY SCHMIDT, RED CHIEF HUNT, SEAN STARKEY, AND VICTOR FRANCO. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

MODERATOR: THE FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MAURA GREER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MAURA GREER, YOUTH LEADER WITH H.J.N. AND L.A.Y.U.P., COME TO SPEAK ON 2, 5, 6, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A YOUNG BLACK WOMAN SAVED BY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, EXCUSE ME. IS SHE SPEAKING ON THIS ITEM TO DEDICATE THE GRAND PARK TO GLORIA MOLINA?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SHE SIGNED UP FOR VARIOUS ITEMS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, YEAH. WE'RE ON ITEM 15, AND THIS IS ABOUT RENAMING GRAND PARK FOR GLORIA MOLINA. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON THAT, WE'LL PUT YOU BACK IN THE QUEUE TO COME BACK FOR THE ITEM THAT YOU ARE HERE TO SPEAK ON. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND OF COURSE I WAS A BIG FAN-- AM A BIG FAN-- OF GLORIA MOLINA'S. SHE WAS A VERY STRAIGHT SHOOTER, AND HAD A PARTICULAR DISTASTE FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SHENANIGANS, AND WOULD CHASE THEM AROUND AND FORCE THEM TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT; OR SHE TRIED. AND I HELPED HER, AND WE WORKED ON THAT, AND IT'S BEEN OKAY,

BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL SNEAKY, BUT SHE WAS A VERY, VERY TOUGH PERSON, AND SHE UNDERSTOOD WHO SHE WAS REPRESENTING, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE. AND SHE WAS A HUMAN BEING. NATURALLY, SHE WOULD BECOME ANGRY WITH PEOPLE. HER AND LEE BACA, IT WAS LIKE WATCHING A FIGHT. THEY WOULD REALLY GO AFTER EACH OTHER. AND SHE DID NOT GET BULLIED AROUND BY THE MEN WHO WERE OBNOXIOUS, OBVIOUSLY. AND THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY IS, IT'S A GREAT IDEA. SHE FOUGHT FOR THAT PARK. I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF NAMING EVERYTHING AFTER EVERYBODY, BUT AS LONG AS IT'S STILL GRAND PARK, BY GLORIA MOLINA, THAT MONUMENT IS PERFECT. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD WANT HER NAME ON EVERY SINGLE THING. WE GET IT. WE GET IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ERIC. WE'RE GOING TO FIND SOMETHING TO NAME AFTER YOU, SOMEDAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS IN QUEUE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE AUDITORIUM. GOOD MORNING.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS VICTOR FRANCO, SR., AND I HAVE TO SAY "SENIOR," BECAUSE MY SON HAS BEEN WORKING WITH, I THINK, ALL OF YOU, AT SOME POINT IN TIME. AND

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF CALLING SEVERAL OF YOU, AND YOU TOOK MY CALL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T SAY "SENIOR," AND YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUNIOR, SO I APPRECIATE THAT. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR MAKING THIS TREMENDOUS RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME GRAND PARK TO GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK. I DID NOT PREPARE NOTES. I DIDN'T PREPARE A SPEECH, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT EVERYONE AHEAD OF ME WOULD BE SAYING THE VERY SAME THING, AND IT IS SUCH AN EASY THING FOR ME TO SAY THAT I SO SUPPORT THAT WE RENAME GRAND PARK TO GLORIA MOLINA PARK. I JUST ASK ALL OF YOU TO PLEASE DO IT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, FOR EVERY REASON THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SENIOR. GREAT THAT YOU'RE HERE. AND YOU CAN TELL YOUR SON, I'LL TAKE YOUR PHONE CALL ANY DAY OVER HIS. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. NY NAME'S DAVID VELLA, AND I WAS THE EAST L.A. DEPUTY FOR 10 YEARS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SO MUCH FOR INTRODUCING TODAY'S MOTION, BUT FOR CARRYING SUPERVISORS' LEGACY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND I SEE IT, AND SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. A HUGE PART OF WHAT I'VE LEARNED IN PUBLIC SERVICE, I LEARNED FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA. IT WAS NOT JUST ABOUT THE TACTICS OF GETTING THINGS DONE IN WHAT SEEMED, SOMETIMES, AN IMPOSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT, BUT IT WAS HOW I LEARNED

TO OPERATE WITH INTEGRITY AND EMPATHY. IT WAS HOW SHE SHAPED AND MOLDED ME TO BE A BETTER STAFF MEMBER, BUT ALSO HOW SHE SHAPED ME TO BE A BETTER PERSON. TODAY, I GIVE MY WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO NAME GRAND PARK AFTER THIS ICON, AND SOMEONE WHO MEANS SO MUCH TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I NEVER GOT THE PH.D. I WANTED, BUT I DID GET IT, WORKING FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN. APPRECIATE IT.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS CARLA GONZALEZ, AND I AM REPRESENTING THE WELLNESS CENTER AND SPEAKING ON ITEM 15, ON REGULAR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE DEDICATION OF GRAND PARK IN THE NAME OF FORMER SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS A STEADFAST CHAMPION FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR YOUTH, AND THE HEALTH OF ALL LOS ANGELES. SHE BECAME LEADER FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND CHAMPION OF OUR COMMUNITY, TO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, IN THE HEART OF MY VERY OWN HOMETOWN OF BOYLE HEIGHTS. SO... SORRY. I'M SO SORRY. WHERE THEY GET THE STATE-OF-THE-ART CARE, REGARDLESS OF THE ABILITY TO PAY. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR BEING A CHAMPION, ESTABLISHING THE WELLNESS CENTER AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND A HUB OF

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT PROMOTE THE WELLBEING OF MY PATIENTS, MY COMMUNITY, AND MY FAMILY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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

SEAN STARKEY: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 15 ON THIS MORNING'S AGENDA. MY NAME IS SEAN STARKEY. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MONICA RODRIGUEZ, AND I'M SPEAKING ON HER BEHALF. THE COUNCILWOMAN IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO NAME GRAND PARK GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK. THIS MORNING AT THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEETING, COUNCILWOMAN RODRIGUEZ IS INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RENAMING. ONCE APPROVED BY FULL COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR, IT WILL BECOME THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. FURTHERMORE, THE COUNCILWOMAN IS ALSO INTRODUCING A MOTION TO NAME THE CROSSWALKS THROUGH GRAND PARK THE GLORIA MOLINA LEGACY PATHWAY, IN HONOR OF ALL THE POSITIONS THAT SHE'S HELD, IN NOT ONLY THE CITY, BUT THE COUNTY AND THE STATE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: WHAT'S OUR PROCLAMATION? WE BUILD GRAND PARK, AND WE SHOULD ALL BE THANKED, BECAUSE WE HAVE GLORIA MOLINA ON OUR SIDE, DOING WHAT WE THE TAXPAYERS DEMAND SHE DO FOR US, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL NOT. BUT THE SUGGESTION OF MY PROCLAMATION IS NOT TO BUILD ALLIES; IT'S TO BUILD A PARK ON BEHALF OF WE THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES. OOH-RAH! THIS WAY, THE RECOGNITION WILL BE REMEMBERED IN THE HEARTS AND LOVE OF THE MOLINA FAMILY. HOWEVER, DON'T FORGET, SHE WAS JUST LIKE ME: A PEASANT, A MINORITY, SHOPPING IN MY FIRST 3 STORES AT THE 98-CENT STORES. SO, DON'T FORGET THAT. WE'RE ALL ALIKE. DON'T BE CONFUSED BY THE COLOR OF OUR SKINS, BECAUSE WE NEED WHAT'S RIGHT. PUT BACK OUR PARKS, AND SAVE SCHABARUM PARK, HILDA SOLIS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ROBERTA MARTINEZ, AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS MOVEMENT TO NAME THE PARK AFTER THE GRAND GLORIA MOLINA. AND I WANTED TO JUST SORT OF MENTION THAT SO MUCH HAS BEEN MENTIONED THIS MORNING ABOUT THE GRAND GESTURES THAT SHE MADE, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO REMIND FOLKS THAT THERE WERE THE SMALLER GESTURES THAT SHE MADE, THAT WERE VERY IMPACTFUL, VERY MEANINGFUL. THE TIME WHERE SHE WOULD LEAN OVER TO A COLLEAGUE, AND SAY, "DID YOU SEE WHAT THIS PERSON DID?" AND BY JUST LEANING OVER AND SAYING THOSE FEW WORDS, WHATEVER

EFFORT WAS MADE BY THAT COMMUNITY MEMBER WAS PROBABLY RECOGNIZED AND IN SOME WAY REWARDED, ACKNOWLEDGED, OR WORKED UPON. AND SO SHE WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO, EACH TIME SHE MOVED FORWARD, SHE KEPT IN MIND, "AS YOU RISE, RAISE OTHERS." AND SO I THINK THAT IS ALSO A PART OF THE LEGACY THAT WILL BE A PART OF THE GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK. THANK YOU.

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

RED CHIEF HUNT: THANK YOU. THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SHE DID A GREAT JOB. SHE'S A GREAT PERSON, AND THANK YOU, GUYS. SHE DESERVES IT, AND THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR DOING IT. GOOD JOB. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M DONALD HARLAN. I WOULD REJECT THE DEDICATION OF THE PARK TO GLORIA MOLINA. THAT'S FINE. PUT A PLAQUE THERE WITH HER NAME, BUT GLORIA MOLINA DIDN'T PAY FOR THE PARK, DIDN'T DONATE THE PROPERTY, DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT. SHE WAS IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPERTY. I SEE THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY MAKING UP FAKE INDIAN TRIBES AND CIVIL RIGHTS ICONS. I WAS BETRAYED BY GLORIA MOLINA IN 1991, WHEN SHE JOINED THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND

THAT SHE CLAIMED SEVERAL THINGS THAT BELONGED TO HER, THAT DON'T. GLORIA MOLINA SPENT GREATER THAN $50 BILLION IN L.A. COUNTY, AND JUST DECIDED, "HEY, THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO PAY THAT, RIGHT?" ALSO, GLORIA MOLINA HAD THE MOST TO GAIN WHEN JIMMY CARTER WAS MURDERED IN SANTA CLARITA IN 1992.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I REMEMBER MEETING GLORIA MOLINA HERE, IN 2008. AT THAT TIME, PEOPLE WHO CAME UP TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON EVERY ITEM FOR THREE MINUTES. CHANGE IS GREAT. I REMEMBER GLORIA MOLINA FIGHTING FOR THE GRAND PARK AUTHORITY. THE BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET, RELATED; WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BUILDING? I SEE THERE'S 10 CAMERAS IN THE ROOM RIGHT NOW. THAT'S A GREAT CHANGE. WHAT ABOUT ETHICS? IT'S UPLIFTING TO SEE THIS GREAT BOARD WITH THEIR LASER-LIKE FOCUS ON ALL THESE PROBLEMS. IT'S ALMOST ROBUST IN THE FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE. WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THESE MEETINGS, THE BUDGET WAS $18 BILLION. NOW I UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY IS $44 BILLION. THAT'S GREAT. 14 YEARS, THAT'S $26 BILLION. THE GRAND PARK PROJECT, GRAND PARK AUTHORITY, YOU OUGHT TO LIFT THE C.U.P., THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, THAT WAS USED. THERE IS NOBODY DOING SIGN LANGUAGE UP HERE ANYMORE. WHY NOT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ARNOLD. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST SPEAKER, EITHER HERE AND ON THE PHONE. IS THAT CORRECT?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THAT IS CORRECT, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AND JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY HERE, OR THOSE WHO MAY BE WATCHING AT HOME, WHO MISSED SOME OF MY OPENING REMARKS, ALL 5 SUPERVISORS ARE WEARING PURPLE IN HONOR OF GLORIA MOLINA, AND WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO HAVE PURPLE STREAKS IN OUR HAIR, AS AN HOMAGE TO HER BOLD STATEMENT IN HER HAIR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS?

SUP. SOLIS: I JUST WANT TO SEND MY BEST REGARDS TO GLORIA, IF SHE'S LISTENING TO US, AND TO HER FAMILY, AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GRACED US THIS MORNING, AND THE MANY THOUSANDS AND PROBABLY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THAT GOT TO KNOW HER NAME, AND LET HER GO DOWN IN HISTORY, AND LET'S PAY HOMAGE TO HER. AND I'M SURE SHE'S GOING TO SEE MORE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE NAMED AFTER HER, THAT SHE PROBABLY NEVER EVEN IMAGINED. BUT WE KNOW IN OUR HEARTS WHY IT'S BEING DONE. SO, JUST WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK FOR OUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. BARGER: CAN I SECOND IT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. I WAS ALREADY GOING TO HAVE YOU SECOND IT. I'M READING YOUR MIND. OKAY. SO, COLLEAGUES, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 15 IS NOW BEFORE US: DEDICATING GRAND PARK IN HONOR OF FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] OKAY, THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALL COMING DOWN. WE'RE STILL IN THE MEETING, SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO MOVE OUTSIDE, PLEASE DO IN A WAY THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR MEETING. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE FAMILY AND ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT. WE'RE ON TO ITEM 2 NOW. IS THAT RIGHT? YEAH, IT'S ITEM 2, ENSURING THE USE OF LEAST RESTRICTIVE PLACEMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CARE AND CUSTODY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WE'RE TAKING UP ITEM 5, ADOPTING A GLOBAL PLAN FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S HALLS AND CAMPS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH; AND ITEM 6, CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, HOLDING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE AND ADVANCING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WHICH WAS ALSO HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. AND, COLLEAGUES, SINCE WE ARE TAKING ALL THESE ITEMS UP

TOGETHER, YOU MAY ADDRESS ALL ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND HOW APROPOS THAT WE MOVE DIRECTLY INTO THIS TIMELY, CRITICAL DISCUSSION ABOUT A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, AFTER THE STATEMENTS AND CONVERSATION WE JUST HAD ABOUT OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND HAHN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THESE MOTIONS. ON NOVEMBER 24TH, 2020, THE BOARD OFFICIALLY COMMITTED, VIA MOTION, TO TRANSITION THE COUNTY'S YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM TO THE CARE-FIRST MODEL OUTLINE IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT. IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT AND OVERDUE RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM A PUNITIVE SYSTEM, AND TOWARDS A TRULY REHABILITATIVE, DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE MODEL OF CARE. THE URGENCY OF THIS WORK IS UNDERSCORED BY THE DETERIORATING CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS, AND SEVERE DELAYS IN PREPARING TO SERVE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DISPOSITIONED TO A SECURE TRACK. THIS CRISIS DEMANDS CLEAR DIRECTION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND REALIZE THE VISION OF TRUE YOUTH JUSTICE. ITEM 2 IS INTENDED TO HELP FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RANGE OF STRATEGIES TO HELP BEST SERVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SHORT TERM. THE LAST TIME I VISITED BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, IT WAS APPALLING. THE CONDITIONS IN THE COMPOUND WERE FAR LESS THAN IDEAL-- WHAT ANY OF US WOULD WANT OUR OWN CHILDREN TO

HAVE TO LIVE WITHIN. AND WHEN SPEAKING TO THE YOUNG MEN, IT WAS CLEAR, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THEY SHOULD NOT BE THERE. I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THEM IS BACK IN THE COMMUNITY AND THRIVING, AND I HOPE AND FULLY EXPECT TO SEE MORE OF THAT. A STRUCTURED RELEASE SYSTEM CAN HELP FACILITATE THESE KINDS OF OUTCOMES, BY ENSURING THAT EACH YOUNG PERSON IS PLACED IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING POSSIBLE THAT BEST MEETS THEIR NEEDS. THIS WILL REQUIRE THAT PROBATION AND ITS PARTNERS COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOP RELEASE PLANS, AND IDENTIFY YOUNG PEOPLE APPROPRIATE FOR RELEASE OR PLACEMENT IN A LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE ENSURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AREN'T INCARCERATED OR HOUSED IN A CARCERAL SYSTEM FOR ANY LONGER THAN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. THIS MOTION INSTRUCTS THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO COLLABORATIVELY IDENTIFY YOUNG PEOPLE FOR LESS RESTRICTIVE PLACEMENTS, AND FACILITATE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEIR REENTRY. AND LET ME BE CLEAR: THIS IS ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR MANY YEARS BY OTHER CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS, IN OTHER COUNTIES ACROSS THIS STATE. SEVERAL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS AT THE END OF THIS MOTION COLLABORATIVELY WORKED TO SAFELY RELEASE YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC, SO IT WAS DONE. MOST RECENTLY, THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SECURED THE RELEASE OF, OR A LESS RESTRICTIVE PLACEMENT FOR, SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE RETURNING FROM THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, D.J.J. I COMMEND THE DEFENSE COUNSEL, THE D.A., COURT, AND

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FOR SECURING A BETTER LEGAL OUTCOME TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS RESULT SPEAKS TO THE POWER OF COLLABORATION, AND THE NEED TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN PROBATION'S CARE AND CUSTODY. LASTLY, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PROBATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO WORK WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, SO THAT APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS CAN BE QUICKLY IDENTIFIED FOR OUR DUAL STATUS USE. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO READ IN A SMALL CHANGE TO ITEM 2. THIS REVISION WOULD ADD "PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS" TO DIRECTIVE 4, WHO I HOPE THAT PROBATION WILL CONSULT EARNESTLY WITH, AS APPROPRIATE, TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE REENTRY PLANS. IN DIRECTIVE 4, IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, AFTER THE PHRASE, "AND AS LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE," WE WILL BE ADDING, "PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS." MADAM CHAIR, ARE WE GOING TO TAKE UP THE ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY? DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE MY COMMENT ABOUT ALL THE ITEMS BEING HELD TOGETHER? WHAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, I BELIEVE THAT WE WERE ASKED TO HOLD THESE TOGETHER, SO WHY DON'T WE MAKE OUR COMMENTS ABOUT ALL OF THEM TOGETHER?

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. THEY'RE ALL CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, SO I BEG YOUR INDULGENCE. MOVING ON TO ITEM 5, THE

HORVATH-HAHN MOTION. AGAIN, ITEM 5, A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FACILITIES, IS LONG OVERDUE, AND CRITICAL FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE IT HOLDS. THE CRISIS IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS HAS NECESSITATED A WIDER RANGE OF SHORT-TERM HOUSING OPTIONS THAN WE MAY OTHERWISE BE COMFORTABLE WITH. DEPOPULATING THE TWO OPERATING HALLS, ESPECIALLY IN THE SHORT TERM, MUST BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. THE LONG-TERM PLAN SHOULD REFLECT THE BOARD'S DESIRE TO REDUCE PROBATION'S FOOTPRINT, AND THE RELIANCE ON INCARCERATING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BETTER SERVED IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. CONSIDERATION OF CLOSING ONE OF THE DILAPIDATED AND UNSAFE EAST CAMPS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE C.E.O.'S REPORT THAT WILL FURTHER INFORM THIS DECISION. LASTLY, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO CAREFULLY ACCOUNT FOR THE DECLINING NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE RETURNING FROM D.J.J., WHEN DECIDING IF AND WHERE TO PREPARE NEW SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITIES. ITEM 6: TAKE STEPS TO INSURE OUR BUDGET APPROPRIATELY REFLECTS THIS BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO A CARE-FIRST PARADIGM. ITEM 6 IS A HORVATH-MITCHELL MOTION. IT ASKS OUR C.E.O., TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, TO AVOID NEW INVESTMENTS IN JUVENILE PROBATION THAT ARE NOT FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN ITS CARE. IT ALSO CLARIFIES THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT'S LEADING ROLE IN PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE HALLS AND CAMPS. THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO BE IN A STRONG POSITION TO IMPLEMENT A

COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT MEETS THE COMPLEX RANGE OF NEEDS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IS CRITICAL, AND IT'S NOT EASY. SO, I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY STAFF, THE SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS, VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS, AND OTHERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO, AND SHOW UP ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR, OUR YOUNG RESIDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE CAMPS AND THE HALLS. I AM CLEAR THAT THEY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THEIR LIVES, AND THE BOARD MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SET UP FOR SUCCESS WITHIN A SYSTEM THAT IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUTH. YOU KNOW, AS I SAID, TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE ISN'T EASY, BUT THIS BOARD HAS NEVER-- THE CURRENT CONSTELLATION AND PREVIOUS CONSTELLATIONS OF THE BOARD HAVE NEVER SHIED AWAY FROM DOING THE HARD WORK. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THEY BELONG TO US, AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAND UP SYSTEMS, PROVIDE OVERSIGHT, APPROPRIATE FUNDING, APPROPRIATE STAFFING, APPROPRIATE PROGRAMMING THAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS, FIRST AND FOREMOST. I BELIEVE THE WORK THAT WE HAVE EMBARKED UPON AS A BOARD, THE TIME WE HAVE ALL SPENT IN THESE FACILITIES, IN DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO BRING FORWARD SUSTAINABLE CHANGE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEBATE AND THE CONVERSATION ON THESE MOTIONS, AND I WILL BE FULLY SUPPORTING THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TO REITERATE, THERE ARE THREE ITEMS THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING SIMULTANEOUSLY: ENSURING THE USE OF LEAST RESTRICTIVE PLACEMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODY AND CARE, ITEM 2; ADOPTING A GLOBAL PLAN FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S HALLS AND CAMPS, ITEM 5; AND CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, HOLDING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE, AND ADVANCING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, ITEM 6. AND BEFORE I PROVIDE COMMENT, I WANT TO ALSO READ IN A SMALL AMENDMENT ON ITEM 6, DIRECTIVE 3, TO READ: "DIRECT THE C.E.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING WITH THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '23/'24, WITH THE FOLLOWING." I FIRST WANT TO THANK CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING THESE MOTIONS, FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIZING THE YOUTH IN THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE PROBATION FACILITIES, THOUGH I KNOW OUR ENTIRE BOARD IS COMMITTED TO STUDY, ANALYSIS, AND WORK OF THESE MOTIONS. I KNOW THROUGH OUR EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WE'VE BEEN HAVING ABOUT THE WORK THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THIS BOARD IS CLEAR. WE HAVE A CLEAR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUTH JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS TO MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS VISION CALLS

FOR ACTIONS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THE JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS TODAY, AND TO BUILD A NEW SYSTEM OF CARE FOR THE FUTURE, MODELED ON CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE RETURNING FROM THE STATE INTO OUR CARE. WE'RE BRINGING FORWARD THESE THREE MOTIONS, TO DO BETTER BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND WHO HAVE ENDURED UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS AT OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS. THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONCERN BY THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, AND BY OUR INTERNAL OVERSIGHT BODIES FOR SOME TIME. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE HERE WITH US TODAY MANY WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING TO INFORM THE CONVERSATION ON WHAT CHANGES MUST TAKE PLACE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S INABILITY TO MEET THE MINIMAL OBLIGATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ITS CARE IS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF THE NEED TO URGENTLY AND APPROPRIATELY DEPOPULATE THE HALLS, WHILE TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO INFUSE PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN REAL TIME. TOO OFTEN, YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO ATTEND SCHOOL, OR EVEN SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY OUTSIDE OF THEIR LIVING UNITS, BECAUSE WORKERS AREN'T SHOWING UP TO DO THEIR JOBS. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING TO INCARCERATE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO DO NOT NEED TO BE HOUSED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCKED FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE DEPARTMENT FAILS TO MEET ITS BASIC OBLIGATIONS. WE ARE CALLING FOR THE

SAFE AND EARLY RELEASE OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AS APPROPRIATE, FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CAMPS AND HALLS, PARTICULARLY YOUTH WHO ARE INCARCERATED ON TECHNICAL PROBATION VIOLATIONS THAT DO NOT IMPLICATE PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS, AND YOUTH WHO ARE INCARCERATED SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE A SAFE HOME OR FAMILY TO RETURN TO. WE ARE CALLING FOR OUR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED MODEL TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE, WITH A FOCUS ON MOVING FUNDS AND PROGRAMMING RESPONSIBILITIES FROM PROBATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND I SEE OUR DIRECTOR HERE WITH US TODAY, AS WELL. LAST MONTH, THIS BOARD PROUDLY SWORE IN A NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, MR. DAVID CARROLL. THE CHARGE OF HIS DEPARTMENT IS FOCUSED ON PREVENTION, DIVERSION, AND ENRICHMENT, TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE HOPE AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WILL LEAD EFFORTS IN ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-IMPACTED YOUTH IN THE HALLS AND CAMPS, AS THEY ARE BEST POISED TO DO SO. I AM REALISTIC, THOUGH, ABOUT THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD TO FULLY REALIZE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AND WHILE I'M COMMITTED TO THAT FUTURE, I AM ALSO EXTREMELY MINDFUL OF THE DEEP RESPONSIBILITY WE BEAR IN THE PRESENT MOMENT. OUR MOTIONS TODAY ARE A STEP TOWARD REALIZING NEW PRACTICES AND APPROACHES IN CARING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE'RE AFFIRMING OUR INTENT TO TRANSITION AWAY FROM A CARCERAL JUVENILE SYSTEM, TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THE PLAN FOR

PROBATION HALLS AND CAMPS, IN ITEM 5, IS A STRATEGIC ROADMAP TO REDUCE THE POPULATION IN THE JUVENILE HALLS, UPGRADE THE CAMP FACILITIES FOR APPROPRIATE USE, AND CALLING FOR THE HIRING AND CREATION OF SPECIAL UNITS FOR YOUTH WITH MORE INTENSIVE NEEDS. THIS ITEM CALLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION BY OUR BOARD. AS WE REBUILD A SYSTEM THAT INVESTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WE MUST ALSO REINVEST IN THE SPACES THAT YOUTH ARE NOW IN, BECAUSE THE CONDITIONS ARE UNHEALTHY AND UNSAFE. OUR LOCAL JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE DELIVERED FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE ROOTED IN THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND I WANT TO THANK MY APPOINTEE TO THAT SUBCOMMITTEE, JOSH GREEN, FOR THE WORK HE AND ALL OF THE APPOINTEES DID TO DELIVER THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. I AGREE WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S CONCLUSION: THERE AREN'T ANY GREAT OPTIONS AMONGST THE COUNTY'S EXISTING FACILITIES. BUT WE MUST KEEP IN MIND THE PARAMOUNT ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE HERE: THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLBEING OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR CARE, AND SUPPORTING THEIR POTENTIAL WITHIN A RESTORATIVE AND OPPORTUNITY-RICH ENVIRONMENT. THIS PATH FORWARD STARTS BY MAKING USE OF OUR EXISTING FACILITIES, WHILE ALSO TAKING A LOOK AT MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO OTHER FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND CONSIDERING NEW LOCATIONS, TOO. A PHASED APPROACH WILL ENSURE WE GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE ENVIRONMENTS THEY DESERVE, WITHOUT

GROWING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S FOOTPRINT BEYOND WHAT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE IS A DESPERATE NEED FOR MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING AND FACILITIES. WE CANNOT POSSIBLY EXPECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN THE HEALING PROCESS, BY OFFERING THEM BARELY MORE THAN VIDEO GAMES AND A SINGLE TELEVISION. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE REPEATEDLY ASK FOR THE SAME THINGS: ART THERAPY, OUTDOOR RECREATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, COMPUTER SKILLS, AND OTHER BASIC TOOLS FOR SUCCESS. BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO DELIVER, THEY ARE CONVINCED NO ONE IS ACTUALLY LISTENING TO THEM. LET'S PUT AN END TO THAT TODAY. IT HAS TAKEN US TOO LONG TO GET HERE. BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, WE MUST STAY ON TRACK. I'M EXCITED ABOUT OUR FUTURE PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, BUT WE HAVE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE HOUSED IN THE CAMPS AND HALLS TODAY. THIS MATTER IS URGENT. IT DESERVES A STRONG COMMITMENT FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US, AND THAT INCLUDES OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE STATE, WHOM WE ALSO CALL UPON TO PROVIDE THIS BOARD AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO TRANSFORM YOUTH JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF ALL THREE MOTIONS, WHICH I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT TODAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I'M GOING TO SPEAK AS CO-AUTHOR OF ONE OF THESE MOTIONS. AND I THINK WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

IS THESE ARE THREE BIG MOTIONS TODAY, ON OUR AGENDA, THAT ALL HAVE TO DO WITH HOLDING OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. AND I THINK IT'S CLEAR, NOT JUST TODAY BUT IN EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE AND EVERYTHING WE'VE SAID, THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I DO SEE THIS AS A CRISIS THAT NEEDS IMMEDIATE ACTION. THE YOUTH IN OUR CARE, AND THE PROBATION STAFF WHO ARE SHOWING UP TO SERVE, REALLY DESERVE A BETTER SITUATION. OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS TO ACT, AND WHEN THEY DON'T ACT, THIS BOARD HAS TO MANAGE AND OVERSEE THEIR WORK, WHICH IS WHAT THESE MOTIONS DO. I WANTED TO CALL OUT SOME SPECIFIC PARTS OF ITEM 5, THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT. ITEM 5 IS A MOTION I CO-AUTHORED WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THAT MOVES US FORWARD WITH THE PLAN FOR PROBATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING WHERE TO HOUSE THOSE YOUTH THAT WE ARE RECEIVING FROM THE STATE. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE AUTHORS OF THIS MOTION, IN PARTICULAR, ARE THE TWO SUPERVISORS WHOSE DISTRICTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOCATING THEM IN. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YOU HAVE CAMP KILPATRICK AND BARRY J. JUVENILE HALL IN YOUR DISTRICT. I HAVE DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER AND LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL IN MY DISTRICT, AND I KNOW WE'RE BOTH COMMITTED TO BEING A PART OF THE SOLUTION. THEN, I THINK WE'VE HEARD IT BEFORE, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR PROGRAMMING. WE THROW THAT WORD AROUND A LOT: PROGRAMMING. WHAT IS THAT? I MEAN, BESIDES THE SCHOOLING THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE TO THE YOUTH IN OUR CARE, WE BELIEVE-- AND I'M PRETTY SURE ALL THE

EXPERTS WOULD AGREE-- THAT EXTRACURRICULAR-TYPE ACTIVITIES ARE GOOD FOR THE SOUL, FOR THE BODY, FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH. AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MORE ART, MORE MUSIC, MORE CULTURE. I KNOW A PROGRAM I LEARNED ABOUT, THAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE VALUABLE. IT'S CALLED PAWS FOR LIFE, AND IT DOES-- WE HELP TO GET SOME OF OUR UNRULY ANIMALS IN OUR SHELTER ADOPTED, AND WE PUT THEM WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE, TO WORK ON HOW TO TRAIN THEM. AND IT HELPS BOTH THE HUMANS AND THE ANIMALS AT THE SAME TIME. YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT'S TAKEN US TO TRY TO GET THAT IN OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT? WE FAST-TRACKED IT, COLLEAGUES, WITH A MOTION THAT I AUTHORED BACK IN DECEMBER. IT WAS A FAST TRACK. IT WAS LIKE, "OKAY, WE MEAN IT. LET'S GET THIS"-- I THINK IT IS JUST STARTING TODAY. OKAY, THAT'S MORE THAN 3 MONTHS AFTER WE DID A FAST-TRACK MOTION. THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF BUREAUCRATIC STRINGS THAT FRUSTRATE US, AND I KNOW FRUSTRATE EVERYBODY ELSE. SO, WE'RE URGING OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT TODAY, WITH THESE MOTIONS, TO TAKE THIS MORE SERIOUSLY, FOLLOW THROUGH ON DIRECTIVE IN ITEM 6, THAT DIRECTS THEM TO INCREASE PROGRAMMING IN OUR FACILITIES, AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE SMALLER, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHO WANT TO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY AND GET INTO OUR HALLS AND CAMPS, MAKE IT EASIER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO MICROMANAGE OUR DEPARTMENTS, BUT HERE WE ARE, MICROMANAGING AND DIRECTING OUR PROBATION

DEPARTMENT TO DO THE THINGS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED MONTHS AGO. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THE BUCK DOES STOP HERE. BUT WE NEED A PARTNER OVER THERE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE NEED STAFF TO BE OUR PARTNERS. WE NEED THE MANAGERS TO BE OUR PARTNERS. WE NEED THE HEAD OF THAT DEPARTMENT TO BE OUR PARTNER. WE'RE WILLING TO WORK HARD. WE'RE WILLING TO ROW IN THE SAME DIRECTION, BUT WE NEED A BOAT THAT WE CAN ROW. AND SO FAR, IT'S BEEN RIDDLED WITH HOLES, AND IT SEAMS TO BE SINKING EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO, I KNOW MY PATIENCE IS WEARING VERY THIN. I'M PRETTY SURE MY COLLEAGUES ARE HERE, AS WELL. WE REALLY CANNOT HANDLE ANY MORE EXCUSES. AND NOT JUST THE PRESENT LIVES OF THOSE IN OUR FACILITIES; IT'S THEIR FUTURE. RIGHT? WE ARE TRYING TO TAKE A CHANCE. WE'RE TRYING TO GIVE THEM SECOND CHANCES. WE'RE TRYING TO SET THEM ON A COURSE WHERE THEY CAN HAVE ANOTHER LIFE OUTSIDE OF OUR FACILITIES. BUT WE ARE REALLY FAILING MISERABLY, SO WE THINK THIS MIGHT, AGAIN, TRY TO RIGHT THAT SHIP. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID, BUT I THINK IT GOES BEYOND HOLDING PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE. THE ACTIONS WE'RE TAKING TODAY ARE MOTIONS THAT ARE VITAL, THAT ARE HOLDING US ACCOUNTABLE. WE ARE TAKING CHARGE OF A SITUATION THAT QUITE FRANKLY, I FEEL, IS GETTING WORSE. ABOUT A MONTH AGO, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I TOOK A

TOUR, AND WE WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES AND CONDITIONS INSIDE THE FACILITY. WHAT WE SAW WAS A FACILITY NOT ONLY IN POOR CONDITION, BUT THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS BEING PROVIDED WERE-- AND EDUCATION-- WERE NOT THERE. IT WAS VERY CLEAR THERE WAS NO PLAN IN PLACE TO RECEIVE THE RETURNING D.J.J. YOUTH, NOR AN URGENCY-- WHICH BAFFLED ME-- TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION OF YOUTH THAT WERE ALREADY HOUSED THERE. AND IT BAFFLES ME BECAUSE WE'VE KNOWN THAT THESE YOUTH ARE COMING DOWN TO OUR FACILITIES FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. I RETURNED LAST WEEKEND, AND THE ONLY THING THAT HAD CHANGED WAS, THE POPULATION HAD GROWN. THAT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT HAD CHANGED. WE HAVE MANY MORE OF THESE YOUTH COMING BACK DOWN IN THE NEXT DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS. AS WE TOURED THE FACILITY, VARIOUS YOUNG MEN SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH US, AND EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION OVER THE LACK OF PROGRAMMING AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS, INCLUDING FOOD. WHEN THEY SHOWED ME WHAT THEY HAD TO EAT FOR BREAKFAST-- IF YOU LOOK IN THE TRASH-- AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO LOOK AND SEE WHAT IS THROWN AWAY-- THEY DON'T EAT THEIR BREAKFASTS. AND WE WERE TOLD MONTHS AGO THAT THAT WAS TAKEN CARE OF. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, IT IS NOT. AND SO, WE ARE PAYING FOR I-DON'T-KNOW-WHAT. MOST DAYS, THEY SIT IN COMMON AREAS OF THEIR UNITS WITH NOTHING TO DO. I TALKED TO ONE YOUNG MAN WHO TOLD ME THAT HIS RELEASE IS TIED TO COMPLETING HIS EDUCATION, AND HE IS SO FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT SHOWING UP. SO, THE LONGER THEY DON'T SHOW UP, THE

LONGER HE STAYS IN THERE, AND IT'S NOT HIS FAULT. HE'S TRYING TO COMPLETE HIS EDUCATION. IF THEY DON'T GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, IT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE DEPENDENT UPON ON THE STAFF THAT IS NOT SHOWING UP. I SENSED AND FELT THEIR FRUSTRATION, SO I AGREE WITH THE DIRECTIVES IN THESE MOTIONS. BOTTOM LINE, SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE. YOU SHOULD HAVE A VOICE WITH THE TYPE OF PROGRAMMING THEY WANT TO SEE, AND I AM ON BOARD WITH THE EXPANSION OF PINE GROVE FIRE CAMP. I SPOKE TO A YOUNG MAN THAT WAS EAGERLY AWAITING TRANSFER TO PINE GROVE, HAS BEEN SITTING-- WAS TOLD THAT IF HE HAD GOOD BEHAVIOR, HE WOULD BE IN LINE. AND HE'S STILL WAITING. HE WANTS TO GO THERE, AND HE WANTS TO CHANGE HIS LIFE. BARRY J., LIKE MOST PROBATION FACILITIES, IS VERY OLD, AND NOT CURRENTLY IN A CONDITION THAT IS SUITABLE TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO REHABILITATION. WE TALK ABOUT CARE FIRST? THAT'S WHERE IT BEGINS. A YEAR AGO, BEFORE YOU WERE ON BOARD, I INTRODUCED A MOTION WHICH CALLED FOR THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATION OF BARRY J. BARRY J., IN ITS CURRENT CONFIGURATION, MAKES NO SENSE. WE NEED TO REIMAGINE, BASED ON THE CARE-FIRST MODEL. I'M GLAD THAT WE'VE REACHED A PLACE WHERE WE CAN AGREE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF BARRY J. I'VE ALSO BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF STEP-DOWN PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE READY FOR THIS FORM OF RELEASE. WE ARE IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES US TO LOOK AT ALL OPTIONS, BECAUSE IMPROVING FACILITIES AND LOOKING AT SAFE OPTIONS FOR RELEASE ISN'T AN EITHER/OR; IT'S

AN AND. WE HAVE A DUTY TO ENSURE YOUTH IN OUR CARE ARE HOUSED IN FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE THE BEST ENVIRONMENT FOR REHABILITATION, INCLUDING OFFERING A ROBUST ARRAY OF PROGRAMS. THAT IS WHY I AM SUPPORTING THESE MOTIONS. I THINK WHAT FRUSTRATES ME THE MOST IS, IS THAT WHEN I WENT BACK TWO WEEKENDS AGO, AND JUST STOPPED IN ON A SATURDAY, I WAS HOPING TO SEE CHANGE. AND I DIDN'T. BUT I SAW THE SAME YOUNG MAN, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THAT YOU AND I TALKED TO. AND THEY ARE STILL WAITING AND FRUSTRATED. AND I KNOW THAT, FOR MANY OF THEM, THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT. THEY ARE COMING OUT OF THIS FACILITY. AND I, FOR ONE, SITTING ON THIS BOARD, WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GIVE THEM EVERY SINGLE TOOL TO SUCCEED. BECAUSE THE YOUNG MEN THAT I TALKED TO WANT TO TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND, AND BY TREATING THEM AS LESS THAN HUMAN IN THAT FACILITY, WE ARE NOT DOING THAT. SO, I AM COMMITTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THESE MOTIONS, BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WHAT IS ON PAPER. I MAKE YOU THIS PROMISE: IF I NEED TO GO OUT THERE EVERY WEEKEND ON A SURPRISE VISIT, I WILL, OR ON THE WEEKDAYS. BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE SEEING ON PAPER, LIKE WHAT YOU DID, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WITH THE PAWS FOR LIFE, WE TAKE ACTION HOPING THAT IT'S BEING DONE, BUT WE HAVE TO NOT ONLY TRUST, BUT WE HAVE TO VERIFY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: TRUST BUT VERIFY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID YOU ALREADY--

SUP. SOLIS: YES, I DID WANT TO SPEAK ON ALL THREE ITEMS, AND I, TOO, SUPPORT ALL OF THEM, AND A LOT OF GOOD COMMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE BY MY COLLEAGUES. AND I, FOR ONE, AM EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED, LIKE MANY OF YOU, AND MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S LONG OVERDUE. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES. WE OF THE BOARD HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR STAFFS, AND THE NEW TEAMS THAT ARE BEING COMPRISED AS OF THIS MOMENT, TO TRY TO DO BETTER. AND WE NEED THE COOPERATION OF ALL OF THE STAFF, AND THAT REQUIRES ALL THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK IN PROBATION. SO, WE CAN'T GET FARTHER AHEAD, UNLESS WE HAVE COOPERATION WITH OUR LABOR, WITH OUR EMPLOYEES. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME GOOD FOLKS THAT WORK WITH US IN THE DEPARTMENT, BUT I ALSO HAVE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE SOME OBSTACLES THERE, AND IT'S GETTING VERY TIRING. AND NOW, SOME OF THESE ACTIONS THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE ARE REQUIRING US TO DO THIS NOW, IMMEDIACY, BECAUSE THE STATE WILL ALSO TAKE ACTION IF WE DON'T COMPLY WITH SOME OF THE-- NOT NECESSARILY REFORMS, BUT IMPROVING UPON OUR STAFFING, NUMBER ONE; MAKING SURE THAT STAFFING HAVE THE APPROPRIATE TRAINING, AND THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE PHILOSOPHY-- AND IT ISN'T A NEW PHILOSOPHY. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG: CARE FIRST. AND IT'S NOT TO MEAN THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE AWAY POSITIONS, AUTOMATICALLY. THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT IMPROVING THE STATUS OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT

WE ARE OBLIGATED TO CARE FOR; AND IN ADDITION, TO ALSO MAKING SURE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES WHO WORK FOR US ARE SAFE AND ADEQUATELY TRAINED. AND WE HAVE ALLOWED, THROUGH OUR OWN BUDGET AUTHORIZING AUTHORITIES, TO ALLOW FOR MORE STAFF TO BE BROUGHT IN, TO HIRE UP PEOPLE. BUT WE ALSO HAVE AN EXPECTATION THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO COME AND SET A DIFFERENT STANDARD: NOT MEDIOCRE, BUT NOW MUCH MORE THAN WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND THAT MEANS HAVING A MORE HUMANISTIC APPROACH, ONE THAT IS ALSO INFORMED ON TRAUMA CARE, ONE THAT'S INFORMED ABOUT THE PRIORITIES THAT WE SHOULD AND HAVE ESTABLISHED FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, PART OF WHICH IS MAKING SURE THAT THEY GET THEIR EDUCATION. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY YEARS I'VE BEEN SITTING ON THIS BOARD NOW-- ALMOST 9-- AND I'VE GONE IN SEVERAL TIMES IN EASTLAKE JUVENILE HALL, AND SAW WHERE, MANY TIMES, THERE WERE NO INSTRUCTIONAL PAMPHLETS BEFORE STUDENTS. THEY WERE WATCHING VIDEOS. THEY WERE WATCHING MOVIES-- SOME MOVIES THAT I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND, THAT WERE VIOLENT. AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT, AND THAT WAS BEFORE WE KIND OF GOT TO THIS POSITION THAT WE'RE IN NOW. BUT I DO THINK WE HAVE TO DO MORE, AND I WOULD ASK FOR COOPERATION. AS SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN WORKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLES, WHETHER WITH EMPLOYEES, UNIONS, AND ALSO ON THE MANAGEMENT SIDE, THE TIME HAS COME. THE REALIZATION IS, WE HAVE TO STAND UP TOGETHER. PEOPLE CAN TRY TO WAIT US OUT. PEOPLE CAN TRY TO SAY THAT, OH, "CARE FIRST" IS JUST A PHASE. IT'S NOT A PHASE. IT'S A

REALITY. WE PUT HARD WORK-- WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THAT THERE ARE SOME THAT DON'T WANT TO GO ALONG WITH THIS. MAYBE THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE TO REASSESS WHERE THEY WANT TO GO, AND IF THEY WANT TO BE A PART AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US TO CARE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND NOT ONLY ARE WE HARMING THE YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT THEIR FAMILIES, AS WELL. THEIR FAMILIES HAVE TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE DOING WELL IN OUR CARE, AND IF THEY'RE NOT GETTING THAT INFORMATION DIRECTLY, THEN SOMETHING IS WRONG, AS WELL. AND WE HAVE TO BE A PARTNERSHIP. AND I WANT TO COMMEND ALL THE AUTHORS FOR YOUR MOTIONS TODAY, AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR ALSO LOOKING AT LOS PADRINOS. I KNOW THIS IS A HARD DECISION. ALL OF IT IS. A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK, WE WERE GOING BACK AND FORTH, SAYING, "OH, NOT HERE, NOT THERE." BUT NOW THE REALITY IS, WE HAVE TO ADDRESS WHAT'S HAPPENING. THE POPULATION HAS SHRUNK. LET'S FACE IT, IT HAS SHRUNK. WE HAVE FAR FEWER GIRLS INCARCERATED; HOWEVER, THE SEVERITY AND THE NEEDS HAVE NOT LESSENED. SOME NEED DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. THEY NEED PARTICULAR HELP, AND WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT IN SETTINGS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE. KIRBY. KIRBY CENTER, THAT USED TO BE IN MY DISTRICT. AMAZING WORK THAT CAN BE DONE THERE, BUT WE HAVE TO CHANGE, ALSO, SOME OF THE CULTURE THERE, AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S INVITING, SO WE HAVE MORE YOUNG WOMEN THAT CAN GO THERE, AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE ARE RECEIVING FROM THE STATE, AND THAT ARE IN OUR SYSTEM NOW, TO BE ABLE TO GO TO LOS

PADRINOS, AND EVENTUALLY GO TO SOME OF THE OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY CAN RECEIVE THERAPEUTIC ASSISTANCE, HEALING, AND BRINGING IN THE PROGRAMMING. I'VE SAID, OVER TIME AND TIME AGAIN ON THIS BOARD, HOW MUCH DISCRETIONARY FUNDS I HAVE PUT FORWARD TO PAY FOR PROGRAMMING, TO PAY FOR GROUPS TO GO IN. WHY SHOULD THAT HAVE TO COME OUT OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING? THAT SHOULD BE A CONTRACTUAL PLAN AND PROTOCOL, AND WE OUGHT TO BE DOING IT AS BROAD-BASED AS WE CAN, AND INCLUSIVE. SO, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THESE MOTIONS INSTITUTED, AND IT IS ABOUT LEADERSHIP. AND I WOULD EXPECT THAT THE LEADERS THAT ARE THERE-- SO-CALLED LEADERS THAT ARE THERE-- NEED TO STAND UP, AND THEY NEED TO WORK WITH US, AND NOT LOOK AT US AS THOUGH WE'RE MICROMANAGING, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S MY JOB. THEY GET PAID TO DO THEIR JOB. BUT LET'S HOLD EVERYBODY ACCOUNTABLE TO THAT, TO THE SAME STANDARD. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON THESE, AT THIS POINT? OKAY. SO, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW 90 SECONDS FOR YOU TO SPEAK, SINCE YOU'LL BE SPEAKING ON ALL THREE ITEMS TOGETHER. SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ADRIAN REYNOSO, ALEX MARTINEZ, ANTHONY GARCIA, ARNOLD SACHS, CARLOS C. FUENTES, DANIEL B. SUANO, DEBRA DOMINGUEZ, DONALD HARLAN, DOUGLAS RODRIGUEZ, FRANK PAREDES, GARRETT BARR, GLORIA GONZALES, HANS LEONG, HEATHER MOORE, AND ISAIAH BARBER. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: BRUCE SILVERSTEIN. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BRUCE SILVERSTEIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HORVATH: MAYOR, ARE YOU THERE?

BRUCE SILVERSTEIN: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HORVATH: WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW.

BRUCE SILVERSTEIN: OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. SO, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENT WITH AN OPEN MIND. ALTHOUGH, I HAVE TO SAY, I'M A MEMBER OF A CITY COUNCIL, AND WE LISTEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE WE MAKE OUR COMMENT, SO THAT WAY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO THE COMMENT BEFORE WE MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR HER TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CONCERNS I'VE RAISED, WHICH WERE

DETAILED IN WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT I HOPE HAVE BEEN READ AND CONSIDERED. AND I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6 ARE BEING CONSIDERED TOGETHER. I'LL BE VERY BRIEF, BECAUSE I'VE SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS. THE BOARD NEEDS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WITHOUT CREATING NEW PROBLEMS, AND CONVERTING MINIMUM-SECURITY PROBATIONARY CAMPS TO S.Y.T.F. MAY SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING LESS RESTRICTIVE SETTINGS FOR SOME YOUTH CURRENTLY DETAINED IN THE JUVENILE HALL, BUT IT'LL CREATE NEW PROBLEMS OF ENHANCING THE SECURITY AND REDUCING THE REHABILITATIVE BENEFIT OF THE MINIMUM-SECURITY PROBATIONARY CAMPS. THE BOARD'S PLAN IS CHANGING "CARE FIRST" OF THE MINIMUM-SECURITY FACILITIES TO "SECURITY FIRST, CARE SECOND." SUPERVISOR MITCHELL EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING, BUT CONVERTING MINIMUM-SECURITY PROBATIONARY CAMPS TO S.Y.T.F. RUNS CONTRARY TO THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING OBJECTIVE. IT CREATES GREATER RESTRICTIVE SETTINGS. THERE'S CLEARLY A NEED TO HAVE MEDIUM-SECURITY S.Y.T.F. FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE MINIMUM-SECURITY PROBATIONARY CAMPS, AND THAT'S INCONSISTENT WITH CHANGING THEM TO S.Y.T.F. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROB HOUSTON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROB HOUSTON: THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

ROB HOUSTON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROB HOUSTON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF MALIBU. I AM SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA FOR ITEM NUMBER 5. FOR OVER A YEAR, THE CITY OF MALIBU HAS COMMUNICATED ITS CONCERNS REGARDING THE COUNTY'S USE OF CAMP KILPATRICK, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CITY, TO HOUSE SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY OFFENDERS. THE CITY APPRECIATES RECENT EFFORTS BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS WITH THE CITY, AND HOPES SUCH DIALOGUE WILL CONTINUE. CAMP KILPATRICK WAS NOT DESIGNED TO HOUSE SUCH OFFENDERS, AND PRESENTS A SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY AND WILDFIRE THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY AND ITSELF, AS DETAILED IN THE LETTER SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OVER THE LAST YEAR. NEEDS TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN AND EVACUATION PLAN FOR THE FACILITY, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT CAMP KILPATRICK ITSELF BURNED DURING THE WOOLSEY FIRE. A YEAR AGO, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO RETURN WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS UNDER C.E.Q.A. FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH HAS YET TO BE COMPLETED. IN ADDITION, THE CITY RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE BOARD OF STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOUND THAT CAMP KILPATRICK HAS VIOLATED STATE REGULATIONS ON SECURITY MEASURES FOR A SECURE YOUTH TRACK

FACILITY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY HOUSING 11 SUCH YOUTHS AT THE FACILITY ON WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE A TEMPORARY BASIS. THE CITY REQUESTS THAT THESE 11 OFFENDERS BE TRANSFERRED TO A COMPLIANT SECURE YOUTH TRACK FACILITY, PENDING A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF HOUSING THIS TYPE OF OFFENDER AT CAMP KILPATRICK. THAT CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAWRENCE JOHNSON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS LAWRENCE JOHNSON. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU CAN HEAR ME.

SUP. HORVATH: WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. I'M SORRY. OKAY. SORRY. GOOD MORNING, CHAIRPERSON, CHAIRWOMAN, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS LAWRENCE JOHNSON. I'M A SENIOR DETENTION SERVICES OFFICER ASSIGNED TO CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND A PROUD MEMBER OF LOCAL 685. I'VE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR ABOUT 16 YEARS, AND I STARTED IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WANTING TO GIVE BACK TO THE YOUTH, AND HOPEFULLY TRY TO GET PEOPLE THAT ARE ON A DIFFERENT TRACK BACK

TO A TRACK WHERE THEY CAN BE PRODUCTIVE. BUT IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT, TO SAY THE LEAST. AND WHILE WORKING THERE, I WAS ASSAULTED, MYSELF, AND AM CURRENTLY OUT ON LEAVE. IN NOVEMBER OF 2022, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTED A LONG-LASTING TRUTH ABOUT THE DANGERS THAT WE FACE AS PROBATION STAFF, DAILY. THEY QUOTE, "AS OF OCTOBER 19TH, ASSAULTS IN THE HALLS HAVE ALREADY GROWN MORE THAN THEY HAVE IN ALL OF 2021. THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 1268 FIGHTS AS OF OCTOBER 9TH OF 2022, AS COMPARED TO 794 IN '21; A SPIKE OF OVER 60%. THE FIGHTS BETWEEN YOUTH IN CUSTODY HAVE NEARLY TRIPLED, FROM 31 IN FEBRUARY TO AN AVERAGE OF ALMOST 98, MARCH THROUGH MAY." THAT WAS 2022. IN 2023, BECAUSE OF THE FAILED ACTION OF THE BOARD, AS REPORTED BY THE LA TIMES, AND I QUOTE, "CONDITIONS AT BARRY J. ARE DIRE. OFFICERS WORK NEARLY 24-HOUR SHIFTS, MISSING COLLEAGUES, BECAUSE THEY'RE USUALLY OUT ON I.A.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAINOR X. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MAINOR. I'M WITH [INAUDIBLE] AND THE [INAUDIBLE] COALITION. I'M JUST HERE TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION AND HOLD PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE HARM THAT THEY HAVE CAUSED AND CONTINUE TO CAUSE TO OUR YOUNG

FOLKS. I, MYSELF, HAVE BEEN IN MANY OF THESE FACILITIES, AND HAVE WITNESSED MANY INCIDENTS WHERE PROBATION OVERUSES THEIR POWER EXCESSIVELY TOWARDS THE YOUTH. BUT I NEVER SAID ANYTHING, BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID THAT PROBATION WOULD RETALIATE AGAINST ME. AND YES, IT HAS HAPPENED. BUT WITH THE HELP OF MY COMMUNITY, I'VE LEARNED TO SPEAK UP FOR MYSELF. I LEARNED TO GET OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE, TO BE ABLE TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS. THEY HAVE ALSO HELPED ME DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT, LATER DOWN MY JOURNEY, HELPED ME OBTAIN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, SOMETHING THAT PROBATION NEVER HELPED ME WITH. SO, NOW I'M WORKING TOWARDS HELPING YOUTH GET THE SAME SUPPORT AND THE SAME RESOURCES THAT I DID TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL. IT'S TIME TO REINVEST PROBATION'S BILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET INTO THE D.Y.D., TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY, IN OUR EDUCATION, AND IN OUR ENVIRONMENT. IMAGINE HOW MUCH WE CAN DO, HOW MUCH RESOURCES, HOW MUCH OPPORTUNITY WE WILL HAVE WITH PROBATION'S BUDGET. IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL, LIKE [INAUDIBLE] AND L.A.Y.U.P., BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, I WOULDN'T BE IN THE SPOT THAT I AM TODAY, AND I FEEL LIKE MANY OF US WOULDN'T, EITHER. SO, YEAH, I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE CAN SAVE ALL THE YOUTH, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE WE CAN SAVE MORE THAN PROBATION HAS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SPEAKER: WE NEED TO INVEST IN PEOPLE THAT CARE, AND NOT JUST [INAUDIBLE]. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIAN MONIER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIAN MONIER, AND I AM A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER ASSIGNED TO DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER. I AM A PROUD, DUES-PAYING MEMBER OF 685, AND MY COLLEAGUES ELECTED ME TO BE THE SECRETARY OF THIS GREAT UNION. I HAVE WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 15 YEARS, AND I DECIDED TO BECOME A PROBATION OFFICER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, MY GRANDMOTHER, AND MY MOTHER ALL WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SO WHEN I THOUGHT OF A CAREER PATH, I WANTED TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY, AS WELL, AND I WANTED TO HELP THE YOUTH IN NOT JUST MY COMMUNITY, DISTRICT 2, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL'S AREA, BUT ALL YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR FINALLY PUTTING THIS TRUTH OUT THERE, THE TRUTH THAT WE HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR A VERY LONG TIME: L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION FACILITIES ARE UNSAFE FOR THE MINORS, FOR US STAFF, AND FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO COME IN EVERY DAY. I THINK THE L.A. TIMES SAID IT BEST: THE

REAL L.A. MODEL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IS DELAY, DISASTER, AND DISGRACE, AS THEY MADE IT CLEAR WHEN THEY SAID, AND I QUOTE, "THE REAL L.A. MODEL IS A FOOT-DRAGGING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UNMET STANDARDS, LOOMING DEADLINES, AND [INAUDIBLE] TREATMENT OF YOUTH ENTRUSTED TO THE COUNTY'S CARE." SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HORVATH, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: THE COUNTY HAS A SACRED OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SAFE, HEALTHY, AND [INAUDIBLE] ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN ITS CARE. BUT YOU ALSO ARE OUR BOSSES.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHARLENE CHILDRESS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

SPEAKER: MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, I'M A PROUD MEMBER OF THE A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 685. I HAVE WORKED NEARLY 20 YEARS WITH

L.A. COUNTY, AND AS A CHOSEN CAREER WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I'M A DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER, WHICH IS A REWARDING POSITION WITH A DAILY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPART INTO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES AS A ROLE MODEL, ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO ATTEND SCHOOL, IMPLEMENTING THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS IN SOCIETY. THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING, AND THE CARE-FIRST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE ALL NEED FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE DOES NOT EXIST IN THE FACILITIES CURRENTLY IN OPERATION IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE WOULD SUGGEST YOUR BOARD ACTIVELY SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL A.B. 695, WHICH WOULD ALLOW GRANT FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURES, THEREFORE ALLOWING THE COUNTY FUNDING TO CONCENTRATE ON PROGRAMMING, STAFFING, AND COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATION CONTRACTS. FURTHERMORE, WE URGE YOU TO MAKE A DIRECT BUDGET AS TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY ON THE BEHALF OF THE D.J.J. PROGRAM. WITH THE STATE FUNDING, THIS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE COST TO L.A. COUNTY, AND ALLOW COUNTY FUNDING TO BE DIRECTED TO OTHER BADLY NEEDED ENTITIES AND PROGRAMS, SUCH AS SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, CONTRACTS, MENTAL HEALTH, IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES, ROADS, EARTHQUAKE SAFETY, AND HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU. I YIELD BACK.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAY LEWIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HORVATH: MR. LEWIS, ARE YOU THERE?

MODERATOR: JAY LEWIS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SUP. HORVATH: WE'RE NOT HEARING ANYONE. MAYBE GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THOMAS BELL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT 5 AND 6. I FEEL LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU GUYS ALSO GOT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT'S GOING ON, AS WELL. WE'VE BEEN YELLING IT FOR YEARS, BUT NO ONE HAS BEEN HEARING US. WE'VE BEEN SAYING THE SAME THING THAT YOU GUYS ARE SAYING NOW, SINCE I CAME IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND NO ONE WOULD EVEN MEET OR TALK OR TRY TO DISCUSS THESE THINGS. IF WE WORK TOGETHER INSTEAD OF TRYING TO DESTROY EACH OTHER, WE COULD GET THIS WORKING. WE COULD GET THIS HELPFUL, AND WE COULD GET THIS WHERE THE KIDS

ARE BEING SERVED. WE DO THIS JOB BECAUSE WE LIKE IT, AND WE DO THIS JOB BECAUSE WE CARE FOR THE KIDS. WE DON'T DO THIS JOB FOR ANY OTHER REASON. AND WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE KIDS. IT'S FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SAFETY OF THOSE KIDS, AND SAFETY OF THE OFFICERS THAT WORK THERE. WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THE [INAUDIBLE] FOR A LONG TIME, AND YOU GUYS IGNORED US. SO, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU GUYS ALSO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. YOU CAN'T JUST SAY, "OH, IT'S PROBATION'S FAULT, PROBATION'S FAULT," BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN SAYING IT. THE LINE STAFF HAS BEEN TELLING YOU THAT THE HALLS ARE MESSED UP. IT'S DANGEROUS. HELP US, HELP US. NO ONE CAME. AND IT'S FRUSTRATING. NOW PEOPLE ARE GETTING HURT. THEY'RE GETTING OUT. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE HURT. NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE SITTING AT HOME SLEEPING; BECAUSE THEY'RE INJURED. NOW THERE ARE FAMILIES THAT HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU.

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

ERIC PREVEN: YEAH. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND THIS IS-- IT'S VERY EMBARRASSING FOR THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY PROGRESS BEING MADE. AND I DO SORT OF FEEL THAT THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OF PROGRESS, SO I APPRECIATE IT. I SORT OF LIKE THE IDEA OF TRYING TO PUSH THINGS TO A DIFFERENT GROUP AND AWAY FROM PROBATION, BUT I JUST THINK THAT THE STATE OF PROBATION IS THE FAULT OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE PANDERED AND NOT INSISTED ON A CHANGE FROM THE TOP AT THE UNION, THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE SITUATION. I MEAN, I JUST THINK NOW WE HAVE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO ARE REMAINING, WHO ARE DOING THE JOB AND TRYING TO DO THE JOB, JUST DON'T FEEL VERY MUCH A PART OF THE FAMILY, AND THEY DON'T BEHAVE VERY MUCH LIKE A PART OF THE FAMILY. SO, I JUST THINK THIS IS APPALLING, AND I THINK THAT THE ENTIRE JUSTICE TEAM OUGHT TO GO TO THE END OF THE PIER AND THINK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE A BETTER STRATEGY. AND IF THEY DON'T, THEY SHOULD JUST QUIT. THEY SHOULD JUST QUIT, AND WE SHOULD HIRE A PRIVATE GROUP TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THESE KIDS. IT'S NOT FAIR. IT'S NOT FAIR. IF YOU WERE RICH-- AND THE COUNTY IS RICH, EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY-- YOU WOULD PAY SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF A KID WHO WAS IN TROUBLE, AND THEY WOULD TRY AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DO IT. THIS IS NOT WORKING. THIS IS NOT WORKING. THESE FACILITIES ARE APPALLING, AND THEY'RE BEING RUN BY PEOPLE WHO OBVIOUSLY DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO DO IT. IT'S VERY HARD, BECAUSE THE POPULATION IS TOUGH AND CHALLENGING. SO, MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE

FAMILIES, AND I JUST HAVE TO BLAME ALL OF THE MEN SUPERVISORS WHO CAME BEFORE YOU. THAT'S IT. NOT GLORIA. GLORIA WAS VERY GOOD.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALICIA RAMIREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M ALICIA RAMIREZ. I'M A D.C.F.S. SUPERVISOR WITH CHILDREN'S SERVICES. JUST CLEARLY, I'M ASHAMED OF THE BOARD'S COMMENTS TODAY. STAFF P.T.S.D. IS A REAL THING, AND YOU'VE NOT DONE A SOLITARY THING TO RECOGNIZE THIS. I WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK, BECAUSE I WAS PART OF A MEETING WITH DIRECTOR BRANDON NICHOLS, AND TRYING TO WORK ON A SAFETY PROTOCOL FOR SOCIAL WORKERS. I HAD HOPED TO HEAR TODAY THAT YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT HIGH-RISK YOUTH HAVE CAUSED REAL DANGER TO D.C.F.S. STAFF AND PROBATION OFFICERS, ATTACKING THEM. BUT NO, YOU ARE SHAMING AND BLAMING STAFF FOR POOR ATTENDANCE, AND NOT RECOGNIZING OR ASKING, "WHY ARE THEY MISSING WORK?" BECAUSE THEY'RE SCARED. THEY'RE EXHAUSTED. THEY HAVE P.T.S.D., AND

YOU'VE NOT DONE ANYTHING TO REALLY RECOGNIZE THAT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE NOT MENTIONING THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO WERE ATTACKED, RECENTLY, AND PUT IN HOSPITALS, OR THE PROBATION OFFICERS THAT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED. WHAT ABOUT DAVID MCKNIGHT-HILLMAN, THE WAYFINDER COUNSELOR WHO WAS MURDERED AT WAYFINDERS? I LOOKED AT HIS GOFUNDME-- $18,000 RAISED. NOT ONE SOLITARY BOARD MEMBER CONTRIBUTED OR RECOGNIZED HIM, AND HIS MURDERERS WERE SET FREE. TWO OF THEM ARE D.C.F.S. KIDS, AND WE'RE BEING ASKED TO HOUSE THEM. WHAT FOSTER HOME IS GOING TO WANT TO HOUSE THEM? AND YOU'RE THINKING OF RELEASING THEM FREE, WHERE THEY ARE. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE'RE AT RISK. WE'RE SCARED. WE'RE IN HOTELS, AND WE'RE BARELY GETTING SECURITY GUARDS. WE WERE PUT IN UNSECURED SITUATIONS, AND I'M WONDERING: DO YOU GUYS GET IT, THAT WE'RE IN THE TRENCHES? AND YOU'RE ASKING, "WHY IS PROBATION MISSING WORK? WHY ARE SOCIAL WORKERS MISSING WORK?" BECAUSE SEVERAL OF THEM ARE FEARFUL OF WHAT'S OUT THERE.

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

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BYRON JOSE, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 2, 5, AND 6. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THESE

MOTIONS, AND IN SUPPORT OF ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT TOOK THE TIME TO SPEAK HERE, ON THE HORRIBLE CONDITIONS IN THE CURRENT PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS COUNTY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE CARE, BEYOND THESE WORDS. YOU HAVE BLUEPRINTS AND DIFFERENT MODELS. YOU HAVE A SET NUMBER OF BEDS, FUNDING THAT NEEDS TO GO TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND AGAIN, FOR ALL THE STAFF HERE, ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT CAN TAKE THE TIME OFF THEIR WORK, INSTEAD OF DOING THEIR JOB AND CARING FOR THESE PEOPLE, WE SHOULD BE PRIORITIZING THE VOICES OF THEM, AND HEARING THEIR VOICES AND THEIR NEEDS, INSTEAD OF TIME AND TIME AGAIN JUST PANDERING TO THIS DEPARTMENT AND THIS UNION. AND FOR THE BOARD, AGAIN, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE. THE YOUTH ARE UNDER YOUR CARE. SO, AGAIN, YOUR FUNDING AND YOUR ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN YOUR WORDS, INSTEAD OF YOU JUST TOSSING THIS LANGUAGE AROUND "CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST"; TRULY FUNDING THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT, TRULY MOVING A DIFFERENT NUMBER OF YOUNG GIRLS FROM DIFFERENT INITIATIVES OUT OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, AND OPENING UP THESE BEDS FOR CARE AND FUNDING THAT WILL TRULY, TRULY INVEST AND PROTECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I WILL YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME FOR OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE HEARD. PLEASE LISTEN TO THEM, NOT THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING PAID AND TAKING TIME FROM DOING THEIR JOBS TO BE HERE TODAY AND SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF MORE FUNDING FOR A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS FAILED, THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN HAS PROVEN THAT IT CANNOT BE REFORMED. YOU CANNOT HOLD IT

ACCOUNTABLE, SO YOU NEED TO DEFUND THAT, AND FUND ALTERNATIVES TO CARE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR HORVATH, FOR TAKING OVER FOR A BIT. AND SHE DID SAY THAT WE HAD SORT OF LOST A JAY LEWIS WHO CALLED IN, AND THEN WE COULDN'T HEAR. I DIDN'T KNOW IF WE COULD GET JAY LEWIS BACK.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HE HASN'T SIGNED UP BACK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ARE WE GOING IN-PERSON NOW? HELLO. WELCOME.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS MAYA HENDRICKS, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. I AM HERE NOT ONLY AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER, BUT AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO WAS CRIMINALIZED AS A CHILD, AND LEFT TO EXPERIENCE THE TRAUMA OF JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, AND IT IS UNACCEPTABLE THAT THE COUNTY CLAIMS A CARE-FIRST VISION, BUT CONTINUES TO INCARCERATE AND VICTIMIZE THE YOUTH THAT ARE IN NEED OF SUPPORT. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY UPLIFTED THE FACT THAT THE YOUTH ARE STRUGGLING. THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR THEM TO HEAL OR LIVE FULFILLING LIVES BEHIND BARS, WHERE THEY RECEIVE NO CARE, ONLY MORE TRAUMA AND ABUSE. IT IS ENTIRELY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO WRONGFULLY INCARCERATE THE YOUTH, WHEN WHAT THEY ACTUALLY NEED

IS ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND THEIR BASIC NEEDS TO BE MET. NOW IS THE TIME FOR TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION THAT DEMONSTRATES L.A. COUNTY'S VALUES AND ITS COMMITMENT TO CARE ABOVE CAGES. DECARCERATION, INVESTING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND SHRINKING PROBATION'S FOOTPRINT MUST REMAIN AN IMMEDIATE PRIORITY. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 2, 5, AND 6, AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS ADRIAN REYNOSO. I'M A STUDENT AT WEST L.A. COLLEGE, AND A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I ACTUALLY TALKED TO JANICE HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK-- I THINK, BEFORE DECEMBER, BEFORE I WAS RELEASED FROM THE COMPOUND-- AND I EXPRESSED SOME OF MY CONCERNS AT BARRY J., AS FAR AS PROGRAMMING, STAFFING, AND OTHER ISSUES. AND, PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK THEY'VE BEEN MET YET. I'M NOT INCARCERATED THERE, BUT I WOULDN'T DOUBT THAT, STILL, MANY FALSE PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE. IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING BEING IN THERE, AND I'M HAPPY TO BE OUT HERE, AND HOPEFULLY JUST MOVE ON WITH MY LIFE AND BE MORE SUCCESSFUL. AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF THE YOUTH THERE ARE MOTIVATED TO CHANGE, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO ANYTHING TO HELP THEM STAY MOTIVATED AND STAY ON THE PATH TO CHANGE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I REMEMBER SPEAKING TO YOU, AND YOUR VOICE IS VERY VALUABLE. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO STAY ENGAGED WITH US UNTIL WE GET IT RIGHT.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. AND I URGE YOU TO MOVE THESE MOTIONS.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CARLOS E. FUENTES. I AM AN ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION AND [INAUDIBLE]. TODAY, I'LL BE MAKING A GENERAL COMMENT ON ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. AS A YOUTH, I WAS INCARCERATED FOR A LENGTHY AMOUNT OF TIME. WHILE BEING INCARCERATED, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY ACCESS TO ANY LIFE SKILL PROGRAMS OR A CONSISTENT FORM OF PROPER EDUCATION, AND I WAS ALSO CONFINED TO A ROOM FOR MORE THAN 8 HOURS AT A TIME. THIS AFFECTED ME BY MAKING MY REENTRY TO COMMUNITY A BIT MORE DIFFICULT. I WASN'T ABLE TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY, AND DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THE FEELINGS OF FEELING INSTITUTIONALIZED, WHICH LATER RESULTED IN MY RELAPSE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE. THIS WAS TWO YEARS AGO, AND TO HEAR THAT WE'RE STILL HAVING THE SAME ISSUE TWO YEARS LATER IS A REAL CONCERN, AND UNACCEPTABLE. SO, I URGE YOU TO APPROVE

ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6, TO HELP YOUTH HAVE A SUCCESSFUL REENTRY BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SPEAKING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY, AND TO ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ISAIAH BARBER. I AM 23 YEARS OLD. I AM A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I HAVE JUST BEEN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM A JUVENILE FACILITY-- ACTUALLY, THREE WEEKS AGO-- AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CONDITIONS AND THE RIGHTS OF MY PEERS, THAT ARE CURRENTLY STILL BEING VIOLATED. LIKE, FOR MYSELF, I HAVE HAD TO ENDURE CONDITIONS OF, I WASN'T ABLE TO ACTUALLY SHOWER FOR SIX-- NO, IT WAS TWO MONTHS AT A TIME. WE WERE ISSUED WATER BOTTLES, DRINKING WATER BOTTLES, TO JUST BATHE OURSELVES WITH WATER BOTTLES AND A SMALL HAND-SOAP. AND BEING EXPOSED TO BLACK MOLD, BEING HOUSED IN LIVING UNITS WITH LEAKS IN THE CEILING, SO YOU'RE GETTING RAINED ON WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING ACTUALLY IN YOUR CELL, AND JUST NOT BEING ABLE TO GO TO RECREATION, OUTSIDE RECREATION. I WAS ACTUALLY INSIDE THE LIVING UNIT, WHERE WE DIDN'T LEAVE FOR 6 MONTHS OUT OF THE TIME, WHERE WE NEVER SEEN DAYLIGHT. SO, I WOULD JUST URGE YOU TO MOVE THESE MOTIONS, AND I'M JUST SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF

EVERYBODY. AND I JUST THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST, TOO. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD. MY NAME IS DOUGLAS RODRIGUEZ. I'M 20 YEARS AGO. I'M A MEMBER OF A.R.C. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 2, 5, AND 6, IN SUPPORT. I WAS INCARCERATED FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS, WHICH FOUR OF MY TIME WAS IN BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL. MY EXPERIENCE THERE IN THE COMPOUND WASN'T AS GOOD AS THEY MADE IT LOOK. I DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF PROGRAMS FOR US, AS A KID. MOST OF MY TIME THERE, I WAS SPENDING MY TIME PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, WATCHING MOVIES, NOTHING PRODUCTIVE. I BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN DO BETTER BY HAVING MORE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY HELP YOUTH BE BETTER IN THERE, AS THEY WORK TO BE HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES. YOU SHOULD HAVE MANDATORY [INAUDIBLE] FOR DRUG USE, AND SHOULD GIVE OTHERS [INAUDIBLE] HAVING ACCESS TO OUTSIDE [INAUDIBLE] AND FUN THINGS TO DO, SO WE CAN KEEP OUR YOUTH BUSY, SO THEY CAN STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND GETTING IN TROUBLE. ALSO, AN INCENTIVE FOR JOBS, BECAUSE MOST OF THE YOUTH THAT GO TO THE COMPOUND GET OUT AT THE AGE OF 21. THEY DO NO HAVE ANY SKILLED JOB, IN GETTING THEM READY TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY. I WASN'T [INAUDIBLE], AND THAT LABEL ALWAYS FOLLOWED ME. IT WAS

DIFFICULT FOR STAFF TO SEE ME AND TRAIN ME AS A NORMAL YOUTH. BUT NOW I GOT THIS ONE OPPORTUNITY THAT I WAS WAITING FOR, OVER 5 YEARS. MY GOAL IS TO BE A MENTOR FOR YOUTH INCARCERATED, AND HELP THEM STAY AWAY FROM GANGS AND DRUGS, AND HELP THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DEBRA DOMINGUEZ. I AM A DIRECTOR FOR L.A. COUNTY PROBATION, AND HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THEM FOR 38 YEARS. I CAME IN ON THE ENTRANCE LEVEL OF A DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER, AFTER I COMPLETED MY A.A. DEGREE. WHEN I REALIZED I NEEDED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE TO WORK CLOSER AS A PROBATION OFFICER WITH MINORS, I FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THAT. I WANTED TO SPEAK MORE ON THE PROGRAMMING. THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROGRAMMING IN THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, WHETHER IT'S BEEN JUVENILE HALLS OR CAMPS. I CAN ATTEST TO THAT. I CARRIED THOSE BOARDS, I SUPERVISED THOSE INDIVIDUALS, AND MY HEART WENT OUT TO MANY OF THE KIDS THAT I SUPERVISED. I DISAGREE WITH WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE WAY OUR OPERATIONS RUN, AND WHOSE FAULT IT IS. THERE IS NO FAULT. I DO AGREE WITH THIS: WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER. AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROBATION MANAGERS ASSOCIATION UNION, I HAVE NOT SET AT THE TABLE WITH YOU AND HAD ANY OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. I NOT ONLY URGE YOU, BUT I BEG YOU, THAT WHEN WE

DO CALL AND REACH OUT, THAT WE HAVE THIS CONVERSATION, BECAUSE THERE IS DEFINITE DISCONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT IS SAID BY YOU ALL, WHAT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED AND RELATED HERE, AND WHAT WE ACTUALLY DO. I'M NOT POINTING FINGERS, I'M NOT EXPRESSING FAULT TO ANYONE, BUT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, BECAUSE THIS IS A SITUATION THAT CAN BE CURED. AND WE DO WANT A BETTER LIFE FOR THOSE THAT HAVE CROSSED OVER TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. FRANK PAREDES, PROBATION LEADER; FUTURE PROBATION LEADER. I HAVE BECOME VERY KEEN TO THE CLEAR DISTINCTION THAT EFFECTUATING CHANGE MUST BE DONE WITH UNITY, SO IN YOUR MOTION, PRESIDING JUDGE, JUVENILE, LABOR PRESIDENTS WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT. WE KNOW THE BOARD WILL GIVE THE ENTIRE WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES, NEEDS, TO REMAIN FULFILLED, PURPOSEFUL, EXCITED, HIGHLY TRAINED, AND TRULY ENGAGED, SO THE MOST MEANINGFUL MOMENTS OF CARE ARE CREATED, BECAUSE WE STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE ARE PROBATION, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO RISE. WE IN PROBATION ARE TIRELESSLY DEVOTING OUR LIVES, IN THE FACE

OF DANGER, TO ACCOMPLISH THE GREATER GOOD FOR OUR YOUTH, AND DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF LEADERSHIP STYLES FROM EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS THAT SHOULD PROFESS SPECIFIC STRATEGIES, SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLANNING SOLUTIONS TO SURFACE, WHICH DRIVE HIGHLY INTEGRATED, EMPOWERING, AND ACTS AS A CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH TO BE INSTILLED. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DYNAMICALLY, GRANTING ITS HIGHEST FORMS OF ABILITY, SO THAT UNCOMPROMISED LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND SUCCESSFUL RESULTS AND MILESTONES ARE ACHIEVED. LASTLY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESERVES A CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER THAT HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE WORK, WHO SHARES ITS SUCCESS STORIES TO THE BOARD, EMBRACES OUR COMMUNITIES, AND BECOMES THE CATALYST TO THE VISIONS WE ALL KNOW CAN BE ACHIEVED. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. HI, HANS.

SPEAKER: HI.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HANS LEONG. I AM A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE INTENSIVE GANG SUPERVISION PROGRAM. I'M A PROUD, DUES-PAYING MEMBER OF A.F.S.C.M.E. 685, AND I WAS ELECTED BY MY COLLEAGUES

TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF OUR UNION. I HAVE WORKED FOR L.A. COUNTY FOR 25 YEARS, AND CHOSE TO BECOME A PROBATION OFFICER BECAUSE I LOVED WORKING WITH YOUTH, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE MADE SOME MISTAKES, AND TO HELP GETTING THEM BACK ON TRACK. GROWING UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE WERE A LOT OF ASIAN GANGS, WHERE I WAS GROWING UP, I PRIDE MYSELF IN BEING TO NAVIGATE AROUND THAT AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, AND IT REALLY INSPIRES ME TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT FOR OTHER YOUTH THAT ARE FINDING THEMSELVES IN SITUATIONS THAT I WAS, WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO DISPEL A MYTH THAT AGENDA ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6 PERPETUATE: THAT YOUR EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER DO NOT SUPPORT JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. WE HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, IMPLEMENTING A CARE-FIRST, TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL, IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND FAITH-BASED GROUPS, AS WELL AS WITH PARENT AND SCHOOL-BASED GROUPS, THAT FOCUSES ON IMPROVING LIVES. IF THERE'S ONE AREA THAT WE HAVE DISAGREED ON, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE OFFICER SAFETY. AS A UNION, IT'S OUR JOB TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS FROM HARM, AND WE WILL NEVER STOP FIGHTING FOR THEM. WE OWE THAT TO OUR MEMBERS, WE OWN IT TO THEIR FAMILIES, AND WE OWE IT TO THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE IF OUR MEMBERS DON'T FEEL SAFE, THEY DON'T FEEL THAT YOU, THEIR BOSSES, HAVE THEIR BACKS, THEN THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPROMISED. I

ASK YOU TO PARTNER WITH US, AS WELL, TO PROTECT THE CRIME VICTIMS, WHOSE RIGHTS SIMPLY CAN'T BE IGNORED. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SAYING THAT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS HEATHER MOORE. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK HERE WITH EVERYONE. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU WOMEN. IT'S VERY MOTIVATING. I'VE BEEN RUNNING THE STREETS SINCE I WAS 12 YEARS OLD. I WAS 15 WHEN I FIRST WENT TO LOS PADRINOS. I'M ALSO A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. I WAS ONE OF THE ONES THAT WERE HIGH-RISK, THAT... I'M SORRY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HOLD HER TIME, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: SORRY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HOLD HER TIME.

SPEAKER: -- THAT WAS LEFT IN LOS PADRINOS, BECAUSE MY FOSTER FAMILY COULDN'T GET ME. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME. THESE KIDS ARE THE FUTURE GENERATION, YOU KNOW? IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE INVEST IN PROGRAMS, WHETHER

IT'S WITH ADDICTION, WHETHER IT'S WITH SCHOOL, WHETHER IT'S JUST TO GET THEM ON THEIR FEET, BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH WHERE THEY ARE IN SOCIETY, OF WHAT THEY WANT. IT'S VERY... IT'S DIFFICULT, BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW IT IS TO BE A YOUNG ADULT, AND IF THERE'S NOT THE PROPER CLASSES OR ETIQUETTE THAT IS IN PLACE TO HELP THEM DEVELOP, IT COULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GARRETT BARR, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK, AND I'M HERE TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. MY WORK IN RACIAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE BEGAN 5 YEARS AGO. AT THE TIME, I BROUGHT WITH ME A GREAT DEAL OF IGNORANCE ABOUT THE REALITIES OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. I WAS A BRIGHT-EYED REFORMIST. I BELIEVED THE SYSTEM COULD CHANGE, THAT IT COULD BE REHABILITATED; THAT WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN POWER, AND WITH THE RIGHT KINDS OF PROGRAMS, IT WOULD TREAT OUR YOUTH WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT; THAT IT COULD SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR QUEST FOR HEALING, GROWTH, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THAT WAS UNTIL I STARTED TO EDUCATE MYSELF, AND ACTUALLY TALKED TO BLACK AND BROWN YOUNG PEOPLE WHO'VE HAD TO CONTEND WITH THE REALITIES OF THIS SYSTEM THAT I, AS A RESEARCHER, WAS MERELY READING ABOUT.

PEPPER SPRAY, SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, SEXUAL ABUSE, OVERMEDICATION, INHUMANE LIVING CONDITIONS, VIOLENCE. THE ONLY THING I HEAR YOUNG PEOPLE SPEAK ABOUT, WHEN IT COMES TO THIS SYSTEM, IS THE TRAUMA AND THE PAIN THAT IT PERPETUATES. LET US HEED WHAT COUNTLESS EXPOSES, LAWSUITS, RESEARCH, AND IMPORTANTLY, THE YOUTH HAVE BEEN TELLING US ALL ALONG: THAT ISOLATION, DEPRIVATION, AND PUNISHMENT ARE NOT THE ANSWER. RATHER, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY CARE ARE WHAT WE NEED, AND WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE. THAT IS WHY I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. THEY REPRESENT INCREMENTAL STEPS TOWARD GETTING YOUTH OUT OF THESE DECREPIT PRISONS, AND SHIFTING POWER AND RESOURCES AWAY FROM THE INEPT PROBATION DEPARTMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO THE PHONES NOW.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, AND I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. FOR AGENDA ITEM 2, I THINK EVERY YOUNG PERSON WHO IS NOT MANDATED TO BE DETAINED UNDER

THE WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE NEEDS TO BE FREE FROM CAGING. CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, AS A REMINDER, HAS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A CATCHY SLOGAN. YOU DON'T GET CARE IN JAILS. YOU GET ISOLATION, YOU GET DYSREGULATION, AND YOU GET TRAUMA. FOR AGENDA ITEM 5, I THINK THAT THIS BOARD HAS TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO SHRINKING THE PROBATION'S FOOTPRINT, AND THAT MEANS CLOSING FACILITIES, AND KEEPING CLOSED FACILITIES CLOSED. THAT MEANS FUNDING POSITIONS WITHIN D.Y.D. TO TAKE OVER PROBATION'S ROLES, AND GATEKEEPING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGS FROM ENTERING JUVENILE FACILITIES, AND THAT MEANS BUILDING OUT AN S.Y.T.F. UNIT THAT IS NOT SOLELY COMPRISED OF PROBATION STAFF. AND FOR ITEM 6, ON JUNE 9TH OF 2020, THIS BOARD PASSED A MOTION CALLING FOR THE C.E.O. AND AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO REPORT BACK WITH AN ANALYSIS OF ITS STAFFING NUMBERS, INCLUDING VACANCIES AND RATIOS IN JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS. TWO AND A HALF YEARS LATER, AND THAT REPORT HAS YET TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND TO THE PUBLIC. HOW IS THIS ACCEPTABLE AT ALL? HOW HAS EVERYONE SHRUGGED THEIR SHOULDERS BY CONTINUING TO SPEND $423 MILLION TO INCARCERATE OUR CHILDREN? AND EVERY BUDGET HEARING BETWEEN NOW AND THEN HAS GONE WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONING OF THIS DOLLAR AMOUNT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS IVETTE ALE-FERLITO. PLEASE BEGIN.

IVETTE ALE-FERLITO: GOOD MORNING, BOARD. IVETTE ALE-FERLITO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LA DEFENSA, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I SUPPORT ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6, BUT WANT TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR: PROBATION ISN'T SINKING. PROBATION HAS ALREADY SUNK, AND IT'S DRAGGING OUR YOUTH DOWN WITH IT. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WITH A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF UNIMAGINABLE ABUSE, CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. THE COUNTY MUST START BY MOVING EVERY SINGLE DOLLAR THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A VACANT POSITION INTO Y.J.R. YOU ARE HEARING FROM PROBATION STAFF TODAY, CONCERNED FOR THEIR JOBS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO NAMING THAT THE CONDITIONS ARE NOT SAFE FOR THEM, AS WELL, AND THAT I AGREE WITH. NO ONE'S LIVELIHOOD SHOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE ABUSE AND INCARCERATION OF CHILDREN. HOW CAN THAT ENVIRONMENT NOT IMPACT AN EMPLOYEE'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH? THOSE EMPLOYED BY PROBATION SHOULD BE GIVEN THE CHOICE TO WORK IN CARE-FIRST JOBS, WITH A LIVING WAGE AND BENEFITS. NO PLAN THAT EXPANDS PROBATION IN ANY WAY WILL EVER ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL FAILURES OF THIS DEPARTMENT, OR ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE. THE ONLY WAY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IS TO LET THEM GO HOME, AND PROVIDE THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES THE SUPPORT THEY NEED. ANY DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMING SHOULD BE ROOTED IN COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMMING, NOT IN CAGES

MANAGED BY PROBATION. IT IS FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO KEEP FLOATING A DEPARTMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES AND WORKERS. IT IS TIME TO END PROBATION'S STRANGLEHOLD ON OUR COMMUNITIES, CREATE A JUST TRANSITION FOR EMPLOYEES, CAPTURE DOLLARS FROM VACANT POSITIONS, AND TAKE MEANINGFUL STEPS TO END THE INCARCERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE ONCE AND FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDWARD CHANG. YOU MAY BEGIN. EDWARD CHANG, YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO? EDWARD?

MODERATOR: WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU. THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS, AND THESE ITEMS HAVE MUCH CREDIT TO THEM. THIS IS A CHANGE OF DECADES-OLD CULTURE, OF WHICH WE ALL ARE VICTIMS. THE ELEMENTS FOR

CHANGE, FOR CULTURAL CHANGE, IS MONEY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND MORE MONEY. THESE PERSONS, IN LARGE, ARE NOT MODELED YOUTH. UNTIL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOMINABLE HISTORY ARE HELD CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE, A LA SHERIFF LEROY BACA, CHANGE IS SMOKE IN THE WIND. I HAVE NO RECALL OF GLORIA MOLINA CALLING OUT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A LA PROBATION'S CRIMINAL CONDUCT, BUT THE PERPETUATION THEREOF. AGAIN, IT IS MONEY, MONEY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY; OTHERWISE, AGAIN, IT IS SMOKE IN THE WIND. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDDIE CHISHOLM. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDDIE CHISHOLM, THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 685. I'VE WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT FOR 20 YEARS. I WANT TO ADDRESS THE STATEMENT IN ITEM 5: THAT THE S.Y.T.F. POPULATION HOUSED IN KILPATRICK ARE THRIVING, AND THEREFORE KILPATRICK IS READY FOR ALL OR MOST OF THE S.Y.T.F. POPULATIONS TO BE MOVED THERE. BUT LET ME FIRST REMIND YOU THAT THE S.Y.T.F. POPULATION IS EXTREMELY HIGH-RISK; NOT JUST TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT TO EACH OTHER. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED THE MOST SERIOUS CRIMES: MURDER, RAPE, CARJACKING, AND EVEN TERRORISM.

THE VAST MAJORITY ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ISSUES, SUCH AS DEPRESSION, LOW SELF-ESTEEM, ANXIETY, IMPULSE CONTROL. THE MAJORITY ALSO HAVE NEEDS RELATING TO BUILDING AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS, MEANING THAT THEIR PEER GROUPS ARE NEGATIVE, DELINQUENT, OR ABUSIVE, AND HAVE CHRONIC PARENTAL OR FAMILY PROBLEMS. THIS MAKES AN OPEN SETTING, LIKE KILPATRICK, VERY PROBLEMATIC. THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY BEING HOUSED IN KILPATRICK WERE SELECTED TO GO TO THE NONSECURE STEP-DOWN FACILITY BECAUSE THEY HAVE PROVEN A TRACK RECORD THAT THEY GOT ALONG, AND ARE COMMITTED TO REHABILITATION. WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL THAT ANYONE TRANSFERRED TO THE STEP-DOWN FACILITY IS READY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARNOLSO SEREA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO. GO AHEAD.

MODERATOR: YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OKAY. PLEASE, MAY I HAVE INTERPRETATION?

SPEAKER: GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I BELIEVE YOU ARE ON THE WRONG ITEM.

INTERPRETER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

INTERPRETER: THIS ISN'T ARTICLE 54-A?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO. OKAY.

INTERPRETER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JONATHAN BYRD. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JONATHAN BYRD. I AM A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE WORKED FOR L.A. COUNTY WITH YOUTH IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR 30 YEARS, AND I'M ALSO THE CHIEF STEWARD FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE UNION A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 685. YOU HAVE PACKED A LOT OF THINGS IN THESE THREE MOTIONS, AND COMBINED THEM SO WE CAN'T SPEAK SEPARATELY, SO I WOULD APPROACH ONE ITEM, WHICH IS THE GOVERNMENTAL JUDICIARY BRANCH, WHICH IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERPRETING AND UPHOLDING THE LAW, AND THEY ARE ONES WHO MAKE THE DETERMINATION ON WHO SHOULD BE RELEASED, AND WHEN THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. SUPERVISORS, THE SEPARATION OF POWERS IS A CORNERSTONE OF MODERN DEMOCRACIES. IT IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT DIVIDES GOVERNMENT INTO DISTINCT BRANCHES, EACH WITH ITS OWN POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS SEPARATION ENSURES THAT NO SINGLE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT CAN BECOME TOO POWERFUL, WHICH IS CENTRAL FOR MAINTAINING A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY. I WILL STOP ON THAT AND SAY THAT, IN THE 30 YEARS THAT I'VE SERVED L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE HAD 14 PROBATION CHIEFS. THIS UNION IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO BECOMING MORE REFORMATIVE IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. PLEASE, ALLOW US TO DO OUR JOB, AND SUPPORT US, AS WE HAVE FOR THE YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN SERVING. WE HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL AND CONTACTED THE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS-- WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS, EXCEPT FOR A FEW-- TO TRY TO GET THINGS THAT WILL BENEFIT US IN REHABILITATING OUR YOUTH IN THIS COMMUNITY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ATHENA NOVAK. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, HI. THANK YOU. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK ON ANOTHER MATTER, BUT I WAS LISTENING IN, AND I THOUGHT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THIS. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I HAVE LISTENED TO THE SPEAKERS, AND I HAVE FOUND THAT MOST THAT WORKED WITHIN THE SYSTEM, OR WORKED WITH THE COUNTY WITH THIS YOUTH, WERE VERY ARTICULATE, EXTREMELY PASSIONATE, AND EXTREMELY EMOTIONAL ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS. I ALSO LISTENED TO THE YOUNG YOUTH THAT HAVE COME THROUGH THE PROCESS, THAT HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROCESS. AND ONCE AGAIN, I HEARD A LOT OF PASSION, I HEARD A LOT OF EMOTION, AND I HEARD A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION IN THIS CALL. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS ARE ABLE TO WEED OUT N.G.O.S, PAID SPEAKERS, PAID ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HERE ON BEHALF OF GAINING CONTRACTS OR MONETARY COMPENSATION THROUGH AN N.G.O. OR THROUGH A CONTRACT, TO IMPACT THE

DECISIONS BEING MADE. AND THAT WAS THE REASON WHY I DECIDED TO SPEAK, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT ARE WITHIN THE SYSTEM, ACTUALLY PLAYING WITH YOU RIGHT NOW, TELLING YOU WHAT IS WRONG. AND THE SOLUTION-- SOLUTIONS ARE ALWAYS HARD TO FIND WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IS WRONG, OR WHEN SOMETHING IS BROKEN DOWN AND YOU CAN'T FIND OUT WHAT IS BROKEN. YOU HAVE FERTILE GROUND HERE, WHERE YOU HAVE VERY QUALIFIED AND VERY ARTICULATE, EDUCATED, AND EMOTIONAL PEOPLE TELLING YOU WHAT IS WRONG, WHERE IT IS BROKEN, AND HOW TO FIX IT.

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

SPEAKER: SO, I LIVE HERE IN THE L.A. COUNTY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: I'M JUST A REGULAR CITIZEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: BUT I WILL TELL YOU, THREE BLOCKS AWAY FROM ME, SOMEBODY BROKE INTO OUR NEIGHBOR'S HOME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SAM LEWIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS SAM LEWIS, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C., THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. IN YOUR AUDIENCE THERE, ABOUT 15 TO 20 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH BARRY J NIDORF, DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND SOME THAT HAVE JUST COME OUT OF THE S.Y.T.F. I HOPE THAT THEY ARE STANDING RIGHT NOW, SO THAT YOU CAN SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH THEM, AND LEARN HOW WE CAN FIX THIS SYSTEM. MANY OF THEM SUFFERED WHILE IN THE SYSTEM, AND DID NOT COME OUT BETTER PREPARED TO BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE LIFE. BUT YET AND ALL, THEY STILL STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY, WILLING AND READY TO HELP AND SUPPORT AND TRANSFORM THIS SYSTEM. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT CAN TELL YOU WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE IN THERE, AND HOW TO MAKE THE SYSTEM BETTER. I ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THEM, AND MAYBE FORM SOME TYPE OF LISTENING GROUP OR BRAINSTORM OR THINK TANK, TO BE ABLE TO ALLOW THEM TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT WOULD HAVE HELPED THEM COME HOME BETTER PREPARED TO NAVIGATE THIS SYSTEM, HEALED AND WHOLE, IN ORDER

TO TRANSFORM NOT JUST OUR JUVENILE SYSTEM AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, BUT OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, WE ARE GOING TO GO IN-PERSON. HELLO, AND WELCOME.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS DANIEL BASWANO, HE/HIM/HIS PRONOUNS. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON 2, 5, AND 6 OF THE BOARD MOTIONS. I AM REPRESENTING ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK, AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. I AM A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. I SPENT SEVEN YEARS AS A JUVENILE, INCARCERATED. I SPENT COUNTLESS TIMES HOMELESS, AND I AM A PART OF THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. FOR ME, IT IS VERY-- SORRY, I LOST THE WORDS. IT IS VERY CLEAR WHAT WE WANT, WHAT WE NEED, RIGHT? ALL THE ISSUES-- I GO TO COUNTLESS MEETINGS ON A DAILY BASIS, AND I SEE AND I HEAR THE SAME ISSUES: PROBATION STAFF ARE NEGLECTING THE YOUTH. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SERVICES, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH EDUCATION, AND IT IS JUST NOT A SAFE PLACE FOR US TO GROW. I DON'T WANT TO KEEP SAYING THE SAME THING AT EVERY MEETING, AND CHANGE NOT HAPPENING. WE SEE THAT YOU CAN MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN. MAKE IT HAPPEN. WE DON'T NEED THE PROBATION SYSTEM ANYMORE. WE NEED TO CHANGE IT TO SOMETHING THAT'S MORE THERAPEUTIC AND HEALING. WE NEED PEOPLE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SEEN AS HUMANS, AND NOT AS MONSTERS. AND WHEN WE ARE PUT IN THESE SYSTEMS, WE ARE SEEN AS MONSTERS. WE

AREN'T SEEN AS HUMANS. I SPENT COUNTLESS YEARS DEALING WITH THE TRAUMAS THAT HAVE BEEN INFLICTED ON ME WHILE I WAS INCARCERATED AS A YOUTH. I STILL HAVE YET TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THOSE TRAUMAS, AND I AM 27 YEARS OLD NOW. I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO KNOW THAT YOU GUYS COULD CREATE THE CHANGE, SO LET'S SEE IT HAPPEN.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ALISH, AND I AM WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY SUPPORTING ITEM 2, 5, AND 6. ON JUNE 9TH, 2020, THIS BOARD PASSED A MOTION CALLING FOR THE C.E.O., AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TO REPORT BACK WITH THE INFORMATION OF STAFF NUMBER AND RATIOS IN THE JUVENILE INSTITUTION. BUT 2.5 YEARS LATER, AND THAT REPORT HAS YET TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC. HOW IS THAT ACCEPTABLE, AND WHY IS THIS BOARD SPENDING $42 MILLION TO INCARCERATE CHILDREN? THAT'S A SHAME. THE NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO ARE INCARCERATED ON THE-- HOLD ON-- INCARCERATED, AND SUPERVISION HAS DROPPED IN THE LAST DECADE, YET PROBATION'S BUDGET HAS CONSISTENTLY GROWN. FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND MAKE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED-- HOLD ON-- YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REAL. WE NEED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, NOT INCARCERATION.

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

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. GLORIA GONZALES, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. TODAY, WE ARE HERE FOR ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS AND FOR DECADES, WE HAVE SEEN HOW CONSISTENTLY UNACCOUNTABLE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TO THE YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE INABILITY OF THIS BOARD AND FORMER BOARDS TO HOLD THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. IT IS HORRIFYING TO WITNESS. IN 2022, THERE WERE AND ARE ALLEGATIONS OF APPROXIMATELY 70 TO 300 UNDERAGE GIRLS AND YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AND ABUSED BY PROBATION OFFICERS, OVER A SPAN OF 30 YEARS. IT IS CLEAR THAT PROBATION CANNOT CONTINUE TO OVERSEE THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION WITHOUT CREATING FURTHER TRAUMA AND SUFFERING. ON JUNE 9TH, 2020, THIS BOARD APPROVED A MOTION TO MAINTAIN A REDUCED INCARCERATED POPULATION. NO NEW MOTIONS ARE NEEDED, BUT INSTEAD TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON EXISTING MOTIONS AND DIRECTIVES, LIKE THE GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE WORKGROUP, TO DECARCERATE YOUTH. CURRENTLY, YOU ALL HAVE SEEN PROBATION'S FAILED INSPECTIONS, BY THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, TO KEEP HALLS AND CAMPS SUITABLE FOR YOUTH; AND YET, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, THE C.E.O. ONCE AGAIN RECOMMENDED $410 MILLION TO INCARCERATE APPROXIMATELY 400

YOUNG PEOPLE. YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO EACH OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE INCARCERATED RIGHT NOW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: TO EACH OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

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

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NAT AGUS, AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES, A LOCAL NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO YOUTH DIVERSION THROUGH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. WE SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS BECAUSE WE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND THEIR FUTURE. WITH THESE MOTIONS PASSED, OUR COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND THROUGH CLEAR AND ACTIONABLE ITEMS, MOVE TOWARDS A MODEL THAT PRIORITIZES HEALING, AND ULTIMATELY OUR COMMUNITY. AS INTENDED, D.Y.D. IS BEING ASKED TO TAKE ON THE LEAD ROLE IN PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES WITHIN OUR COUNTY'S HALLS AND CAMPS. ALONG WITH THIS, AND AS A RESULT, WILL NEED TO BE A REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM PROBATION TO D.Y.D. THROUGH THIS RESTRUCTURE, BUILT ON ACCOUNTABILITY, DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING, THE VOICES OF L.A. COUNTY, AND WORKING AWAY FROM AN ADVERSARIAL SYSTEM, OUR COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO SERIOUSLY WORK TOWARDS A FULLY DECARCERATED MODEL, POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AS A

HEALING-BASED ALTERNATIVE. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IS A PRACTICE THAT IS QUICKLY SPREADING THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES, THROUGH EXPERT COMMUNITY-BASED PRACTITIONERS. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROVIDES EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND WHEN USED CORRECTLY CAN BE BOTH A RESPONSE TO HARM, AS WELL AS A PREVENTER OF HARM. OUR ORGANIZATION, WHICH WORKS WITH D.Y.D., AS WELL AS MANY OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT WHERE NEEDED, IN ORDER TO SEE THESE MOTIONS THROUGH. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS MITCHELL CONN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: TURN YOUR MIC-- YOUR MIC IS NOT ON.

SPEAKER: OKAY. MY NAME IS MITCHELL CONN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANKS.

SPEAKER: SOMETIMES MY VOICE COMES, AND SOMETIMES IT GOES. I WANT TO THANK THE FIVE WOMEN THAT ARE HERE. I HAVE FIVE SISTERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE ARE HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING YOU.

SPEAKER: OKAY. I HAVE FIVE SISTERS. THEY ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT HAVE STOOD BY ME IN MY LIFE. 39 YEARS AGO, I RAN AWAY FROM HOME, BECAUSE IT WAS VERY PAINFUL. I WAS PUT IN YOUTH AUTHORITY, BECAUSE I WAS AN INCONVENIENCE TO MY MOTHER. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING WHAT YOUTH AUTHORITY IS LIKE. I KNOW WHAT THESE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND. MY FIRST DAY THERE, I FOUGHT FOR A KID WHO WAS BEING PICKED ON. THAT NIGHT WAS A NIGHTMARE. TODAY, WHEN I LEAVE HERE, I WILL GO TO AN I.O.P., HOPING TO DO AN INTERVIEW, TO UNDERSTAND AND TO DEAL WITH THE PAIN OF WHAT COMES. THIS BOARD UNDERSTANDS THE PAIN OF WHAT THESE YOUTH ARE DEALING WITH. MOST YOUTH DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO COMMUNICATE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR LIFE. I KNOW PEOPLE THAT ARE DEALING WITH PAIN. I KNOW A YOUNG MAN THAT THOUGHT HIS ONLY ALTERNATIVE WAS SUICIDE. THIS IS A PAINFUL FACT. WHO DO YOU TALK TO? I AM CHOOSING LIFE. MOST OF THESE YOUTH DO NOT KNOW HOW TO SAY, "PLEASE HELP ME." THIS BOARD KNOWS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE SAYING, "PLEASE HELP THESE PEOPLE." YOU HAVE MORE COURAGE THAN MOST PEOPLE RECOGNIZE, AND I SAY THANK YOU. I SAY, "THANK A.R.C." I THANK OUTSIDE WRITERS. I THANK MY VICTIM FOR STANDING UP AND SAYING, "MITCHELL, WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?" ORGANIZATIONS THAT COME FORWARD, AND STEP FORWARD AND SAY, "HEY, LET'S DO THIS WORK."

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: LET'S STEP FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SAYING THAT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ANTHONY KIMBERLY, PART OF ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION AND UNDERGROUND G.R.I.T. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US OUT. REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE. I WAS INCARCERATED FOR FOUR YEARS-- TWO YEARS IN JUVENILE HALL, TWO YEARS AT CAMP-- AND WHAT I SEEN WAS A HUGE DEFICIT IN PROGRAMMING. YES, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANGER MANAGEMENT HERE AND THERE, BUT PROGRAMMING WHERE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMMING IS REALLY BEING IMPLEMENTED WAS NOT THERE. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT TRANSLATES TO OUR TRANSITION OUTSIDE. AND I JUST CAME HOME AROUND LAST YEAR, AND I STRUGGLED WITH THAT. COMING BACK, I DIDN'T HAVE NOTHING TO FALL BACK ON. I DIDN'T HAVE NO TRADE TO FALL BACK ON. I DIDN'T LEARN THESE SKILLS WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED. SO, IMPLEMENTING THESE PROGRAMS WHERE WE'RE LEARNING THESE THINGS. AND I THINK WHEN WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAYING A HUGE ROLE IN THIS, I AM PERSONALLY SOMEONE THAT MEETS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY, WE MEET MONTHLY WITH THEM, AND WE ARE GETTING A

PLAN TOGETHER THAT'S REALLY GOING TO INCORPORATE A PLAN. WE'RE IMPLEMENTING THESE PROGRAMS THAT ARE GOING TO TRANSLATE TO OUR RELEASE. THAT'S ALL I WANT TO TOUCH ON. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM SUPERVISORS, AS WELL AS THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, AS SUPPORT. MY NAME IS TONY BROWN. I AM A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AS WELL AS A STUDENT AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY. FIRST AND FOREMOST, MS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I WAS A MEMBER, OR A RESIDENT, IN YOUR DISTRICT FOR SEVEN YEARS, AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL IN THE COMPOUND, AT THE AGE OF 14 YEARS OLD. I JUST WAS RECENTLY RELEASED LAST WEEK, ON WEDNESDAY, FROM CAMPUS KILPATRICK, WHICH WAS THE NEW S.Y.T.F. PROGRAM. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR COMING TO SEE US YOUTH IN THE COMPOUND. AS YOU ONCE VISITED, YOU CAN TELL THAT THE STRUCTURE THERE WAS JUST NOT THERE. THE SAFETY WAS NOT THERE. ALL OF THE KIDS, ALL OF THE YOUTH, WERE ALL ON DRUGS, OVERDOSING. LACK OF PROGRAMS. THE ENVIRONMENT WAS JUST NOT SETTLING FOR THOSE THAT WANTED TO THRIVE AND EXCEL, BUT I WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO THRIVE AND EXCEL. I ALSO WANT TO TOUCH ON THE BASE THAT D.J.J. IS ALSO CLOSING, WHICH IS NOT STABLE TO HOLD THOSE YOUTH THERE, TO NOT HOLD THOSE MEN THERE. THE LACKING OF PROGRAMS COMING FROM STATE BACK TO COUNTY IS JUST

NOT A GREAT IDEA. SO, I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM MOTION NUMBER 2, TO SAY THAT YOU GUYS SHOULD FIND MORE HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH THEY CAN PROVIDE MUCH MORE SERVICES. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, AND I WOULD LIKE YOU GUYS TO PUSH THIS MOTION, ITEM NUMBER 2, TO FIND OUR YOUTH AND OUR FUTURE BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS KEVIN GARCIA. I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE. I RECENTLY JUST GOT RELEASED FROM D.J.J. LAST WEEK, ON FRIDAY. IT WAS KIND OF TOUGH FOR ME, GETTING MY TRANSITION FROM D.J.J. INTO THE NORMAL WORLD, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT, BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR ANYTHING I NEEDED TO GET BACK ON MY FEET WHEN I GOT OUT HERE. BEING WITH A.R.C. REALLY HELPED ME A LOT, TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE SOCIETY, BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY HELPING ME RIGHT NOW, AT THE MOMENT, AS FAR AS D.J.J., WHERE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP ME AND REHABILITATE ME, TO GET ME BACK OUT HERE, YOU KNOW? YEAH. I MEAN, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME, SO I'M KIND OF NERVOUS. I APOLOGIZE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU ARE DOING GREAT.

SPEAKER: YEAH, THAT'S BASICALLY ALL I WANT TO SAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SPEAKING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS TYLER SANDOVAL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD, FOR HAVING US. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF 2, 5, AND 6. I'M A FORMERLY INCARCERATED, AS WELL. I AM ALSO A COLLEGE STUDENT, WHILE ALSO A FULL-TIME WORKER. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE TIMES THAT I HAD. I DIDN'T CARE. I GREW UP NOT CARING, AND THAT'S WHAT I WITNESSED WHEN I WAS IN THE SYSTEM: THEM NOT CARING. NO PROGRAMMING, NO FORM OF GUIDANCE AND STRUCTURE. AND WHEN WE GO BACK, OUR GUIDANCE IS WHAT WE ARE SURROUNDED BY. WHEN YOU GROW UP TO NOT CARE, THEN THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU SEE. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A SAYING THAT I REALLY LIVE BY: "IT'S EASY TO NOT CARE." THE HARDEST THING TO DO IS TO REALLY CARE, AND DO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU ARE USED TO. BE OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE. I AM A MEMBER OF A.R.C., ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND THEY BROUGHT ME HOME ON A SECOND CHANCE, WHEN I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GET ONE, WHILE ALSO GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND DO THIS ADVOCACY WITH A.J.N., ARTS AND JUSTICE NETWORK. I THINK WE REALLY SHOULD FOCUS ON THE

PROGRAMS THAT GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY, AND THE GUIDANCE, TO REALLY SHOW THE PURPOSE THAT WE ARE DESTINED TO BE. BECAUSE BEING LOCKED UP UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, AND NOT GETTING THE RIGHT SUPPORT, IS NOT WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE. THANK YOU, GUYS, AGAIN.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS SERGIO SALAZAR. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 2, 5, AND 6. I AM AN ADVOCATE HERE WITH ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M 25 YEARS OLD. I WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM PRISON, ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AGO. I STARTED MY TERM AT BARRY J., WHEN I WAS 15 YEARS OLD. AND FAST-FORWARD NOW. FROM THE TESTIMONY OF THE REST OF THE YOUNG MEN HERE, THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED THERE, AND IF ONLY HAVE GOTTEN WORSE, YOU KNOW? SO, I URGE YOU GUYS TO PASS 2, 5, AND 6, IN ORDER TO BETTER OUR YOUTH. AND I BELIEVE THAT NO BABY IS BORN BAD. WE DO WHAT WE ARE TAUGHT OR SEE. SO, IF WE HAVE BETTER TOOLS TO BETTER OURSELVES, WE COULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN SOCIETY WHEN WE ARE RELEASED. AND AS OF NOW, THEY DON'T HAVE THOSE. SO, THANK YOU.

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

WENDE JULIEN: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WENDE JULIEN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF YOUR PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I AM SO HUMBLED TO BE HERE TODAY, WITH THE STORIES AND VOICES OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THESE BOLD MOTIONS SUPPORTING PROBATION REFORM, AND INCLUDING SUPPORTING SOME OF THE SPECIFIC CALLS THAT THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAS MADE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. ITEM NUMBER TWO HAS BEEN THE MAJOR FOCUS OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WITH REDUCING THE POPULATION. THIS IS A STRONG AND STRATEGIC NECESSARY SOLUTION. ITEM NUMBER 5 REFLECTS SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP, OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, AROUND THE S.Y.T.F. POPULATION: THE NEED FOR PROGRAMMING, FOR FACILITIES, FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING. THIS IS URGENT, BUT IT WAS URGENT A YEAR AGO. TODAY, IT IS A FULL-BLOWN CRISIS. ITEM NUMBER 6, OF COURSE, IS THE WHOLE REASON THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WAS CREATED. IT IS A CULTURE CHANGE FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT IS TRANSPARENCY. IT IS ACCOUNTABILITY. IT IS SUPPORTING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. BUT I WANT TO SHARE WHY I FEEL MOST IMPORTANT, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, ABOUT HOW THIS MATTERS. AS YOU KNOW, I COME FROM THE CHILD WELFARE SPACE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SPACE, BEFORE I CAME TO THE COUNTY, AND I REMEMBER A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, UNDER ANOTHER FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION, WHERE PEOPLE WERE RIPPING CHILDREN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES. MEDIA CALLED ME TO ASK ME WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND I ANSWERED, GENUINELY, THAT THE GOVERNMENT INFLICTING

TRAUMA ON YOUNG PEOPLE IS A SHAME AND HAS TO BE STOPPED. BUT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE QUESTION, BECAUSE WE ARE DOING IT IN OUR OWN COUNTY, AND IT HAS TO STOP. WE KNOW BETTER, WE CAN DO BETTER, AND THESE MOTIONS ARE THE WAY TO DO IT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEVIN PERRY. I AM HERE WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, AS A MAN WHO WAS RAISED IN A HOUSE FULL OF WOMEN, STANDING BEFORE YOU TODAY, I AM BOTH THRILLED AND TERRIFIED. [LAUGHTER] BUT I CAME OUT OF PRISON...

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT'S THE WAY WE LIKE IT.

SPEAKER: THAT'S THE WAY YOU LIKE IT. OF COURSE. I CAME OUT OF PRISON FOUR YEARS AGO, AFTER DOING 21 YEARS ON A 30-TO-LIFE SENTENCE. I NEVER SUFFERED WITH THE JUVENILE SYSTEM. AS I SAID, I WAS RAISED WITH WOMEN; THEY WEREN'T HAVING IT. I DIDN'T BECOME A KNUCKLEHEAD UNTIL I WAS IN MY 30'S. BUT I LEARNED. DURING THE TIME I WAS IN, I MET A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE THESE YOUTH HERE, AND TALKED TO A LOT OF THEM. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR A LOT OF THEM. NOW I AM ACTUALLY WORKING AS A MANAGER IN A TRANSITION HOME FOR FIRST PHASE, AND I STILL DO THAT. REAL QUICK, I CAN JUST SIMPLY PUT THINGS IN A

NUTSHELL. THERE'S NO SUCH THING-- OR THE SAYING GOES, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BAD CHILDREN, JUST BAD PARENTS. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE PARENTS ARE ABUSIVE, OR HATE THEIR KIDS, OR WHATEVER. SOMETIMES, THEY DON'T HAVE THE KNOW-HOW, THE RESOURCES, THINGS OF THAT NATURE, TO HELP THEIR KIDS. WHEN CHILDREN COME INTO THE JUVENILE SYSTEM, THE COUNTY BECOMES THEIR PARENTS. WHETHER THEY ARE GOOD OR BAD PARENTS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES. WE HAVE THE FUNDING. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET THE KNOWLEDGE TO PUT THE PROGRAM TOGETHER, SO THAT IT WORKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR KIDS, AND BECOME GOOD PARENTS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL SAID. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIC BENITEZ. I AM 30 YEARS OLD. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 2, 5, AND 6. I AM A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I JUST WANT TO SAY... I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS, FIRST OF ALL, FOR SUPPORTING THESE MOTIONS, AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS AND ADVANCEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, THESE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THOUGH WE HAVE COME FAR FROM THE PLACE OR THE SYSTEM THAT I WAS ONCE A PART OF, 15

YEARS AGO, I REALIZE THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE MUCH. WE HAVEN'T DONE MUCH TO SECURE A SAFE AND THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN TO THRIVE IN. HOW CAN WE EXPECT THEM TO GROW AND MATURE, WHEN WE ARE LACKING MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATION, AND EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT PROGRAMS? HOW CAN WE EXPECT CHANGE WHEN MUCH REMAINED THE SAME, FROM THE TIME I WAS HOUSED THERE? I WAS INCARCERATED WHEN I WAS 15 YEARS OLD, TRIED AS AN ADULT, AND SENTENCED TO 260 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON. I WAS RECENTLY PAROLED THREE WEEKS AGO, AND I AM HERE TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE AND KIND OF SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF KIDS THAT ARE INCARCERATED, AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THEIR LIVES MATTER, JUST LIKE MINE DID. AT THE TIME WHEN I WAS THERE, IT WAS HECTIC, JUST THE WAY IT IS NOW; LACK OF PROGRAMMING, ET CETERA. BUT I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU GUYS TO INFUSE VOCATIONAL TRAINING, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMMING, PROFESSIONAL HELP, AND MOST OF ALL, MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I WAS GOING TO SAY SOME DIFFERENT TALKING POINTS, BUT I DON'T THINK I NEED TO, AT THIS POINT. I THINK WE HAVE HEARD A LOT OF THE VOICES THAT NEED TO BE HEARD. I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM 2, 5, AND 6. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK I JUST WANT TO REITERATE WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE

THAT YOU HEARD HERE SPEAK TODAY, SAID TODAY. YOU KNOW, NO SUCH THING AS KIDS BEING BORN BAD. THERE'S NOT ONE KID IN THE WORLD THAT IS ONE YEAR OF AGE, TWO YEARS OF AGE, SAYING, "WHEN I AM 13, I AM GOING TO JOIN A GANG AND BE A BAD KID." THAT IS NOT THE CASE. UNFORTUNATELY, CIRCUMSTANCES, SITUATIONS, ENVIRONMENTS, THINGS HAPPEN TO US THAT LEAD US TO MAKE POOR AND HORRIBLE DECISIONS AT A YOUNG AGE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, WHEN WE'RE GOING THROUGH THOSE THINGS, YOU KNOW? AND I WAS GOING TO NAME TWO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS. WHEN I WAS IN CAMP [INAUDIBLE], I REMEMBER RUSHING ONE OF MY ENEMIES WHEN THEY WERE DOING P.E. CLASS, BECAUSE THEY WERE DOING COUNTS, ONE TO TEN, AND THEY SAID A NUMBER THAT DISRESPECTED ME. AND I REMEMBER RUSHING THIS KID, RIGHT? AND I REMEMBER BEING PUT IN TROUBLE, INTO THE BOX FOR SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, BECAUSE I WAS A TROUBLED KID, BECAUSE I RUSHED THIS KID, RIGHT? I AM NOT ABOUT TO GO TO THE PROBATION STAFF OR ANYONE IN THERE, BE LIKE, "HEY, THIS KID DISRESPECTED MY GANG." THERE'S NOTHING IN PLACE TO AVOID THAT ISSUE. THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH IN THIS SYSTEM: THAT CULTURE. WE'RE NOT PREVENTING THESE THINGS FROM HAPPENING. THAT'S WHY WE RELY ON PEPPER SPRAY. WE RELY ON ALL THESE PUNITIVE MEASURES TO HOLD YOUNG PEOPLE, BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THE SYSTEM KNOWS HOW TO HOLD YOUNG PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. AND I DO WANT TO BE HONEST, THOUGH. THERE IS SOME

STAFF THAT WANT TO DO GOOD, BUT JUST PROBATION, IN GENERAL, DOESN'T ALLOW EVEN THOSE GOOD STAFF TO DO GOOD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: SO, LET'S DO SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NOW. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS STEVEN. I AM WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 2, 4, AND 6. WE NEED CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. WE NEED TO HOLD PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE. WHERE IS THE REPORT-BACK THAT THIS BOARD ASKED FOR ABOUT 2.5 YEARS AGO? WE NEED ANSWERS, AS WE CONTINUE TO SPEND $423 MILLION TO INCARCERATE CHILDREN LIKE ME. DESPITE RECEIVING OVER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, THE JUVENILE HALLS WERE FOUND UNSTABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BY THE B.S.C.C., AND ARE UNDER A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WHEN PROBATION MESSES UP, WE KEEP GIVING THEM MORE MONEY. PROBATION'S MASSIVELY INFLATED BUDGET HAS ONLY ENABLED THEM TO HURT YOUNG PEOPLE. YET, PROBATION'S BUDGET HAD ONLY GROWN. WHAT ARE THESE DOLLARS USED FOR, WHEN PROBATION CAN'T EVEN PROVIDE BASIC SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE YOUNG

PEOPLE THEY INCARCERATED? FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND MAKE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REAL. WE THE YOUTH NEED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, NOT INCARCERATION.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LUPITA, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING. I AM HERE IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 2, 4, 6: CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST, HOLDING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT TWO AND A HALF YEARS LATER, THE MOTION THAT THIS BOARD PASSED, A MOTION CALLING FOR THE C.E.O. AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO REPORT BACK WITH ANALYSIS AND ITS STAFFING NUMBER, INCLUDING VACCINES AND RATIOS IN JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, AND DON'T HAVE A REPORT-BACK TO THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY. WE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE OFFICIAL REPORT-BACK, BUT, HOWEVER, I DO KNOW THAT IN 2009-21, THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY HALLS AND CAMPS DECREASED BY 86%, BUT STAFFERS' NUMBERS HAVE STAYED LARGELY THE SAME. 32% OF JUVENILE HALL STAFF ARE ON LEAVE. JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS SERVICE HAS A BUDGET OF $319 MILLION FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS. $319 MILLION. IF 32% OF THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS SERVICE STAFFS ARE IN LEAVE, THAT MEANS THAT THE BOARD IS SPENDING EQUIVALENT OVER $100 MILLION PER YOUTH ON STAFF, PER YEAR, ON STAFF LEAVE, AND DOING NOTHING TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTABLE. WHAT ARE THESE DOLLARS BEING USED FOR, WHEN PROBATION CAN'T EVEN PROVIDE BASIC SERVICE AND PROGRAMMING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THEY INCARCERATE? THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS A DECADES-LONG HISTORY OF PROMOTING VIOLENCE AND HARM AGAINST ONE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY: YOUNG PEOPLE. HISTORICALLY, WE HAVE SPENT OVER $1 MILLION PER YEAR, PER YOUTH. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, C.E.O. ONCE AGAIN RECOMMENDED $410 MILLION TO INCARCERATE ABOUT 400 PEOPLE.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. ZOE ROSSEN, SHE/HER. I AM AN ANTI-RACIST YOUTH UPRISING ORGANIZER WITH A.H.J.N. AND L.A.Y.U.P. I AM HERE FIGHTING FOR CARE, DIGNITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WHEN I ENTER PROBATION YOUTH PRISONS, WHICH I HAVE, I SEE OUR HISTORY: THE SAME HISTORY SUPERVISOR MOLINA ONCE FOUGHT AGAINST AT THE CHICANO MORATORIUM. AS AN ORGANIZER, I WITNESS THE STRUGGLES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. I HAVE LOVE FOR THE YOUNG PERSON THAT WAS BEATEN BY STAFF AT NIDORF, WHO RECEIVED NO ACCOUNTABILITY. I HAVE LOVE FOR THE YOUNG PERSON WHO PASSED AWAY IN PROBATION-CONTRACTED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AND FOR HIS MOTHER, WHO STILL GRIEVES. AND I HAVE LOVE FOR THE YOUNG PERSON WHOSE MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN HE WAS INCARCERATED AT KILPATRICK, AND WHO WAS TAKEN TO HER FUNERAL, BY PROBATION,

IN SWEATPANTS AND SHACKLES. THESE ARE ACTIONS OF INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION. THEY ARE REPREHENSIBLE AND INTOLERABLE. THESE MOTIONS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AND WE DESERVE AND NEED MORE. FINALLY, WE ARE HEARING ACCOUNTABILITY, AND WE NEED BOLD LEADERSHIP, STANDING UP FOR TRUTH, REMOVING PROBATION POWER, RETURNING YOUNG PEOPLE HOME, ELIMINATING THE HOLD OF PROBATION AT ALL PHASES OF THE SYSTEM, AND FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ROOTED IN CULTURE, READY TO IMPLEMENT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND LOVE YOUTH IN THEIR BRILLIANCE.

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

MILINDA KAKANI: HI. MY NAME IS MILINDA KAKANI. I AM WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I JUST WANT TO START BY A VISIT THAT I MADE TO BARRY J. LAST THURSDAY, WHERE A YOUNG PERSON APPROACHED ME AND SAID, "MISS, WE NEED CLOCKS IN HERE." I WAS LIKE, "CLOCKS? WHY DO YOU NEED CLOCKS?" AND HE'S LIKE, "WE NEVER KNOW WHAT TIME THIS TORTURE IS GOING TO END, THIS NIGHTMARE." THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHEN THEIR DAYS ARE GOING TO END, BECAUSE THEY ARE TRAPPED. THEY ARE CAGED. THEY GO DAYS WITHOUT SUNLIGHT. IT'S HORRIFIC. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING YOU FOR REPRIORITIZING THE FREEDOM OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ITEM 2, AND I SAY "REPRIORITIZING," GIVEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION BACK IN 2020. BUT HERE WE ARE AGAIN, AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL REALIZE THAT CAGING ANY OF OUR

CHILDREN, AND YOUR $423 MILLION INVESTMENT IN THAT, IS A HORRIFIC LEGACY. SOMETHING STRUCK ME ABOUT THE PREAMBLE OF ITEM 6, THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DONE EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO IMPROVE YOUTH JUSTICE OUTCOMES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. DID YOU DELETE THE BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR O.C. SPRAY AFTER PROBATION IGNORED YOUR DIRECTIVE TO STOP USING IT THREE YEARS AGO? NOPE. DID YOU CREATE ANY CONSEQUENCES FOR PROBATION STAFF, WHEN ONLY 11% OF ITS STAFF SHOW UP FOR WORK ON ANY GIVEN DAY? NOPE. OH, WAIT. WE ACTUALLY PERMITTED THE DEPARTMENT TO PAY STAFF 50% EXTRA, JUST FOR SHOWING UP. DID YOU INSIST THAT THE C.E.O., WHO I BELIEVE WORKS FOR YOU, FULLY STAFF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDED 19 POSITIONS FOLLOWING THE D.J.J. LAWSUIT, THE B.S.C.C. FINDINGS, THE HUNDREDS OF LAWSUITS RELATED TO SEXUAL ASSAULT? NOPE. THE LIST KEEPS GOING, AND I HOPE TODAY IS THE DAY THAT YOU PRIORITIZE A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA THAT SHIFTS POWER AWAY FROM PROBATION.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MIGUEL CASAR. I'M A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER AT U.S.C. I'LL START WITH A QUESTION: HOW MANY MORE TIMES? HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO WE HAVE TO BE

OUTRAGED BY THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES? FOR HOW MUCH MORE TIME DO WE CONTINUE TO DISREGARD THE TESTIMONY, THE SCHOLARSHIP, THE RESEARCH, THE JOURNALISM, AND THE VOICES OF THOSE IMPACTED BY THESE SYSTEMS? HOW MANY MORE ITERATIONS OF THE SAME RECYCLED POLICIES, WHICH SEEM TO BE FUTILE, ARE WE GOING TO ENTERTAIN? IT WAS 2020 WHEN THE FIRST STAFFING ANALYSIS WAS REQUESTED OF THE C.E.O. BY THIS BOARD. WHERE IS IT? O.C. SPRAY? HOW MANY TIMES DO WE NEED TO RECOMMIT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED? ALBEIT SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, THIS IS THE EPITOME OF PERFORMATIVE POLICYMAKING. GOOD POLICY IS NOT ABOUT MAKING POLICYMAKERS LOOK GOOD, OR HAS FANCY NAMES. IT IS ABOUT CHANGING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE ON THE GROUND. IT IS POLICY THAT HAS TEETH, THAT HAS CONSEQUENCES, THAT COURAGEOUSLY MEETS A POLITICAL MOMENT, UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE. NOVEMBER 2020, THIS COUNTY UNANIMOUSLY PATTED ITSELF ON THE BACK, COMMITTED TO REPLACING DEHUMANIZING INFRASTRUCTURES OF PUNISHMENT AND VIOLENCE WITH AN ECOSYSTEM OF CARE AND WELLBEING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE COMMITTED TO DECREASING PROBATION'S EGREGIOUS FOOTPRINT AND TO FACING OUT THEIR BUDGET, SO THAT, INSTEAD, WE COULD FUND CARE. TODAY, WE NOT ONLY FALL SHORT ON THAT COMMITMENT, BUT WE GO BACKWARDS, BY TREATING FOR THE BUDGET TO STAY THE SAME, AS IF IT WAS A VICTORY. $423 MILLION PER YEAR, FOR CAGING ABOUT 500 YOUNG PEOPLE.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS, WITH URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, COMMENTING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. I'M GLAD TO SEE YOUR REINVIGORATION FROM SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, HORVATH, AND HAHN AROUND DECARCERATION, SHIFTING POWER AND DOLLARS AWAY FROM PROBATION, AND IMPLEMENTING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. FREEING OUR YOUTH EFFICIENTLY AND QUICKLY, WITH ROBUST REENTRY SUPPORT, HAS BEEN AND IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL. THESE MOTIONS HOLD A LOT OF EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DIRECTIVES, AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS ALL LONG OVERDUE. NONE OF THESE INJUSTICES ARE NEW, AS OUR PARTNERS AT A.R.C. HAVE MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, AND WE NEED YOU ALL TO NOT ONLY PASS THESE MOTIONS, BUT FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ACTION. THE CREATION OF LONG-TERM S.Y.T.F. PLANS, AND POTENTIALLY REOPENING CLOSED FACILITIES, WOULD NOT BE A DISCUSSION IF THE B.O.S. HAD HELD PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE AND IMPLEMENTED THE 2021 MOTION ON DECARCERATION OF GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH, AND THE 2020 MOTION ON MAINTAINING THE REDUCED INCARCERATED YOUTH POPULATION. YES, DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON PROBATION'S STAFFING, WHICH WAS DEMANDED BY YOU ALL ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO. BUT THEN FOLLOW UP BY CUTTING ALL VACANT POSITIONS AND SHIFTING THOSE DOLLARS OVER TO D.Y.D. IF THERE

ARE LEGISLATIVE OBSTACLES IN MOVING POWER OUT OF PROBATION, AS WE PHASE THEM OUT ENTIRELY, THE B.O.S. MUST WORK WITH COMMUNITY AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE LEGISLATIVE CHANGE. AND AS D.Y.D. LEADS THE IMPLEMENTATION, THE BOARD MUST BUILD UP THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ALLOCATE CONSISTENT FUNDING. WE AS COMMUNITY ADVOCATES WILL RELENTLESSLY SHOW UP AND APPLY PRESSURE ON YOU ALL TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND DO BETTER, UNTIL WE SEE THE CHANGE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED, NOT ONLY TO SURVIVE, BUT TO THRIVE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO, AND I AM THE COALITION COORDINATOR FOR THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION, AND A POLICY AND ADVOCACY MANAGER AT LA DEFENSA, A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR INTRODUCING THESE MOTIONS, AND I WANT TO UPLIFT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE YOUNG FOLKS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS THAT HAVE TIRELESSLY PUSHED FOR SYSTEM CHANGE OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT PROBATION HAS A LONG HISTORY OF ACTIVELY INFLICTING HARM AND INCARCERATING OUR YOUNG FOLKS. HISTORICALLY, WE HAVE SPENT OVER $1 MILLION TO INCARCERATE ONE PERSON. L.A. COUNTY'S PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT OF ITS KIND, AND HAS A BLOATED BUDGET OF $1 BILLION. WE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE

TO FUND PUNITIVE SYSTEMS OF SURVEILLANCE, AND SHOULD INSTEAD SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION. WE CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT ALLOW PROBATION'S DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE WITH ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY. IT IS A SHAME THAT MULTIPLE PROBATION OFFICERS HAVE CALLED IN TO SAY JUST HOW HORRIBLE IT IS IN THE HALLS, AND HOW FEARFUL THEY ARE TO SHOW UP FOR WORK. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME THINGS, AND EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS. IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE STRUCTURE INSIDE THE HALLS DO NOT WORK. WE NEED TO INSTEAD EXPAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND DECARCERATE L.A. COUNTY. I URGE YOU ALL TO VOTE YES ON ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6, AND COMMIT TO SHRINKING PROBATION'S VIOLENT FOOTPRINT AND THEIR BLOATED BUDGET, AND ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST VISION. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M JARED O'BRIEN, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG, WITH WAY TOO MUCH TRAUMA CAUSED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON YOUTH IN L.A. WE NEED TO ADAMANTLY DEFUND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND SPEND THE MONEY ON THE YOUTH OF L.A. COUNTY. WITHOUT INVESTING IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, IT'S NO MOVING FORWARD IN PEACE, LOVE, AND HAPPINESS, JUST CONTINUED TRAUMA AND PAIN CAUSED ON YOUTHS IN THE HANDS OF PROBATION. THE

DEPARTMENT CANNOT CONTINUE TO THRIVE ON THE TRAUMA CAUSED ON YOUTHS. WE MUST CONTINUE TO DECARCERATE THE HALLS AND THE CAMPS, AND INVEST IN YOUTHS. AS A YOUTH, I WAS STRANDED AND HUNGRY AND COLD, AND NEEDED MONEY, AND ENDED UP GETTING CAUGHT OUT TRYING TO GET IT IN THE STREETS. I WAS THEN SENT TO LOS PADRINOS. I WAS THEN PLACED ON PROBATION, AND PROBATION NEVER OFFERED ME ANY RESOURCES. I WAS STILL GOING THROUGH THE TOUGHEST TIME OF MY LIFE, AND I WOULD HAVE MUCH RATHER D.Y.D. TO HELP ME THAN TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON PROBATION. I DEMAND THAT WE DEFUND PROBATION AND DECARCERATE THE HALLS AND CAMPS, AND PUT THE MONEY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

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

SPEAKER: YES. MY NAME IS KOMAL VALADEZ, AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. AND WHAT I SEE IS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE, THEY LOOK TO THE YOUTH, AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE YOUTH. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE YOUTH. AND A LOT OF TIMES, WHEN YOU GO INSIDE THESE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS AND THESE JUVENILE HALLS AND THESE SYSTEMS, THEY HAVE PROBATION OFFICERS THAT REALLY CARE. THEY DO. THEY HAVE CERTAIN PROGRAMS. BUT THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS THAT TAKES PLACE, TO WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY REALLY ASSESS THE SITUATION, ASSESS THE PERSON, IT TAKES A LOT OF DETAIL AND

UNDERSTANDING THE INDIVIDUAL. AND THAT COMES WITH SOMEBODY UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE AND UNDERSTANDING HUMAN BEINGS, UNDERSTANDING WHAT SOMEONE IS GOING THROUGH. YOU'RE COMING TO SOMEBODY THAT IS GOING THROUGH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, VIOLENCE, AND YOU'RE USUALLY TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE THAT ARE CRIMINALS, PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING SERIOUS THINGS OUT THERE, AND THEY ARE GOING INSIDE THESE JUVENILE HALLS, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, STAFF IS SCARED. BUT THESE STAFF SHOULD BE ABLE AND CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THESE HUMAN BEINGS, DEALING WITH THESE YOUTH. THEY SHOULD BE TRAINED IN A PROPER WAY, AND THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT IN THAT REGARD. I HAVE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND. SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH THE YOUTH, AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME INSIDE THESE FACILITIES. SO, I COMMEND YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE MOTIONS, 2, 5, AND 6. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SOPHIA. I AM WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2, 5, AND 6. IN YOUR HOLDING PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE MOTION, YOU ASSERT THAT YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO IMPROVE YOUTH JUSTICE OUTCOMES. AND YET, I REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BOSS. SO, AS MUCH AS THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS UNDENIABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILING TO CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU, TOO, ARE COMPLICIT IN THIS FAILURE. THIS IS

TRULY A MORAL FAILURE OF OUR ENTIRE SOCIETY. ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO, IN JUNE OF 2020, THE B.O.S. PASSED A MOTION THAT ASKED FOR A REPORT-BACK ON PROBATION STAFFING STRUCTURE. YET, HERE WE ARE AGAIN, REQUESTING FOR THE EXACT SAME REPORT THREE YEARS LATER. I SAY THIS WITH COMPASSION FOR THE DEEPLY COMPLICATED ROLES THAT YOU ALL PLAY. THAT BEING SAID, WITH YOUR POWER COMES INCREDIBLE RESPONSIBILITY. WE WANT TO SEE THAT YOUR APPARENT EXHAUSTION WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT EXTENDS BEYOND REPORT-BACKS THAT LACK THE TEETH TO INSTITUTIONALIZE CHANGE. HOW CAN WE TRUST THAT THESE REPORT-BACKS, SOME OF WHICH ARE EXACT COPIES OF DEMANDS YOU PREVIOUSLY MADE TO PROBATION AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WILL NOT JUST BE SCRUBBED THROUGH THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS, ONLY TO SHOW UP AGAIN THREE YEARS LATER, WHILE HARM TO YOUNG PEOPLE PERSISTS? SHRINKING PROBATION'S FOOTPRINT MUST REMAIN YOUR PRIORITY, WHICH MEANS TRANSITIONING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO D.Y.D., SO THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY, THE STAFF, AND THE SPIRIT TO TRULY REALIZE Y.J.R. YOU SAY YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO IMPROVE YOUTH JUSTICE OUTCOMES. REALLY, THE COMMUNITY HAS. YOUR JOB HAS JUST BEGUN.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JADE GREEN. I AM WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. YOU'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF OUR

REPRESENTATIVES, SOME OF OUR STUDENTS AT Y.J.C., AND OUR ORGANIZERS, AND I KIND OF TOOK IN EVERYTHING EVERYBODY WAS SAYING. I HAD SOMETHING TOTALLY, COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO SAY, BUT I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT I THINK HOLLY MITCHELL SAID EARLIER, WHEN SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT THAT THE YOUTH ARE OUR CHILDREN. THEY ARE OUR CHILDREN, RIGHT? AND I AM A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, MYSELF, AND IF MY CHILDREN WERE CONSTANTLY CRYING OUT FOR HELP, AND SAYING THAT THEY ARE BEING ABUSED, AND SAYING THAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH ALL OF THESE THINGS, AND I DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF MY CHILDREN, D.C.F.S. WOULD COME PICK MY KIDS UP, AND I WOULD NO LONGER HAVE MY CHILDREN. SO, THIS BEING THE MOTHERS OF THE JUVENILE HALLS AND STUFF, IF Y'ALL THE MOTHERS OF THESE KIDS, THEN IF THEY ARE CONSTANTLY CRYING OUT-- YOU HAVE REPRESENTATIVES THAT WAS HERE FROM A.R.C., THAT'S BEEN TELLING YOU, THAT'S LIKE, "IT HASN'T CHANGED." AND IT'S STILL THE SAME. MY QUESTION IS, IF YOU ARE CONSTANTLY HEARING THE CRIES OF THESE CHILDREN FROM BEHIND THOSE WALLS, AND YOU DON'T DO NOTHING ABOUT IT, THEN HOW ARE YOU BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE? WHERE'S THE D.C.F.S. TO HOLD Y'ALL ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT LISTENING AND DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE? Y'ALL ALREADY KNOW WHAT TO DO. WHY AREN'T WE DOING IT? WHY AREN'T WE DOING IT? THAT'S MY QUESTION. AND AS A MOTHER, THERE'S NO WAY IN THE WORLD I WOULD LET MY CHILDREN CONTINUE TO CRY OUT, AND NOT HELP THEM. Y'ALL KNOW WHAT TO DO. GET IT DONE.

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

TAUHEEDAH SHAKUR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TAUHEEDAH SHAKUR. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I STAND HERE AS A PERSON THAT COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN IN THE VERY BARBARIC INSTITUTION YOU ALL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD. I WAS PLACED IN FOSTER CARE WHEN I WAS SIX YEARS OLD. I WITNESSED POLICE ARRESTING THE KIDS THAT WERE IN THERE WITH ME, FOR VERY MINOR THINGS THAT ANY CHILD WOULD DO, LIKE TEMPER TANTRUMS. MANY HAVE ALSO FALLEN PREY TO THE FOSTER-CARE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE. THE FOSTER-CARE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE IS REAL, AND IT IS A MONSTER. IT IS TIME TO STOP INVESTING IN FUNDING THAT VERY SYSTEM. IT IS TIME TO NOT ONLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED; IT IS TIME TO GET RID OF THE TOOL OF INCARCERATION. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE STOOD UP HERE AND HAVE TOLD YOU COUNTLESS STORIES, HAVE CRIED AND TOLD YOU COUNTLESS REASONS WHY THE SYSTEM OF HURTING KIDS IS NOT ONLY MORALLY WRONG, BUT DEADLY. DO THE RIGHT THING. END THIS SYSTEM NOW. PUT YOUTH BACK INTO COMMUNITIES, WHERE THEY BELONG. I AM TRAINED IN TAKING CARE OF COMMUNITY. PROBATION HASN'T, AND NEVER WILL BE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS LISA SMALL. I SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE AT THE LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT 2, 5, AND 6. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH, HAHN, AND MITCHELL FOR AUTHORING BOLD AND DECISIVE MOTIONS TO ADVANCE YOUTH JUSTICE TODAY, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT HAS CENTERED CARE OVER CAGES FOR YEARS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MOVED TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE, THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS AND ADVOCATES, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD. YET, WE ARE FAR FROM DONE. THE URGENCY OF THIS MOMENT IS NOT ONLY TO WIN, BUT TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES IN LINE WITH THE VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THIS IS LIFE OR DEATH FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. TODAY IS ABOUT THE URGENCY OF OPERATIONALIZING THE 4 D'S: DIVERSION, DECARCERATION, DIVESTMENT, AND THE ABILITY TO DREAM; TO DREAM AND ACTUALIZE A SYSTEM THAT CAN EFFECTIVELY SERVE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, TO BE SAFE, AND TO LIFE. NO YOUNG PERSON SHOULD EVER BE LOCKED IN A FACILITY, WHEN THEY CAN BE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY. PARTICULARLY, GIRLS AND GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH SHOULD NEVER BE INSIDE BECAUSE NO PLACEMENT OPTIONS EXIST, OR BECAUSE OF THE DISPROVEN NOTION THAT THEY ARE SAFER INSIDE OF PROBATION SETTINGS. THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT CONFIRMS WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW: THEY SHOULD BE OUT NOW. LASTLY, WE URGE THE BOARD TO FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS AND LEADERSHIP TOWARD STATE LEGISLATIVE CHANGE. THAT WILL ALLOW D.Y.D. TO

SERVE YOUTH AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, WITH THE RIGHT AUTHORITY, OVERSIGHT, AND BUDGET.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LEAH ZEIDLER DAWES, AND I DO YOUTH JUSTICE POLICY WORK WITH U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. I WANT TO FIRST THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOMMITTING TO THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED VISION THROUGH THESE MOTIONS. I DO WANT TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF THE DIRECTIVES OUTLINED HERE ARE REALLY AT ODDS WITH WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER THE SPIRIT OF THESE MOTIONS, WHICH IS TO HOLD PROBATION ACCOUNTABLE, AND BEGIN TAKING CONCRETE AND SIGNIFICANT STEPS TOWARDS REALIZING A COUNTY THAT PRIORITIZES YOUTH HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND TRUE, ACTUAL SAFETY. I AM URGING THE BOARD TO REJECT THE COMPONENTS OF ANY PROPOSAL THAT CALLS FOR ANY INVESTMENT INTO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND SPECIFICALLY ANY REIMAGINATION OF BARRY J. NIDORF. WE REALLY NEED TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING, TIME, AND RESOURCES INTO ADVANCING Y.J.R. WE NEED TO BUILD SAFE AND SECURE HEALING FACILITIES. WE NEED TO SEND YOUTH HOME NOW. WE NEED TO CONTINUE PLACING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND OTHER D.Y.D. STAFF IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO ADVANCE STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WILL LEAD US TO THAT GOAL, AND WE NEED TO ACT WITH URGENCY IN

DOING ALL OF THESE THINGS. AND NONE OF THOSE THINGS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT SHUTTING DOWN OUR CAMPS AND HALLS, PHASING OUT PROBATION'S ROLE IN SURVEILLING, CAUSING HARM, AND PUNISHING CHILDREN, AND ACTUALLY DEFUNDING PROBATION. THERE ARE SO MANY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT CAN SERVE AND SUPPORT YOUTH, AND THEY NEED THAT FUNDING.

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

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES. THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I'LL TAKE AN AYE VOTE ON THIS ONE. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD, SO AYE VOTE, BOARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NO SPEAKERS IN THE ROOM. ARE THERE ANY TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS?

CELIA ZAVALA: NO OTHER TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. I WILL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO TAKE OVER CHAIR.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HOLD ON. WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS COMING DOWN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, OKAY. ARNOLD SACHS IS COMING. COME ON DOWN.

SUP. HORVATH: AND THEN WE WILL HAVE-- I THINK A COUPLE OF US WANTED TO MAKE COMMENT.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANKS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, ARNOLD.

ARNOLD SACHS: OH. THANK YOU. AGAIN. SO, I GOT THIS FORM FROM THE COUNTY. IT IS IN ROOM 383. IT IS THEIR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2016-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN. GOAL ONE: MAKE INVESTMENTS THAT TRANSFORM LIVES. GOAL TWO: FOSTER VIBRANT AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES. GOAL THREE: REALIZE TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENT TODAY. I THINK THIS GOVERNMENT SUCKS. THERE ARE 69,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE OUT ON THE STREETS RIGHT NOW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, MAKE SURE YOU ARE DIRECTING YOUR COMMENTS TO ITEMS--

ARNOLD SACHS: OH, WE HAD A GREAT PLAN. EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT CARE, CARE, CARE. WHAT HAPPENED TO L.A. CARE? THAT WAS A

PRIVATE COMPANY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A LOT OF PROJECTS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: L.A. CARE IS NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6. PROBATION. NO, THESE ARE PROBATION ITEMS.

ARNOLD SACHS: YOUR BUDGET IS UP TO $44 BILLION, MA'AM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ARNOLD.

ARNOLD SACHS: MA'AM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU HAVE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEMS, OR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO THE NEXT--

ARNOLD SACHS: I AM SPEAKING ON THE ITEMS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO, YOU'RE NOT.

ARNOLD SACHS: I'M SPEAKING ON EVERYTHING THAT EVERYBODY ELSE IS SPEAKING ON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO, YOU'RE NOT.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, I AM. PEOPLE COME UP HERE, TALKING ABOUT CARE, CARE, CARE FOR PROBATION. YOU ARE SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. YOU GOT A BUDGET OF $44 BILLION. TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU-- - YOU SAID PEOPLE ARE FLUNKING. YOU ARE FLUNKING THE SYSTEM. YOU SAID IT. NOBODY ELSE SAID IT. YOU SAID IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN THE AUDIENCE?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. BEFORE WE GO TO A VOTE, I SEE SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ON THE QUEUE.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOUR THINGS, QUICKLY. FIRST, ONE OF THE SPEAKERS SAID THAT ALL OF THE YOUTH WILL BE MOVED TO KILPATRICK. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RECORD IS CLEAR, THAT IS NOT ACCURATE. AND I KNOW THAT IT WAS SAID IN THE CONTEXT OF FEARMONGERING, WHICH I ALSO DON'T APPRECIATE. I DO APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER FROM THE CITY OF MALIBU, AND THEIR CLEAR COMMUNICATION AND CONTINUED DIALOGUE ON THIS ISSUE. NUMBER TWO, I ALSO DON'T APPRECIATE, BASICALLY, THE IMPLICATION THAT WE ARE NOT TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS, WHEN SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I VISITED TOGETHER, AND WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THAT PROGRAMS

WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE WERE THERE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM L.A.C.O.E., WHO HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY COMMUNICATED THEIR TEACHERS CANNOT GO INTO SOME OF THE HALLS, BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH PROBATION STAFF IS SHOWING UP FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO TEACH. WE KNOW THAT WE HEARD FROM YOUNG PEOPLE, THAT THEY WEREN'T PERMITTED TO EXIT THEIR ROOMS, BECAUSE OF STAFF NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M., WHICH MEANT THEY HAD NO RESTROOM ACCESS, AND THAT WHEN THEY SHOWED UP, THEY HAD TO CLEAN OUT DIRTY ROOMS FULL OF ROTTEN FOOD, IN ORDER TO HAVE A CLEAN ROOM TO STAY IN. I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS TRUE. THEY SAID, "LOOK AT THIS ROOM." WE WENT IN A ROOM, AND WE SAW IT FOR OURSELVES. SO, PLEASE DO NOT TELL US THAT WE ARE NOT REPRESENTING THE TRUTH. THAT IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE HALLS, AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. NUMBER THREE, WHEN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT UNION, 685, MET WITH MY STAFF, THEY DID NOT COMMUNICATE CONCERNS ABOUT FACILITIES. WHAT THEY DID COMMUNICATE WAS A CONCERN ABOUT THEIR NOT HAVING PEPPER SPRAY IN THE HALLS ANYMORE, WHICH IS A DIRECTIVE FROM THIS BOARD. THEY COMMUNICATED CONCERN ABOUT NEEDING BONUSES TO SHOW UP TO WORK TO DO THEIR JOB. AND THEY COMMUNICATED A DESIRE TO SUPPORT A BILL THAT IS BEING INTRODUCED TODAY, INTO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, REQUESTING $1 BILLION ADDITIONAL FUNDING INTO PROBATION. THAT IS WHAT THE CONVERSATION IS HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO TODAY, AND THEY SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE CONTENT OF

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FACILITIES. WHAT I WANT IS TO SEE US, AS A BOARD AND AS A COMMUNITY, SAY TO SACRAMENTO THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE A $1 BILLION INVESTMENT OUTSIDE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WHAT THIS BOARD IS CALLING FOR. WE KNOW THAT STATE LAW REQUIRES THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO EXIST, AND THAT PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS THE AUTHORITY, IN MANY CASES, TO DEAL WITH OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH. INSTEAD OF ASKING FOR $1 BILLION TO GO TO PROBATION, WHAT WE WANT IN STATE LEGISLATION IS THE ABILITY FOR THIS BOARD AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE JUSTICE-INVOLVED, AND MAKE SURE THAT AUTHORITY EXPANDS, IS NOT RESTRICTED. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ON THE RECORD ABOUT WHAT IT IS WE SUPPORT, WHAT WE ARE CALLING FOR TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, WE HAVE NOT TAKEN A VOTE ON THIS BOARD ABOUT THE $1 BILLION BILL THAT I BELIEVE BLANCA PACHECO IS INTRODUCING. I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THAT WAS YOUR COMMENT TO HER. WE HAVE NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THAT. AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT BILL WAS NOT GOING TO BE HEARD TODAY. IT'S GOING TO BE HEARD NEXT WEEK, BUT WE CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, AS A BODY, TO WEIGH IN ON THAT. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK? OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 2-- AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM UP, SEPARATELY, TO VOTE ON. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 2,

AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 2, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, HEARING NO-- [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HEARING NO-- OKAY. NO OUTBURSTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. WE'VE GOT A THING IN HERE. IF YOU AGREE WITH WHAT HAS HAPPENED, JUST RAISE YOUR HANDS. IF YOU DISAGREE, YOU CAN PUT YOUR THUMBS DOWN. CHIEF RED HUNT, TRY TO KEEP THE PEACE OUT THERE. OKAY, ITEM FIVE IS NOW BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AND THEN, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS ON ITEM 6, THAT'S BEFORE US, AS AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER THREE, CONTINUING TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

INVESTMENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA WITH US, DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY, AND HE IS HERE FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD US OFF?

SUP. MITCHELL: NO. I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND ASK THAT WE HEAR THE PRESENTATION, AND THEN I WILL RESERVE THE TIME FOR QUESTIONS AFTER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GREAT. AND THAT'S TO YOU, DR. SCORZA.

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I'M INCREDIBLY EXCITED TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU TODAY. AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I THOUGHT I WOULD START OFF TODAY'S PRESENTATION BY MAKING SOME CONTEXTUAL COMMENTS, SINCE WE HAVEN'T HAD AN A.R.P.A. PRESENTATION IN QUITE A WHILE. AND I THINK THE MAIN THING THAT I WANT TO DO IS TO HELP REMIND THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE A.R.P.A. PLAN AND THE C.R.F., THE CORONAVIRUS VIRUS RELIEF FUNDS. SO, GOING WAY BACK

TO 2020, WHEN WE RECEIVED THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS, YOU MIGHT RECALL THAT THERE WAS A VERY SHORT TIME PERIOD WITHIN WHICH COUNTIES AND STATES WERE REQUIRED TO SPEND THAT FUNDING. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF THAT TRUNCATED TIME PERIOD, WHICH SERVED MORE AS A BARRIER TO THOUGHTFUL SPENDING OF MUCH-NEEDED FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT DONE IN THE COUNTY. THE BOARD ADOPTED A VERY THOUGHTFUL PLAN. WE WERE ABLE TO GET THE DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR. AND THEN COMES A.R.P.A. AND SO, A.R.P.A. HAS, AT THAT TIME, A FOUR-YEAR SPEND-DOWN, AND IT CAME WITH NUMEROUS CONTRACTUAL AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. AND OUR FIRST THOUGHTS ABOUT A.R.P.A., INITIALLY, WAS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD ACTUALLY GOT IT WRONG. BUT THEN, IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH FOLKS AT THE FEDS, WE REALIZED THAT WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT WAS A RECOVERY MODEL, NOT AN EMERGENT, "THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, SPEND EVERYTHING AS SOON AS YOU CAN" MODEL. AND THAT IS WHY THERE IS A FOUR-YEAR TIME PERIOD, IN ADDITION TO THE NUMEROUS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND THE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS. ONE OF TH THINGS THAT WE DID DO, SUPERVISORS, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST, WAS TO STREAMLINE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS. SO, I HAVE SOME DOLLAR FIGURES HERE THAT I WON'T GO OVER WITH YOU NOW, BUT IF DURING DR. SCORZA'S PRESENTATION IT IS APPROPRIATE, I WILL CHIME IN TO HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT SPEND-DOWN, ENCUMBERING DOLLARS, ET CETERA. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO DR. SCORZA.

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, C.E.O. DAVENPORT. REALLY APPRECIATE THAT CONTEXTUALIZATION. AND AGAIN, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY. TODAY'S PRESENTATION PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S SPENDING PLAN, SINCE OUR LAST WORK PRESENTATION, DELIVERED ON NOVEMBER 15TH OF LAST YEAR. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I WILL START BY PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES, HIGHLIGHTING THE SUCCESSES, TO DATE, THAT HAVE POSITIONED US WELL TO CARRY OUT YOUR BOARD'S VISION OF USING A.R.P. FUNDS TO SUPPORT AN EQUITABLE PANDEMIC RECOVERY. NEXT, I'LL PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW OF NEWLY FUNDED PROJECTS THROUGH TRANCHE TWO, FOLLOWED BY AN UPDATE ON THE REALLOCATION OF A.R.P. FUNDS SINCE THE RELEASE OF PHASE TWO OF THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN. I WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROJECTS, LAUNCH, AND SPENDING PROGRESS. AND FINALLY, I WILL SHOWCASE A NUMBER OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUTREACH AND LANGUAGE ACCESS TO ENSURE MORE PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF, AND CAN ACCESS, A.R.P.-FUNDED RESOURCES, INCLUDING GRANTS, CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AND SERVICES. NOW, WITH YOUR BOARD'S VISION AND DIRECTION, C.E.O. CONTINUES TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN. OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, C.E.O. AND OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BUILDING OUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO POSITION THE COUNTY

AND A.R.P.-FUNDED DEPARTMENTS FOR SUCCESS. ALL OF THIS WORK HAS BUILT A SUPPORTIVE BRIDGE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC BETTER THAN BEFORE., BOTH IN THE IMMEDIATE TERM FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC, AND OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND BEYOND. NOW, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S URGENCY TO GET FUNDS OUT THE DOOR AND TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN NEED, AND THROUGH RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, WITH KEY PERSONNEL, THEY SHARED WITH US, AGAIN, AS C.E.O. DAVENPORT HAS EXPLAINED, THAT A.R.P. IS DESIGNED TO BE SPENT OVER TIME, AND TO SUSTAIN OUR ECONOMY THROUGH THE FUNDING PERIOD. IN FACT, THEY WENT ON TO SHARE THAT NOT ONLY IS IT DESIGNED TO GO OVER SEVERAL YEARS, BUT IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP US TAKE ECONOMIC HITS, TO HELP WITHSTAND THE SHOCKS, AND IS INTENDED TO KEEP US WITH THE CAPACITY TO RECOVER. WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR PROJECTS ARE UP AND RUNNING, AND NEARLY ALL HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH. AND I WILL HIGHLIGHT, JUST BRIEFLY, SOME OF THE GREAT WORK THAT'S UNDERWAY. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT KEY A.R.P. INVESTMENTS TACKLE SOME OF THE COUNTY'S BIGGEST CHALLENGES, AND PROMISE TO ADVANCE EQUITY WITH HUGE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS THAT YOUR BOARD HAS MADE TO ADDRESS IMPORTANT AND EMERGENT ISSUES, LIKE HOMELESSNESS, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT. IN GENERAL, NEARLY A BILLION DOLLARS-- A BULK OF THE FUNDS-- WERE SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TOWARDS PROJECTS THAT FOCUS ON THE MOST ACUTE INEQUITIES, INCLUDING

CREATING HOMES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; IMPLEMENTING, AS YOUR BOARD HAS PRIORITIZED, THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST WORK; REDUCING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE; AND DISRUPTING INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY. FOR EXAMPLE, APPROXIMATELY $324 MILLION PROVIDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO GROUPS THAT WERE MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND HAVE THE FEWEST RESOURCES, INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESSES, RENTERS, NONPROFITS, LOW-WAGE WORKERS, AND FOOD-INSECURE FAMILIES. ADDITIONALLY, $94 MILLION SUPPORTED THE STABILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS, AND BY EXTENSION, THEIR WORKERS; AS WELL AS NONPROFITS, TO HELP WEATHER AND OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC. I AM ALSO HAPPY TO REPORT THAT L.A.C.D.A. HAS SHARED THAT 90% OF CHILD CARE PROVIDER GRANTS WILL GO TO CENTERS LOCATED WITHIN THE HIGHEST-NEED TIER COMMUNITY. FOR MANY OF OUR PARENTS WHO ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND RELY UPON CHILD CARE, THESE GRANTS WILL HELP ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN RECEIVE THE CARE THEY NEED DURING THE DAY, AND DURING THEIR WORK PERIOD. I WILL ALSO NOTE THAT, BECAUSE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE CREATED COUNTYWIDE EQUITY GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND A.R.P. BUDGET PRINCIPLES TO INFORM PROGRAM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION, CENTERING EQUITY, INCLUDING MAPPING TOOLS THAT CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND ALLOW USERS TO FURTHER IDENTIFY HOW THEY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. WE DEVELOPED AND REFINED OUR PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS, AND PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY TO PROGRAM PLANNERS WITHIN

DEPARTMENTS, AND WE BUILT BETTER SYSTEMS TO TRACK AND REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OUR 90-PLUS PROJECTS, PROVIDING A PUBLIC WEB PORTAL AND DASHBOARD TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY MAINTAINS TRANSPARENCY THROUGHOUT OUR IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. AS YOUR BOARD DIRECTED, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WE ALSO STREAMLINED THE COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES THE CREATION OF A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT THAT SIMPLIFIES THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PROSPECTIVE VENDORS AND INTERNAL COUNTY STAFF. AND WE ALSO CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO A.R.P.-FUNDED RESOURCES FOR HIGHLY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. ALL OF THESE PROCESS ELEMENTS, FROM PROJECT DESIGN TO ALIGNMENT WITH THE EQUITY INDEX AND OUR MAPPING TOOLS AND DATA COLLECTION, ALLOWS US TO LEVERAGE THESE SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY RESPONSE WITH A READY-MADE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO USE TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND IMMEDIATELY ACTIVATE, IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO YOUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION, AND TO MOVE QUICKLY TOWARDS EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION. FINALLY, WE WERE INVITED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO SHARE OUR PROGRESS AND THE INNOVATIONS LAUNCHED IN OUR COUNTY TO ADVANCE THE EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF A.R.P. FUNDS, INCLUDING THE EQUITY EXPLORER, NOTING THAT THIS INVITATION WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THE COUNTY'S PROCESS, SHARE LESSONS LEARNED, LEARN FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AND RECOGNIZE WHAT IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NOW, ON THIS SLIDE, WE

GIVE YOU A BRIEF UPDATE OF WHERE PROGRAMS ARE AT, THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING DESIGNED IN TRANCHE TWO. FIVE OF THE EIGHT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH, OF WHICH ONE OF THEM HAS LAUNCHED. THAT INCLUDES THE SUSTAINED PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE AND SUPPORT FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19. TWO PROJECTS ARE UNDER REVIEW, AND ONE PROJECT IS IN DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT. NOW, TO ENSURE THAT A.R.P. ALLOCATIONS ARE MAXIMIZED AND RESPONSIVE TO EMERGENT NEEDS, YOUR BOARD DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO C.E.O., TO REALLOCATE FUNDING, PRIMARILY ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE BASIS, BETWEEN APPROVED PROJECTS. THESE REALLOCATION REQUESTS ARE EITHER INITIATED BY THE BOARD, AS DIRECTED BY YOU, OR BY THE DEPARTMENT. AS OF MARCH 13TH, EIGHT BOARD-APPROVED PROJECTS WERE REALLOCATED, WITH A TOTAL OF $71,037,670; TWO INITIATIVES, FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE A.R.P. PHASE-TWO SPENDING PLAN. REALLOCATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE BOARD, OF TRANCHE TWO FUNDS, WERE ALREADY REPORTED AND REFLECTED IN THE LAST SPENDING PLAN. HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN OR KNOW ABOUT THE REALLOCATION OF THESE PROGRAMS AND THE INITIATION. WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT, ULTIMATELY, WHAT YOU SEE HERE ON THIS SLIDE IS THAT MOST OF THESE PROGRAMS WERE REALLOCATED EITHER AT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BOARD, OR LARGELY THROUGH A MOTION, OR EITHER AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT. C.E.O. ESSENTIALLY HELPS TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE MANAGING THEIR BUDGETS, AND ARE ADDRESSING ANY BUDGETARY NEEDS THAT ARE

REQUIRED, WHEN THESE REALLOCATIONS ARE DONE, OR REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ANY MAJOR REALLOCATIONS MUST BE APPROVED AND/OR INITIATED BY THE BOARD. WE ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH BOARD DEPUTIES TO ENSURE THAT, BEFORE ANY REALLOCATION IS DONE, THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THE APPROPRIATE FEEDBACK TO INITIATE THAT REALLOCATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE RECOGNIZE IS THAT QUESTIONS CONTINUE TO COME UP REGARDING THE COUNTY'S SPEND RATE, AND WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GETTING MONEY OUT THE DOOR AND ARE ON TRACK TO SPEND ALL OF OUR FUNDING BY 2026, WHICH IS THE A.R.P.A. DEADLINE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE CHALLENGES TO SPENDING, AND RECOGNIZE THAT WHILE THERE ARE CHALLENGES, WE DO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ON TRACK. AND SO, WHAT DOES "BEING ON TRACK" MEAN? FIRST, IT MEANT THAT WE HAD TO ACCOUNT FOR NECESSARY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, WHICH MEANT THAT IT TOOK US LONGER TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS BEFORE WE BEGAN DEPLOYING THE FUNDING, BECAUSE THOSE DOLLARS HAD TO BE CONSISTENT WITH TREASURY GUIDELINES AND YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES. WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, DEPARTMENTS MUST COMPETITIVELY SOLICIT A.R.P.A.-FUNDED SERVICE CONTRACTS, AND THIS TAKES TIME. YOUR BOARD ALSO MANDATED THE DEPARTMENTS-- AND TREASURY REQUIRES-- STRICT EQUITY-BASED CRITERIA TO THEIR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT CALLS FOR INTENTIONAL, UP-FRONT PLANNING THAT RESULTS IN GREATER EQUITY-DRIVEN OUTCOMES, SIMILAR TO WHAT I SHARED EARLIER ABOUT OUR CHILD CARE GRANTS. THIS UP-FRONT PLANNING IS NOT NECESSARILY A NEGATIVE, AND IN

FACT, IT'S PART AND PARCEL TO HOW A.R.P.A. IS DESIGNED TO WORK, AND WILL RESULT IN MORE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES. ONE OF THE MAJOR KEY POINTS IS THAT MUCH OF WHAT YOUR BOARD HAS DECIDED TO INVEST IN, THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, HAS GONE THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE DESIGN PHASE, AND WE'RE ACTUALLY ON THE VERGE OF SPEND-DOWN. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR BOARD ALLOCATED $320 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S PROJECT HOMEKEY PROGRAM. THESE INVESTMENTS REPRESENT ABOUT 16.5% OF OUR TOTAL A.R.P.A. ALLOCATION. THE COUNTY HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED R.F.P.S WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR HOMEKEY ROUNDS 1 AND 2, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THE STATE TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED AGREEMENTS. WE EXPECT THE STATE WILL RELEASE ROUND 3 OF THE [INAUDIBLE] THIS MONTH. OTHER RELATIVELY LARGE ALLOCATIONS HAVE LAUNCHED AND ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY, AND THESE INCLUDE $40 MILLION FOR L.A.C.D.A.'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMMING; $54 MILLION IN ECONOMIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH OPENED IN FEBRUARY; $12 MILLION IN ARTS RECOVERY GRANTS; $41.8 MILLION FOR GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS AND PAYMENTS; $30 MILLION FOR STAY HOUSED L.A. COUNTY; AND $17 MILLION FOR THE ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM. AND COLLECTIVELY, THESE REPRESENT ABOUT 10% OF THE TOTAL A.R.P. ALLOCATION. ANOTHER KEY POINT IS THAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF A.R.P.A. FUNDING IS ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A LONGER TIME HORIZON TO DEVELOP AND BUILD. BECAUSE YOUR BOARD ALLOCATED $365 MILLION, ABOUT 19% OF OUR TOTAL A.R.P. S ALLOCATION FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING HOUSING,

HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, LIBRARIES, AND SIMILAR INVESTMENTS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TAKES LONGER THAN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES. NOW, THESE CAPITAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED AND ENCUMBERED, AND THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IS UNDERWAY. ONE FINAL POINT IS THAT YOUR BOARD ALSO MADE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN TRANCHE 2 TO CONTINUE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. THESE INCLUDE $135 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUSTAIN ITS C.O.V.I.D. RESPONSE; AND $95 MILLION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY TESTING. TOGETHER, THESE REPRESENT ANOTHER 12% OF THE COUNTY'S TOTAL A.R.P. FUNDING. NOW, WE KNOW THAT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH'S FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY INCURRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COSTS TO PROVIDE C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED SERVICES, AND IT'S NOT REALLY A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THESE FUNDS WILL BE SPENT, BUT REALLY THE TIMING OF THE ACTUAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE FUNDING. FOR HEALTH SERVICES' COMMUNITY TESTING PROGRAM, D.H.S. RELEASED AN R.F.P. FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OFFER COMMUNITY TESTING, AND THEY'RE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THE SOLICITATION. THIS PROGRAM IS ON TRACK, CONSIDERING THIS WAS A TRANCHE 2 PROGRAM. NOW, WE KNOW THERE'S MORE WORK TO DO. GIVEN THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED A.R.P. SPENDING PLANS, AND INCLUDED MANY SEPARATE PROGRAMMATIC ALLOCATIONS, ALL OF THESE ALLOCATIONS REPRESENT IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS THAT WILL HELP OUR COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM THE

PANDEMIC, AND THEY ALSO REPRESENT AN UNPRECEDENTED INFLUX OF FUNDING. DEPARTMENTS ARE PLANNING TO DEPLOY THEIR A.R.P. RESOURCES WHILE BALANCING COMPETING PRIORITIES AND CONSIDERATIONS, AND THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A BAD THING. IT MEANS THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING THE WORK THEY NEED, TO ENSURE THAT THEY CAN DEPLOY FEDERAL DOLLARS WHILE MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF SERVICE IN THEIR OTHER PROGRAMS. AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A.R.P. CAN CHALLENGE DEPARTMENTAL CAPACITY CAN BE SEEN IN OUR SMALLER, FRONTLINE DEPARTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, D.C.B.A. HAS RECEIVED ABOUT $100 MILLION IN A.R.P. FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS, BUT THEIR ENTIRE N.C.C. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '22/'23 WAS $17.4 MILLION, WHICH SHOWS THE SCALE OF A.R.P. INVESTMENTS. NOW, WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, BOTH AT THE FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVEL, MAKES IT, IN SOME CASES, CHALLENGING FOR DEPARTMENTS TO DEPLOY THESE DOLLARS QUICKLY. BUT AS C.E.O., WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. WE TRACK DEPARTMENTAL SPEND DATA, AND WE REPORT EVERY MONTH TO YOUR BUDGET DEPUTIES. BUT AS OUR SPENDING TRENDS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THIS YEAR, WE MAY RECOMMEND REALLOCATION OF A.R.P. FUNDING, IF NECESSARY, TO MOVE DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR. RIGHT, NOW WE DO BELIEVE, WHILE THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE, OUR A.R.P. PROGRAM IS ON TRACK, WITH ALL CONSIDERATIONS GIVEN, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TO GET MONEY OUT THE DOOR, AND REMAIN VIGILANT, AS WE HELP DEPARTMENTS DEPLOY THEIR

ALLOCATIONS WITH THIS UNPRECEDENTED ALLOCATION OF FUNDING. NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE THINK IS IMPORTANT TO SHARE IS THAT, THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, THERE WAS A LACK OF CONSISTENT, TIMELY, AND RELIABLE TRANSLATION OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SURE THAT IMMIGRANT AND OTHER COMMUNITIES ACCESSED SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, TESTING, AND VACCINATIONS. BECAUSE OF YOUR BOARD'S LEADERSHIP, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO LAUNCH AN ETHNIC MEDIA BRIEFING, TO HIGHLIGHT MANY OF THE UPCOMING EFFORTS THAT ALSO INCREASES ACCESS FOR A.R.P.-FUNDED RESOURCES, TO ENSURE PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF AND CAN ACCESS OUR GRANTS AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. I'M PROUD TO SHARE THAT, AT OUR ETHNIC MEDIA BRIEFING, INTERPRETATION WAS OFFERED THROUGH SIX LANGUAGE LINES, INCLUDING SPANISH, KOREAN, MANDARIN, ARMENIAN, VIETNAMESE, AND TAGALOG, AND ALL LANGUAGE LINES WERE FULLY ACCESSED. WE ARE PILOTING INNOVATIONS AND CENTRALIZING LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR A.R.P. PRODUCTS. RECENTLY, O.I.A. WAS GIVEN $150,000 OF A.R.P. FUNDS TO PILOT INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO CONFRONT LANGUAGE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING A.R.P.-FUNDED SERVICES, GRANTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES. THESE ARE ALSO DESIGNED WITH A GOAL TO DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE ACCESS IN AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. RECOVERY AND BEYOND. IN SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD'S

LEADERSHIP AND TWO MOTIONS, ON BOTH JANUARY 25TH, 2022, AND MARCH 7TH, 2023. WITH THESE FUNDS, O.I.A. WILL SECURE SUBCONTRACTED LANGUAGE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT AN IN-PERSON A.R.P. CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION SUBMISSION EVENT, AND TO LAUNCH A CENTRALIZED LANGUAGE.LACOUNTY.GOV ONLINE LANGUAGE SERVICES HUB, INSPIRED BY THE LAP.GOV FEDERAL WEBSITE FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY RESOURCES. AND I'M HAPPY TO SHARE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT EITHER OF THOSE. IF YOU'D LIKE, AS WELL. O.I.A. AND THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND A.R.D.I. ARE ALSO LEADING AN INITIATIVE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTAL PARTNERS, TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY FOR L.A. COUNTY IMMIGRANTS, AS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, WHICH NATURALLY HAS A LANGUAGE ACCESS COMPONENT. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, A.R.D.I. AND O.I.A. HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON WAYS TO BETTER SERVE IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS, AND WE'VE IMPLEMENTED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, ENSURING THAT DEPARTMENTS REPORT ON PROGRAM ACCESS REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE POSTED ON OUR A.R.P. DASHBOARD. THIS INCLUDES REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MEET IN PERSON, EITHER THE USE OF WI-FI, LANGUAGE AVAILABILITY SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN ONE'S NATIVE LANGUAGE, AS WELL AS WHERE PROJECTS ARE LOCATED NEAR PUBLIC TRANSIT. A.R.D.I. AND I.S.D. HAVE BEEN BUILDING AN AUTOMATED PROCESS TO UPDATE THE EQUITY EXPLORER AND PROGRAM VIEWER SITES WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION. IN

COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, A.R.D.I. HAS CONTINUED ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EQUITABLE RECOVERY INITIATIVE, WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, B.D.O.F.M.A., AND THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, TO INSIST ORGANIZATIONS IN ACCESSING, APPLYING FOR, MANAGING, AND PARTICIPATING IN UPCOMING A.R.P. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND CONTRACTS. WE'VE HELD A.R.P.-FUNDED BRIEFINGS FOR DEPARTMENTS ON E.R.I., ENSURING THAT DEPARTMENTS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE RESOURCES, WHERE MORE THAN 100 COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED, AND LEFT WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POTENTIAL BARRIERS EXPERIENCED BY FUNDING APPLICANTS. AND THEN, FINALLY, THERE WAS AN R.F.S.Q. FOR A.R.P. SUPPORT SERVICES, THROUGH A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT THAT WAS RELEASED AND REMAINS OPEN, AND CONTINUES TO SHOW VENDORS CAN QUALIFY AS CONTRACTORS UNDER THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT. WE'RE INCREDIBLY EXCITED, BECAUSE THIS AGREEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT OPPORTUNITY ALLOWS OUR MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TAP INTO ONE CONTRACT; FOR EXAMPLE, BEING ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AS-NEEDED LANGUAGE ASSISTED SERVICES, MARKETING AND/OR BRANDING SERVICES, EVALUATION SERVICES, OR THE LIKE, WHERE OUR C.E.O. CONTRACTS TEAM IS PROVIDING NOT ONLY INFORMATION SESSIONS, BUT HELPING DEPARTMENTS UNDERSTAND HOW TO UTILIZE THIS MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE A.R.P.-FUNDED SUPPORTS THROUGH WORK-ORDER SOLICITATIONS. WE ARE

INCREDIBLY EXCITED, AGAIN, ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THOSE NEEDS. AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO C.E.O. FESIA DAVENPORT, WHO CAN RESPOND TO ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. WE'LL FIRST TURN TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND TO A.R.D.I. FOR THE PRESENTATION, I THINK, RECOGNIZING THAT WE REALLY ARE TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE FEDERAL TREASURY'S RULES, WITH REGARD TO A.R.P. DEPLOYMENT, AND USING THESE DOLLARS IN A WAY TO DEEPLY IMPACT COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HAD HISTORICAL DISPARITIES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO TRACK IT AND MEASURE IT, SO WE ARE TRACKING OUR SUCCESS IN MEETING THOSE GOALS. SO, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. AND I'M DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENTS, WHO HAVE REALLY LEANED IN TO DESIGN PROGRAMS THAT ARE ROOTED IN EQUITY. AND I ALSO WANT TO REMIND US THAT WE CAN ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE EQUITY ALSO

MEANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, AND HOPING THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO COMMIT TO HIRING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. I HELD A PRESENTATION TODAY, DR. SCORZA, BECAUSE I REALLY HAVE 3 QUESTIONS, WHICH YOU'VE ALREADY ANSWERED: THE ISSUE WITH REGARD TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL PROGRAMS ARE DELIVERED IN ALL THE COUNTY'S THRESHOLD LANGUAGES. CLEARLY, THERE IS A NEED, BECAUSE IN YOUR SLIDE, YOU SAID THAT THE THRESHOLD LANGUAGES WERE USED FOR THE OUTREACH MEETINGS; THAT THEY WERE FULLY UTILIZED. SO, I HOPE THAT CONTINUES TO BE A MODEL THAT WE HOLD OURSELVES TO, BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL USE IT IF WE MAKE IT AVAILABLE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY SECOND QUESTION WAS GOING TO HAVE TO DO WITH OUTREACH PLAN; YOU KNOW, WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY GRANTS. MY TEAM AND I HAVE DONE OUR OWN DOOR-TO-DOOR OUTREACH TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, SO THANK YOU FOR SUMMARIZING THE OUTREACH. AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT: I APPRECIATE THAT THE REALLOCATION OF UNSPENT A.R.P.A. FUNDS IS TYPICALLY DRIVEN BY DEPARTMENT ASK OR THE BOARD, BUT FOR US TO SEE IT ALL IN ONE PLACE-- WE HAVE BOARD MOTIONS, WEEK TO WEEK TO WEEK, AND FOR US TO BE ABLE TO TRACK IT IS PROBABLY NOT REALISTIC. SO, TO SEE, IN ONE PLACE, HOW THE REALLOCATION PROCESS IS HAPPENING, I THINK, IS IMPORTANT FOR US, AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC, SO THE PUBLIC CAN

ALSO TRACK HOW THESE FEDERAL DOLLARS ARE BEING INVESTED IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. SO, I APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING THAT. AS WE SAW ON THE REALLOCATION CHART, SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS HAVE BEEN REALLOCATED, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO STAY ON TOP OF THAT, AND AGAIN, FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO TRACK IT, AS WELL. THANK YOU, BOTH.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, AND THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE INFORMATION, AND OUR C.E.O. AND I THINK OUR REAL CHALLENGE IS GOING TO BE IN THE SECOND TRANCHE, AND REALLY GETTING THE DEPARTMENTS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NEED TO ENCUMBER THIS MONEY, AND TO FIGURE OUT WHAT PLAN IS. SO, I WOULD HOPE-- AND I HOPE THEY'RE ALL LISTENING-- THAT THIS IS REAL, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO COME ACROSS THIS OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE HAVE SO MUCH MONEY, AS YOU POINTED OUT. AND I THINK THIS IS A TIME FOR THEM TO BE CREATIVE, AND TO SEE HOW THEIR VALUES ALIGN WITH OURS AND THE BOARD'S. AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALWAYS WANT TO DO, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE NOT MOVING FAST ENOUGH, BECAUSE WE ARE, AND I GET IT. WE HAVE SOME OF OUR OWN CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS, BECAUSE

THE FEDS HAVE THEIR GUIDELINES, AS WELL. AND I UNDERSTAND OURS ARE MUCH MORE-- MAY BE MUCH MORE LIBERAL. BUT WE NEED TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT, AND EXACTLY WHERE WE CAN BE HELPFUL, I THINK. FOR ME, THE MOST CHALLENGING PART IS SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RAISED, AND THAT IS LANGUAGE ACCESS. SO, IT ISN'T JUST THE PREDOMINANT LANGUAGES, BUT IT'S ALSO THE INDIGENOUS. AND I WOULD ASK WHAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING, AND I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON-- YOU MADE A STATEMENT ABOUT 150,000 GIVEN TO O.I.A. FOR OUTREACH, OR LANGUAGE. WAS IT LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE, OR SOMETHING, TO REACH OUT TO OUR GROUPS? 150,000 THAT WAS GIVEN?

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: YES, SUPERVISOR. SO, THE FUNDING THAT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO O.I.A. WAS INTENDED TO HELP MEET YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES TO WORK WITH THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DID OUTREACH. I THINK, IN MANY CASES, YOUR BOARD HAS DIRECTED US TO REACH OUT TO FOLK IN COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE, OR THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. AND SO, THROUGH YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES, WE WERE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH O.I.A., AND MEET WITH A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS WHO IDENTIFIED WHAT THEIR LANGUAGE NEEDS WERE, AND IN DOING SO ARE PILOTING A CENTRALIZED, ESSENTIALLY, LANGUAGE ACCESS PAGE THAT WILL HELP ALL OF OUR

DEPARTMENTS TAP INTO THESE LANGUAGE RESOURCES FOR THEIR A.R.P. OUTREACH.

SUP. SOLIS: AND I WOULD JUST QUESTION, IF EACH DEPARTMENT-- OR, SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS GET A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY. WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO ALSO FOCUS IN MORE ON CREATING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENTS, SO THEY HAVE STAFF THAT CAN ACTUALLY DO THIS WORK AND PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AS OPPOSED TO O.I.A.: "HERE'S A REFERENCE"? BECAUSE THAT'S OUR DIFFICULTY, I'M FINDING, THAT WE DON'T HAVE INTERPRETIVE STAFF AVAILABLE THAT CAN ACTUALLY TALK TO PEOPLE. AND I GET CONCERNED BECAUSE, WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE CALLING 2-1-1 TO GET INFORMATION, THEY'LL CALL THAT LINE, AND THEY'RE PUT ON HOLD, AND NO ONE EVER GETS BACK TO THEM. SO, I'M WONDERING. THIS IS SOMETHING THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE TO DO. THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE A ROLE HERE TO PLAY, AND I WOULD THAT, WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDING, THAT THEY REALLY TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. AND I HAVE HEARD THAT, YEAH, THERE'S CHALLENGES WITH A.R.D.I., BUT THAT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE ASKED THAT TO HAPPEN. WE NEED THAT TO HAPPEN. AND MAYBE WE NEED TO DO A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS, TO SHOW THEM EXACTLY HOW THIS CAN BE DONE, OR WHAT VARIATIONS EXIST, BECAUSE IT'S FRUSTRATING FOR SOME OF US TO HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, OR THEY NEVER HEARD ABOUT ALL THESE OPPORTUNITIES. AND I DON'T BLAME ANYONE IN PARTICULAR, BUT I

WOULD JUST SAY THAT I'M SURPRISED THAT THE INFORMATION-- IT'S NOT ALL UNIFORM. NOT ALL ARE CYLINDERS. THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE ON THE SAME MAINFRAME, SO TO SPEAK, AND THAT'S FRUSTRATING. SO, MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO TACKLE. C.E.O., I KNOW YOU WANT TO--

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISORS, TO THAT POINT, SO, I THINK THERE ARE TWO THINGS. ONE IS WHAT DR. SCORZA MENTIONED, WHICH WAS THE $150,000. PART OF THAT WAS USED TO LAUNCH AN ONLINE WEBSITE THAT'S BASED ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S MULTIPLE-LANGUAGE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY. AND I THINK THE POINT THAT YOU'RE RAISING, IN TERMS OF DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS, WHAT WE PROBABLY NEED TO DO IS GO BACK AND SURVEY THE DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE DEPARTMENTS CAN MAKE BONUSES AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING OTHER LANGUAGES AND USING THAT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. SO, I KNOW THAT SPANISH IS PROBABLY THE PREDOMINANT ONE, BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT, FOR EXAMPLE, INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, SO--

SUP. SOLIS: OR A.A.P.I. I NOW REPRESENT ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT NOBODY RESPONDING TO THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, OR DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES THAT SHOULD BE OUT THERE. AND IT'S RELATED TO A.R.P. MONEY, BECAUSE THIS IS A CRISIS SITUATION FOR SOME OF THESE COMMUNITIES.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, LET US GO BACK AND DO A SURVEY, BY DEPARTMENT. WE'LL SEE HOW MANY FOLKS ARE SERVING IN THAT FUNCTION, HOW MUCH IN BONUSES ARE BEING PAID OUT, AND THEN BROKEN DOWN BY WHAT LANGUAGE. AND THEN WE CAN PROVIDE THAT AS A REPORT-BACK TO THE BOARD.

SUP. SOLIS: AND NOT JUST INDIGENOUS, BUT A.A.P.I., BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF VIETNAMESE, TAGALOG. WE HAVE MANY DIFFERENT A.A.P.I. LANGUAGES. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I APPRECIATE HAVING THIS REPORT PUT BEFORE US, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC, THEY ASK US, AND IT'S GOOD FOR US TO SHARE WHATEVER INFORMATION WE HAVE. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: I'VE JUST BEEN FOLLOWING UP SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S QUESTION. I WONDER IF IT'S AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR US TO ADD INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES TO OUR COUNTY THRESHOLD LANGUAGES. I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY CURRENTLY ARE. ARE THEY?

SUP. HORVATH: I DO NOT KNOW. IF I HAD TO GUESS, I WOULD SAY, PROBABLY NOT. BUT WE WILL WORK ON A PLAN AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, IS OUTSIDE OF A.R.P.A. AND A.R.D.I., IN TERMS OF HOW WE LOOK AT AND REDEFINE OUR COUNTY THRESHOLD LANGUAGES. IT MAY BE TIME THAT THAT NEEDS UPDATING.

SUP. HORVATH: YES, SO WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT THE CURRENT STATE IS, REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A PLAN ON HOW TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: ARE THERE ANY ISSUES ABOUT-- MAYBE SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL, IN HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. I DON'T MEAN IT IN A PUNITIVE MANNER, AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE FUNNY ABOUT IT, BECAUSE IT'S VERY SERIOUS. AND I WOULD JUST SAY, IF WE CAN ALSO INCLUDE THAT, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A REPORT, TOO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL ANTHONY GARCIA, ARNOLD SACHS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, FRED SUTTON, HERMAN HERMAN, CORY SCHMIDT, MAX

SHERMAN, AND RED CHIEF HUNT PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DAMIAN MARTIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS DAMIAN MARTIN. I'M THE CO-FOUNDER OF AND ATTORNEY FOR CATALYST CANNABIS CO. CATALYST CANNABIS CO. HAS 17 OPEN AND OPERATIONAL DISPENSARIES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, WITH MANY--

SUP. HORVATH: EXCUSE ME, SPEAKER. THIS IS NOT THE CANNABIS ITEM. THIS ITEM IS REGARDING EQUITABLE POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY THROUGH A.R.P. INVESTMENTS. SO, WE WILL PUT YOU BACK IN THE QUEUE, SO YOU CAN SPEAK ON THAT ITEM LATER. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, FOLKS. NUMBER ONE, THE USE OF THE TERM "EQUITY" IS POMPOUS PANDERING. THE WAR ON POVERTY WAS DECLARED IN 1965, AND YOU SANCTIONED THE IMPORTATION OF POVERTY ACROSS OUR

BORDERS. AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT $1.9 BILLION IS A LOT OF MONEY. BUT AS YOU KNOW, AND AS PRESENTED BY YOUR PRESENTER HERE, IT'S A DROP IN THE BUCKET AS COMPARED TO THE OVERALL-- EVEN IN ONE YEAR, AND JUST DEALING WITH YOUR HOMELESS SITUATION, WHICH IS, AT THE VERY MINIMUM, A $1 BILLION PROJECT, AND THAT'S WOEFULLY UNDERFUNDED. AND AGAIN, AS WITH THE JUVENILE DETENTION, AND SO FORTH, AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, YOU OR SO SHORT ON MONEY. IT'S ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL. BUT, HEY, I'LL TAKE $1.9 BILLION ANY DAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'LL GO TO IN-PERSON. GENEVIEVE?

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THAT'S A NICE ITEM, BUT I THINK ONE THING IS IMPORTANT, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE ARE DOING WHAT YOU ARE TELLING THEM TO DO. AND THAT'S ONE THING, MANY TIMES, FALLS DOWN. SO, GOOD IDEA. MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIVE WHEN PEOPLE ADDRESS YOU. THANK YOU.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: COHEN VS. CALIFORNIA, 403 U.S. 15 (1971). NOW, WHY DO I BRING UP THIS CASE IN REGARDS TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN? BECAUSE WE'RE FINDING OUT THAT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING SNUFFED OUT, AND NOT PROVIDING EQUITY, EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SAME IDEA THAT I WANT AMERICA TO BE GREAT AGAIN! AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE WE GOT TOO MUCH EMBEZZLEMENT, TOO MUCH CORRUPTION, AND TOO MANY SCANDALS. NOW, IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPASSION, DOCTOR, LIKE DR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD SAY, CHECK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU WRECK YOURSELF, MY BROTHER. BECAUSE TODAY'S SOCIETY IS ALL [EXPLETIVE], AND THAT'S WITH A CAPITAL [EXPLETIVE]. AND DON'T QUOTE ME WRONG ON THAT. IT'S A STATEMENT MADE FROM COHEN VS. CALIFORNIA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, FRED SUTTON, WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO. IF THERE ARE FUNDS THAT ARE NOT FULLY ALLOCATED, OR SOFTLY ALLOCATED, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST MORE DOLLARS BE CONSIDERED FOR DIRECT RENTAL SUBSIDY, TO BUILD OFF OF THE $45 MILLION PROGRAM CREATED EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR RENT RELIEF. DIRECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL TO ADDRESS RESIDUAL CONCERNS OF C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC-ERA POLICIES. REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, BOARD. MY NAME IS MAX SHERMAN. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. IF THERE ARE AVAILABLE OR UNENCUMBERED A.R.P.A. FUNDS, WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL MONETARY SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH DIRECT RENTAL SUBSIDIES, TO HELP RENTERS PAY BACK OWED RENT TO STRUGGLING MOM-AND-POP RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS. THANK YOU.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, MA'AM. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN-- IS THAT PART OF THE C.A.R.E.S. PLAN? THIS CAPITAL C, CAPITAL A, CAPITAL R, CAPITAL E, CAPITAL S PLAN THAT NANCY PELOSI PUT BEFORE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? $1.9 BILLION? ON TOP OF YOUR $44 BILLION BUDGET? AND I NEED TO REMIND YOU, THAT'S ANOTHER CARE PLAN? YOU JUST VOTED FOR THREE ITEMS, YOUR LAST ITEM. YOU VOTED FOR 5 AND 6 AND SOMETHING ELSE. AND ITEM 6 SAYS, "CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST."

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE'RE NOW ON 3.

ARNOLD SACHS: I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ON, MA'AM. YOU'RE ON A STICK. IT'S UP YOUR [EXPLETIVE]. THAT'S WHERE IT IS. THAT'S WHERE IT SHOULD BE. TALK TO YOUR FRIEND AND COHORT. YOU SIGNED UP 15,000 PEOPLE IN SKID ROW. WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PLAN? L.A CARE. L PERIOD A CARE. PERIOD. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S PRIVATE COMPANY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO COMMENT ON THIS? THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, FOR BEING HERE. THIS ITEM IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE, AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE'RE MOVING ON TO 12, DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT SPENDING PLAN FOR FUTURE COUNTY CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX REVENUE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO NOW, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION. LAST NOVEMBER, AS YOU MAY RECALL, VOTERS IN OUR COUNTY

APPROVED MEASURE C, WHICH AUTHORIZED A GENERAL TAX ON FUTURE CANNABIS BUSINESSES LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. AND IT'S ESTIMATED THAT BUSINESS TAX WILL GENERATE APPROXIMATELY $10 MILLION TO OUR COUNTY, WITH REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE TAX GOING INTO THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. WITH SOME OF THE LOWEST TAX RATES ACROSS THE STATE, THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE C WAS A MAJOR STEP FOR THE COUNTY TOWARDS AN EQUITABLE TRANSITION TO A REGULATED MARKET. BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM THESE TAXES COMES FROM A PRODUCT THAT HAS LONG BEEN A SOURCE OF INCARCERATION AND INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA FOR OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND FOR DECADES, OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES HAVE ENDURED THE IMPACT OF DISCRIMINATORY ENFORCEMENT OF CANNABIS CRIMINALIZATION. THOSE CONVICTED OF CANNABIS OFFENSES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, HAVE SUFFERED, AS YOU KNOW, LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF LIVES BEING DISRUPTED, EXCLUSION OF EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS, AND ACCESS TO ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO LIVE HEALTHY LIVES. DESPITE MORE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MOVING TOWARD LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS, AND A MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR CANNABIS INDUSTRY, OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE FROM THE WAR ON DRUGS, AND PREVENT SYSTEMIC BARRIERS TOWARD ECONOMIC MOBILITY. GOVERNMENTS HAVE, IN MY OPINION, A BELIEF AND MORAL OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOST HARMED BY CANNABIS CRIMINALIZATION CAN BENEFIT FROM ITS LEGALIZATION.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MOMENT, I BELIEVE, FOR THE COUNTY, TO SUPPORT AND HOPEFULLY REPAIR, THROUGH REVENUE REINVESTMENT, TO HELP REDRESS THOSE HARMS, AND DECREASE DISPARITIES FOR COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY AND DETRIMENTALLY IMPACTED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FUTURE CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX REVENUE GOING INTO THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND DOES NOT STAY FROZEN IN THAT FUND, AND THAT WE TAKE PROACTIVE MEASURES FOR APPROPRIATE ALLOCATION AND SPENDING OF THAT REVENUE. FOCUSING ON HOW CANNABIS REVENUES ARE ALLOCATED IS CRITICAL NOW, BECAUSE THIS RELATIVELY NEW FUNDING STREAM IS EXPECTED TO SEE LONG-TERM GROWTH, AND WE'VE ALL BEEN ANTICIPATING THAT. AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY, IN MY OPINION, OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE CANNABIS REVENUES TO BENEFIT THOSE COMMUNITIES TOWARDS PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT HELP PEOPLE THRIVE. THAT'S WHY, TODAY, I BRING FORWARD A MOTION THAT I AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT WILL HELP THE COUNTY ESTABLISH A PLAN ON HOW FUTURE CANNABIS TAX REVENUES FROM MEASURE C COULD BE REINVESTED TO BENEFIT THOSE VERY COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED BY CANNABIS CRIMINALIZATION, SO THAT OUR COMMUNITIES DO NOT GET LEFT BEHIND, AS MONEY FLOWS THROUGH THAT INDUSTRY. THE MOTION DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AND ITS OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, IN CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR, AND DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

PLAN FOR CANNABIS TAX REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THAT WILL HELP THE COUNTY PROPERLY PLAN AND ESTABLISH MECHANISMS FOR COLLECTED REVENUE THAT ALIGN WITH KEY PRIORITIES, AND BENEFIT KEY PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES, SUCH AS COMMUNITY BENEFITS, REINVESTMENT INTO NEIGHBORHOODS THAT SITE CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND EQUITY-LED PROGRAMS. I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN HELPING TO REPAIR SOME OF THE HARMS OF CANNABIS CRIMINALIZATION, BY WORKING TO CREATE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PLAN FOR CANNABIS TAX REVENUES THAT WILL SUPPORT OUR MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE ALSO NEED TO EVALUATE HOW WE CAN BEST ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT UP-FRONT FUNDING IN OUR BUDGET TO STAFF UP THE O.C.M. AND RELATED DEPARTMENTS APPROPRIATELY, TO MANAGE THE EQUITY NETWORK FRAMEWORK AND REGULATORY DEMANDS TO COLLABORATE WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS, OUR AGENCIES THAT ARE INVOLVED, IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, TO ADD TO MY REPORT-BACK MOTION, AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS: "A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW THE REVENUE COULD FUND INITIAL INVESTMENT IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS OF O.C.M. AND RELATED L.A.C. PROGRAMS SUPPORTING CANNABIS SOCIAL AND HEALTH EQUITY, AND ENSURE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE WHILE THE PROGRAMMING MATURES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS:

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, AND I WOULD NOW TURN THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME OVER TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HER COMMENTS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS THE CO-AUTHOR.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR TAKING LEADERSHIP ON THIS. I APPRECIATE IT. I HAVE BEEN REALLY CONSISTENT AND CLEAR THAT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED DISPROPORTIONATELY BY THE OVER-POLICING OF CANNABIS-RELATED OFFENSES SHOULD BE THOSE WHO BENEFIT FROM THE LICENSING OF CANNABIS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY. SO, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY AND LICENSING FRAMEWORK THAT PROMOTES EQUITABLE OWNERSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NEW, EMERGING INDUSTRY. ANY PROGRAM THAT WE DESIGN MUST RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE LONG-TERM NEGATIVE SOCIAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISPROPORTIONATE ENFORCEMENT OF CANNABIS POLICIES ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. OUR CANNABIS TAX FUNDS COLLECTED FROM MEASURE C SHOULD BE REINVESTED BACK INTO WHAT I CALL OUR HARDLY REACHED COMMUNITIES, THROUGH A COMMUNITY-LED PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES THE DEDICATED CREATION OF AN EQUITY FUND, WHOSE INVESTMENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED BY THE COMMUNITY. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS' RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE REPORT-BACK. THANKS AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER-- I SEE SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF THAT ARE WORKING ON DEVELOPING THE COUNTY'S LEGAL CANNABIS FRAMEWORK. WHEN CALIFORNIA VOTERS APPROVED PROP 64 IN 2016, IT WAS A DEPARTURE FROM THE SENTIMENTS PREVALENT IN THE 1970'S, WHICH WAS THE YEAR CANNABIS WAS CLASSIFIED AS A SCHEDULE 1 DRUG. WE HAVE SEEN A SHIFT, OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DECADES, REGARDING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS; AND LAST NOVEMBER, MORE THAN 60% OF THE VOTERS APPROVED MEASURE C, IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX. LEGAL CANNABIS EQUITY HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN CONVERSATIONS AND DELIBERATIONS BY THIS BOARD. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BUILD EQUITY INTO THE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF CANNABIS TAX REVENUE FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT, WHILE ALSO LEVERAGING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECTIFY THE HARMS CAUSED BY THE CRIMINALIZATION OF CANNABIS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ENSURE THAT CANNABIS TAX

REVENUE IS BEING REINVESTED BACK INTO THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH IT WILL COME. I WILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE THAT THE REVENUE SHOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE PROGRAMMING, ACTIVITIES, AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES WE MUST CONSIDER, ESPECIALLY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BORNE THE BURDEN OF ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATORS, WITH LITTLE TO NO BENEFIT FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. IN THE ENDORSEMENT OF MEASURE C, THE L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD NOTED THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY TO ALLOW LEGAL CANNABIS SALE; OTHERWISE, AND I QUOTE, "THE RESULT WOULD BE MORE OF WHAT WE HAVE NOW: ILLICIT, OFF-THE-BOOK SALES, AND ALL OF THE VIOLENCE, CRIME, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION THAT HAVE MADE UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY A CANNABIS NIGHTMARE." FOR MANY OF MY COMMUNITIES, VIOLENCE, CRIME, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION HAVE HAVE BEEN A CONTINUED STRUGGLE. I'VE HAD TO USE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO SUPPORT ABATEMENT EFFORTS OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS OPERATION IN MY DISTRICT. WE HAVE TO FACE THIS REALITY HEAD ON, IF WE WANT TO PROVIDE LEGAL CANNABIS OPERATORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED, SO THEY ARE NOT UNDERMINED BY ILLICIT OPERATORS. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT OUR SOLE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON ENFORCEMENT, NOR SHOULD OUR FOCUS BE ON CRIMINALIZING. IT IS, HOWEVER, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT TAX REVENUES ARE LINKED TO SALES, AND A ROBUST CANNABIS INDUSTRY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO COMPETE WITH OPERATORS NOT FOLLOWING THE

RULES, AND USING PESTICIDES THAT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY'RE, QUITE FRANKLY, USING, THAT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH. ADDITIONALLY, WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THE REPORTS WE RECEIVED ON LEGALIZING CANNABIS SALES NOTED THERE WILL BE COSTS FOR THE COUNTY TO CREATE AND SUPPORT THIS INDUSTRY. NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS WILL PLAY A ROLE, AND WE'LL NEED TO ALLOCATE STAFF TO WORK ON THIS ENDEAVOR. THOSE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REINVESTMENT OF THE CANNABIS TAX REVENUE, IF WE WANT TO ENSURE THE LONGEVITY OF THIS PROGRAM. I HOPE THAT THE REPORT-BACK CONSIDERS THE VARIOUS ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH CREATING A LEGAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY, AND THAT IT RECOMMENDS POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS THAT BALANCE THE FUNDING. THE COUNTY WILL NEED ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO INVEST IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND, RAFAEL, I JUST HAVE JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS. HOW WILL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX REVENUES BE ALLOCATED TO EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT? HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THAT AT ALL?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. THAT'LL BE PART OF THE PROCESS. WE'LL ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND THE STAKEHOLDERS AND YOUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES TO COME UP WITH THE FORMULA, AND BRING IT BACK TO OUR BOARD. GENERALLY, WHAT WE ARE HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY IS THAT THEY WANT TO SEE REVENUE THAT'S GENERATED WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY, REINVESTED IN

THEIR COMMUNITY. SO, SOME OF THAT WILL BE CAPTURED IN OUR REPORT-BACK.

SUP. BARGER: EXCELLENT. AND THEN, MEASURE C INCLUDED PROVISIONS FOR TAXES BEING IMPOSED ON ALL CANNABIS BUSINESSES, OPERATING EITHER LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY WITHIN THE COUNTY. WILL THERE BE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDED FUNDING, ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, AS WELL? ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AT THAT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YEAH. THE RECOMMENDATIONS [INAUDIBLE] COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT. THE BENEFIT OF STANDING UP A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, TOO, IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO APPLY FOR STATE GRANTS FOR ENFORCEMENT THAT WE OTHERWISE COULDN'T TAP INTO, TO SUPPORT SOME OF THOSE ACTIVITIES, AS WELL.

SUP. BARGER: PERFECT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I SUPPORT IT.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING THE DIRECTIVE TO ENSURE THAT CANNABIS TAX FUNDING AND RESOURCES ARE UTILIZED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS AS

THIS ROLLS OUT. IT'S IMPORTANT WE USE CANNABIS TAX DOLLARS TO MAKE EQUITABLE COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS, AND IT IS ALSO CRITICAL THAT CANNABIS RETAILERS HAVE THE EDUCATION AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE. I'M GLAD WE'RE TAKING STEPS TO PLAN FOR HOW TO SPEND THIS REVENUE IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER, AND I ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE GET THE NEW BUSINESSES PERMITTED, UP AND RUNNING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE MAKING ENFORCEMENT OF ILLEGAL BUSINESSES A KEY PRIORITY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, I ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING TO STAND UP THE PROGRAM AND ENFORCE OUR REGULATIONS, SO THAT OUR LEGAL BUSINESSES CAN THRIVE. SOME COMMUNITIES IN MY DISTRICT HAVE SEEN EMERGING CHALLENGES RELATED TO CANNABIS TAX REVENUE. SPECIFICALLY, WE'VE SEEN LOWER TAX REVENUES THAN PROJECTED, AND REDUCED TAX RECEIPTS, AS MORE AND MORE DISPENSARIES WERE LICENSED IN THE REGION. WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO CAUTIOUSLY PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE TAX RECEIPTS, AND NOT OVERESTIMATE HOW MUCH WE MAY RECEIVE IN THE FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE REPORTS ON THIS PROGRAM, AND ITS CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND I, TOO, SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. WHAT THIS BOARD IS SAYING BY THIS IS THAT WE WANT THE REVENUE WE COLLECT FROM MEASURE C TO GO DIRECTLY BACK

INTO THE COMMUNITY, FOR THINGS LIKE CHILD CARE, AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS, PARK IMPROVEMENTS, YOUTH PROGRAMMING, AND OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS, AS OPPOSED TO COLLECTING REVENUE AND HAVING IT SIT IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MOTION IS SAYING PART OF THE REINVESTMENT INCLUDES SUPPORTING OUR PLANNED EQUITY PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC APPLICANTS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IMPACTED NEGATIVELY BY THE ILL-ADVISED WAR ON DRUGS. I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH MY COLLEAGUES, AND WANT TO ADD MY SUPPORT TO THIS. IT ONLY SEEMS RIGHT THAT THE TAX MONEY WE COLLECT FROM BUSINESSES IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, WE SPEND IT IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND I APPRECIATE THAT WE'RE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TO PEOPLE THROUGH THIS, AND I ALSO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR BARGER'S CONCERN, WHICH I HEAR A LOT OF IN MY DISTRICT, IS THE ILLEGAL CANNABIS OPERATIONS, WHICH I THINK HURTS EVERYTHING. SO, HOPEFULLY, I AGREE, WE DON'T WANT TO SPEND ALL OF OUR MONEY ON ENFORCEMENT OR INCARCERATION, RIGHT? BUT WE HAVE GOT TO GET UNDER CONTROL THESE ILLEGAL BUSINESSES, BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE WANT TO SUPPORT LEGAL BUSINESSES, WE WANT TO SUPPORT THAT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND I THINK THE VOTERS, WHEN THEY PASSED THIS, AGREE THAT WE SHOULD ALSO TAX THESE LEGAL ENTITIES, AND THEN USE THAT REVENUE IN A POSITIVE WAY. SO, IF WE DO THIS RIGHT, IT WILL HAVE A GOOD OUTCOME. SO, I SUPPORT THAT, AND I THINK YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL. OKAY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WILL RED CHIEF HUNT PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? OKAY, MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DAMIAN MARTIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS DAMIAN MARTIN. I'M THE CO-FOUNDER OF AND ATTORNEY FOR CATALYST CANNABIS CO. CATALYST CANNABIS CO. HAS 17 OPEN AND OPERATIONAL DISPENSARIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WITH MANY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND L.A. COUNTY, IN THE INCORPORATED AREAS. OUR MISSION SLOGAN IS, "WEED FOR THE PEOPLE." WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT ALL OF OUR STORES ARE UNIONIZED WITH U.F.C.W. WE'RE COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY BENEFITS, AND PARTICULARLY, WE'RE COMMITTED TO SOCIAL EQUITY. ON THAT NOTE, 4 OF THE STORES THAT WE OPERATE ARE SOCIAL EQUITY STORES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I PERSONALLY ATTENDED THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT'S COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSION IN EAST LOS ANGELES, A WEEK AGO, OR A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST MESSAGES OR SENTIMENTS COMING FROM THE COMMUNITY AT THAT FEEDBACK SESSION WAS THAT THEY DID NOT TRUST THAT THE TAX REVENUE FROM MEASURE C WOULD--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SPEAKER: OH, THAT'S SO FAST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I KNOW, IT GOES GO FAST.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JACQUELINE AYER. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: YES. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU IS BASED ON A PATHWAY STUDY, WHICH SUPPORTS AN ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM POLICY THAT IS UNINFORMED, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR DEVASTATION CREATED IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WHERE HUGE, CARTEL-RUNNING ILLEGAL GROWS PERPETRATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING, THE ENSLAVEMENT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR, MURDER, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION. THE STUDY PERCEIVES ENFORCEMENT ONLY AS A TOOL OF OPPRESSION, AND IT IGNORES THE UNDENIABLE FACT THAT ENFORCEMENT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO ADDRESS THE HUGE ILLEGAL OPERATIONS IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT THAT IS

DESTROYING COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT. I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER, AND I AM OFFERING THIS TESTIMONY AS A SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERT. IF YOU WANT TO IMPOSE AN ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM ON SMALL-SCALE OPERATIONS, THAT IS ONE THING, BUT YOU MUST MAINTAIN A COMMITMENT TO ENFORCEMENT ON DEADLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY DESTRUCTIVE, CARTEL-RUN OPERATIONS, AND YOU MUST USE A PORTION OF THE REVENUE ACCRUED FROM CANNABIS TAXATION TO SUPPORT SUCH ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. ANOTHER CONCERN IS THAT THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE O.C.M. TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLANNED USE CANNABIS REVENUES--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SISOA QUINONES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, I ATTENDED THE MEETING IN LOS ANGELES, AND I WAS DISAPPOINTED IN THE PRESENTATION, AND I SAW IT AS NOT EQUITABLE. AND I THINK, IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS, YOU GOT TO DO IT RIGHT, AND IT WON'T BE EQUITABLE, THE WAY IT WAS PRESENTED. I WANT TO WORK WITH THE BOARD TO IMPROVE IT, BECAUSE THERE IS NO TRUST. YOU CAN HAVE PENNIES ON THE TAXES, BUT THE OWNERS OF THE DISPENSARIES, WHO ARE THEY GOING TO BE? WHITE, WEALTHY, AND THEY WILL DISPLACE THE SMALLER GROWERS,

EVEN IF THEY'RE-- THE ONES THAT ARE FUNDED NOW ARE FUNDED BY THE SAME ONES THAT WERE IN THE CITY, AND WHEN I HEARD THEY WERE GOING TO USE THE CITY MODEL, AND THEY WERE GOING TO USE THE SAME PROCESS, I WAS OUTRAGED. IT'S FULL OF CORRUPTION, AND IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF MORE RACISM. SO, WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD, BECAUSE WHAT I SAW, I WAS NOT HAPPY WITH AT ALL. WE NEED COMMUNITY COOPERATIVES IN BOTH BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, THAT WILL NOT ONLY RUN THE DISPENSARIES, BUT THE CULTIVATION. AND THEY HAVE TO BE COMMUNITY-OWNED. NO, WE DON'T TRUST IT GOING TO THE GENERAL FUND. YOU HAVE TO PUT A CAVEAT THAT IT GOES TO THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: SEGREGATED COMMUNITIES.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I SERVE AS COO OF ALMA, A SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, AND EARLY INTERVENTION, TO NAME A

FEW. I WANT TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR THIS MOTION, ITEM 12. [INAUDIBLE] WAS CREATED TO HELP REPAIR THE HARMS CAUSED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS. [INAUDIBLE] CANNOT USE TAX REVENUES FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, INCLUDING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAMS. SEVERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE PASSED LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES TO ALLOCATE PORTIONS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX REVENUES FOR SPECIFIC USES TO CLOSE SPENDING GAPS, AND TO START THE UNDERFUNDED SERVICES THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY BENEFITS. THE RECENTLY RELEASED CANNABIS EQUITY ASSESSMENT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ALLOCATING A PORTION OF CANNABIS TAX FUNDS BACK INTO COMMUNITIES TARGETED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS. REDIRECTING TAX REVENUES COULD HELP TO ADDRESS VARIOUS DISPARITIES, AND COULD BE USED TO PROMOTE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CREATE OR EXTEND HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMING--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDGAR TORRES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HOWDY. MY NAME IS EDGAR TORRES, AND I'M THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER FOR CATALYST CANNABIS CO., WHICH IS A REGULATED OPERATOR IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WITH 17 LOCATIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN INVESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT. FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR TIME, AND SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS FOR HER MOTION, ITEM 12, TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT SPENDING PLAN FOR FUTURE COUNTY BUSINESS TAX REVENUE. BEING IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, AND WORKING FOR LEGAL AND TRADITIONAL MARKET COMPANIES, I HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE DIFFERENCES IN BENEFITS THAT REGULATED CANNABIS COMES WITH; TO NAME A FEW, TAX REVENUES AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS. THE COUNTY MUST PLAN PROACTIVELY PLAN FOR COLLECTION AND REINVESTMENT OF FUTURE MEASURE C CANNABIS TAX REVENUES FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT PURPOSES IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. SEVERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE PASSED LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES TO ALLOCATE PORTIONS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX REVENUES FOR SPECIFIC USES, TO CLOSE SPENDING GAPS ON HISTORICALLY UNDERFUNDED SERVICES THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY BENEFITS. THIS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS WITH CANNABIS OPERATORS, HAVE EMPIRICALLY SHOWN TO UPLIFT COMMUNITIES, SUBSTANTIALLY AND EFFICIENTLY. CATALYST PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING COMMUNITY-FOCUSED, GIVING BACK IN FORMS SPANNING FROM BLOOD DRIVES TO [INAUDIBLE] CLINICS, UNHOUSED EVENTS, AND FOOD COLLECTION DRIVES, WHICH IS ALL DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL OUTLETS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. TAKE A BREATH. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA DIAZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION ON ITEM 12. I'M WORKING WITH THE GODDESS MERCADO, THE QUEER MERCADO, BUT I'M ALSO A SCHOOL COUNSELOR THAT HAS WORKED MOST RECENTLY IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHERE YOUTH THAT I WORK WITH ARE CRIMINALIZED FOR THE USE OF MARIJUANA. AND WHAT I HAVE LEARNED AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR: THAT A LOT OF THE YOUTH THAT HAVE OVERDOSED ON ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, BUT NEVER ON MARIJUANA, AND USE CANNABIS AS A WAY OF DEALING WITH TRAUMA AND THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. I URGE YOU TO PLEASE USE ANY OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED FOR THE REINVESTMENT, FOR PROGRAMS THAT WILL EDUCATE AND EMPOWER STUDENTS, PROVIDE HEALTHY AND ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE TRAUMA THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO IN OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS USING FUNDS FOR EDUCATION ON MEDICINAL PURPOSES TO BE CRIMINALIZED; TO EDUCATE PARENTS, AS WELL; FOR PREVENTION, FOR RESEARCH, FOR MORE REGULATION--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HEY. FIRST OF ALL, CONTRARY TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU SPEND EVERY PENNY THAT'S NECESSARY TO CRUSH ILLEGAL ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS OPERATION. THE OTHER THING IS, WHAT IS OUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT TODAY? THAT'S R.O.I. AND I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'VE EVEN BROKE EVEN. WHEN DID YOU PROJECT THE BREAK-EVEN SITUATION ON THAT? AND AS FAR AS LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS, ALLENDE FOX OF MEXICO SAYS, "IT'S TIME TO LEGALIZE ALL DRUGS." AND DO IT ACCORDINGLY BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, THE WAR ON DRUGS WAS DECLARED IN 1965, AND WHERE ARE WE TODAY? THE DRUG CARTELS ARE MAKING MORE MONEY AND DOING MORE DRUGS GOING ACROSS OUR BORDERS EVERY DAY, FOLKS. TIME TO GET SMART.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALESSANDRA VALDEZ. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: HELLO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M HERE-- HI. I'M HERE TO SPEAK TODAY IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING YES ON ITEM 54-A. MY NAME IS ALESSANDRA VALDEZ. I AM A TENANT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? HELLO. YOU WERE SO CHEERFUL, BUT YOU'RE ON THE WRONG ITEM. WE'RE ON ITEM 12. WE'RE ON 12, AND YOU'RE SPEAKING ON 54-A. SO, THAT'S NOT TILL A LITTLE BIT LATER. SO, NO PROBLEM.

SPEAKER: OKAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE. OKAY, IN PERSON. HERMAN HERMAN.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, HERMAN HERMAN.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, WE ALREADY KNOW THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS PUSHED FOR MEASURE 64, AND DENY US THE RIGHT TO HAVE A GOOD TOKE. HOWEVER, NOW YOU WANT TO TAX THE HARDWORKING CANNABIS PEOPLE FOR ALL THEIR ENDEAVORS TO PUT THE BUSINESS THAT YOU PUSHED UPON THE PUBLIC. BUT THE PUBLIC VOTED FOR MEASURE 64. THAT'S THE SAD PART, AND THAT'S THE GOOD PART. BUT THE PATHETIC PART IS, NOW YOU WANT TO REGULATE THEM LIKE THE MAFIA. AND THAT SEEMS TO BE A PERSPECTIVE OF AN ALLEGATION, BECAUSE WHY ARE THERE SO MANY POT SHOPS POPPING UP, HILDA SOLIS? WHY? AND, MS. HOLLY MITCHELL, WHY ARE THE YOUTH BEING INTRODUCED TO FENTANYL, WHEN YOU COULD STOP THEM AT THE BORDER BEFORE THEY COME IN? SO, THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT-- YES, WE PASSED MEASURE 64. LOVE IT, SUCK IT, OR LEAVE IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THAT'S IT. OKAY. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS? OKAY. HEARING NO COMMENTS, ITEM 12 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 12, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 13, SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE, AND MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN

ZERO NOW, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 13. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU, CHAIRWOMAN HAHN, FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC. YOU MET WITH THE PRESIDENT LAST WEEK, ON HIS VISIT HERE TO MONTEREY PARK, AND I KNOW THIS WAS FRONT AND CENTER FOR ALL OF US. HE CAME TO SPEAK TO OUR COMMUNITY OF MONTEREY PARK, ESPECIALLY THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS, REGARDING THE MASSIVE SHOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE. AND IT WAS A GOOD THING FOR HIM TO DO TO BE THERE. HE WAS NEEDED. IT WAS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE. AND I JUST WANT TO SHARE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WAS THAT OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE, DESPITE WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT TRAGIC EVENT. IT WAS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT. HE WAS ISSUING HIS EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE. AND, COLLEAGUES, YOU ALL KNOW WE HAVE A VERY STRONG RECORD OF STANDING UP FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF GUN-RELATED VIOLENCE, AND WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY, OVER THE YEARS, CREATED STRONGER LOCAL ORDINANCES TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SUPPORTED STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM GUN VIOLENCE. PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER CALLS ON CONGRESS DO THE FOLLOWING: BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES; REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL GUN SALES; REQUIRING SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS; AND EXPANDING COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND

PREVENTION STRATEGIES. DOES THAT SOUND FAMILIAR? BECAUSE WE'VE DONE IT. THIS BOARD HAS ALREADY SUPPORTED MANY OF THOSE ACTIONS THROUGH OUR VARIOUS MOTIONS. SO, THEREFORE, I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT ON US TO ALSO LEND SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER. SO, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR AN AYE VOTE. MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANKS FOR ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS. YES, I THOUGHT IT WAS SO IMPORTANT THAT PRESIDENT BIDEN CAME HERE AND CHOSE TO GO TO MONTEREY PARK, WHERE YOU MET WITH HIM, AS WELL AS FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SHOOTING OUT THERE. AND I UNDERSTAND HE HAS SUCH A GREAT WAY OF CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE, AS HE'S EXPERIENCED THAT LOSS IN HIS OWN LIFE, AND I HEAR HE'S REALLY POWERFUL WHEN HE SPEAKS TO THE GRIEF IN OTHER'S HEARTS. BUT I DO APPRECIATE THAT HE IS DOING WHAT HE CAN TO FIGHT GUN VIOLENCE, WHILE HE WAITS ALONG WITH THE REST OF US FOR CONGRESS TO ACT AND REALLY PASS SOME LEGISLATION THAT COULD PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE. AND HIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, THOUGH, IS A GOOD STEP, AND IT DOES THINGS LIKE STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT AGAINST GUN DEALERS WHO BREAK THE LAW, ENCOURAGE THE USE OF RED FLAG LAWS AND SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS, AND ENSURE THAT BALLISTIC DATA IS REPORTED IN A TIMELY FASHION. OKAY, I THINK TO SAY THAT I MET WITH THE PRESIDENT IS A HUGE EXAGGERATION. I STOOD ON THE TARMAC WITH AN UMBRELLA IN THE

POURING RAIN WHEN HE STEPPED OFF AIR FORCE ONE, AND THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES AND I GREETED HIM AND WELCOMED HIM. BUT IN MY TWO MINUTES THAT I HAD BEFORE HE GOT INTO HIS MOTORCADE TO GO TO WHERE YOU WERE, HE'S LIKE, "I CAN'T TALK TO YOU. I'M HEADING TO WHERE HILDA SOLIS IS."

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, I SAW YOUR PICTURE ALL OVER THE NEWSPAPERS WITH HIM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, IT'S TRUE. WE DID TAKE A QUICK SELFIE. BUT I DID TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO SAY-- ESPECIALLY ON THE RED FLAG LAW. I SAID, "THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING IN L.A. COUNTY." WE REALIZE THAT THE RED FLAG IS ON THE BOOKS, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, SO OUR IDEA HERE IN L.A. COUNTY WAS TO EDUCATE MORE PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT IT. AND THEN, LIKE I SAID, HE'S LIKE, "I GOT TO GET TO HILDA." SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, BUT I THINK WE ALSO ARE CLEAR THAT, UNTIL CONGRESS ACTS ON REALLY PASSING SIGNIFICANT, MEANINGFUL GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION LEGISLATION, WE WILL STILL BE IN THIS SITUATION WHERE SOME STATES HAVE GOOD LAWS, OTHERS DON'T, BUT IT'S SO EASY TO BUY GUNS IN OTHER STATES AND BRING THEM HERE, AND COMMIT HORRIFIC ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SO, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT HE'S SENDING A BIG MESSAGE ON WHAT HE CAN DO TO HELP US, AS WE TRY TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE HERE IN

L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS? OKAY. PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL ANTHONY GARCIA, HERMAN HERMAN, AND RED CHIEF HUNT PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MATTHEW SULLIVAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MATTHEW, AND I'M A LONG BEACH RESIDENT. I URGE YOU NOT TO PUT ANY MORE RESTRICTIONS ON LAWFUL GUN OWNERS. IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY, HOW ABOUT POLICING AND ARRESTING THE 20% OF CRIMINALS THAT CAUSE 80% OF THE CRIMES? IT'S LAUGHABLE THAT YOU CLAIM TO BE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE, WHEN YOU AND THE D.A. ALLOW CRIMINALS TO BE RELEASED WITH NO BAIL, PERMIT HOMELESS TO OVERTAKE PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC AREAS. CALIFORNIA ALREADY HAS SOME OF THE MOST STRINGENT GUN CONTROL LAWS IN THE NATION, YET THE CRIME CONTINUES. IT IS NOT THE LAWFUL GUN OWNERS THAT ARE CAUSING THE CRIMES. DON'T PRETEND OTHERWISE. IT IS THE CRIMINALS THAT ARE DOING IT, AND YOU ALLOW IT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CINDY WU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS CINDY WU, AND I'M A BOARD MEMBER WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 8 SCHOOLS AND ABOUT 5,000 STUDENTS, FROM K-8, IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA, AN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION, WHICH EMBRACES THE 13 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND 80 K-12 SCHOOL TRUSTEES IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA. GUN VIOLENCE IS A NATIONAL CRISIS, AND AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN WORKING WITH THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE, VICTIMS ARE SUFFERING FROM P.T.S.D., BEING A WITNESS TO GUN VIOLENCE IN THE MOST RECENT MONTEREY PARK SHOOTING, EVEN HAVING A 20-DAY PERIOD DUE TO P.T.S.D. WE NEED TO ENSURE OUR STUDENTS ARE SAFE AND PROTECTED, THROUGH OUR SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY. ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN, AS SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD HAVE ALREADY PUT FORTH MANY MOTIONS, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. I FULLY SUPPORT PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: AND I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR'S MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC CHEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MY NAME IS ERIC CHEN, AND I AM A PASTOR WITH THE P.C.U.S.A. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DENOMINATION, AND I'VE BEEN WORKING MOST RECENTLY WITH THE VICTIMS OF THE MONTEREY PARK SHOOTING. AND I'M CALLING TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER. I KNOW FIRSTHAND, FROM SPEAKING WITH MANY OF THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THAT THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF GUNS IN THE WRONG HANDS IN THIS COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY THE SHOOTER, WHO WENT IN ON THAT FATEFUL NIGHT, AND HIS GUN WAS ALTERED TO HAVE A ROUND OF MAGAZINES THAT HAD 30 BULLETS IN IT. AND NO ONE IN AMERICA NEEDS A GUN THAT BASICALLY FUNCTIONS LIKE AN ASSAULT WEAPON, A WEAPON OF WAR. AND MANY FAMILIES WOULD LAKE TO SEE MORE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP.

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

SPEAKER: SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RENITA ARMSTRONG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS RENITA ARMSTRONG. I'M WITH THE BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WE HAVE 3 HIGH SCHOOLS AND 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. I AM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD, AND JUST LAST NIGHT, WE HAD A TOWN HALL MEETING TO GET OUR PARENTS INVOLVED. AND I AM ALSO A MOTHER, AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN STILL IN SCHOOL. SO, AS PARENTS AND EDUCATORS, IT IS AN UNFATHOMABLE THOUGHT TO LOSE A CHILD AND STUDENT IN WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SAFE HAVEN. SO, WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS, BECAUSE IT IS UP TO ALL OF US-- PARENTS, EDUCATORS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS-- TO WORK TOGETHER AND ENSURE OUR SAFETY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

THREATS. WE CAN UNITE AND LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND WE CAN SPARK CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, TO HELP MINIMIZE THE RISK OF TRAGEDY FROM REOCCURRING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARY CARAPIDIAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. YES, HI. HELLO. MY NAME IS CARY CARAPIDIAN. I'M A TENANT IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. I'M LIVING IN GLENDALE, AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES TO ITEM 54-A, AND ENSURE THAT TENANTS--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE'RE NOT-- I'M SORRY. WE'RE NOT ON THAT ITEM. WE'RE ON ITEM 13. 54-A WILL BE LATER IN THE AGENDA. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER ON ITEM 13.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WE HAVE NO MORE TELEPHONIC. WE'LL GO INTO IN-PERSON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. HERMAN, ARE YOU UP?

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, A DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT'S 562 U.S. 443, MS. ATTORNEY, DEALING WITH NOT BLESSED, JUST CURSED,

BECAUSE OUR DUMDUM 46TH PRESIDENT HAS CURSED AMERICA, AND WE ARE DOOMED. WE ARE DOOMED. THAT'S WHY WE NEED BAGDASARIAN VS. UNITED STATES OF PASADENA: TO GIVE ME THE SECOND AMENDMENT, TO PROTECT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH A .50-CALLBIER, IF I COULD. BECAUSE NO ONE HERE IS GOING TO SAVE AMERICA. YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF COWARDS. YOU'RE ALL HIDING BEHIND A GLASS DOOR TO NOT REALITY, BUT STUPIDITY. GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE. PEOPLE WHO MISUSE GUNS KILL OTHER PEOPLE. I USE A GUN TO HUNT. I USE A GUN TO PROTECT MYSELF. AND NOW I'M [EXPLETIVE], FOR THE RECORD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 13 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'LL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 16: PROCLAIMING CESAR CHAVEZ DAY 2023. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE

PRESS 1 THEN ZERO NOW, TO COMMENT ON ITEM 16: PROCLAIMING CESAR CHAVEZ DAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW MANY OF US HERE MAY KNOW HIS STORY, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT DON'T, OUT IN OUR COUNTY. CESAR CHAVEZ, AS SOME MAY KNOW, WAS BORN ON MARCH 31, IN 1927. HE SPENT MUCH OF HIS YOUTH AS A MIGRANT FARM WORKER WITH HIS FAMILY. HIS LIFE IN THE FIELD PROVIDED HIM WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE OF THE MISTREATMENT, LOW WAGES, AND DEPLORABLE WORKING CONDITIONS AFFECTING MIGRANT FARM WORKERS. CESAR CHAVEZ WAS COMMITTED TO MAKING A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. CESAR CHAVEZ BECAME A LABOR ORGANIZER BACK IN THE 1950'S. HE FORMED THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION IN 1962, AND LATER JOINED FORCES WITH THE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, TO INITIALLY THEN FORM THE NATIONAL UNITED FARM WORKERS. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, CESAR CHAVEZ WAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF LEADING MARCHES, HUNGER STRIKES, AND BOYCOTTS, TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF THE MANY FARM WORKERS. CESAR CHAVEZ USED NONVIOLENT MEANS TO BOTH BRING NATIONAL FOCUS AND DRIVE CHANGE TO IMPROVE THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS, AS WELL AS TO HELP THEM SECURE MEDICAL COVERAGE, FAIR WAGES, AND BENEFITS. HIS SLOGAN, AS WE ALL KNOW-- "SI, SE PUEDE"-- MEANS, "YES, WE CAN," AND IT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD, TO THIS VERY DAY. IN 2004, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHED AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY

FOR CESAR CHAVEZ, AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA LATER DECLARED CESAR CHAVEZ DAY A FEDERAL COMMEMORATIVE HOLIDAY IN 2014. AND HERE AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON 2017, WE JOINED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ESTABLISHING A HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY, AND THE LEGACY OF THIS CIVIL RIGHTS ICON. AND TODAY I'M PROUD TO LEAD THE MOTION IN PROCLAIMING MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, AS CESAR CHAVEZ DAY. THE MOTION ALSO INSTRUCTS ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSESSOR, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, TO WORK WITH THE LIBRARY, LA PLAZA CULTURA Y ARTES, AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, IN PROMOTING AND SPONSORING THEIR CESAR CHAVEZ DAY-RELATED EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES. IT ALSO ENCOURAGES OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEERING EFFORTS, AS WELL AS EVENTS BEING HELD THROUGHOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES, TO COMMEMORATE THE LEGACY OF CESAR CHAVEZ. AND THIS FRIDAY, AHEAD OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ DAY, I'LL ALSO BE HONORING 9 INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE HIS LEGACY. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING: DAVID DIAZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE S.G.V.; HECTOR BARAJAS, A VETERAN AND FOUNDER OF STOP DEPORTING VETERANS; ELIZABETH RENTERIA, CLINICAL CHIEF OFFICER AT TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH, AN AZUSA COMMUNITY ADVOCATE; LOURDES SAAB, CHIEF OF - PROTOCOL HERE AT OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF PROTOCOL; ERIKA ANZOATEGUI, OUR L.A. COUNTY ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER; JACKIE CONTRERAS, OUR DIRECTOR OF

D.P.S.S.; NORMA EDITH GARCIAS-GONZALEZ, OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; ESPERANZA IMMIGRATION RIGHTS PROJECT AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES; AND THE IMMIGRATION CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SERVICE, ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, AND LET'S CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE WHAT CESAR CHAVEZ TAUGHT US ALL TO DO: IN A NONVIOLENT WAY, TO SPREAD PEACE, HARMONY, AND LEADERSHIP AND PROTECTION FOR ALL WORKERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I'M HAPPY, ON MARCH 27TH, WE WILL CELEBRATE CESAR CHAVEZ DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS DAY OF COMMEMORATION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CESAR CHAVEZ MADE IN OUR HOME STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE DAILY LIVES OF SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WOULD LOOK VERY DIFFERENT TODAY, IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIS DECADES OF DEDICATION. HIS WORK AND MESSAGE ARE IMPORTANT, AND I'M GLAD THAT OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES, THE PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ALL HAVE CESAR CHAVEZ DAY-RELATED EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN ATTEND IN PERSON. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO

GIVE A PLUG FOR ONE OF OUR LOCAL DISTRICT-3 EVENTS. FOR OVER 20 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ MARCH FOR JUSTICE. I'M PROUD TO CONTINUE THAT TRADITION. THIS YEAR, WE'RE SPONSORING THEIR 27TH ANNUAL EVENT, WHICH WILL BE ON MARCH 26, FROM 10:00 TO 3:00 P.M. THE RALLY STARTING POINT WILL BE AT PACOIMA CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE CULTURAL AND RESOURCE FAIR WILL BE AT RITCHIE VALENS RECREATION CENTER. AND I INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN THE MARCH FOR JUSTICE, AND SUPPORT THE WORK AND MESSAGE THAT CESAR CHAVEZ EXEMPLIFIED. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND LET ME ALSO SAY THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IT IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT TIME TO HONOR CESAR AND HIS LEGACY, AND HIS MESSAGE OF NONVIOLENCE. AND, REALLY, WHEN HE WAS DOING HIS HUNGER STRIKES AND HIS MARCHING FOR THE FARM WORKERS, WHO WERE WORKING IN SUCH DIRE CONDITIONS. AND MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T REALIZE, WHEN THEY HAD THEIR FOOD ON THEIR TABLE, WHERE IT CAME FROM, HOW HARD THE WORKERS WORKED, AND HE REALLY WAS LIFTING UP THEIR STORIES. I REMEMBER MY MOM, WHO REALLY WAS NOT AN ACTIVIST BY ANY SENSE OF THE WORD. SHE KIND OF JUST WAS A GREAT LITTLE HOMEMAKER. BUT SHE WAS SO MOVED BY CESAR'S ASKING FOR THE BOYCOTT OF GRAPES AND LETTUCE, FROM AVERAGE-- I DON'T MEAN THIS IN A DEMEANING WAY, BUT HOUSEWIVES. AND HE WAS GETTING HIS MESSAGE TO THEM, AND MY MOTHER QUIT BUYING GRAPES AND

LETTUCE. AND-- I KNOW, RIGHT? AND TOLD US ABOUT IT AT THE DINNER TABLE, WHY SHE WAS DOING THAT. AND I THINK THAT WAS HIS STRATEGY. IT WAS BRILLIANT: TO GET PEOPLE WHO WERE JUST USED TO GOING TO THE GROCERY STORE AND BUYING THESE THINGS TO STOP BUYING THEM, BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS. SO, A GREAT OPPORTUNITY ALWAYS, EVERY YEAR, TO LIFT UP CESAR AND HIS, AGAIN, MESSAGE OF NONVIOLENCE, AND LIFTING UP THOSE ESSENTIAL WORKERS. WE DIDN'T CALL THEM THAT, AT THAT POINT, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE. SO, THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF-- OH, WAIT. I HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE ON HERE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. OH, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. SORRY.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST-- I AM PROUD TO BE A RESIDENT OF A COUNTY THAT HONORED HIS MEMORY AND HIS LEGACY BY DECLARING IT A HOLIDAY, BUT I ALWAYS FEEL A LITTLE AWKWARD WHEN WE CONSIDER THESE HOLIDAYS, BECAUSE THESE REALLY SHOULD BE DAYS OF SERVICE, LIKE DR. KING'S BIRTHDAY, AS WELL AS CAESAR; TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT THEY CONTRIBUTED, INDIVIDUALLY, PERSONALLY GIVING THEIR LIVES, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVED IN. AND SO I JUST HOPE THAT WE ALL FIND OPPORTUNITIES, CONSIDERING WHAT WE ARE FACING RIGHT NOW AS A COUNTRY, THAT WE AREN'T AS FAR FROM THOSE TIMES AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE, IN TERMS OF FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS IN UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES. SO, I JUST HOPE THAT

EVERYONE WILL CONSIDER SOME ACT OF SERVICE IN HIS HONOR, ON HIS BIRTHDAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MOTION.

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

SUP. BARGER: AND ACTUALLY, I WILL ADD ON TO THAT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE, WHILE WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN MY DISTRICT, I HAVE A LOT OF AGRICULTURE, AND WAGE THEFT IS STILL A PROBLEM. AND IT IS SOMETHING THIS BOARD HAS ADDRESSED, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT CESAR CHAVEZ FOCUSED ON, WAS THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NOT BEING PAID FOR THE WORK THAT THEY WERE DOING; A PROPER WAGE FOR THE WORK THEY WERE DOING. AND SOME WERE NOT BEING PAID AT ALL. THEY WERE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. AND THAT IS HAPPENING, AND IT'S HAPPENING IN AGRICULTURE, BUT ALSO WITH ILLEGAL CANNABIS, AS WELL. AND SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT, AND CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY BY MAKING SURE THAT THIS DOESN'T CONTINUE TO HAPPEN IN L.A. COUNTY. SO I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW, ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, THERE'S TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO TO THEM.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS RENITA ARMSTRONG. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. THIS IS RENITA ARMSTRONG, FROM BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WITH A TOTAL OF 13 SCHOOLS, AND I AM EXCITED TO HAVE THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. YOU KNOW, CAESAR CHAVEZ, HE WAS A GREAT TEACHER, AND HE LOVED STUDENTS. AND HE HAD TEN CORE VALUES, WHICH WAS SERVICE TO OTHERS, SACRIFICE, A PREFERENCE TO HELP , THE MOST NEEDY, DETERMINATION, NONVIOLENCE, ACCEPTANCE, RESPECT FOR LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, KNOWLEDGE, AND INNOVATION. WE NEED TO CELEBRATE HIM, AND LEARN. SUCH A GREAT TEACHER, SO MUCH TO LEARN FROM HIM, AND THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE RIGHT NOW, TODAY, ARE STILL CONNECTED TO HIM. IF WE DON'T GET TO TEHACHAPI, WHERE LA PAZ IS-- YOU KNOW, HE HAS A BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL PARK IN LA PAZ, AND THAT'S WHERE HE DID HIS GROUNDWORK. SO MUCH HISTORY. HE HAS A SON THAT HAS TURNED 66 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES.

SPEAKER: WHICH IS, UNFORTUNATELY, HOW OLD CESAR CHAVEZ WAS WHEN HE PASSED AWAY.

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

SPEAKER: SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M LOVING THIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO MEET HIS SON PAUL, AND HIS DAUGHTER ELOISE, WHO TALKED ABOUT WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO GROW UP AS HIS KIDS. YEAH, FASCINATING. THANK YOU FOR THAT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, FOLKS, JUST FOR A LITTLE CATCH-UP ON THINGS. NUMBER ONE, CAESAR CHAVEZ WAS NOT FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. HE WANTED EVERYBODY TO BE LEGALLY COMING INTO THE UNITED STATES AS A FARM WORKERS. AND NUMBER TWO ON THE SITUATION IS THAT NOT ONLY DID HE WANT THEM TO BE LEGAL, BUT-- WHY DON'T WE LOOK AND REMEMBER ABOUT THE SPANISH/MEXICANS AND THE PATRON SYSTEM, IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT HUMAN SLAVERY DOWN IN MEXICO, WHERE THEY CAME FROM? IT'S VERY INTERESTING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SISOA QUINONES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. THE ONLY QUESTION IS [SPEAKS SPANISH]. I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHY IT'S NOT ON THE 31ST, THE DAY OF HIS BIRTHDAY. THANK YOU. IN SUPPORT.

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

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. I SIMPLY WANTED TO SHARE THAT I THINK IT IS WONDERFUL THAT WE HAVE CELEBRATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SACRIFICES OF ALL OF THESE HEROES, ESPECIALLY CAESAR CHAVEZ. BUT I RECALL SOMETHING THAT DR. KING'S DAUGHTER BERNICE SAID: "HE IS GONE NOW, AND WHO WILL CARRY THE BANNER BEHIND HIM?" AND SO, WHILE WE CELEBRATE, AND WE PUT ON A PEDESTAL THE GREAT THINGS THESE PEOPLE HAVE DONE, I THINK THAT WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT ARE ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT ARE NOT BEING ADDRESSED. AND DON'T OVERSHADOW THAT WITH A CELEBRATION. THANK YOU.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ANYBODY IN--

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IS THERE AN ECHO IN HERE? OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 16 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 16 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 28, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR INVESTMENT POLICY, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW, TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE DO HAVE KEITH KNOX; OUR TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR IS HERE. I JUST THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE TIMELY, TO HEAR FROM OUR TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR ABOUT OUR INVESTMENT POLICY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK WE HAVE ALL WATCHED THE NEWS AGAIN, OF BANKS

COLLAPSING, AND MAINLY, LIKE AVERAGE FOLKS, BEING ANXIOUS AND NERVOUS; YOU KNOW, WORRIED ABOUT RUNS ON BANKS. IT REMINDS US A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN 2008, BUT IT ALSO REMINDS ME OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH ORANGE COUNTY IN THE 90'S, WHEN THAT WHOLE COUNTY WENT BANKRUPT BECAUSE OF RISKY INVESTMENTS. AND I JUST WANTED TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM OUR L.A. COUNTY'S TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, KEITH KNOX. AND MAYBE, KEITH, YOU CAN JUST START THIS OFF, AND THEN IF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SOME COMMENTS. GIVE US YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THE SITUATION, MAYBE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE BANKS. ONE OF THEM WAS IN CALIFORNIA, THE SILICON VALLEY BANK. AND, YOU KNOW, IF WE-- HOW ARE OUR INVESTMENTS? HAVE WE HAD ANY INVESTMENTS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TIED TO THESE BANKS WHICH COLLAPSED? HAVE YOU KIND OF REVIEWED OUR INVESTMENTS, AS A RESULT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING? I MEAN, WE JUST WANT TO KNOW, AS A COUNTY, THAT OUR INVESTMENTS ARE SOLID AND PRUDENT. BUT I DO THINK, YOU KNOW, MAYBE EVEN THE PUBLIC IS A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING. SO, KEITH, DID YOU WANT TO START IT OFF? SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU WANT TO-- OKAY. LET'S LET KEITH START THIS OFF.

KEITH KNOX: SURE. THANK YOU, CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISORS. GOOD AFTERNOON. ALSO WITH ME, I HAVE DAMIA JOHNSON, WHO IS OUR ASSISTANT TREASURER OVER INTERNAL CONTROLS, AND SHE IS THE ONE THAT HOLDS US ACCOUNTABLE AND MAKES SURE WE ADHERE TO OUR INVESTMENT POLICY AT ALL TIMES. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANTED

TO MENTION AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TREASURY POOL DID NOT HAVE ANY INVESTMENTS IN SILICON VALLEY BANK, SIGNATURE BANK, FIRST REPUBLIC, OR CREDIT SUISSE. WE DO NOT HAVE A DEPOSITORY RELATIONSHIP, EITHER, WITH ANY OF THOSE BANKS. FROM EVERYTHING WE HAVE READ AND HEARD-- AND I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN THE NEWS-- IT'S LARGELY AN ISSUE OF LIQUIDITY, AND THE FACT THAT IN THE CASE OF SILICON VALLEY, IT WAS VERY MUCH A LIKE-MINDED SET OF DEPOSITORS THAT THEY HAD, THAT THEY WERE ALL IN THE TECH INDUSTRY, FOR THE MOST PART, AND WERE FUNDED BY VENTURE CAPITALIST FIRMS THAT WERE ALSO DEPOSITING IN THE BANK. SO, THERE WAS A LACK OF DIVERSIFICATION, IN TERMS OF THEIR BUSINESS LINES; ALSO, A LACK OF DIVERSIFICATION IN TERMS OF THEIR INVESTMENTS, WHICH WERE EXTENDED OUT FOR A LONGER PERIOD, TO TRY AND SQUEEZE AS MUCH RETURN AS THEY COULD. AS THE INTEREST RATES INCREASED, AS SOME OF THE CASH DRIED UP, DEPOSITORS WENT TO LOOK FOR THEIR MONEY. I THINK THEY ALSO KIND OF FUELED THAT RUN ON THE BANK THAT WE ALL HEARD ABOUT: LIKE-MINDED DEPOSITORS ALL TRYING TO GET ACCESS TO THEIR CASH AT THE SAME TIME. THE BANK HAD A HARD TIME LIQUIDATING AND SELLING INVESTMENTS THAT WERE UNDERWATER, LONG TERM. TO PICK UP ON YOUR NEXT COMMENT, IN TERMS OF OUR INVESTMENTS, I THINK WHAT THIS DOES IS REAFFIRM THE TENETS OF OUR INVESTMENT POLICY, WHICH, UNDER THE GOVERNMENT CODE, PRIORITIZES IN THIS ORDER: THE SAFETY OF THE INVESTMENTS, FIRST AND FOREMOST. THEY HAVE TO BE SECURE. SECOND TO THAT IS THE LIQUIDITY, WHICH WAS,

AGAIN, THAT HUGE ISSUE FOR SILICON VALLEY BANK. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR POOL HAVE THE MONEY THAT THEY NEED TO PAY THEIR BILLS, TO FUND THEIR PAYROLL, ET CETERA. ONCE WE SATISFY SAFETY AND LIQUIDITY, THEN WE CAN FOCUS ON GETTING THE BEST RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENTS, AND PUTTING OUR MONEY TO WORK. UNLIKE SILICON VALLEY, THAT HAD EXTENDED INVESTMENTS, I LIKE TO MENTION THAT OUR INVESTMENT TIMELINE LOOKS A LOT LIKE A BARBELL. SO, ON THE FRONT END, WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR INVESTMENTS THAT ARE ONE TO TWO MONTHS OUT. VERY SHORT, VERY LIQUID, IF WE NEED THEM. OUT SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE ANOTHER BIG CHUNK OF MONEY THAT'S SITTING THERE, EARNING, OR GETTING A GOOD RETURN FOR US. AND THEN SPRINKLED IN BETWEEN THESE TWO LARGE AMOUNTS ARE THINGS OVER ONE TO TWO TO THREE YEARS. WE HAVE HISTORICAL DATA THAT SHOWS US PROJECTIONS ON HOW MUCH WE NEED: ONE YEAR OUT, ONE MONTH OUT, NEXT DAY OUT. AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE AN EXTRA CUSHION, SHOULD WE NEED IT, JUST IN RESERVE, TO FUND THOSE THAT NEED THE MONEY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, YOU WOULD SAY-- BECAUSE WE ARE HERE TO VOTE ON YOUR INVESTMENT POLICY; OUR INVESTMENT POLICY. SO, JUST LISTENING TO YOU, WOULD YOU SAY THAT THIS POLICY THAT'S BEFORE US WILL PROTECT THE COUNTY AND DEPOSITORS IN THE TREASURY POOL?

KEITH KNOX: CORRECT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND BASED ON-- DID ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED RECENTLY MAKE YOU RELOOK AT OUR INVESTMENT POLICY, OR DO YOU FEEL LIKE THAT JUST PRETTY MUCH AFFIRMED AND VALIDATED YOUR CURRENT INVESTMENT POLICY?

KEITH KNOX: DEFINITELY REAFFIRMED. THIS IS AN INVESTMENT POLICY THAT OUR DEPARTMENT, MY PREDECESSORS, THE BOARD, THE SUPERVISORS IN THE PAST, THAT WE COLLABORATED ON THIS VERY CONSERVATIVE, CONSISTENT PRACTICE THAT WE HAVE, OF ADHERING NOT JUST TO GOVERNMENT CODE, BUT ACTUALLY BEING EVEN A LITTLE MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN GOVERNMENT CODE ALLOWS US. MY INVESTMENT TEAM IS EVEN A LITTLE MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN THE BOUNDARIES THAT YOUR INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD ALLOWS US TO BE. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE CONSERVATIVE AND CONSISTENT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT, IS PROTECTING THE MONEY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I HAVE ON THE QUEUE SUPERVISOR BARGER, THEN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. BARGER: FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, BECAUSE, I MEAN, IT IS VERY CONFUSING, BUT IT IS INTERESTING THAT ONE OF THE CAUSES WAS THAT IT WAS ALL INVESTING IN LIKE-MINDED, PROBABLY...

WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR? NEW TECH. AND SO, A LOT OF THAT LIQUIDITY THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, I KNOW, IN MY DISTRICT, WITH A LOT OF STARTUPS, A LOT OF THEIR MONEY WAS TIED UP, UP THERE. AND SO IT IS, OBVIOUSLY, FOCUSED MORE ON THE SILICON VALLEY-TYPE INDUSTRIES. BUT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND: DO YOU THINK THAT THE INCREASING INTEREST RATES-- OR ARE THEY GOING TO HAPPEN-- BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR BORROWING ABILITY, OR ANY OF OUR OWN INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?

KEITH KNOX: IN TERMS OF OUR BORROWING ABILITY, WE HAVE VERY GOOD RATINGS. WE HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO CAPITAL WHEN WE NEED IT. AS INTEREST RATES GO UP, WE WILL CERTAINLY PAY A LITTLE MORE WHEN WE BORROW THAN WE DID WHEN THEY WERE LOW. SO, ON ONE HAND, WE ARE SEEING OUR EARNINGS RATE ON OUR POOL INCREASE. IT'S GONE FROM UNDER 1%, A YEAR AGO, TO NOW IT IS OVER 3%, WHICH IS GOOD ON THE REVENUE SIDE. BUT, AGAIN, WHEN WE DO BORROW MONEY, WE WILL PAY A LITTLE MORE OF A PREMIUM FOR THAT.

SUP. BARGER: AND WHAT IS OUR CEILING, AS IT RELATES TO HOW MUCH WE FLOAT IN BONDS? IS IT 10%? I MEAN, ISN'T THERE A PERCENTAGE, IN TERMS OF WHAT THIS COUNTY WILL ALLOCATE IN BONDS?

KEITH KNOX: YEAH. IT CAN BE A MEASURE OF A PERCENTAGE OF OUR UNRESTRICTED REVENUES. I HATE TO PUT A PERCENTAGE ON IT RIGHT NOW. AS WE TELL THE RATING AGENCIES EVERY YEAR, OUR DEBT BURDEN IS VERY MODEST, GIVEN OUR UNRESTRICTED REVENUES.

SUP. BARGER: AND SO, WITH THE HIGH INTEREST RATES, THAT WOULD IMPACT, AS WELL, WHEN WE WOULD WANT TO GET BONDS FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS, CORRECT?

KEITH KNOX: AGAIN, IT WOULD JUST BE REFLECTED IN THE PRICE WE WOULD PAY, WHEN WE BORROWED MONEY. IT WOULD BE HIGHER THAN IT WOULD HAVE WHEN INTEREST RATES WERE LOWER.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. WELL, I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. I MEAN, I TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT, BOTH HERE, WITH WHAT THE COUNTY DOES, BUT ALSO WITH OUR [INAUDIBLE] IN L.A.C.E.R.A.-- WHICH YOU SIT ON THE BOARD OF L.A.C.E.R.A.-- WE'RE MINDFUL OF BEING CONSERVATIVE, AS IT RELATES TO THE WAY WE INVEST, BUT ALSO IN HOW WE ALLOCATE THE MONEY TO DIFFERENT BANKS, ET CETERA. SO, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNOX, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. A COUPLE THINGS I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR. FIRST OF ALL, I WAS VERY RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT YOU CONSIDER ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE SCORES OF COMPANIES IN THE COUNTY'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT. AND ALSO THAT YOU'VE WORKED WITH MY OFFICE, REALLY, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT REWARDING DISCRIMINATORY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BY BANKING WITH THEM. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT LENS THAT YOU'RE USING. WHAT STRUCK ME IN YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE FAILED BANKS, RECENTLY, AND YOU TALKED ABOUT LIKE-MINDED INVESTORS, WHICH WAS MY ASSUMPTION. I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR FROM SOME L.A. COUNTY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHO USED THE SILICON VALLEY BANK, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE SOUTH L.A. LAND TRUST, I HEARD, FRANKLY, THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE. AND SO I AM WONDERING: IS THERE ANYTHING WE NEED TO DO PROACTIVELY, AS THE COUNTY, OR BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDED INSTITUTIONS OR BANKING PRODUCTS THAT ARE MEETING, PERHAPS, THE NEEDS OF NEW, INNOVATIVE KIND OF ORGANIZATIONS, SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO BANK OUTSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY.

KEITH KNOX: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I THINK, THERE, WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR BANKING PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE. THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US, BECAUSE THEY ALSO HELP

US FACILITATE BUSINESS WHEN THE COUNTY NEEDS TO FACILITATE BUSINESS. BUT WE ALSO TALK TO THEM SIGNIFICANTLY ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT EFFORTS, AND THE SERVICES AND THE PRODUCTS THAT THEY ARE OFFERING TO OUR BUSINESSES, BECAUSE WE WANT TO RETAIN BUSINESSES IN OUR COUNTY, AND OFFER SERVICES AND PRODUCTS TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, WHO WE WANT TO HAVE SAFE, SECURE ACCESS TO A DIVERSE SET OF BANKS, AS WELL. SO, THAT'S WHERE WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR RELATIONSHIP.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD QUESTION. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, YOUR GREAT STEWARDSHIP OF OUR FUNDS, AND TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES WHICH YOU PUT IN PLACE IN 2021, WHICH I FULLY SUPPORT PLACING A GREATER EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WHEN THE COUNTY'S MAKING INVESTMENT CHOICES. WITH OVER $50 BILLION IN INVESTMENTS, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE OUR MONEY TO INVEST IN THE THINGS THAT REFLECT OUR VALUES, AND SO I THANK THIS BOARD FOR MAKING THOSE CHOICES, AND WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION HERE TODAY.

KEITH KNOX: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I SEE NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

SPEAKER: WILL DONALD HARLAN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, IS THERE SOMEONE IN PERSON? OH, YES. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I AM DONALD HARLAND, AND THIS IS ABOUT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 28. THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR WANTS TO SPEND THE MONEY FROM THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. IF THE TAX REVENUE FROM THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES BELONGS TO THOSE PEOPLE, WHY IS THE COUNTY IN THERE SPENDING MONEY ON UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF THE COUNTY? THAT'S MY MONEY. ANOTHER THING IS, THERE'S LOTS OF ATTEMPTS BY THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO GRAB MONEY-- FROM ANYWHERE. IT'S UNINCORPORATED, THEY WANT TO DEVELOP IT. IF THERE'S OPEN LAND, THEY WANT TO DEVELOP IT.

THEY WANT THE MONEY. ALL OF THOSE PROPERTIES THAT YOU HAVE ENDORSED FOR REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT ARE ILLEGAL, ALL COME OFF YOUR TAX BASE. ALL OF THEM. THAT INCLUDES THIS MONEY YOU ARE TRYING TO STEAL.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANKS AGAIN TO BOTH OF YOU FOR COMING. IT SOUNDS LIKE OUR INVESTMENT POLICY IS SOUND, AND SENSITIVE, AND IN GOOD SHAPE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. COLLEAGUES, ITEM 28 IS BEFORE US NOW. I AM GOING TO MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 28 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH. I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE WENT. I DON'T THINK SHE IS HERE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: OKAY, SHE IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM 45: REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 45. WE HAVE WITH US... YEAH, DID YOU-- DO YOU WANT TO BE RECORDED ON THE LAST VOTE, FOR THE INVESTMENT POLICY?

SUP. BARGER: I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS-- I THOUGHT IT WAS RECORDED. YES, PLEASE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT WAS A "YES, PLEASE."

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SO, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE, AND SO WE'LL MAKE THE CHANGE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIES ON ITEM 28. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE WITH US MAX HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR GENERAL; SERGIO ALOMA, ASSISTANT SHERIFF; BRUCE CHASE, ASSISTANT SHERIFF; AND DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH, DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, ARE ALL HERE AND AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. "CHAIR MAKE REMARKS." HERE WE GO. COLLEAGUES-- OH, I HELD THIS ITEM SO WE COULD GET SOME UPDATES ABOUT THE ISSUES WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEE IN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL; QUARTERLY REPORTS. WHILE SO MUCH IN THESE REPORTS IS THE SAME EACH TIME, THERE ARE ALSO SOME CHANGES TO THIS ONE TO BE HOPEFUL ABOUT, I THINK. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT THOSE CHANGES AND ANY PROGRESS BEING MADE, IN A MOMENT. BUT FIRST, I WANTED TO ASK OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL, MAX HUNTSMAN, FOR A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THIS PARTICULAR QUARTERLY REPORT. MAX?

MAX HUNTSMAN: THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST TO CLARIFY, BRUCE CHASE IS NOT WITH US TODAY, BUT THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WHO WORK WITH HIM, WHO ARE AVAILABLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IS THERE SOMEONE HERE THAT I DIDN'T INTRODUCE?

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, MA'AM. I'M COMMANDER VALERIE SOL-GUERRA, ASSIGNED TO COUNTYWIDE SERVICES DIVISION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: COMMANDER, WELCOME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: MA'AM, CAPTAIN ANDREW MYERS, ON THE HOMICIDE BUREAU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CAPTAIN. OKAY, GOOD. THANK YOU. WELCOME. OKAY, MAX.

MAX HUNTSMAN: THE REPORT, AS YOU MENTIONED, HAS THE FORMAT THAT WE USUALLY HAVE, SO THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION IN IT THAT IS, IN A SENSE, REPETITIVE. BUT THE IMPORTANT PARTS, I THINK, ARE TWO THAT RELATE TO JAIL OVERCROWDING. THE FIRST RELATES TO LACK OF PROGRAMMING IN C.R.D.F., OR MORE SPECIFICALLY RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE MANNER IN WHICH

PROGRAMMING IS PROVIDED, AND THAT'S AN ONGOING CONCERN. AS WE MENTIONED, IT IS THE FIFTH REPORT IN WHICH WE'VE POINTED THIS OUT. I THINK IT IS RELATED TO OVERCROWDING, AND I'M GOING TO GO INTO WHY IN A MOMENT. AND THEN THE OTHER ONE IS, WITHIN GRIEVANCES, YOU WILL SEE THAT A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF THE GRIEVANCES RELATE TO MEDICAL CARE. AND I THINK THAT ALSO IS A SYMPTOM OF THE OVERCROWDING THAT WE HAVE. IN BOTH THESE RESPECTS, THE PROGRAMMING THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN APPROPRIATELY AT C.R.D.F., COULD HAPPEN BETTER IF WE HAD A BETTER RATIO OF STAFF TO PRISONERS. AND AS DR. BELAVICH, WHO'S HERE, HAS TOLD THIS BOARD BEFORE, WITH RESPECT TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE, WE JUST ARE NOT IN A POSITION WHERE WE CAN POSSIBLY COMPLY WITH OUR COURT ORDERS AND THE CONSTITUTION, IF WE DON'T REDUCE OUR POPULATION. AND I THINK THAT APPLIES, ALSO, TO C.R.D.F., AND ALSO TO THE MEDICAL PROBLEM-- LARGER MEDICAL PROBLEM-- WHICH HE WAS NOT ADDRESSING IN THOSE COMMENTS. FORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH THE CONSTITUTION ORDERS US NOT TO MISTREAT PEOPLE IN OUR CARE, THE CALIFORNIA STATE LAW GIVES US A SIMPLE SOLUTION IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8658, WHICH PERMITS THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS WHEN THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT THREATENS THEM. AND WE ALL KNOW ABOUT THAT BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D. BUT PRIOR TO C.O.V.I.D., IN 2008, THE APPELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA RULED SPECIFICALLY ON THIS STATUTE. WHEN THE STATE PRISON WAS IN THE PROCESS OF MELTING DOWN BECAUSE OF POOR MEDICAL CARE, THERE WAS A COURT CASE IN WHICH THE APPELLATE

COURT SAID, "YES, THAT CODE SECTION, THAT EMERGENCY CODE SECTION, APPLIES TO OVERCROWDING." AND IT EMPOWERED THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE SPECIAL CONTRACTS FOR PRIVATE PRISONS, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT, OTHERWISE, THE C.D.C.R. WOULD HAVE TO RELEASE PEOPLE UNDER THAT CODE SECTION. SO, WE HAVE THAT SAME CODE SECTION AVAILABLE TO US TODAY. THE SHERIFF HAS THE KEYS TO THE JAIL, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE. FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WE HAD A SHERIFF WHO OPENLY VIOLATED THE LAW, AND DID NOT FOLLOW ANY OF THE RULES, INCLUDING THE CONSTITUTION, IN MANY REGARDS. BUT WE NOW HAVE A SHERIFF WHO HAS CAMPAIGNED ON FOLLOWING THE LAW, SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT, WHEN THIS PROCESS, WHICH IS A LITTLE ROCKY TO START, IS DONE, WE WILL SEE THAT CODE SECTION FOLLOWED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND BEFORE I OPEN IT UP TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR QUESTIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA OR DR. BELAVICH, OR BOTH, AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THIS REPORT.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE TODAY AND SPEAK TO THIS REPORT. AND I APPRECIATE THE O.I.G.'S COMMENTS, AND THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS, AS MR. HUNTSMAN MENTIONED. AS WE SPEAK ABOUT C.R.D.F., OVERCROWDING, DISPARITIES, AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INCARCERATED POPULATION THERE, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT, AGAIN,

HAS BEEN POINTED OUT IN PREVIOUS REPORTS, AND THAT WE ARE TAKING SERIOUSLY. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, AND THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY STARTED LOOKING AT-- AND BY "RECENTLY," I MEAN AS RECENTLY AS THIS PAST JANUARY, WHEN I TOOK OVER AS ASSISTANT SHERIFF OF CUSTODY OPERATIONS-- WE NOTED THAT, IN THE O.I.G. REPORTS, THERE WAS A LACK OF TRACKING AS IT RELATED TO, SPECIFICALLY, WOMEN WHO WERE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK PROGRAMS AT C.R.D.F., AND DISPARITIES AMONGST THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION THERE. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS A SOFTWARE SYSTEM AND CONTRACTING, FOR ONE, THAT WOULD HELP US BETTER TRACK THAT DATA UPON INTAKE, WHICH WE ARE STILL CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT FOR THAT. HOWEVER, WE ESTABLISHED AN INTERNAL SYSTEM WITH OUR I.T. PERSONNEL. IT'S TEMPORARY, BUT IT'S HELPING US TO BETTER TRACK THE OFFER OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THEY COME IN. THE FOURTH-QUARTER REPORT OF THE O.I.G. REPORT, AT THE TIME, THERE WAS ABOUT 8.5% OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AT C.R.D.F. WERE ENROLLED IN WORK PROGRAMS. TODAY, THAT NUMBER SITS AT ABOUT 14.2%, SO WE HAVE SEEN SOME INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK PROGRAMS FOR, SPECIFICALLY, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION. ONE OTHER THING THAT WE TOOK NOTE OF WAS SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES AGAINST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN, UPON INTAKE AT C.R.D.F.-- THOSE THAT WERE CHARGED WITH THOSE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIMES. AND THEIR OPPORTUNITIES, BASED ON OUR POLICIES, RELATED TO THEIR

INVOLVEMENT IN WORK PROGRAMS. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I ASKED OUR STAFF TO DO IS TO REVISIT THOSE POLICIES, AS IT RELATES TO SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES BEING DISQUALIFIERS. WE KNOW THAT, AGAIN, BASED ON OUR CURRENT POPULATION TODAY, THAT ABOUT 60% OF INCARCERATED AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN ARE CHARGED WITH SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES. SO, WE ARE RE-EXAMINING THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE, AND NOT NECESSARILY DISQUALIFY THEM ON THOSE CHARGES, BY THEMSELVES. THOSE ARE WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS M-7 CHARGES, OR SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CHARGES. SO WE ARE, AGAIN, RE-EVALUATING THOSE CHARGES TO SEE WHAT CHARGES WE CAN REMOVE, SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE; AND RATHER THAN USE THAT AS A CRITERIA, RELY MORE SO ON THEIR BEHAVIOR WHILE THEY ARE WITH US. AND AS LONG AS WE-- THAT WE DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT SUGGESTS THAT THEY CANNOT PARTICIPATE, MAKING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM. SO, IT IS AN ONGOING PROCESS THAT WE ARE CONTINUALLY FOCUSED ON AND WORKING ON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. TIM?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO BE HERE TODAY. I KNOW YOU MAY HAVE SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT THAT I WILL TRY MY BEST TO ANSWER. BUT IN GENERAL, TO COMMENT ON WHAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HAD MENTIONED, WE CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE. IT

IS NOT A SURPRISE, WHEN I WAS WITH YOU SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, TALKING ABOUT THE PREVIOUS REPORT. NOT A LOT HAS CHANGED ON THE GROUND, EXCEPT I CAN SAY, I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT WHAT HAS CHANGED IS, THERE'S BEEN AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK EFFORT TO GET MORE STAFFING, TO IDENTIFY CHALLENGES, TO IMPROVE STAFFING, TO LOOK AT THE PROCESSES THAT COULD BECOME MORE EFFICIENT. IN THE COUNTY, WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH C.E.O. AND C.E.O. STAFF, AND WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON THIS, TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH SOME OF OUR MANDATES, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUT ALSO JUST GENERALLY IMPROVING THE CARE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE. SO, THAT EFFORT HAS BEEN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK AND VERY POSITIVE. WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE FRUIT OF IT, AT THE MOMENT, BECAUSE THAT DOES TAKE TIME. BUT, AGAIN, AS I SIT HERE, OUR POPULATION HAS DIPPED SOME, BUT OBVIOUSLY NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO PROVIDE THE CARE THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, AT THIS POINT. AS THE REPORT STATES, WE HAD 42 DEATHS IN 2022, IN OUR SYSTEM, AND WE EXAMINED EACH OF THOSE DEATHS VERY CLOSELY TO SEE IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO CHANGE, IN TERMS OF POLICY, IN TERMS OF THE WAY WE PROVIDE CARE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH YOUR STAFF ON IDENTIFYING-- YOU HAD MENTIONED, LAST TIME I WAS HERE, THAT WE AGREED THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO PROBABLY DIDN'T NEED TO BE WITH US IN THE JAIL, AND SO LOOKING AT A CLOSER LOOK IF THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE CAN FACILITATE GETTING THEM OUT OF CUSTODY, INTO CARE IN THE COMMUNITY, SO WE

HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUR STAFF ON THAT, AS WELL. AND SO I THINK THAT OUR EYES ARE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AS TO THE THINGS WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON, WE JUST HAVEN'T REALIZED IT, AT THE MOMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, I WILL GO TO COLLEAGUES NOW FOR SOME MORE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. I HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH ON THE QUEUE.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR HOLDING THE ITEM, AND I WANT TO THANK MAX HUNTSMAN AND DR. BELAVICH. I WOULD SAY, THOUGH, THAT MOST OF THIS REPORT IS REFLECTIVE OF THE PAST ADMINISTRATION. SO, WE KNOW WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO. I REALIZE THAT. BUT, DR. BELAVICH, I WANT TO ASK YOU, DO YOU HAVE ANY DATA ON BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, IN TERMS OF DEATHS IN THE JAILS RIGHT NOW? DO YOU HAVE A NUMBER?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: YES. AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SIX DEATHS IN THE JAILS. TWO OF THEM OCCURRED OVER THIS PAST WEEKEND. SO, PRIOR TO FRIDAY, WE HAD HAD FOUR. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MOST OF THEM, BUT WE BELIEVE WE'VE HAD ONE SUICIDE THIS YEAR, AND WE HAVE HAD... I BELIEVE THE REST ARE-- THEY'RE UNDETERMINED, BUT BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW, WE WOULD CLASSIFY THEM AS NATURAL. SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN WITH US FOR YEARS IN OUR CARE, AND DIED AT THE MEDICAL CENTER.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, FOR THE PERSON WHO MAY HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE, AS YOU STATE, MY CONCERN IS JUST KNOWING WHAT KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION, APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS, AND IS THERE THAT CHECK-IN THAT IS NEEDED? I MEAN, WAS THE PERSON BY THEMSELVES, IN A CELL? WHAT HAPPENED? CAN YOU REFLECT ON THAT, IF POSSIBLE?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: SO, FOR THE DEATH THAT OCCURRED IN 2023... YES. WE'VE EXAMINED THE DEATH, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH. IN TERMS OF THE HEALTHCARE, I AM NOT SURE THAT I CAN PROVIDE YOU, AT THIS MOMENT, THE LEVEL OF DETAIL, BUT I CAN PROVIDE YOUR OFFICE. BUT WE HAVE EXAMINED THAT DEATH, AND TAKEN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. WE DIDN'T FIND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FROM A HEALTHCARE STANDPOINT, BUT WE FOUND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FROM A PHYSICAL STANDPOINT THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE WITH OUR CUSTODY PARTNERS, AND THOSE ARE IN PROGRESS.

SUP. SOLIS: AND WHAT WERE THOSE DUE TO? COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THAT-- THE CORRECTIVE ACTION? WHAT DID YOU FIND?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ABLE TO SCALE A PART OF A WALL, AND THROW HIMSELF FROM THAT WALL. WE HAVE, IN THE PAST, MADE PHYSICAL CHANGES THAT PREVENT THAT, SO INDIVIDUALS CAN'T JUMP OFF OF TIERS. AND SO WE MADE THOSE CHANGES YEARS

AGO, AND IT HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN ONE AVENUE IS CLOSED, PEOPLE LOOK FOR ANOTHER WAY TO HARM THEMSELVES. SO, SOMETIMES WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY THROW THEMSELVES OFF OF A TOP BUNK, OR WHO MAY CLIMB UP A SET OF STAIRS, AND THROW THEMSELVES DOWN THOSE STAIRS. SO, WE CAN'T MAKE A FACILITY SUICIDE-PROOF, BUT WE WORK OUR BEST TO MAKE IT SUICIDE-RESISTANT. AND, AGAIN, SOMETIMES THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE ENVISIONED THAT SOMEONE WOULD USE TO HARM THEMSELVES, THAT WE THEN HAVE TO LOOK BACK AND SAY, "DO WE HAVE TO MAKE THESE PHYSICAL PLANT CHANGES?"

SUP. SOLIS: JUST A QUESTION: DID WE KNOW HE HAD THESE TENDENCIES-- SUICIDAL? OR WAS THAT DOCUMENTED ANYWHERE, IN TERMS OF HIS CARE? I MEAN, IF HE MANAGED TO GO OVER A WALL, HE MUST HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE SOMEWHERE, OR... I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW.

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: HE WASN'T OUTSIDE, AND I AM HAPPY TO SHARE THE DETAILS WITH YOU. I AM JUST NOT SURE I SHOULD SHARE THEM IN THIS FORUM. BUT I ABSOLUTELY WILL.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY, THANK YOU. AND JUST FOR-- I THINK ONE OTHER QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK YOU, DOCTOR, BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO-- I WANT TO HEAR FROM MAX. IF YOU COULD TELL ME WHAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM ARE DOING, REGARDING THE DEATHS, OVERALL. WHAT KINDS OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS ARE YOU TAKING THERE? BECAUSE

I THINK, FOR A WHILE, WE WERE GETTING A LOT OF REPORTS OF PEOPLE IN THE JAILS THAT WERE DYING. AND I UNDERSTAND. SOME HAVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS, BUT ALL THE MORE REASON: SHOULD THEY REALLY BE THERE? SHOULD THEY NOT BE, PERHAPS, IN ANOTHER, MAYBE, FACILITY THAT COULD CARE FOR THOSE ILLNESSES, IF IT LOOKS TERMINAL? SO, I MEAN, COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: SURE. IN TERMS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WE DON'T BELIEVE NEED TO BE IN OUR CUSTODY, OR OUR CARE, WE WORK WITH OUR CUSTODY PARTNERS, AND WE PREPARE REQUESTS FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE. AND WE HAVE SHARED SOME OF THOSE WITH YOUR OFFICE. SOME HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GONE THROUGH, AND SOME DO NOT, AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON WITH YOUR OFFICE, TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO GO ABOUT THIS, OR IF THERE ARE-- AGAIN, I THINK WE AGREED THAT SOMETIMES THE BAR MAY BE VERY HIGH TO GET SOMEONE OUT OF CUSTODY FOR A COMPASSIONATE RELEASE. BUT IN EVERY DEATH, WHEN WE DO OUR DEATH REVIEW, WE HAVE MULTIPLE REVIEWS, AND WE LOOK AT THE MEDICAL CARE. WE LOOK AT THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE CARE, WHEN WE ARE AWARE THAT SOMEONE IS IN DISTRESS. WE LOOK AT OUR POLICIES SURROUNDING THE CARE. WE LOOK AT THE PRACTICE OF OUR CLINICIANS AND OUR MEDICAL STAFF. CUSTODY HAS A SIMILAR LOOK AT ALL OF THEIR PROCESSES, AND WE ASK OURSELVES, IN A VERY QUALITATIVE MANNER, "DOES SOMETHING NEED TO CHANGE?" IS

IT A POLICY CHANGE? WAS THERE A TRAINING ISSUE? WAS THERE AN ISSUE WITH THE COMPETENCY OF THE PROVIDER? YOU KNOW, ANY NUMBER OF THINGS. WE LOOK AT SORT OF ANY POSSIBILITY TO SEE IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD DO TO BE CHANGING OUR SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT IS A VERY COMMON WAY THAT CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS DO LOOK AT THEIR SYSTEMS, IN ORDER TO MAKE NEEDED CHANGES, ESPECIALLY TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, JUST A QUICK QUESTION FOR THE SHERIFFS. IS THERE, PERHAPS, ABILITY TO HAVE A POLICY CHANGE, WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE INMATES THAT ARE SEVERELY ILL, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL STAY WITHIN OUR JAIL, AND THAT THEY ARE EXTREMELY CRITICAL, IN CRITICAL HEALTH, THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME LOOK AT MORE READILY AVAILABLE CONVERSATIONS THAT COULD SOMEHOW PROVIDE A POLICY THAT SAYS, IN THESE INSTANCES, "WE AGREE"? I DON'T KNOW IF THE NEW SHERIFF, SHERIFF LUNA, HAS EVEN ENTERTAINED THAT, OR IF THE STAFF HAS DONE THAT YET.

SPEAKER: YEAH. SO, OUR POSITION IS THAT WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO LOOKING AT POLICY AND SEEING WHERE WE CAN CHANGE POLICY, WHERE NEEDED OR NECESSARY, AND WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO, WITHIN THE LAW. AS IT RELATES TO COMPASSIONATE RELEASES, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE PARTNER VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNERS AT CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS PERSON

QUALIFIES, UNDER CURRENT POLICIES OR PRACTICE, IN WORKING WITH THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER REASONS THAT WOULD DISQUALIFY THIS PERSON FOR A COMPASSIONATE RELEASE, SUCH AS CHARGES, AND WORKING WITH OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN. BUT WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO LOOKING AND REVIEWING AND CHANGING POLICY WHERE WE CAN, AND IF WE CAN.

SUP. SOLIS: IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHEN THE LAST TIME THE POLICY WAS REVIEWED, IF THAT CAN BE SHARED, PERHAPS. I MEAN, I THINK THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST. I KNOW I HAVE AN INTEREST IN THAT.

SPEAKER: WE'D BE HAPPY TO.

SUP. SOLIS: TO SEE WHERE WE ARE GOING THERE, AND OBVIOUSLY GET INPUT FROM OUR O.I.G. AND, MAX, I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING US. YOU'VE ALREADY REPORTED TO US THAT THERE'S A NEW ATTITUDE IN THIS NEW ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS GREAT. AND, FOR EXAMPLE, JUST WANTED TO HEAR IF YOU COULD TALK ABOUT THE RELEASE OF ANY FOOTAGE, BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE, THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD THE SHERIFF SAY HE IS GOING TO BE RELEASING FOR SOME OF THOSE SHOOTINGS THAT HAD OCCURRED IN THE PAST, AND WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM THAT.

MAX HUNTSMAN: I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SAY YET, BECAUSE WE'RE JUST IN THE BEGINNING PROCESS, BUT THE STATED POSITION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF GREATER TRANSPARENCY. CERTAINLY, MY OFFICE HAS BEEN GIVEN ACCESS, AS PROMISED, TO BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE. THAT DOESN'T HELP THE PUBLIC, DIRECTLY, BUT IT CERTAINLY HELPS OVERSIGHT, AND HELPS YOU CONDUCT YOUR OVERSIGHT DUTIES, SO THAT'S A PLUS. I BELIEVE, BECAUSE THE BOARD HAS OPENED UP THE NEW 1421 SECTION IN COUNTY COUNSEL, THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN EXPANDED ABILITY TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC REQUESTS, AS WELL AS PART OF THAT IS AN ORDER BY THE BOARD THAT INFORMATION THAT CAN BE MADE PUBLIC BE PLACED ON THE WEBSITE, IMMEDIATELY. WELL, THAT INCLUDES BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE, IN A TIMELY MANNER, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW. AND AS I SAID, AND THE SHERIFF HAS MADE-- A BIG PLANK OF HIS BEING SHERIFF IS FOLLOWING THE LAW. SO, I ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL SEE BODY-WORN CAMERAS GOING UP ON THAT WEBSITE QUICKER THAN IT USED TO, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN THAT SUDDENLY CHANGE, IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE IT REQUIRES WORK ON THE PART OF COUNTY COUNSEL WORK, ON THE PART OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THEN, ULTIMATELY, TECH WORK, IN SOME CASES, TO BLUR OUT SOME ASPECTS OF THINGS. SO, IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY WORN COMPLETELY, YET-- A LITTLE LIKE WHAT WE WERE HEARING ABOUT OUR MEDICAL EFFORTS IN JAIL-- BUT ALL THE INDICATORS ARE POSITIVE.

SUP. SOLIS: DOES SHERIFF WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT?

SPEAKER: SO, I WILL RESPOND BRIEFLY, AND THEN IF CAPTAIN MYERS WANTS TO TAKE THE REST OF THE QUESTION. I KNOW THAT SHERIFF LUNA AND OUR ADMINISTRATION IS VERY OPEN TO RELEASING BODY CAM FOOTAGE WHEN WE CAN, AND BEING TRANSPARENT IN THAT REGARD. I KNOW THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING BODY CAM VIDEOS FROM LAST YEAR, THAT WERE UPLOADED RECENTLY TO OUR PUBLIC WEBSITE, AS WELL AS AT LEAST A COUPLE THIS YEAR. I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER, BUT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ACTIVELY AND CURRENTLY RELEASING AND POSTING THOSE VIDEOS TO OUR PUBLIC WEBSITE FOR VIEWING. AND IF CAPTAIN MYERS WANTS TO EXPOUND UPON THAT?

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM. WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD. HOMICIDE BUREAU IS PART OF THE-- BODY-WORN CAMERA BUREAU FALLS UNDER HOMICIDE BUREAU. AND OVER THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THOSE BODY-WORN CAMERA VIDEOS FROM LAST YEAR WERE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PLACED ON OUR TRANSPARENCY WEBSITE. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO THOSE, AND WE HAVE TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS NOW ON HOW TO PUT THOSE TOGETHER. WE HAVE AN INTERNAL SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE, WHERE WE USE OUR OWN PERSONNEL TO ACTUALLY EDIT AND PUT TOGETHER THE VIDEOS, AND COMBINE ALL THE VOICE-OVERS FOR THESE VIDEOS. AND THEN WE HAVE AN EXTERNAL COMPANY THAT WE ARE USING TO ASSIST

US TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. SO, FOR INSTANCE, THE TWO BODY-WORN CAMERA VIDEOS THAT WERE RELEASED FROM THIS YEAR, FROM 2023, WERE FROM A COMPANY CALLED COLE MEDIA. AND WE HELPED-- WE UTILIZED THEM TO HELP US SPEED UP THIS PROCESS. WE HAVE A PRETTY GOOD PROCESS, INTERNALLY, BUT NOW WE HAVE A PROCESS, EXTERNALLY, THAT WE CAN ALSO USE TO SPEED UP THAT PROCESS WHEN WE HAVE TO DO SO. AND THAT'S WHAT WE DID, WITHIN THE LAST COUPLE MONTHS, TO GET THOSE UP TO DATE.

SUP. SOLIS: DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING, MAX, ON THAT?

MAX HUNTSMAN: I APPLAUD THAT APPROACH. DURING THE HEIGHT OF CONCERN ABOUT GEORGE FLOYD, AND THE AFTERMATH, AND THE SERIES OF SHOOTINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THE PLACES IN WHICH THERE WAS CIVIL UNREST WERE THE ONES IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS NOT SHARED. IT WASN'T ALWAYS A RESULT OF HOW SERIOUS THE SHOOTING ITSELF WAS. IT WAS OFTEN THE REACTION OF THE PUBLIC TO WHAT THEY PERCEIVED-- AND I THINK, USUALLY, CORRECTLY-- AS AN UNWILLINGNESS TO BE TRANSPARENT. SO, I THINK THAT PUTTING UP VIDEO QUICKLY IS VERY IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, I WILL POINT OUT THAT THE CALIFORNIA LAW IS NOT AMBIGUOUS ON THIS POINT, THAT WHEN THERE IS A SHOOTING, ALL INVESTIGATORY MATERIALS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, IMMEDIATELY, ABSENT A WRITTEN STATEMENT BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AS TO WHY THEY CAN'T DO THAT. AND I BELIEVE IT IS STILL OUR PRACTICE AT THE SHERIFF'S

DEPARTMENT NOT TO FOLLOW THAT LAW; THAT WE JUST DON'T GIVE OUT MATERIALS, AND WE DON'T PRODUCE A WRITTEN STATEMENT AS TO WHY WE SHOULD DO IT. THAT'S THE SAME PRACTICE THAT WE USED TO HAVE WITH RESPECT TO AUTOPSY HOLDS, AND THE C.O.C. IS GOING TO BRING THE NEW CORONER IN AND TALK ABOUT THAT ISSUE. I HOPE THESE ARE GROWING PAINS, BUT STILL, WE'RE NOT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, IN THE INSTANCE I GAVE. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY SINGLE TIME, SINCE THAT LAW WAS PASSED, THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLIED WITH IT. SO, WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO.

SUP. SOLIS: I AM SURE WE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN UPDATE ON THAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: WELL, THANK YOU. AND TO FOLLOW UP ON THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE CAMERAS, ON A COUPLE OF THE CASES THAT YOU CITED, MAX, IT WAS EITHER THE CAMERAS WERE TURNED ON LATE, AND/OR THERE WERE NO BODY-WORN CAMERAS USED. SO, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE ROLLOUT OF THAT? BECAUSE, I MEAN, I LOOK AT IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PROTECTING BOTH THE PUBLIC, BUT ALSO THE DEPUTIES THAT ARE INVOLVED. AND IT TELLS A STORY. SO, WHERE ARE WE WITH THE ROLLOUT ON THAT?

SPEAKER: I'M SORRY, MA'AM, YOU SAY--

SUP. BARGER: ON THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS. BECAUSE ON A COUPLE OF THE CASES THAT WERE CITED IN HERE-- FOR EXAMPLE, S.E.B.

SPEAKER: OKAY, SO-- YES, MA'AM. AS FAR AS THE ROLLOUT GOES, ALL OF OUR PATROL STATIONS HAVE BEEN OUTFITTED. WE ARE STILL IN THE CURRENT PROCESS OF OUTFITTING OUR NARCOTICS BUREAU AND OUR SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU, WHICH INCLUDES THE S.W.A.T. TEAM.

SUP. BARGER: EXCELLENT. OKAY. AND THEN, THE BOARD HAS LONG BEEN CONCERNED WITH CONDITIONS IN THE I.R.C., ROOM CONFINEMENT, AND JAIL OVERCROWDING. THAT IS SOMETHING THIS BOARD, COLLECTIVELY, HAS BEEN SUPPORTING, IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE ACROSS THE BOARD. DURING THE LAST O.I.G. REPORT IN JANUARY, DR. BELAVICH MENTIONED THAT ABOUT 6800, OR 47%, OF THE INMATE POPULATION ARE ENROLLED IN MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT NUMBER HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. HAS IT? IT'S PRETTY CONSISTENT? OR HAS IT GROWN?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: THAT'S CORRECT. IT HAS REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME.

SUP. BARGER: SO, YOU ALSO MENTIONED THE POPULATION CLASSIFIED AS HIGH-OBSERVATION IS ABOUT 1500, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 600 INMATES FROM FOUR YEARS AGO. SO, IT IS CLEAR WE HAVE A GROWING POPULATION OF MENTALLY ILL INMATES, WHILE WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF OUR D.O.J. CONSENT DECREE. AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT UNLESS WE REDUCE THE POPULATION IN OUR JAILS, COMPLIANCE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH. BUT THE ONE CONCERN I HAVE IS, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT ON THE HEALTH SIDE, IF SOMEONE HAS A HEALTH AILMENT, GETTING THEM A BED IS PROBABLY A LOT EASIER THAN IT IS FOR SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL. AND MY CONCERN IS, IF WE ARE RELEASING INDIVIDUALS THAT DO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, THAT WE ARE SETTING THEM UP FOR RECIDIVISM, OR ENDANGERING THEM AND THE PUBLIC. I MEAN, I FEEL-- BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLACE TO SEND THEM. LAST WEEK, WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET SERVICES IN PASADENA. OUT OF 14 CONTRACTS, ONLY TWO HAVE SPACE FOR INDIVIDUALS, AND THE WAIT TIME IS INCREDIBLY LONG. AND SO I JUST WOULD CAUTION US, AS A BOARD, TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE MAY HAVE TO RELEASE, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T PROVIDE THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE, MAY NOT GET IT OUT ON THE STREET, AS WELL. AND SO THE QUESTION IS, ARE WE SETTING THEM UP TO BE PUT IN A POSITION TO EITHER END UP BACK IN JAIL WITH A MORE HIDEOUS CRIME, OR THEY TAKE THEIR OWN LIFE? AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT, AND HOW YOU TRIAGE.

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THERE'S NO GOOD SOLUTION TO THIS, AT THIS POINT, AT THIS MOMENT. I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT THE SOLUTION TO THIS IS BUILDING THE COUNTY'S INFRASTRUCTURE OF APPROPRIATE BEDS FOR ACUTE MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS. AND WE'RE NOT THERE, YET. WE HAVE FAR TOO FEW BEDS THAT WE NEED. AND SO, EVEN WHEN WE-- ANY RELEASE WE HAVE IS A DIFFICULT RELEASE, BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND APPROPRIATE BEDS AT TIMES, AND TO ENSURE THAT THAT HANDOFF IS OFTEN DONE CORRECTLY. SO, IT IS A CHALLENGE, AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGE, UNTIL WE HAVE A PLACE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO GO IN THE COMMUNITY. IN TERMS OF TRIAGING, ARE YOU REFERRING TO TRIAGING AT INTAKE?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, WITHIN THOSE THAT YOU WOULD DETERMINE WOULD BE BETTER SUITED OUTSIDE THE JAIL, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GETTING ADEQUATE SERVICES, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY OR THE PEOPLE POWER TO PROVIDE.

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: WELL, I THINK THAT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS-- AND AGAIN, THIS IS ONLY MY OPINION-- WHO, POTENTIALLY, THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IN ALLOWING TO BE RELEASED IF THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE GOING TO A PROGRAM, AND GOING TO A PLACE WHERE THEY WOULD

RECEIVE THOSE SERVICES. AND AGAIN, I CAN'T SAY THAT WITH CERTAINTY, BUT THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

SUP. BARGER: THAT'S THE DIVERSION SIDE OF IT?

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: AS A FORM OF DIVERSION, YES. THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE-- THERE WOULD BE INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD SAFELY PROGRAM AND RECEIVE THEIR SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT IF THOSE SERVICES DON'T EXIST, IT JUST BECOMES A HYPOTHETICAL.

SUP. BARGER: AND THAT'S-- ACTUALLY, THAT'S MY CONCERN, IS THAT THAT'S WHY THE D.O.J. IS BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS RIGHT NOW-- BREATHING DOWN YOUR NECKS RIGHT NOW-- AS IT RELATES TO COMPLIANCE. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE MAGGIE CARTER, WHO IS HERE, AS THE COUNTY'S CHIEF D.O.J. COMPLIANCE OFFICER. BUT IF THEY CAN'T BE RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY-- AND EVEN IF THERE WERE BEDS, BUT THEY ARE DEEMED TO HAVE TO STAY IN OUR CARE, THEN WE NEED TO FIGURE THIS OUT. AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SOLIS'S MOTION TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE P-4 POPULATION WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT WE NEED TO ACCELERATE THAT. AND WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE RELEASE OF INMATES TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT INMATES THAT CANNOT BE DIVERTED OR RELEASED, WHICH IS WHAT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT.

DR. TIMOTHY BELAVICH: CORRECT.

SUP. BARGER: AND MAKE PROVISIONS, AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE GETTING THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE EXPECTING. BECAUSE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE STATE AND WHAT HAPPENED AT THE STATE, I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU ALL HAVE TOURED THE PRISON UP THERE, BUT THEY HAVE STATE-OF-THE-ART EVERYTHING, BECAUSE THEY WERE TAKEN TO COURT. AND IT WASN'T OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF INDIVIDUALS' HEARTS; IT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE TOLD, "YOU HAVE TO DO THAT. YOU ARE KEEPING A POPULATION OVER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, SO IF THEY ARE THERE, THEY HAVE TO HAVE SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD." AND IF YOU HAVEN'T GONE, I WOULD TELL YOU THAT IT IS QUITE A SIGHT TO SEE. IT IS STATE-OF-THE-ART EVERYTHING. AND THAT'S THE REALITY OF WHAT COULD BE COMING OUR WAY, IF WE DO NOT RAMP UP AND PROVIDE SERVICES AT A LEVEL THAT THE D.O.J. EXPECTS; AND, ACTUALLY, THAT THE INDIVIDUALS DESERVE. I'M GOING TO LEAVE IT AT THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW-- OUT OF RESPECT FOR TIME, BUT I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. AND IN TERMS OF THE REPORT, MAX, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU DID THE JAIL, AND THEN ALSO THE PATROL, AND I KNOW WE'VE GOT ADDITIONAL CASES THAT YOU ARE REVIEWING RIGHT NOW. BUT THE ONE THING I WOULD ASK OF YOU, COMMANDER AND CAPTAIN, IS WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THESE, IF YOU COULD HELP US UNDERSTAND WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE, A MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM WOULD HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL. BECAUSE I KNOW ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID WHEN I WAS ELECTED WAS

INCREASED THE NUMBER OF MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS. I KNOW WE ARE TIGHT ON PERSONNEL, BUT I HAVE TO BELIEVE-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN SOME OF THE CASES THAT I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT, THAT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HELPED DE-ESCALATE THE SITUATION. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD HAVE STOPPED IT, BUT I AM HEARING THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF MY CITIES ARE ALSO ASKING ABOUT, THAT ARE CONTRACT CITIES. SO, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU ALL KEEP THAT FRONT AND CENTER, IN TERMS OF CORRECTIVE ACTION AND THINGS THAT YOU WOULD ASK OF THIS BOARD, TO HELP TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE SHOOTINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WERE YOU GOING TO RESPOND TO THAT, COMMANDER, OR...

SPEAKER: YES. FOR THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM, I AM ASSIGNED A COUNTYWIDE SERVICES DIVISION, AND OVERSEE THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 36 CO-RESPONSE TEAMS, AND WE PARTNER WITH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM EXPAND, BUT IT DOES COME DOWN TO STAFFING, AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE AT CRITICAL STAFFING LEVELS RIGHT NOW. WE ALSO NEED TO PARTNER WITH OUR PARTNERS AT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GROW WITH US, BECAUSE IT IS THAT CO-RESPONSE MODEL. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EXPAND.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, FOR ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA, I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, THERE WERE 12 PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS, WHICH MAKES WEST HOLLYWOOD ONE OF THE HIGHEST ON THE LIST, CURRENTLY. SO, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENS WITH THOSE COMPLAINTS WHEN THEY COME IN? HOW DO THEY GET ADDRESSED, AND DOES THE PERSON WHO FILES THE COMPLAINT GET A RESPONSE FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT OR FROM THE STATION? HOW DOES THAT WORK?

SERGIO ALOMA: YES, THANK YOU. SO, I THINK YOU ARE REFERRING TO PUBLIC COMPLAINTS, WHAT WE REFER TO AS WATCH COMMANDER SERVICE COMMENT REPORTS. AND THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY, ANYTIME THEY WISH, IN ANY OF OUR PATROL STATIONS, TO FILE A COMPLAINT OR A COMMENDATION OF OUR PERSONNEL, FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE. SO, AS IT RELATES TO SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS AT A STATION, THE PROCESS IS LAID OUT IN POLICY THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC CAN EITHER COME TO A STATION, CALL A STATION, WRITE TO A STATION THEIR COMPLAINT, AND WE WILL TAKE A WATCH COMMANDER SERVICE COMMENT REPORT. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO THEM, TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE RECEIVED IT. THAT IS DONE BY A FORMAL LETTER, LETTING THEM KNOW THAT WE RECEIVED IT, AND IT'S BEING REVIEWED. AND THEN WE HAVE A PERIOD OF ABOUT 30 DAYS BEFORE WE HAVE TO RESPOND BACK TO THEM WITH FINDINGS, UNLESS THERE'S

REASONS FOR DELAYS THAT WOULD CAUSE MORE TIME THAN THAT FOR THE COMPLAINT TO BE INVESTIGATED. BUT THERE IS A STRICT POLICY ON TIMELINES, AND THEN GETTING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO HAD FILED THAT REPORT WITH THE OUTCOME OF THAT INQUIRY BY STATION COMMAND STAFF. AND THAT'S REVIEWED ALL THE WAY UP TO DIVISION, WHERE THOSE REVIEWS TAKE PLACE, AND THEN THEY ARE PROVIDED A LETTER OF RESPONSE, OR A FINAL LETTER, LETTING THEM KNOW THE OUTCOME OF THAT COMPLAINT. THEY ARE ALSO PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THE STATION AND ENGAGE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION WITH THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED, IF EVERYONE IS AMENABLE TO THAT. SO, THAT'S OUR COMPLAINT PROCESS.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, WHAT IS THE TIME LIMIT? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME TIMES THAT PEOPLE HAVE FELT LIKE THEY'RE... THAT THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN A RESPONSE. I HEAR YOU SAYING THAT THERE MAY BE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT WHEN WILL THEY EXPECT TO GET A RESPONSE?

SERGIO ALOMA: THEY SHOULD GET A RESPONSE, LIKE I SAID, WITHIN THE 30 DAYS. IMMEDIATELY UPON INTAKE OF THAT COMPLAINT AT THE STATION, IF IT IS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF THEY CALL IN, OR IN PERSON, THEY WILL GET SOMEONE THAT WILL DO THE INTAKE OF THE COMPLAINT, USUALLY THE WATCH COMMANDER ON DUTY. AND THAT COMPLAINT IS SENT TO THE OPERATIONS STAFF, AND ULTIMATELY THE UNIT COMMANDER OR CAPTAIN OF THAT STATION, WHO WRITES A LETTER

LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN RECEIVED, AND IT'S BEING INVESTIGATED. AND THEN WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS TO COMPLETE IT. HOWEVER, THE TIMING OF THAT COMPLETION COULD DEPEND ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS INVOLVED THAT MAY REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION, DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED, THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WERE INVOLVED, WITNESSES THAT NEED TO BE INTERVIEWED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THAT COMPLAINT.

SUP. HORVATH: AND SO, DO YOU KEEP TRACK OF COMPLAINTS THAT REMAIN OUTSTANDING? COULD YOU PROVIDE ME WITH THAT NUMBER FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION-- HOW MANY COMPLAINTS ARE STILL OUTSTANDING?

SPEAKER: YES, WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT, ABSOLUTELY, AND WE DO KEEP TRACK OF THAT.

SUP. HORVATH: GREAT. I KNOW THAT THERE WERE 17 COMMENDATIONS, CONVERSELY, AT THE MALIBU LOST HILLS STATION, SO WORK IS BEING RECOGNIZED. AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW THAT, SO WE CAN APPROPRIATELY FOLLOW UP. TWO QUESTIONS FOR THE O.I.G. FIRST, I SEE THAT THERE WERE SEVEN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTIES SHOT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S HISTORICALLY BEEN A DELAY IN CASES GETTING TO THE FINAL POINT OF RESOLUTION, WHERE THE D.A. CONDUCTS ITS REVIEW AND MAKES A

FILING DECISION. YOUR REPORT NOTES THAT THE OLDEST PENDING CASE IS FROM 2017. DOES THAT MEAN THE DELAY ISSUE IS BEING RESOLVED, AND DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TOTAL CASES ARE CURRENTLY PENDING?

MAX HUNTSMAN: I DO NOT KNOW THE TOTAL NUMBER, BUT WE COULD CERTAINLY FIND OUT. I WOULDN'T SAY "RESOLVED," BECAUSE I BELIEVE THIS IS AN ENDEMIC PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, JUST LIKE OVERCROWDING IN THE JAILS IS. BUT I WILL SAY, THEY HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN STEPS TO TRY TO CUT DOWN ON THEIR BACKLOG, TO GO BACK AND DO AGING CASES AND TRY TO GET THEM RESOLVED, AND THEY ARE MAKING AN EFFORT TO SPEED IT UP. BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS ISSUE, WHEN I WAS IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE, AND SINCE HERE, IT'S BEEN A HORRIBLE PROBLEM, AND I THINK IT CONTINUES TO BE. I THINK PART OF IT IS INHERENT TO THE DESIRE TO BE PERFECT. AND SO THEY GO THROUGH AN EXHAUSTIVE PROCESS. AND THEIR IDEA OF PERFECT AND MINE IS NOT THE SAME, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF EDITING BACK AND FORTH. SO, I THINK WE WILL ALWAYS FIND IT TAKE A VERY LONG TIME TO RESOLVE MOST OF THOSE CASES. FIVE YEARS IS UNUSUAL, BUT I THINK IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO SIT IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION FOR A LONG TIME, AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND IN THIS SAME PERIOD OF TIME, I SAW THAT THERE WERE FIVE FINAL DECISIONS ISSUED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. THREE WERE SUSTAINED, AND TWO WERE REDUCED. DO YOU DO ANY SORT OF ANALYSIS ON THESE DECISIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND REASONS WHY DISCIPLINE WOULD BE REDUCED?

MAX HUNTSMAN: NOT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SEEM TO SERVE ANY PURPOSE. HISTORICALLY, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS COLLECTIVELY ACCUSED THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF DOING A POOR JOB OF REDUCING CASES, WHEN THEY SHOULDN'T. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BY MYSELF, AMONGST OTHERS, HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR DOING A POOR JOB OF INVESTIGATING THOSE CASES. SO, THE REASONS WHY REDUCTIONS HAPPEN VARY, BUT IN GENERAL, I WOULD SAY, IN MY EXPERIENCE, THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OFTEN REDUCES WHEN IT SHOULDN'T. AND IN FACT, THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT CASE THAT WAS APPEALED TO THE COURT, IN WHICH THE COURT FOUND THEY WERE APPLYING THE WRONG STANDARD. THEY WERE TREATING THE PROCESS AS A CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME BETWEEN THE EMPLOYEE AND THE EMPLOYER. AND IF THE EMPLOYER MADE A MISTAKE, THEN THEY WERE SAYING, OH, THEY SHOULD REDUCE IT. AND REALLY, THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING AT PUBLIC SAFETY, BECAUSE WHEN A DEPUTY ENGAGES IN SOMETHING SUCH AS DISHONESTY, I THINK, IN MOST CASES, THAT SHOULD BE A FIRING OFFENSE. AND TOO OFTEN, IT GETS REDUCED FOR A VARIETY OF

REASONS, AT A VARIETY OF STAGES. WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE REPORT ON THAT ON OUR WEBSITE. IT IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM. SO, I CAN TELL YOU THAT, YES, IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN, BUT IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO ADDRESS. AS YOU KNOW FROM L.A.P.D. AND WHAT HAPPENS THERE, THAT'S A HUGE CHALLENGE TO DO IT AS THE POLICE; AND ALSO, IN THE COUNTY AT LARGE, IT IS A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE TO BE FAIR TO WORKERS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MAKING SURE THAT WE HOLD OUR MOST IMPORTANT EMPLOYEES, THE ONES WITH BADGES AND GUNS, TO A HIGHER STANDARD. SO, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO. SO WE WATCH IT, AND WHEN WE THINK WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE OR MAKE A POINT, WE DO, BUT WE DON'T, ON A REGULAR BASIS, CONDUCT A REANALYSIS OF WHAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DOES, OR EVEN WHAT L.A.S.D.'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS DOES.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. SOME OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASKED AND ANSWERED, BUT TO FOLLOW UP ON THE M.E.T. TEAM, COMMANDER, YOU HAD INDICATED THAT IT IS A PERSONNEL ISSUE. IS IT THAT THERE ARE NOT PEOPLE COMING INTO THE RANKS WHO WOULD THEN BE CAPABLE OF SERVING IN AN M.E.T. TEAM DEPLOYMENT, OR...

SPEAKER: WELL, CURRENTLY, WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PERSONNEL WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO PATROL STATIONS, WHO ARE PATROL-TRAINED, AND HAVE THEM TRANSFERRED TO THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM. AND

CURRENTLY, PATROL STATIONS ARE WORKING AT MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS. THAT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE PATROL STATION.

SUP. HORVATH: THERE AREN'T PERSONNEL WHO ARE IN OTHER POSITIONS? IT MUST COME OUT OF PATROL? THERE AREN'T PERSONNEL IN OTHER POSITIONS WHO COULD SERVE IN THOSE ROLES ALONGSIDE SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, TO INCREASE THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM AVAILABILITY?

SPEAKER: I THINK, OVERALL, OUR STAFFING LEVELS ARE SO LOW THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO INCREASE OUR SWORN PERSONNEL ON THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM.

SUP. HORVATH: AND THAT'S DEPARTMENT-WIDE? THAT'S NOT JUST IN PATROLS?

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, THANKS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR ALL YOUR REALLY GOOD QUESTIONS. MOST OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED. I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN IN OUR JAIL IN LYNWOOD, UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE JAIL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. ASSISTANT SHERIFF, YOU ANSWERED THAT. I WAS GOING TO TALK

ABOUT THE UPTICK OF IN-CUSTODY SUICIDES THIS QUARTER; YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT. AND I WAS ALSO GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE M.E.T. TEAMS. AND, YOU KNOW, I REALLY FEEL LIKE THIS BOARD WANTS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PRIORITIZE THIS. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT, BUT I THINK WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT WE CAN PREVENT OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. WE CAN SAVE LIVES OUT THERE, WHERE SITUATIONS END BADLY, WHEN WHAT THEY NEEDED WAS A M.E.T. TEAM TO ROLL OUT TO DE-ESCALATE THE SITUATION. SO I THINK THIS BOARD IS VERY INSISTENT THAT, SOMEHOW-- I MEAN, WE HEAR YOU, BUT WE HAVE... WE GOT NINE NEW ACADEMIES HAPPENING. WE ARE ALL WORKING TO RECRUIT AND HIRE MORE. SO, I THINK IT IS PROBABLY NOT AS GOOD OF AN ANSWER, JUST TO SAY, "WE CAN'T DO IT BECAUSE OF STAFFING LEVELS." YOU GOT TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT. THIS IS DEFINITELY A PRIORITY, AND WE BELIEVE IT SPEAKS TO JUST THE PHILOSOPHY OF THIS BOARD, IN HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING AND IMPLEMENTING OUR CARE-FIRST POLICY. SO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT, BUT I THINK YOUR ANSWER PROBABLY DIDN'T SATISFY ANYBODY UP HERE. THE ONE QUESTION I DIDN'T HEAR GET ASKED IS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING. SO, ASSISTANT SHERIFF ALOMA, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO, MAYBE, THE ROLE AND GOALS OF THAT OFFICE?

SERGIO ALOMA: I SURE CAN. SO, WE ARE FORTUNATE AND HAPPY TO HAVE EILEEN DECKER AS OUR NEW DIVISION DIRECTOR OVER THE

OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING. SHE IS AN OUTSTANDING ADDITION TO OUR TEAM. AND MOVING FORWARD, I THINK NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS WILL COME OUT OF HER OFFICE. BUT AS I SIT AND SAY "HER OFFICE," DIVISION DIRECTOR DECKER IS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHING STAFF THAT SHE NEEDS, AND SHE IS CAREFULLY SELECTING THOSE PEOPLE FOR THOSE CRITICAL POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING. SHE'S GOING TO BE FOCUSED ON OUR CONSENT DECREES AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, BOTH IN OUR JAILS AND IN THE NORTH COUNTY, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSENT DECREES. SO, SHE IS HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING. IN ADDITION TO FOCUSING ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, OR THE C.O.C., THOSE 27 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE ARE TAKING THOSE VERY SERIOUSLY, AND SHE'S ALSO WORKING VERY HARD TO ASSESS THOSE AND SEE WHERE AND WHAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT. SO, HOPEFULLY, THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, THE GOAL OF THIS OFFICE WOULD BE...?

SERGIO ALOMA: TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE SHERIFF, AND TO OUR COMMAND STAFF, AND TO OUR DEPARTMENT, AS IT RELATES TO CONSTITUTIONAL POLICINGS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING, AND WHERE SHE CAN HELP US EXPAND SERVICES, AND DO SO IN A CONSTITUTIONAL MANNER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD. I MEAN, I THINK IT IS A GREAT FIRST STEP. I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I THINK THE TIMING IS GREAT, RIGHT NOW, AND I APPRECIATE THE SHERIFF FOR DOING THAT. MAX, DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT OFFICE?

MAX HUNTSMAN: OH, I JUST SAY I AM A BIG FAN. WHAT YOU ARE SEEING HAPPEN IS WHAT THIS BOARD ASKED FOR WHEN YOU CREATED MY OFFICE. AT THAT TIME, YOU GAVE A BUNCH OF MONEY TO THE SHERIFF TO ESTABLISH SOMETHING CALLED THE AUDITS AND ACCOUNTABILITY BUREAU, AND IT WAS NEVER USED THE WAY YOU INTENDED. AS A RESULT, IT DID ALMOST NOTHING AS TO REFORM, WHEN IT WAS FIRST CREATED. THEN WE HAD THE DARK AGES, THE LAST FOUR YEARS, AND NOW OUR NEW SHERIFF IS REIMAGINING MOVING A LOT OF THOSE POSITIONS INTO THIS OFFICE, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL FUNCTION IN THE WAY WE WISHED IT WOULD HAVE, A LONG TIME AGO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, GREAT. OKAY, THANK YOU, ALL, FOR--

SUP. BARGER: CAN I JUST SAY ONE THING? BECAUSE WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT-- AND I THINK WHAT I HEARD THE COMMANDER SAY IS, WE NEED TO TALK TO MENTAL HEALTH. BECAUSE THEY WANT TO EXPAND M.E.T., BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I HEARD THAT. I WOULD RATHER HAVE HAD AN ANSWER LIKE, "YES, WE ARE GOING TO PRIORITIZE THIS, AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK."

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. THEN, LISA WONG, IF YOU ARE LISTENING, WE ARE PRIORITIZING THIS, AND WE WANT YOU TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS TO PAIR WITH DEPUTIES, AND GIVE US A REPORT-BACK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH. FINE. DON'T SOFTEN MY BLOW. OKAY. LET'S SEE. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO WEIGH IN ON THIS?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES. WE HAVE CORY SCHMIDT. PLEASE COME UP. AND THERE IS NO TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS CORY SCHMIDT. SO, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT REFORM OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT. SO, WHAT DO THEY DO? THEY LIKE TO USE THEIR HELICOPTERS TO ENCIRCLE YOU AT YOUR HOUSE, OR AT THE BEACH, OR ANYWHERE IN THE CITY. THEY LIKE TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND IN THEIR CAR WITH THEIR SIRENS GOING, TRY TO MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A CRIMINAL. WHAT ELSE DO THEY DO? THEY FOLLOW YOU THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THERE'S HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION. DEFINITELY EXPERIENCE

DISCRIMINATION. THERE'S BEEN FISTFIGHTS. I GOT JUMPED, DEFINITELY. LET'S SEE. I WOULD SAY, IF WE ARE GOING TO DO SOME REFORMS, THOSE ARE A GOOD LIST OF THINGS TO FOCUS ON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES. HERMAN HERMAN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. GO AHEAD.

HERMAN HERMAN: MOMMY, GENTLEMEN, YOUNG LADY, I HATE TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION THAT THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS ISSUES AMONG THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WILL GIVE YOU A HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE. WHEN I FILE A CLAIM TO INVESTIGATE INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY OF SHERIFFS HAVING ME HANDCUFFED AND ASKING ME IF I DREW A SWASTIKA, AND I WALK AROUND GOING TO MEETINGS, USING COHEN VS. CALIFORNIA, [EXPLETIVE] THE DRAFT, IS THAT OFFENSIVE? BECAUSE WHEN THE [EXPLETIVE] COPS ARREST PEOPLE IN THE STREET, THEY ARE NOT AS POLITE. AND I FIND THAT OFFENSIVE. YOU GET A LOT MORE HONEY THAN YOU WOULD SPILLING THE SUGAR. AND THE ISSUE IS, WE NEED A REFORM, AND WE NEED TO AUDIT THE POLICY THAT GOES ON TODAY, IN REGARDS TO ITEM 45. I SUPPORT THE MOTION, BUT WITH AN AUDIT. GET IT GOING. SPEND THE MONEY, AND MAKE IT WORK. OOH-RAH!

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE DONALD HARLAN, THAT SIGNED UP IN THE QUEUE IN PERSON, AND ONE PERSON ON TELEPHONIC.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GREAT.

SPEAKER: HI. I AM DONALD HARLAN. THIS IS ABOUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT. I'D RECOMMEND THAT YOU FIRE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, THAT YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD EXPECT OUT OF THE JOB OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM THIS PERSON. ALSO, THERE'S A LOT OF PUFFED-UP TALK ABOUT HOW THEY ARE GOING TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS, AND DO ALL THESE THINGS, BUT WE KNOW THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. YEAH, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS CORRUPT. IT'S BEEN CORRUPT A LONG TIME. IT IS A REAL SHAME THAT SOMEBODY WOULD INVEST ALL THAT MONEY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND AUDITING AND STUFF, AND THEY CAN'T EVEN [EXPLETIVE] GET THEIR WORK-- THEY CAN'T EVEN GET IT TOGETHER. IT IS JUST RIDICULOUS. YET, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANYTHING-- EVERY ONE OF THESE GUYS UP HERE LOOKS LIKE THEY WOULD SELL YOU IN DELAWARE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS? EVERY GUY UP HERE LOOKS LIKE THEY WOULD SELL YOU IN DELAWARE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN PERSON?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN PERSON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, ON THE PHONE? ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO TO THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN. MR. HUMPHREYS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO SPEAKERS-- SUPERVISOR BARGER, ARE YOU BACK UP, OR ARE YOU...

SUP. BARGER: NO, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT, THANK YOU, ALL, FOR COMING AND BEING AVAILABLE FOR OUR QUESTIONS. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO 54-A, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, CRITICAL TENANT PROTECTIONS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I THINK WE

HAVE RAFAEL CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IS AVAILABLE. I SEE CHERI TODOROFF HERE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR CONSIDERING THIS ITEM. I KNOW THAT THE WORDS "TENANT PROTECTIONS" CAN TRIGGER FEELINGS OF ANXIETY AND CONFUSION, AND THAT IT CAN GET COMPLICATED. BUT THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY IS NOT COMPLICATED, NOR ARE THE REASONS WHY IT IS SO INCREDIBLY NECESSARY. AS WE KNOW, WE ARE IN A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE CAN DO IS STEM THE TIDE OF PEOPLE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, BY PROTECTING THEM IN HOUSING THAT THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO AFFORD. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME, I WOULD SAY, INTENTIONAL, BUT AT LEAST SOME CONFUSION OR DISINFORMATION THAT'S BEEN SPREAD, SO I WILL GO THROUGH WHAT THIS ITEM ACTUALLY CALLS FOR. BUT OWNERS-- I'M SORRY, BUT THIS MOTION TO PROTECT TENANTS COUNTYWIDE-- WHO ARE PAYING THEIR RENT-- FROM BEING ARBITRARILY REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME, WHICH IS WHAT JUST-CAUSE PROTECTION MEANS, IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. OWNERS MUST HAVE A JUST CAUSE TO EVICT A TENANT; A CAUSE WHICH COULD INCLUDE TENANTS NOT PAYING THEIR RENT, OR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THEIR LEASE. SO, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT, SAYING, "WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE TENANTS NOT PAYING RENT," WE HAVE HEARD YOU, AND THAT IS NOT WHAT THIS ITEM IS

CALLING FOR. THESE PROTECTIONS WILL NOT GO ON FOREVER, AS A RESULT OF THIS MOTION, EITHER. THEY ARE FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD, WHILE WE WORK WITH ALL CITIES TO INCREASE THEIR RENTER PROTECTIONS. THERE WERE OVER 34,000 EVICTIONS FILED IN THE COUNTY IN 2022, DURING A TIME WHERE SOME BELIEVED EVICTION PROTECTIONS WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS RISK. 34,000 EVICTIONS FILED IN ONE YEAR. THESE PROTECTIONS ARE NOT AN EVICTION MORATORIUM. THEY PROVIDE TENANTS WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THAT THEY CAN ASSERT WHEN THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING TO WARRANT BEING REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME. EVICTIONS THAT ARE BASED ON JUST CAUSE ARE THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF DISCRIMINATORY AND ARBITRARY EVICTIONS. GIVEN THE DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE OF COLOR IN OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION, WE CANNOT SIT SILENT AND ALLOW DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICES TO CONTINUE. THIS MOTION ALSO PROTECTS TENANTS WHO BROUGHT ROOMMATES INTO THEIR HOME DURING C.O.V.I.D. TO HELP COVER RENT, OR TO TAKE CARE OF SICK HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. HOUSEHOLDS ALSO ADOPTED PETS IN RECORD NUMBERS DURING THE PANDEMIC, PROVIDING VALUABLE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, RESULTING IN HISTORIC ADOPTIONS FROM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS, AND THEY EXIST IN STABLE HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES THAT DESERVE TO STAY INTACT. TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: SLOWING EVICTIONS, MAINTAINING HOUSING, AND STOPPING THE INFLOW OF PEOPLE ENDING UP LIVING ON OUR STREETS. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. OVER 69,000 PEOPLE LIVE WITHOUT HOMES. WE CAN

MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THIS EMERGENCY BY STOPPING THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND PROTECTING TENANTS FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES. THERE ARE PEOPLE RENTING IN SOME OF OUR CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO ENJOY CITY-LED EVICTION PROTECTION EFFORTS, BUT MOST INDEPENDENT CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE NOT YET LAUNCHED THEIR OWN TENANT PROTECTIONS. THE COUNTY, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF D.C.B.A., AS WE KNOW, HAS AGREED TO HOST A SUMMIT TO SUPPORT THESE CITIES IN LAUNCHING THEIR OWN PROTECTIONS, BUT GIVEN THE SCOPE OF THE SUMMIT AND THE SIZE OF THE EVENT, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM D.C.B.A. THAT THIS EVENT IS EXPECTED NOT TO BE HELD UNTIL JUNE OF 2023, WHILE EVICTION PROTECTIONS WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. BECAUSE OF THIS DELAY, AND MINDFUL OF THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO DECREASING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THE COUNTY MUST INITIATE TENANT PROTECTIONS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS DECLARATION, AND DEMONSTRATE OUR COMMITMENT TO KEEPING LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS HOUSED. THIS MOTION ASKS FOR REPORTS BACK ON A VARIETY OF WORK, SO I WILL GET INTO THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT THIS MOTION ACTUALLY CALLS FOR, SO WE'RE ALL CLEAR. THE FIRST DIRECTIVE, AS I SPOKE ABOUT, IS WITH REGARD TO JUST-CAUSE EVICTIONS: KEEPING PEOPLE IN HOUSING WHERE THEY ARE PAYING RENT, AND THEY ARE ABIDING BY THE TERMS OF THEIR LEASE FOR THE NEXT PERIOD OF TIME, THIS NEXT YEAR, UNTIL MARCH OF 2024. DIRECTIVE 2 DEALS WITH THE PETS AND OCCUPANTS ISSUE, WHICH I HAVE ADDRESSED.

DIRECTIVE 3 ALLOWS TENANTS WHO ARE KEEPING CURRENT ON THEIR RENT, STARTING APRIL 1ST OF THIS YEAR, TO CONTINUE TO STAY IN THEIR HOUSING WHILE THEY WORK TO PAY THEIR BACK DUE RENT. WE HAVE HEARD STORIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND LANDLORDS WHO ARE TAKING RENT THAT TENANTS PERCEIVE TO BE APPLIED CURRENTLY, AND INSTEAD USING IT TO PAY BACK DUE RENT, WHICH THEN CAUSES THEM TO BE SUBJECT TO EVICTION. WE ARE TRYING TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE WOULD LIKE RENT TO BE APPLIED CURRENTLY, WHILE WE WORK WITH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS TO ADDRESS THEIR BACK DUE RENT. DIRECTIVE 4 WOULD LIMIT THE INCREASES TO RENTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY IN L.A. COUNTY; AND THE REMAINING DIRECTIVES ARE ALL REPORTS BACK ON CONNECTING AT-RISK TENANTS WITH RESOURCES AT THEIR TIME OF EVICTION, CENTRALIZING ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR TENANTS TO ACCESS THEM, SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO MULTIPLE PLACES TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES THAT ALREADY EXIST FOR THEIR PROTECTION. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR D.C.B.A., AND ASSISTING CITIES WHO ARE LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT RENTER PROTECTIONS. DEVELOPING A TOOLKIT TO EXPLAIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES. OBVIOUSLY, WE DON'T WANT TO DUPLICATE EFFORTS, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF RESOURCES ALREADY AVAILABLE TO TENANTS THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO. AND FINALLY, EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR TENANTS, WHICH I KNOW THIS ENTIRE BOARD HAS TALKED ABOUT, IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE LONGER-TERM PROTECTIONS FOR RENTERS, THAT ARE NOT

UNDER THE BANNER OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY. WE ARE LEARNING FROM THESE TIMES OF CRISIS, AND WE MUST IMPLEMENT THOSE LESSONS INTO POLICIES. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME, AND I HOPE THAT ANY AND ALL OF THOSE DIRECTIVES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY MY COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG AFTERNOON, ALREADY, AND WE'VE HAD SO MANY CHALLENGING ISSUES AND THINGS THAT WE'VE TAKEN ON, ON THIS BOARD, BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES THAT KEEPS ME UP AT NIGHT. IN ALL HONESTY, THIS IS ONE THAT WE GET CALLS INTO MY DISTRICT OFFICES, AND I HAVE SEVERAL, INCLUDING THE ONE HERE, WHERE PEOPLE ARE CALLING BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING NOTICES THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE EVICTED. AND I HAVE-- MANY OF THEM HAPPEN TO BE SENIOR CITIZENS. SO, FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I TRY TO THINK, "WELL, HOW ARE WE GOING TO TRY TO HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AN ELDERLY COUPLE OR FAMILY, WHERE YOU HAVE MULTIPLE FAMILIES LIVING WITH AN OLDER RELATIVE?" AND THEY'RE JUST AS WORRIED, JUST AS TRAUMATIZED AS TO WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND MANY ARE JUST BARELY MAKING DUE, AND YOU HAVE MAYBE TWO OR THREE PEOPLE WORKING, BUT THEY'RE ALL WORKING AT MINIMUM WAGE, OR LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE, AND PART TIME. THAT'S THE REALITY FOR MY

DISTRICT, THE PEOPLE THAT I REPRESENT. I THINK THE MAJORITY IN MY DISTRICT ARE RENTERS, AND WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF LANDLORDS. WE HAVE A LOT OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE HAVE A LOT OF LOW-INCOME UNITS, BUT STILL, IT'S NOT ENOUGH. AND WE KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND WE'RE TRYING VERY HARD TO MEET THAT, TO MEET THAT NEED. I THINK ALL OF US HERE ON THE BOARD WANT TO THANK YOU, CHERI TODOROFF, FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE DOING, BECAUSE EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON, IN TERMS OF PROVIDING HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO GET PEOPLE HOUSED, BUT NOW WE HAVE THIS OTHER TSUNAMI THAT'S COMING, AND IT IS COMING. I MEAN, I FORESEE IT. I HEAR IT FROM PEOPLE IN THE STREET. THE VERY FACT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A STRIKE THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW ACROSS THE WAY, L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PEOPLE MAKE LESS THAN $25,000 A YEAR. AND THEY ARE COMPLAINING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT OF THEIR HOMES OR APARTMENTS, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE DUE. AND WE KNOW THIS. THIS ISN'T ANYTHING NEW FOR US. BUT I WANT TO STAND PROUDLY WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH ON THIS, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS A BIG ISSUE FOR US. AND I DO WANT TO SEE THAT, AT LEAST, THIS BOARD TAKE MORE CONSIDERATION INTO WHAT OUR TENANTS ARE REALLY GOING THROUGH. AND PERHAPS THEY CAN'T ALL BE HERE TODAY, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM ARE AT HOME RIGHT NOW, WATCHING THEIR KIDS, BECAUSE THEIR KIDS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL. A LOT OF THEM COULDN'T MAKE IT. THAT'S WHAT I HEARD TODAY. A LOT

OF THEM THAT COULDN'T COME HERE COULDN'T, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY'VE GOT TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN RIGHT NOW. BUT THAT'S ONE ISSUE. THE OTHER IS THAT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT TENANTS PROTECTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, THUS FAR, HAVE PROTECTED MANY, MANY PEOPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND WE KNOW THAT, ON MARCH 31ST, THOSE PROTECTIONS ARE SET TO END, MEANING MORE THAN 30,000 HOUSEHOLDS COULD FACE EVICTION BY THE END OF THE YEAR. 30,000. MULTIPLY THAT BY 4 OR 5 IN A UNIT, OR MORE. AND IN SOME OF OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, IT'S A LOT LARGER. COULD GO UP TO 8 INDIVIDUALS OR MORE. WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A GOOD IDEA, BUT I DO KNOW IT'S LARGE. WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO TRY TO PROTECT, IN MY OPINION, AT LEAST BY THIS MOTION, AND THAT IS PROVIDING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO HELP US REACH OUT, ALSO, TO OUR CITIES, WHO RIGHT NOW ARE LOOKING AT WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING. I'VE HAD A NUMBER OF MY CITIES TELL ME, "WE'RE WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO, BECAUSE WE WANT TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD." AND I THINK THAT MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE DO TRUST WHAT THE COUNTY DOES. I KNOW THAT. BUT I THINK THAT IF WE COULD DO THAT, IT WOULD HELP PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE BEYOND OUR REACH, BEYOND JUST THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND AS A REMINDER, I THINK WE NEED TO JUST CONTINUE TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT THE CURRENT TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT THEY HAVE, AND THE RELIEF PROGRAMS. WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT EARLIER, WITH RESPECT TO A.R.P. MONEY AND A.R.D.I., THE PRESENTATION THAT WE HAD, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO

DO MORE TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE IS ASSISTANCE, AND APPARENTLY, IT ISN'T BREAKING THROUGH THE WAY WE THINK IT IS. THAT IS A FACT. I SEE THAT WHEN I'M OUT IN MY DISTRICT. I THINK, AS A BOARD, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND DO THE RIGHT THING TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS THAT IS AT HAND RIGHT NOW. AND TODAY, FOR ME, THE RIGHT THING IS TO EXTEND THE TENANT PROTECTIONS AT LEAST FOR ONE YEAR. AND THE MOTION INITIATES NEW TENANT PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT MORE HOMELESSNESS. AND THE MOTION, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED, PROHIBITS LANDLORDS, THROUGH MARCH 31ST, 2024, TO EVICT TENANTS WITHOUT JUST CAUSE; PROHIBIT PROPERTY OWNERS FROM SEEKING EVICTIONS AGAINST TENANTS FOR UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS, SUCH AS PETS, WHO MOVED IN BETWEEN MARCH 4TH, 2020, TO JANUARY 2023; AND PROHIBITS LANDLORDS, THROUGH MARCH 2024, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, TO RAISE RENT BY MORE THAN 3%. FOR SOME PEOPLE, EVEN A MINOR $50, WHATEVER, COULD BANKRUPT THEM, IN SOME CASES. BUT IN SOME CASES, WE KNOW THAT IT'S EVEN HARSHER FOR MANY OTHER FAMILIES. I WON'T EVEN GO INTO THAT. BUT THIS MOTION ALSO HAS OTHER DIRECTIVES TO INCREASE THAT OUTREACH, AS WE SAID, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WE KNOW, WHEN PEOPLE HAVE A LEGAL DEFENSE, THEY HAVE A BETTER SHOT AT WINNING THEIR CASES, AND WE KNOW THAT. WE DID THROUGH OTHER EFFORTS HERE ON THE COUNTY. SO, I THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT, AND PROVIDE MULTILINGUAL MATERIAL OF ALL RESOURCES THAT THE COUNTY OFFERS. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE NEED TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO D.C.B.A. TO HIRE A

CONSULTANT TO COORDINATE A CONVENING WITH CITIES TO BEGIN THAT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR OWN TENANT PROTECTIONS. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. I KEEP GETTING CALLS ABOUT THAT. IN JANUARY, THE BOARD ALLOCATED $45 MILLION TO FINANCIALLY ASSIST OUR MOM-AND-POP PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS. THOSE FUNDS WILL BE ROLLING OUT TO HELP MANY. I'M QUITE AWARE OF THE STRUGGLES OF MANY OF THE SMALL MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, AND WHAT THEY'RE FACING, BECAUSE I KNOW, TOO, THEY HAVE BILLS THAT THEY HAVE TO MEET. THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS ADMINISTERS THE STAY HOUSED L.A. AND THE SMALL LANDLORD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WHICH I KNOW CAN HELP GO A LONG WAY TO PROVIDE MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE, ALSO, WHICH ALSO LAUNCHES NEXT MONTH. SO, THERE ARE HELP AND PROTECTIONS EVEN FOR LANDLORDS. SO, I THINK THAT ALSO HAS TO BE STATED, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S LOST ON SOME PEOPLE. I ALSO WANT TO REMIND THE PUBLIC TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS, AND APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE. AND WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC DRASTICALLY CHANGED AND DISRUPTED BOTH OUR FAMILIES AND OUR ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY IMPACTING THE MOST VULNERABLE. WE AS A COUNTY IMPLEMENTED EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT WERE GREATLY NEEDED, TO TRY TO DIMINISH THE IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. TODAY, WE'RE USING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS TO PREVENT FAMILIES, WOMEN, AND SENIORS FROM SLEEPING ON THE STREETS OR IN THEIR VEHICLES, MANY OF WHOM ARE

DOING THAT RIGHT NOW, AS WE SPEAK. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION WILL HELP US REACH OUT TO THE CITIES, AND HELP THEM IMPLEMENT PERMANENT POLICIES AND PROTECTIONS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, BEFORE THE LIFT OF THE EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS. AS A COUNTY, WE HAVE LIFTED THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATING AND SUPPORTING THE CITY OF L.A. MAYOR KAREN BASS, HER DECLARATION ON THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP REDUCE DISPLACEMENT, AND TO PREVENT MORE FROM FALLING INTO THE HOMELESS BUCKET. AND IT'S A REMINDER FOR THE COUNTY THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE THOSE TENANT PROTECTIONS AND RELIEF PROGRAMS TO PREVENT MORE HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSECURITY, WHICH IS AT ONE OF ITS HIGHEST PEAKS. AND THANK GOD THAT WE DO HAVE COLLABORATION WITH THE MAYOR ACROSS THE STREET, THE CITY, AND THE THINGS THAT THIS BOARD HAS BEEN DOING. BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND I KNOW THIS IS ANOTHER PART OF HER VALUES AND HER INITIATIVES TO TAKE ON, AS WELL. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ALSO ASK MEMBERS TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR US TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION. BUT I NEED TO GET A CLARIFICATION. SO, WE TALK ABOUT CITIES, BECAUSE I'M ACTUALLY HEARING THE OPPOSITE FROM SOME OF MY

CITIES. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT. A.B. 1482-- DOESN'T THAT COVER JUST-CAUSE ACROSS THE STATE? THAT'S ALREADY IN PLACE?

SPEAKER: YES, IT IS. A.B. 1482 EXTENDS JUST-CAUSE TO THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR ALL UNITS 15 YEARS OR OLDER, ON A ROLLING BASIS. IT ALSO PROVIDES RELOCATION ASSISTANCE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND ALSO CAPS RENT HIKES AT 10%.

SUP. BARGER: SO, THAT'S ALREADY BEING ADDRESSED. AND WHEN DOES THAT GO INTO EFFECT?

SPEAKER: IT WENT IN EFFECT 2020, AND IT SUNSETS IN 2030.

SUP. BARGER: 2030? AND THEN, OF THE $45 MILLION WE'VE ALLOCATED, HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT?

SPEAKER: NONE.

SUP. BARGER: SEE, THIS IS MY FRUSTRATION. WHEN DID WE VOTE ON THAT, AT THIS BOARD LEVEL? ABOUT A MONTH. BUT, I MEAN, WE ALREADY HAD SOMETHING IN PLACE, A TEMPLATE IN PLACE, ON HOW TO GET THIS MONEY OUT. AND SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT-- I MEAN, I KNOW, PERSONALLY-- AND I'M GOING TO THANK TYLER PUBLICLY, WHO HELPED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS GOING TO BE EVICTED. WE GOT HER LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND ACTUALLY FOUND MONEY TO PAY HER BACK

RENT, BUT IT WASN'T THAT $45 MILLION. IT WAS V.O.A. BUT THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY HERE. ALL RIGHT? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT-- YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE MAY END UP HOMELESS, AND WE'VE GOT INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED TO BE MADE WHOLE, AS WELL: MOM-AND-POPS. AND SO, I WOULD ASK THAT WE-- I THOUGHT WE HAD A TEMPLATE ALREADY GOING, OR YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A FORMULA, BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE'VE ALLOCATED MONEY TO DO THIS, CORRECT?

SPEAKER: NO, IT'S NOT. SO, WE'VE ALLOCATED 5 MILLION OF THAT 40. THE $40 MILLION IS ACTUALLY A.R.P. SO, BECAUSE OF THE FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS UNDER A.R.P., WE NEED TO PUT IT OUT FOR PROCUREMENT.

SUP. BARGER: SO, REALISTICALLY, WHEN DO YOU THINK THAT MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE MOM-AND-POPS THAT DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF TENANT PROTECTION?

SPEAKER: WE'RE TARGETING THIS SUMMER.

SUP. BARGER: WHEN?

SPEAKER: THIS SUMMER.

SUP. BARGER: OH, I THOUGHT YOU SAID DECEMBER. AND THEN, ON THE JANUARY 24, 2023, MEETING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS PASSED A MOTION DESIGNATED TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF MOVING TENANT PROTECTIONS FROM OUR C.O.V.I.D.-19 EMERGENCY OVER TO THE EMERGENCY HOMELESS DECLARATION. CAN YOU LET ME KNOW WHERE THE REPORT IS? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I ASKED THAT WE REACH OUT TO COURTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO GET FEEDBACK BEFORE I TAKE ANY ACTION, AND MY STAFF IS TELLING ME THERE IS NO REPORT.

SPEAKER: THE REPORT-BACK WILL BE BACK APRIL 6TH, AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN ENGAGING WITH LANDLORDS AND LANDLORD REPRESENTATION ORGANIZATIONS. WE MEET WITH THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS. EVERY E-MAIL, EVERY FLYER THAT YOU RECEIVE, WE RECEIVE, AS WELL. WE ARE LEVERAGING OUR LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THEM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE HAVE A WEBINAR SCHEDULED TOMORROW-- I'M SORRY, ON THURSDAY-- TARGETING LANDLORDS FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THE PROTECTIONS, WHICH IS KIND OF ON PAUSE, DEPENDING ON HOW THIS CONVERSATION GOES; THE INFORMATION THAT WE'LL SHARE THERE. AND THE COURTS-- WE'VE DEFINITELY BEEN INVOLVED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COURTS. I'M ACTUALLY EXCITED AT THE NEW LEADERSHIP OVER THERE. IT'S A COMPLETELY NEW LEADERSHIP AND VIEW AND PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORK THAT THEY'RE DOING. DAVID SLEATON, THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER THERE, WE'VE BEEN MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAD A MEETING WITH HIM TODAY AT THREE

O'CLOCK THAT I EXCUSED MYSELF FROM, SO I COULD BE HERE TODAY TO EXPLORE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER PROGRAMMING WITHIN THE COURTS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED IN THE PAST, WHEN THE PANDEMIC HIT, WE WERE TRYING-- WE ALREADY HAVE A DAY-OF-COURT MEDIATION PROGRAM, WHERE WE HAVE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED MEDIATORS AT THE COURT, WHERE THE JUDGES ARE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SENT THE PLAINTIFFS OUT INTO THE HALLWAY TO DISCUSS THEIR CASE, AND TRY TO MEDIATE AND SETTLE IT BEFORE GOING FORWARD WITH THE CASE. WE WANTED TO DO DAY-OF-COURT ATTORNEYS. THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT NECESSARILY OPEN TO THAT CONCEPT, BUT THIS NEW ADMINISTRATION IS, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING.

SUP. BARGER: SO, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT, BECAUSE WHEN I TALKED TO AN INDIVIDUAL, I FELT THE COURTS WOULD BE HELPFUL, SO I'M GLAD THAT YOU REACHED OUT TO THEM. YOU SAY THAT THE MONEY-- SUMMER-- I'M GOING TO GET BACK TO THAT. I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING. IF SOMEONE HAS BEEN-- LET'S SAY, THAT IS NO LONGER LIVING IN THAT UNIT. WILL THE LANDLORD BE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE BACK RENT, OR DOES THE INDIVIDUAL HAVE TO BE LIVING IN THE UNIT?

SPEAKER: NO, BECAUSE THE REIMBURSEMENT IS GOING TO BE-- IT'S BASED ON THE RENTAL ARREARS THAT ARE OWED TO THE LANDLORD.

SUP. BARGER: SO, LET'S SAY THE TENANT DECIDES TO MOVE OUT, AND MOVED TO ANOTHER STATE.

SPEAKER: SO, AS LONG AS THEY COULD VALIDATE THAT THEY HAVE THE RENTAL ARREARS THAT ARE DUE TO THEM, THEY'RE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. AND THEN, CHERI. HI. I KNOW THE C.E.O. IS-- HOUSING INITIATIVE-- IS PRESENTLY EXECUTING OUR EMERGENCY DECLARATION GOALS WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS, WORKING ON IMPLEMENTING THE [INAUDIBLE] DIRECTIVES, EXECUTING MEASURE H, CONTRACTING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE THUS FAR. YOU REALLY HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB, AND I CONTINUE TO SEE AND HEAR ABOUT ALL THE GREAT WORK FROM MY CITIES. AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES, BUT THAT'S MADE A DIFFERENCE WHEN I GO OUT AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH MEASURE H DOLLARS. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A HEAVY LIFT FOR YOUR TEAM TO EXECUTE ALL THIS, SO I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU IF YOU FEEL THAT TRANSITIONING TENANT PROTECTIONS TO YOUR TEAM AT THIS TIME IS FEASIBLE.

CHERI TODOROFF: AS I'M LOOKING AT THE MOTION, WHAT I'M SEEING IS THAT WE'LL WORK WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS THE EFFICACY AND COST IMPLICATIONS OF CENTRALIZING ACCESS TO COUNTY [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAMS. SO, I WAS LOOKING AT IT FROM THAT

PERSPECTIVE. AND WE CAN CERTAINLY SUPPORT THAT FOR THIS 30-DAY REPORT-BACK, DOING THAT ANALYSIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND COMING BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THAT INFORMATION. AND YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN--

>>SUP. BARGER: THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT TYLER HAS TOLD ME THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. AND THEN, WITH OUR WORKING WITH THE CITY, NOW, ON WHAT WE'RE ROLLING OUT, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT PUTTING TOO MUCH ON YOUR PLATE. AND THEN LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I'LL JUST SAY, I LOOK AT THE REPORT-BACKS, AND I AGREE, WHOLEHEARTEDLY, THESE REPORT-BACKS SHOULD BE PUT INTO PLAY. WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT THAT. AND I'M GLAD THAT THE BOARD IS DIRECTING IT, BUT I HOPE THAT IT'S ALREADY BEING THOUGHT ABOUT, BECAUSE SOME OF THIS, TO ME, IS LIKE A NO-BRAINER. THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING, AND HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THIS BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED, AS IT RELATES TO A TENANT POWER TOOLKIT, OR THINGS LIKE THAT, TO HELP. BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THAT WE CAN'T KEEP KICKING THE CAN, AS IT RELATES TO TENANT PROTECTIONS. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED-- IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE CHANGE-- AND I'VE SAID THIS, AND THAT'S WHY I WANTED YOU TO TALK TO THE COURTS, AND I WANTED

YOU TO TALK TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS. THINGS DO NEED TO CHANGE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT CHANGE LOOKS LIKE, BUT WHEN I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE TALKED TO THE JUDGES, THEY'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND SOME OF THE ISSUES, BOTH ON THE TENANT SIDE AND ON THE LANDLORD SIDE, THAT MAYBE 20 YEARS AGO WORKED, BUT NOW WE NEED TO REVISIT, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO RENT CONTROL, AND ALL. AND I THINK THAT WE, AS A BOARD, SHOULD TAKE THAT INITIATIVE AND DO IT HOLISTICALLY, AND LOOK AT IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS; NOT JUST BASED ON C.O.V.I.D., BUT BASED ON WHAT'S RIGHT FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE RENTING, AND ALSO RIGHT FOR THOSE MOM-AND-POPS THAT ARE THE LANDLORDS TO THESE TENANTS THAT, IN SOME CASES, ARE IN ARREARS QUITE A BIT. SO, WITH THAT, I APPRECIATE THE ANSWERS ON THAT, AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS A REOCCURRING CONVERSATION. SINCE I JOINED THE BOARD, DECEMBER OF 2020, WE'VE LITERALLY HAD A DOZEN MOTIONS ON EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS. BEFORE, I SAID I'M CLEAR TODAY THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING THIS MOTION FOR A NEW SET OF COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS, UNDER THE HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. SO, JUST TO REMIND US KIND OF WHERE WE WERE IN MORE RECENT HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 2022, WE VOTED ON A MOTION TO

INFORM TENANTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND CITIES ABOUT THE SUNSET OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS, TO PROVIDE CITIES ADDITIONAL NOTICE, FOR THOSE INTERESTED, TO CRAFT THEIR OWN LOCAL PROTECTIONS. AND SINCE SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, WE EXTENDED C.O.V.I.D.-19 EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS TWICE. IN LARGE PART, THOSE EXTENSIONS WERE DONE, BASED ON THE ARGUMENTS OF THOSE WHO BROUGHT THE MOTIONS FORWARD, TO PROVIDE TIME FOR CITIES TO PASS THEIR OWN TENANT PROTECTIONS, SINCE THEY FALL LARGELY WITHIN THE GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY OF CITIES; AND TO GIVE US TIME, I MIGHT ADD-- US, THE COUNTY-- TO DEVELOP OUR OWN EXPANDED PERMANENT PROTECTIONS. THAT'S THE ISSUE I'VE TRIED TO CONSISTENTLY RAISE. BEFORE I GO TO SOME QUESTIONS, I DO WANT TO REITERATE AND SHARE THAT THE NUMBER-ONE ISSUE I GET CALLS AND E-MAILS ABOUT, FROM BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS, TO KEEP PEOPLE WHO ARE HOUSED IN THEIR HOUSING IS AFFORDABILITY. THAT'S WHY I CONTINUE TO RAISE RENT RELIEF. THE LAST MOTION THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD, CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, WAS $45 MILLION. WE ACKNOWLEDGED IT WASN'T ENOUGH, AND EVEN GETTING THAT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE FOR THIS BOARD WASN'T EASY. AND SO AFFORDABILITY CONTINUES TO BE THE QUESTION. SO, I WANT TO THANK THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK FOR COMING UP WITH THIS, KIND OF SIDE BY SIDE. I WAS LOOKING FOR SOME HELP AND GUIDANCE TO HELP ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS. I STILL HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS GETTING TO, WHAT ARE THE STATEWIDE KIND OF LAWS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT? I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING

ON A.B. 1482 IN 2019. I GET THAT. COSTA-HAWKINS IS ALWAYS UP FOR DEBATE, SO I WANTED TO GET A SENSE OF-- KIND OF GETTING TO YOUR QUESTION, WHO IS NOT COVERED IN 1482? AND WHAT ARE THE FULL LIST OF PROTECTIONS, WE REALLY NEED TO BEGIN TO WORK ON, AS A COUNTY. AND AGAIN, HAVING A SENSE OF WHAT THE CITIES ARE REALLY DOING. WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING AT THE CITY LEVEL? SO, FACT-CHECK ME, IF YOU WILL. I BELIEVE CITIES IN THE COUNTY, OF OUR 88, THAT CURRENTLY HAVE PROTECTIONS WOULD BE THE CITY OF L.A., CULVER CITY, INGLEWOOD, I BELIEVE PASADENA, MAYBE NOT SANTA MONICA. IS THAT THE EXHAUSTIVE LIST? WEST HOLLYWOOD.

SPEAKER: YOU ALSO HAVE POMONA AND WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND THEY'RE IN UNINCORPORATED, FOR A TOTAL OF 13 MUNICIPALITIES. 12 CITIES THAT ARE IN UNINCORPORATED.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOT IT. AND DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF THE REMAINING CITIES IN THE COUNTY, HOW MANY ARE IN ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT, IN TERMS OF DOING THE WORK?

SPEAKER: MY GENERAL UNDERSTANDING IS THERE'S ABOUT 4 CITIES THAT ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON IT. WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL OF THEM. MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WAS WITH WAS PICO RIVERA. THEY DO HAVE A MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE THAT THEY'RE LOOKING TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND, AND THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOME

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, POTENTIALLY IMPLEMENTING... YEAH, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YOUR TEAM REFERRED THEM TO US.

SUP. MITCHELL: THAT THEY MODELED AFTER THE COUNTY? MM-HMM. SO, I HEAR THAT THERE ARE SOME CITIES THAT DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES, THAT NEED SUPPORT, NEED HELP. WE KEEP HITTING YOU OVER THE HEAD, QUITE FRANKLY, ABOUT WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG FOR THE SUMMIT. WHAT WOULD STOP ANY OF THE OTHER HOUSING STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, ANY OF THOSE 4 CITIES COMING TOGETHER, LOOKING AT THE COUNTY MODEL? SINCE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 2022, WHAT IS STOPPING ANOTHER GROUP FROM CONVENING THE SUMMIT? IF THE SUMMIT IS WHAT EVERYBODY IS WAITING FOR, AND THAT AFTER THE SUMMIT, EVERYBODY'S GOING TO SWITCH INTO HIGH GEAR, I'M CURIOUS: WHAT IS STOPPING SOME OTHER ENTITY FROM HOSTING A SUMMIT?

SPEAKER: I COULD SPEAK FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE. FOR US, IT'S BEEN THE CAPACITY. I'VE MENTIONED THIS BEFORE. THE SAME FOLKS WORKING ON THIS ARE THE SAME FOLKS WHO ARE TRYING TO PUT THE SUMMIT TOGETHER.

SUP. MITCHELL: RIGHT. I GET IT.

SPEAKER: AND RESOURCE-WISE, FORTUNATELY, RECENTLY, WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME FUNDING THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO HOST THE

SUMMIT A LITTLE BIT EARLIER THAN JUNE. WE WERE LEVERAGING JUNE BECAUSE WE WERE TRYING TO USE SOME FREE RESOURCES, BUT NOW, DUE TO SOME COST SAVINGS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GENERATE, WE'RE GOING TO HOST IT A LITTLE SOONER, SO I'M ONBOARDING A CONSULTANT TO HELP US WITH THE COORDINATION ON THAT. BUT TO YOUR MAIN QUESTION, THERE IS REALLY NOTHING STOPPING THEM. WE MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THE OTHER OFFICES, WHO'VE ASKED THEIR CITIES TO REACH OUT TO US FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR ANY SUPPORT THAT WE CAN PROVIDE. THEN, WE'LL MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE. OUR CODE IS ACTUALLY AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH OUR LACOUNTY.GOV WEBSITE AND MUNICODE.GOV. I WILL SAY, SOME CITIES HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THAT, LIKE THE CITY OF CULVER CITY. THEY ESSENTIALLY TOOK OUR CODE, COPIED AND PASTED IT, AND PUT THEIR NAME ON IT. AND THEY WENT ONE STEP FURTHER, AND THEY STOLE ONE OF MY BEST STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN THEIR CITY. BUT OUTSIDE OF WILL AND DRIVE AND, I'M ASSUMING, THEIR OWN MACHINATIONS, THEY HAVEN'T MOVED FORWARD.

SUP. MITCHELL: DO WE KNOW, THEN, HOW MANY RENTAL UNITS, OR POSSIBLY PEOPLE, ARE WITHOUT ANY TENANT PROTECTIONS IN THE COUNTY, GIVEN THAT 1482 PROVIDES PROTECTIONS FOR 15 YEAR-- SO, WE HAVE A GAP IN TERMS OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNITS. THAT, COUPLED WITH THE CITIES THAT DON'T HAVE ANY PROTECTIONS.

SPEAKER: SO, I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER READILY AVAILABLE. I DO KNOW THAT IT WAS PROJECTED THAT 4.9 MILLION NEW HOUSEHOLDS WOULD BE PROTECTED UNDER A.B. 1482, THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BUT WE COULD GO BACK AND WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO SEE IF WE COULD FIGURE OUT HOW MANY OF THEM ARE COVERED.

SUP. MITCHELL: SUPERVISOR SAYS SHE HAS IT.

SUP. HORVATH: I DO. SO, EVEN WITH 1482, THERE ARE CONSERVATIVELY AT LEAST 650,000 RENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY WITH NO JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS, DUE TO THE LAW'S LOOPHOLES AND EXCEPTIONS. THE PROTECTIONS AREN'T ACTIVATED UNTIL THE TENANT HAS BEEN HOUSED FOR 12 MONTHS, AND THAT 12 MONTHS RESTARTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN A NEW TENANT JOINS THE HOUSEHOLD OR THERE ARE OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE LEASE LANGUAGE. AND THE PROTECTIONS DON'T APPLY TO UNITS BUILT WITHIN THE LAST 15 YEARS, AS WELL AS CERTAIN DUPLEXES, SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, AND CONDOMINIUMS. SO, THERE ARE A TON OF LOOPHOLES THAT ALLOW FOR 650,000 PEOPLE.

SUP. MITCHELL: IT WAS A GOOD START. AND WHAT IS YOUR SOURCE, IF YOU COULD SHARE THAT, SINCE D.C.B.A. DOESN'T HAVE THAT DATA?

SUP. HORVATH: I'M HAPPY TO GET THAT SOURCE FROM MY STAFF, AND I'M HAPPY TO ADD WHAT OUR MOTION TODAY WOULD ADD, IN ADDITION TO 1482.

SUP. MITCHELL: I'M CLEAR ABOUT THAT, BUT I'M TRYING TO GET A SENSE OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED. SO, JUST THE SOURCE WOULD BE HELPFUL, SINCE D.C.B.A. DIDN'T HAVE THE NUMBER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW ME, AS I GO THROUGH MY CHART, LOOKING AT 1482, LOOKING AT WHAT WE COULD BE DOING IF WE WERE SPENDING THE TIME AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, REALLY TALKING ABOUT OUR PERMANENT PROTECTIONS BEYOND ANOTHER EXTENSION. SO, ALSO, WITH REGARD TO L.A. COUNTY RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE, IT'S A PUBLIC DOCUMENT; AND I WOULD ASSUME, MUCH LIKE THE TENANT PROTECTIONS, THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULD STOP CITIES WHO DON'T HAVE IT FROM LOOKING AT THE COUNTY DOCUMENT AND REPLICATING IT, MUCH LIKE CULVER CITY DID?

SPEAKER: CORRECT.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO, AGAIN, WE HAVE AN R.S.O., INCLUSIVE OF TENANT PROTECTIONS. SO, WHO ARE INCLUDED IN THESE PROTECTIONS? UNINCORPORATED COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND NOT CITIES WHO DON'T HAVE THEM? CLARIFY THAT FOR ME.

SPEAKER: IN 1482 OR IN OURS. SO, 1482--

SUP. MITCHELL: GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: SO, 1482 COVERS ALL MUNICIPALITIES THAT DON'T OTHERWISE ALREADY HAVE TENANT PROTECTIONS IN PLACE, AND IT ALSO EXPANDS UPON PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AT A LOWER-- THAT ARE LESS THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY 1482. IN THE UNINCORPORATED, OUR TENANT PROTECTIONS ACTUALLY PROVIDE A HIGHER LEVEL OF PROTECTION THAN 1482.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOT IT. SO, I THINK THAT THERE ARE A VARIETY OF OPTIONS BEFORE US. I KNOW THAT SENATOR DURAZO HAS A BILL THAT WILL EXPAND UPON 1482, AND EXPAND PERMANENT PROTECTIONS. I THINK IT HAS, PROBABLY, STRONGER JUST-CAUSE LANGUAGE THAN WE'VE SEEN. IT'LL LOWER THE RENT CAP. AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE A SENSE THAT THERE ARE CITIES WHO ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, THAT COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT, THAT COULDN'T HAVE CONVENED THEMSELVES, FOUND AN ADVOCACY GROUP OR A PARTNER TO HELP THEM CONVENE. APPRECIATE THAT YOUR STAFF HAD BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, IN TERMS OF THE EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS THAT I SUPPORTED DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. EMERGENCY. YES, TENANTS NEED PROTECTION. YES, AFFORDABILITY IS THE PRIMARY REASON PEOPLE ARE FEARFUL AND ARE AT RISK OF FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED TO, AS A COUNTY, FIGURE OUT OUR PERMANENT PROTECTIONS.

THE OTHER CRITICAL ISSUE THAT I HEAR FROM STAKEHOLDERS, ADVOCATES, AND CONSTITUENTS IS WHAT I CALL UNIVERSAL LEGAL ACCESS, AS OPPOSED TO RIGHT TO COUNSEL, BECAUSE I AM INTERESTED IN IT TRULY BEING COUNTYWIDE, AND US FIGURING OUT A WAY TO PAY FOR IT, SO IT'S REAL. THOSE ARE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT, THAT IF GIVEN THE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO FOCUS ON THE REAL ISSUE AT HAND, WHICH IS EXPANDING PERMANENT PROTECTIONS, I WOULD HOPE THAT, AS A COUNTY, WE COULD GET TO. APPRECIATE-- YOU KNOW, CITIES ARE RESOURCEFUL ENTITIES WITH ELECTED BODIES, JUST LIKE US, WHO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENCY, AND HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THEY NEED TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT BY THEIR CONSTITUENTS. SO, THEY HAVE A LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY, JUST LIKE WE DO. SO, I AM HOPING THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN GET TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK ABOUT PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT WON'T BE INCUMBENT UPON SOME STATE OF EMERGENCY, BE IT C.O.V.I.D. OR WHATEVER WE HAVE TO CALL IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFYING INFORMATION. I APPRECIATE THAT, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: TO OFFER THE SOURCE, IT'S THE CENSUS, THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IN CITIES THAT DON'T HAVE LOCAL JUST-CAUSE. SO, THIS IS THE

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA. THIS WOULDN'T, OBVIOUSLY, INCLUDE ANYONE WITH A MODIFIED LEASE. SO, 650,000 IS A VERY CONSERVATIVE NUMBER. IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANYONE IN A CITY THAT HAS ANY SORT OF PROTECTION, EITHER. SO, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE PEOPLE IN THOSE CITIES WHO WOULD THEN BE COVERED BY THIS, AS WELL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I KNOW IT'S LATE, AND I DO KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE WAITING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE PUBLIC NOW? AND I CAN RESERVE MY REMARKS FOR LATER.

SPEAKER: WILL ARNOLD SACHS, BIJON XI, CASSANDRA ARANDA, CYNTHIA GONZALEZ, EMMANUEL MATAMOROS, EVA GARCIA, FRED SUTTON, GREG BONETT, HEIDI GONZALEZ-TOLEDO, HERMAN HERMAN, YVONNE NANETTE MACHADO, JASMINE PEREZ, CORY SCHMIDT, MARIA LARRAGUT, MATEO GILL, MATT BUCK, MAX SHERMAN, PAMELA AUGUSTINE, RED CHIEF HUNT, RUSSELL MCGONYA, RYAN YU, SASHA HARNDEN, SOFIA GARCIA, AND VICTORIA PALAYO PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS NAYIRI BAGDASARIAN YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS NAYIRI BAGDASARIAN. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. I'M WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. I'M HERE THIS AFTERNOON TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THIS BODY TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 54-A. THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED LATE IN THE AGENDA PROCESS, DID NOT GIVE ALL STAKEHOLDERS ENOUGH TIME TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK, AND THIS POLICY WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT EACH AND EVERY PERSON AND LEVEL THAT IS PART OF THE WORLD OF HOUSING, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE APPROACH THIS ISSUE WITH PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. THE FACT IS THAT THE STATE AND COUNTRY ARE QUICKLY PHASING OUT EMERGENCY MEASURES, AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON ADDRESSING ISSUES OUTSIDE THE PERIMETERS OF THE PANDEMIC. HOUSING PROVIDERS AND PARTNERS NEED TO BE ALLOWED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TOWARDS ADDRESSING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ISSUES. WE NEED TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE LOCAL COUNCILMEMBERS TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES, AND WE URGE FOR MORE CONVERSATIONS TO BE HAD BEFORE PASSING A MOTION SUCH AS THIS ONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND WE URGE THIS BODY TO VOTE NO.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EMMA REYES. YOU MAY BEGIN. MS. REYES DROPPED OUT. WE'LL NOW GO TO THE LINE OF FRANCESCO NEGRO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS FRANCESCO NEGRO. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE COUNTY. I STRONGLY URGE THE COUNTY TO VOTE NO ON THIS. THERE'S ENOUGH RULES AND REGULATIONS IN PLACE FROM THE STATE. SOME OF THESE ORDINANCES, YOU DESCRIBE THE ABILITY FOR SOMEBODY TO ADD ROOMMATES AND CATS, AND NOW YOU CAN'T HAVE THEM JUSTLY MOVED OUT. THESE PEOPLE HAVE CHANGED THE TERMS OF THEIR LEASES, AND THAT'S NOT JUST CAUSE? THEY'RE ADDING PEOPLE, CAUSING DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, THAT NOW, AS A PROPERTY OWNER, YOU NEED TO REPAIR. WE'VE GOT INCREASED COSTS FOR PROPERTY TAXES. INSURANCE COSTS HAVE GONE UP. MAINTENANCE COSTS HAVE GONE UP. INTEREST RATES AND BANKS HAVE GONE UP, FOR THE COST OF HOUSING. ALL THESE COSTS ARE PASSED ON TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. IF YOU WANT TO FIX SOMETHING, MAYBE CONSIDER LOWERING PROPERTY TAXES, INSTEAD OF INCREASING THEM 3% EACH YEAR. THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER PROBLEMS. I KNOW THE TENANTS, RESPECTFULLY, NEED PROTECTION, BUT SO DO THE HOMEOWNERS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VICTOR REYES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, YES? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES.

SPEAKER: WONDERFUL. MY NAME IS VICTOR REYES, AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF V.I.C.A., THE VALLEY INDUSTRY COMMERCE ASSOCIATION. WE URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM 54-A, WHICH INCLUDE YET ANOTHER LAST-MINUTE EXPANSION OF THE EMERGENCY ORDER TO EXPAND COUNTYWIDE EVICTION PROTECTIONS. THE USE OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO BACK YET ANOTHER EXPANSION OF COUNTY EVICTION PROTECTIONS SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE POLICYMAKING. THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH AIM TO OVERRIDE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS PASSED BY COUNCILMEMBERS, CONTINUE TO DISREGARD LOCAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES. V.I.C.A. HAS LONG ADVOCATED FOR AN END OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19-RELATED EVICTION PROTECTIONS, AND WE BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS, TO ENSURE THRIVING COMMUNITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING. MANY LOCAL AND

STATEWIDE JURISDICTIONS ENDED C.O.V.I.D.-19-RELATED EMERGENCY ORDERS MONTHS AGO, AND WE URGE THE COUNTY TO FOLLOW SUIT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAN BOWIE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JAN BOWIE, AND I REPRESENT LONG BEACH RESIDENTS AND [INAUDIBLE]. I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 54-A TO ENSURE THAT TENANTS ACROSS THE COUNTY CAN BE PROTECTED AGAINST EVICTION FOR NO CAUSE. TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AND THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, HAVE DECLARED THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS. IN 2022, LONG BEACH SAW ALMOST PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS OF EVICTION CASES, AND THAT'S WITH THE EXISTING TENANT PROTECTIONS. ONCE THESE PROTECTIONS EXPIRE, THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO GET WORSE. IF WE WANT TO ADDRESS THE ROOT OF HOMELESSNESS, WE WILL NEED TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND OFF THE STREETS, WITH TENANT PROTECTIONS LIKE JUST-CAUSE EVICTION PROTECTION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RYAN YU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS RYAN YU. WE SPOKE TO THE BOARD, BACK ON MARCH 7TH, ABOUT THE CONCERNS OF MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, AND WE JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE-- I KNOW THERE'S AN ONGOING BATTLE BETWEEN THE TENANTS' SIDE AND THE LANDLORDS' SIDE, BUT WE ARE HEARD, AND THAT THERE IS ROOM TO BREATHE FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE TRYING TO MOVE ON WITH OUR LIVES. I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY WIFE AND I, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEE CROSSEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS DEE CROSSEN, AND I'M A MOM-AND-POP PROPERTY OWNER IN L.A. COUNTY. I URGE PEOPLE TO VOTE NO ON 54-A. THE PRE-C.O.V.I.D. LAWS THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE NOT ONLY PROTECTED RENTERS, BUT PROTECTED OWNERS, AS WELL. THEY WERE BIPARTISAN IN NATURE, TO KEEP A JUST AND FAIR SYSTEM IN PLACE, SO THE COUNTY AND ITS MANY CITIZENS COULD OPERATE THEIR DAY-

TO-DAY LIFE WITHOUT THE BURDEN OF POLITICS. I OPPOSE 54-A BECAUSE IT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST NOT ONLY THE PROPERTY OWNER, BUT ALSO THE VAST MAJORITY OF RENTERS, THROUGH UNNECESSARY LEGISLATION; AND IT PUTS UNDUE BURDEN ON AN ALREADY STRUGGLING RENTERS' MARKET. 54-A WILL ONLY HURT AN ALREADY STRUGGLING COUNTY, AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS LIVING HERE. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CALEB CALDERON. YOU MAY BEGIN. CALEB CALDERON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ABEL CALDERON, AND I AM A SMALL LANDLORD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I IMPLORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND OPPOSE THE 54-A [INAUDIBLE] EMERGENCY HOUSING MEASURES [INAUDIBLE] THE UNINCORPORATED CITIES. THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT ABOUT HOMELESS PREVENTION, BUT A BOARD POWER. THIS WILL HELP-- THIS WILL HURT THOSE INTENDED TO HELP. THE SOLUTION IS ALREADY IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S CONCERNS ABOUT C.O.V.I.D. IMPACT ON HOUSEHOLDS. EVICTION PROTECTIONS [INAUDIBLE] WERE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO TRULY STRUGGLE. AND WE ACTUALLY CONTINUE-- WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO DIRECTLY-- RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED. BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO OVERRIDE THE STATE AND THE

LOCAL UNINCORPORATED POLICIES AND FLEXIBLE MANDATES. IF APPROVED, THE HOUSING WOULD BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHERYL PARKLE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OH, OKAY. THANK YOU. TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, I AM A MEMBER OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY FELLOW MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS. WE UNDERSTAND, AND WE'VE BEEN VERY SENSITIVE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARDSHIPS THAT THE TENANTS HAVE HAD DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, AS WE END THE PANDEMIC. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANTED TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR THE TENANTS, BUT THE LANDLORDS-- WE'RE YOUR CONSTITUENTS, TOO. PROTECTIONS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE TENANTS, BUT VERY LITTLE-- AND IT'S ALMOST AFTER THE FACT-- HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT LANDLORD PROPERTY OWNERS. WE'RE NOT BILLIONAIRES, OR EVEN MILLIONAIRES, AND MANY

OF US ARE BARELY HOLDING ON TO OUR PROPERTIES, WITH THESE RENT MORATORIUMS THAT HAVE HAPPENED. SO, ANY EXTENSION OF ANY ASPECT OF THESE RENT MORATORIUMS, OR EXPANSIONS, WILL NOT ONLY CAUSE FURTHER HARM TO THE LANDLORDS, BUT IT'S GOING TO HURT THE TENANTS, AS WELL, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO RESULT IN LESS AVAILABLE HOUSING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE STUBER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS MICHELLE STUBER. I AM ALSO ONE OF THE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS HERE, AND A MEMBER OF THE A A.A.C.S.C, THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN CITIES. COUPLE OF THINGS I'D LIKE TO NOTE. THE 3% INCREASE THAT YOU GUYS ARE RECOMMENDING IS UNREASONABLE. OUR EXPENSES, WHETHER IT BE THE RECENT GAS HIKES, MY INSURANCE HAS DOUBLED IN THE LAST YEAR. I'M IN LONG BEACH. THEY CONTINUE TO RAISE MY WATER 7% PER YEAR. TAXES. MY... ITEMS, SUCH AS HOT WATER HEATERS, EVERYTHING. THE EXPENSES OVERHEAD FAR EXCEED YOUR 3%, AND YOU'RE NOT PROTECTING THE LANDLORD IN ANY WAY, AND I'VE ALREADY LOST A PROPERTY. I AM DOWN BECAUSE OF YOUR RENT MORATORIUMS. THERE IS MORE OF US THAN YOU REALIZE. I HAVE ONE

PERSON WITH 5 PEOPLE. 5 ADDED PEOPLE. THERE WERE 2 IN A ONE-BEDROOM-- I HAVE GOT 7 PEOPLE IN A ONE-BEDROOM.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EVELYN MASSANOVICH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I ALSO AM A MOM-AND-POP OWNER OF PROPERTIES IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE 9 UNITS. MY COSTS HAVE SKYROCKETED. MY INSURANCE IS UP. MY PROPERTY TAX IS UP. MY WATER IS UP. MY TRASH IS UP. MY ELECTRICAL [INAUDIBLE] MY LABOR IS UP. MY MATERIALS ARE UP. I HAVE A MORTGAGE THAT I HAVE TO PAY. AND NOW, BECAUSE OF THE EMOTIONAL ANIMAL SUPPORT, I HAVE TO ALLOW ANIMALS INTO-- ANYBODY WHO CAN GET ON THE INTERNET AND PRINT ME A CERTIFICATE THAT SAYS THEY NEED AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL. NOW, THESE ANIMALS URINATE. THEY RUIN MY CARPETS. THEY RUIN MY DOORJAMBS. NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THEY BARK AND MAKE NOISE WHEN THERE IS SEPARATION ANXIETY. I CANNOT CHARGE EXTRA FOR THIS. I CANNOT-- MY HEART BLEEDS FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, HONESTLY. IT DOES. AND I GIVE AS MUCH CHARITY AS I CAN

TO THE HOMELESSNESS SITUATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT I CANNOT AFFORD TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, WE'RE GOING IN-PERSON. HELLO. WELCOME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MAX SHERMAN. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE NO ON THE MOTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. THIS MOTION IS AN ATTEMPT TO PUSH THE BOARD TO CLAIM AUTHORITY OVER LOCAL CITY COUNCILS, BY USING THE RECENTLY PASSED HOMELESS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE ITS OWN JUST-CAUSE REGULATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHILE A.B. 1482 ALREADY OFFERS CITY JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, IT'S A MISTAKE TO ALLOW FOR UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS AND PETS TO REMAIN IN RENTAL HOUSING FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, ESPECIALLY AS WE HAVE SEEN THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC MEASURES LIFT. THERE IS NO JUST JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS EXTENSION. FURTHER, IT'S TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO STOP IMPOSING EMERGENCY MEASURES ON SMALL MOM-AND-POP RENTAL HOUSING OWNERS, LONG AFTER THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS LIFTED. INSTEAD, WE ADVISE THE COUNTY TO LOOK AT DIRECT RENTAL SUBSIDIES TO HELP RENTERS AND SMALL MOM-AND-POP OWNERS ALIKE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: FRED SUTTON, WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO. RECENTLY, THIS BODY HAD A DISCUSSION ON BOARD GOVERNANCE AND PROCESS. THIS ITEM WAS PUT FORTH TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:30 ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THERE ARE CONTROVERSIAL AND SWEEPING ELEMENTS TO THIS. THERE IS A LOT BEING DISCUSSED TODAY. THIS BOARD WIELDS TREMENDOUS AUTHORITY. THE COUNTY EXERCISED EMERGENCY POWERS OVER INCORPORATED CITIES DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED PANDEMIC. NOW, A NEW EMERGENCY IS BEING USED TO CONTINUE TO EXERT THAT POWER, REPLACING CURRENT STATE LAWS, SOWING MORE CONFUSION, AND OVERRIDING LOCAL DECISION-MAKERS. CITIES CAN IMPLEMENT THESE POLICIES ON THEIR OWN, AND IN FACT THESE DISCUSSIONS GO ON, COUNTYWIDE. WE WERE IN DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY WITH ANOTHER CITY ON THESE ITEMS. AND I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT THE POLICIES PUT IN PLACE BY THE COUNTY IN 2019 WERE VERY CONTROVERSIAL, AND STILL ARE. THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING A VERY TROUBLING PRECEDENT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE A VERY IMPORTANT AND TRUSTED POWER ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, WITH NO DOCUMENTED SUPPORT OR DISCUSSION. WE URGE YOU TO VOTE NO, AND WE'VE ALSO SUBMITTED A LETTER TO FILE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MATT BUCK, WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. SOLUTIONS ARE IN PLACE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING C.O.V.I.D. IMPACTS ON HOUSEHOLDS. BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND PERMANENT EVICTION PROTECTIONS WERE PUT IN PLACE. RHETORIC ABOUT A WAVE OF EVICTIONS HAS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE IN CALIFORNIA CITIES WHERE EMERGENCY ORDERS ENDED LONG AGO. HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE NOT IN THE EVICTION BUSINESS. A.B. 1482 PROVIDES JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS TO EVERY MULTIFAMILY UNIT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT'S TIME TO ALLOW THE EMERGENCY HOUSING ORDERS TO EXPIRE WITH THE END OF THE C.O.V.I.D. EMERGENCY. THIS NEW EMERGENCY PROPOSAL IS BEING INTRODUCED UNDER VERY DIFFERENT REASONING, AND HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH CONCERNS ABOUT RESIDUAL IMPACTS FROM C.O.V.I.D. POLICIES. THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT A HOMELESS PREVENTION STRATEGY. THERE IS NO DEMONSTRATED NEXUS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED POLICY AND THE DESIRED AIMS. THIS WILL HURT THOSE YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP. THIS WILL MAKE HOUSING MORE EXPENSIVE AND HARDER TO FIND. PLEASE VOTE NO ON 54-A. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YVONNE NANETTE MACHADO, AND I'M IN FAVOR OF 54-A. AND I WAS ILLEGALLY LOCKED OUT OF 357 SOUTH ALVARADO, APARTMENT 212, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,

90057. WHILE I WAS AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D. IN AUGUST 2020, AND MY SISTER GOT STOMACH CANCER ON DECEMBER 2021, AND ALVARADO LOFTS ILLEGALLY LOCKED ME OUT ON MARCH 6TH, 2022; APRIL 16, 2022; AND JUNE 13, 2022, WHILE I DID A POLICE REPORT-- TWO POLICE REPORTS IN MS. HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT. SO, I AM PLEADING TO YOU TO PLEASE CONTINUE THE TENANTS' PROTECTIONS, AND DON'T LET PEOPLE BECOME ILLEGALLY LOCKED OUT. AND I ALSO VOLUNTEER IN THE TENANTS' PROTECTION FAIR, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT PEOPLE FROM MACARTHUR PARK OR OTHER AREAS BEING AFFECTED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CASSANDRA ARANDA. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF ON OUR FEET COLLECTIVE, AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR COLLECTIVE, AS WELL AS THE NEIGHBORS I ENGAGE WITH, I, TOO, AM URGING YOU TO VOTE YES ON 54-A. JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS PROTECT RENTERS LIKE ME: INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPERIENCE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS THE FACT THAT I'VE LIVED SOMEWHERE WHERE-- MY LANDLORD ACTUALLY LETS ME LIVE SOMEWHERE WITH MY 3 PIT BULLS. IT TOOK ME 2 MONTHS AND $10,000 OF MY OWN MONEY TO FIND THIS

APARTMENT. IF MY LANDLORD WERE TO JUST DECIDE TO TEAR DOWN THE HOUSE TO BUILD A BETTER HOME, TO GET MORE MONEY, I WOULD HAVE NO RECOURSE, CURRENTLY. I ALMOST BANKRUPTED MYSELF TRYING TO FIND THIS RENTAL. I TRIED TO BUY A HOUSE IN CITY TERRACE IN 2020 FOR 600K, AND WAS STILL OUTBIDDED. THESE PROTECTIONS WOULD PROTECT SOMEBODY LIKE ME, IN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ALL NEED TO COME IN REALITY THAT WE MAY BE IN THE SAME STORM, BUT THESE LANDLORDS ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT AS US, AND WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO LOSE THAN THESE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, AND THE CORPORATE LANDLORDS.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: LUXURY APARTMENTS, NOWHERE TO LIVE. LIKE I PROPHESIED, THE END OF MARCH, MANY OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE HOMELESS, BECAUSE YOU CONTINUED NOT TO PROTEST WHY THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR CONDITIONS ABOUT PREVENTION FOR CRITICAL TENANT RECOMMENDATIONS IS ALL A BUNCH OF [EXPLETIVE]. YOU GOT TO BE AN IDIOT ATTORNEY TO COME UP WITH [EXPLETIVE] LANGUAGE LIKE THAT. [INAUDIBLE] WELL, THE CITY HAS THE SAME CONDITIONS. YOU'RE ALL FULL OF [EXPLETIVE]. AND IT'S SAD THAT, IN MY LIFE SPAN, I HAVE TO SEE PEOPLE AND THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUFFER, BECAUSE I PAY TAXES TO WATCH YOU DELEGATE WHAT THIS IDIOT OVER HERE TO MY LEFT, WHO HAS NO IDEA HOW TO SPEND $40 MILLION, OR WAS IT $40 BILLION? BECAUSE HE HASN'T TOUCHED ONE

[EXPLETIVE] DIME. WHAT A [EXPLETIVE] IDIOT. THANK YOU, FOR THE RECORD.

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

SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT, CORY SCHMIDT. OKAY, SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESS PREVENTION. DO YOU THINK IT'S FAIR FOR SOMEONE THAT YOU GET INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH, THAT OWES YOU MONEY, TO KICK YOU OUT OF YOUR HOUSE? DO YOU THINK THAT'S ACCEPTABLE? IS IT OKAY TO DO THAT? I SEE-- BECAUSE LET'S LISTEN TO THIS. I SPOKE TO INSPECTORS ABOUT A PROPERTY THAT WAS BEING BUILT NEARBY, AND IT WASN'T GOING TO THE PLAN THAT THEY BROUGHT TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. SO, I COMPLAINED ABOUT IT, AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE ACTUALLY FOLLOWING WHAT THEY PRESENTED. AND THEN, INSTEAD OF FIXING ANYTHING, THEY INSTEAD BOUGHT A PROPERTY BEHIND MY HOUSE, AND THEN BUILT THE BIGGEST THING THEY COULD, AND THEN PUT FRAT GUYS AND MUSICIANS IN THERE, SO THAT THEY COULD KICK ME OUT OF MY HOUSE. SO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS, BUT ARE WE FOCUSING ON PREDATORY DEVELOPMENT? THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: MY NAME IS EVA GARCIA, AND I'M HERE TO ASK THAT YOU VOTE ON 54-A. AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES THERE, SURROUNDING US CURRENTLY, THAT DISPLACEMENT ORDERS THERE ARE ACTUALLY WHAT WE HAVE TO DEPEND ON TO EAT, EVERY SINGLE DAY. ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT THERE ARE PROTECTIONS. IMAGINE IF THAT FINISHES. WE'VE HEARD OF MANY "SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS"-- IN QUOTATION MARKS-- THAT ARE BEING AFFECTED. WELL, THEY CAN COME AND NEGOTIATE WITH BRAND-NAME CLOTHING, WITH THEIR LUXURY CARS, BUT NOT WITH OUR RESIDENCIES. OUR SOCIAL ECONOMY IS REALLY DIFFICULT AT THE MOMENT. WE EAT, OR WE PAY RENT. IT'S VERY SAD TO LIVE IN THIS, AND NOW THEY'RE SAYING, "OH, WE'RE AFFECTED," BECAUSE THEY LEAVE THE HOMES IN A DESTRUCTIVE WAY. AND WHAT DO THEY SAY? THEY'RE THE ONES DESTROYING HOMES. OUR CHILDREN DON'T GO TO SCHOOL COMFORTABLY, KNOWING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT ON THE STREETS, BECAUSE OF AN OWNER THAT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE A HEART. THEY JUST THINK OF MAKING, MAKING MONEY. MAY THEY BARGAIN ANYTHING ELSE, BUT NOT FOOD AND HOMES. BEING IN A HOME IS A HUMAN RIGHT, AND WE ALL HAVE THAT RIGHT.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH]

INTERPRETER: MY NAME IS ROSA MAGANA. I AM FROM LYNWOOD. I'VE BEEN THERE SINCE 2009 TO THE PRESENT. WELL, THE NEW OWNER SOLD THE PROPERTY, AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN. I HAVE A DAUGHTER. WE'RE BOTH SINGLE MOTHERS, SO I NEED THE SAME PROTECTIONS THAT ARE IN OTHER CITIES BE APPLIED IN LYNWOOD. AND I'VE NEVER OWED ANYTHING, NOT EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC, TO THE OWNER, JOSE SALAZAR, NOT EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC. SO, BUT THE NEW OWNER WANTS HIS PROPERTY BACK. AND NOW, IN ORDER FOR US TO MOVE, WE NEED ABOUT $7,000 TO $8,000 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. AND I JUST-- I AM ASKING FOR MORE PROTECTIONS, JUST LIKE THE PROTECTIONS THAT THE OTHER CITIES HAVE; THAT IT BE ALSO PLACED IN LYNWOOD. WE HAVE NO PROTECTIONS. THE KIDS, THE GRANDKIDS GET SCARED, BECAUSE WE RECEIVE LETTERS FROM THE SHERIFFS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. RAFAEL, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YEAH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HER SOME HELP. I HAVE GABI AND EVA IN THE BACK. THEY COULD PROVIDE HER SOME ASSISTANCE IN THE BACK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH. AND I WAS THINKING, EVERYBODY THAT'S COMING UP AND EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE ABILITY TO PAY RENT, WE'VE GOT HELP, RIGHT? OKAY. AND YOUR STAFF IS HERE TO... OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY, HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA LARRAGUT. [SPEAKS SPANISH]

INTERPRETER. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA, AND SHE WILL INTERPRET FOR ME BECAUSE, YES, ALTHOUGH I KNOW THE LANGUAGE, I EXPRESS MYSELF QUITE BETTER IN SPANISH. SO, I AM HERE TO SUPPORT 54-A, BECAUSE I RENT A HOME. I RENT THE BACK HOUSE OF WHERE THE OWNER LIVES. SO, I AM HERE BECAUSE IT COULD BE THAT I COULD BE LEFT OUT WITHOUT A PROPERTY IF THE OWNER SELLS. SO, I UNDERSTAND THE OWNERS. I UNDERSTAND THEM. I MEAN, I AM A SENIOR. BUT I ALSO FEEL LIKE, WHAT IF THEY SELL THE HOME, OR THEY RAISE THE RENT? WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH ME? OKAY, SO I HAVE-- I MEAN, IF THEY KICK ME OUT-- THEY WANT TO KICK US OUT. I HAVE BEEN TO COURTS WITH OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO GET EVICTED, OR THAT THEY GET EVICTED, AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING, SO THEY ARE TRYING TO GET US OUT.

>>SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GRACIAS, GRACIAS. OKAY, WE ARE NOW GOING TO THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT, SINYA GARCIA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES. MY NAME IS SINYA GARCIA. I AM NOT REPRESENTING ANY ASSOCIATION OR ANY ORGANIZATION. I AM

REPRESENTING MYSELF AND MY THREE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS. I WOULD LOVE TO URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR NOT ONLY ACCEPTING THIS CURRENT-DAY PROPOSITION, BUT ALSO EXTENDING PROTECTIONS UNTIL JUNE. IT IS NO ONE'S FAULT, WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD, AND ME BEING FORCED FROM A SIX-FIGURE, VERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN, BECOME A HOME-STAY MOM, TAKING CARE FOR THREE KIDS, BEING IN A LOCKDOWN, AND PUTTING MY CAREER AWAY. AND RIGHT NOW, TRYING TO GET BACK ON MY FEET, I AM AFRAID TO BE ON THE STREETS WITH MY THREE LITTLE GIRLS. AND I CANNOT EVEN MOVE OUT AND RENT SOMETHING ELSE, BECAUSE IT'S OVER THREE TIMES THE RENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IF YOU WILL REACH OUT TO SOMEONE, WE CAN TRY AND HELP YOU. I AM NOT SURE WHERE YOU LIVE, BUT YOU CAN CERTAINLY CALL US, AND WE HAVE GOT HELP FOR YOU. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALICIA J. GOMEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY, MY NAME IS ALICIA GOMEZ. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

MODERATOR: YES.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES.

SPEAKER: OKAY. MY NAME IS ALICIA GOMEZ. I AM A POP-AND-MOM OWNER. I INDEPENDENT PROPERTY OWNER, AND OPPOSE EVICTION CONTROL CODE 133-6503. OKAY, EVICTION CONTROL AFFECT ME. I NEED MY RENT EVERY MONTH TO SUPPORT MYSELF, MY HUSBAND, THE BUILDING. AND I AM 84 YEARS OLD, AND I LIVE ON SOCIAL SECURITY. THE PANDEMIC ALREADY AFFECTS ME. I NEED ONE APARTMENT FOR MY DAUGHTER. SHE IS GOING INTO A DIVORCE, AND I AM AFRAID FOR HER SAFETY. I TALKED TO DIFFERENT ATTORNEYS, AND THEY TOLD ME, "THERE'S THE LAW." AND I FEEL YOUR LAWS ARE AGAINST ME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: BECAUSE SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA PRADO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. HI. MY NAME IS DIANA PRADO, AND I AM THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEART L.A. WE SUPPORT ITEM 54-A, AND COMMEND SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION

FORWARD TO PROTECT TENANTS FROM FACING HOMELESSNESS. WE ALSO SUPPORT ITEMS 2, 5, AND 6, AND THOSE WHO PASSIONATELY SPOKE EARLIER IN FAVOR OF THOSE ITEMS. BELL HOOKS, IN "ALL ABOUT LOVE," REMINDS US THAT WE ARE SUBJECTED TO RADICAL CHANGE EVERY DAY. FOR EXAMPLE, REVOLUTIONARY NEW TECHNOLOGIES HAVE LED US ALL TO ACCEPT COMPUTERS. WELL, TO SOME, THESE TENANT PROTECTIONS MAY SEEM RADICAL. WHAT IS RADICAL IS THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS HAPPENING IN OUR STREETS. THE NUMBER OF TENANTS PAYING OVER 40% OF THEIR SALARY TOWARDS RENT, AND STILL FACING EVICTION. THE OVERPOPULATION OF ANIMALS IN L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS, WITH AN ESTIMATED 22,000 ANIMALS BEING SURRENDERED BY THEIR ANIMALS LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL STATISTICS. WE CANNOT END PROTECTIONS WHILE IN THE MIDST OF THESE CRISES WITHOUT ANY REAL SOLUTIONS. YOUR TENANT COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT RIGHT NOW. HEART L.A., IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS, HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM TENANTS WITH COMPANION ANIMALS, FROM TWO SEPARATE MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS, THREATENING TO EVICT THEM.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONALD TILLY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I AM CURRENTLY RENTING OUT OUR FORMER PRIMARY RESIDENCE, IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT, BUT BASED ON THE CONTINUING PUNITIVE MEASURES THE BOARD HAS IMPOSED ON HOUSING PROVIDERS IN THIS COUNTY, I AM GOING TO HAVE TO SELL THAT HOME AND TAKE IT OFF THE RENTAL MARKET. I AM SURE THERE ARE MANY OTHER MOM-AND-POP HOUSING PROVIDERS WHO ARE GOING TO DO THE SAME THING, IF THE BOARD CONTINUES TO IMPOSE THESE ENDLESS "TEMPORARY" EMERGENCY MEASURES. THE LARGER ISSUE HERE IS THAT THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPRESENTS A CLEAR TAKING OF INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY, IN VIOLATION OF THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION. SO, I'D URGE THE BOARD TO KEEP THESE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS IN MIND, AND REJECT THE PROPOSALS IN ITEM 54-A. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN BRAZENO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MEGAN BRAZENO. I AM A SMALL LANDLORD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THIS IS YET ANOTHER LAST LAST-MINUTE ATTEMPT TO EXTEND EVICTION PROTECTIONS THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE BACK IN 2020, THREE YEARS AGO. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLING IN, TALKING ABOUT SITUATIONS THAT REALLY

SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING, BUT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS TYPE OF EXTENSION. THERE SHOULD NEVER BE ILLEGAL LOCK-OUTS. THOSE PROTECTIONS ARE NOT BEING EXTENDED BY THIS MOTION. THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF PROTECTIONS FOR THINGS LIKE ADDITIONAL OCCUPANTS. IN MY CASE, WE HAVE TENANTS WHO HAVE BROUGHT IN PEOPLE WHO ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS IN OUR RENTAL COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, BECAUSE THOSE ADDITIONAL OCCUPANTS ARE PROTECTED. AND YOU'RE GOING TO EXTEND THIS FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THAT LEAVES US WITH A DIRE SITUATIONS, WHERE WE CAN'T PROTECT OUR EXISTING TENANTS. ADDITIONALLY--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JASON CASTANEDA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JASON CASTANEDA. I'M THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MANAGER FOR HOMETOWN AMERICA. WE OWN AND OPERATE LAKEHILLS ESTATES IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM URGING YOU TO REJECT THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE TENANT PROTECTIONS THROUGH MARCH 2024. OUR OPERATION COSTS HAVE INCREASED 14% OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE RENT, DUE TO THE RENT FREEZES THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE. RENT INCREASES ARE A NECESSARY AND CRITICAL

COMPONENT OF MAINTAINING THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY ALLOW US TO COVER OPERATIONAL COSTS AND INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH IN TURN PRESERVES THE MARKET VALUE OF OUR RESIDENTS' HOMES. MANAGING COMMUNITIES LIKE LAKEHILLS INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT CONTINUOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE. NOT ONLY HAVE WE BEEN OPERATED UNDER A RENT FREEZE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE ARE NOW FACING A 3% CAP ON RENT INCREASES, AFTER THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY ADOPTED A RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE. EXTENDING THE TENANT PROTECTIONS WILL HINDER OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THE VIABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE HOMEOWNERS YOU SEEK TO PROTECT. LAKEHILLS ESTATES PROVIDES AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HOMES--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LISA HASSAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, LISA.

SPEAKER: HELLO. I AM CALLING FROM THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN CITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO OPPOSE 54-A, AND I'M CALLING AN END TO ALL ASPECTS OF EMERGENCY HOUSING

MEASURES. I AM A MOM-AND-POP LANDLORD, AS WELL, AND HAVE FACED ISSUES, AS WELL, BEING AN INDEPENDENT OWNER. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD COME TO THE LANDLORD'S SIDE IN THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND YOUR ADVICE ON THIS MATTER.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAVONNE GILMORE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD REJECT 54-A. I BELIEVE THAT, AS MOM-AND-POP, AS I AM, THAT WE'VE EXTENDED THESE C.O.V.I.D.-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS FOR LONG ENOUGH, AND WE NEED TO MOVE ON, AND WE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD. THE REST OF THE WORLD IS TRYING TO MOVE ON, AND EVERYONE HERE IS, TOO. I UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES, AND SO FORTH, BUT MOST OF THOSE PEOPLE WON'T BE EVICTED, BECAUSE THEY CAN WORK TO GET THEIR RENT PAID AND CAUGHT UP. MOST OF THOSE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE EVICTED. THE OTHER THING IS, IS THAT I THINK IT IS TERRIBLE THAT MOM-AND-POPS SHOULD ACCEPT THE TENANTS WHO LIVE IN THE BUILDING, WHO LIVE IN THE APARTMENT, YOU KNOW, AND WHEN THEY DECIDE TO BRING A PET IN. NOT ALL BUILDINGS ARE CONDUCIVE FOR

EXCESS NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN PROPERTIES, SO I THINK THAT DEFINITELY SHOULD BE REJECTED.

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

SPEAKER: AND THE OTHER THING IS, IS THAT WHEN YOU'VE HAD 3%, IT'S--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE KNEW WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AURORA MORALES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. I KNOW YOUR MAIN FOCUS, AROUND TRYING TO PROTECT THE TENANTS AND TRYING TO KEEP EVERYBODY HOUSED, IS A MINORITY. WELL, I AM 28 YEARS OLD. I AM A HISPANIC. I COME FROM A SINGLE MOTHER WITH FIVE KIDS. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO BUY MY OWN PROPERTY, AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO... WELL, I AM STILL RENTING, BUT I NEED TO PAY MY TENANTS' RENT, BECAUSE YOU GUYS ALLOWED THEM TO SELF-CERTIFY. THIS DOES THEM NO GOOD, YOU GUYS ALLOWING THEM TO DO THE JUST-CAUSE. I MEAN, IF YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO GO WITH THIS-- AND I SAY NO. BUT IF YOU GUYS DO, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE SOME GUIDELINES IN PLACE. SELF-CERTIFYING, YOU GUYS ALLOWING THEM TO DO IT, IS

THE SAME AS SAYING KIDS CAN MISS SCHOOL AND NOT HAVE TO SHOW ANY PROOF OF ABSENCE OR TELL THE PARENTS THAT THEY DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL. SO YOU GUYS SHOULD, EVEN IF YOU GUYS PASS THIS, SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING IN PLACE TO WHERE THERE'S GUIDELINES TO WHO MOVES IN, HOW THEY ACT, IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT THEY DON'T ACT, THAT THEY DON'T DO, THEN THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE EVICTED AND BE KICKED OUT, IF THEY CAN PROVE THAT THEY ARE NOT LIVING THERE, BECAUSE THEY'RE HELPING THEM. SO, I DON'T KNOW WHEN--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JERRY LEDGER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HOMELESSNESS IS A SAD AND SERIOUS PROBLEM. CONSCRIPTING MOP-AND-POP LANDLORDS TO HOUSE OTHERS IS WRONG. IF YOU STILL WANT TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM, I OFFER THE HOMELESS MITIGATION LAW, H.O.M.I. FOR SHORT. THE H.O.M.I. LAW REQUIRES HOMEOWNERS WITH UNRENTED BEDROOMS TO RENT TO PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT PAY. SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH, YOUR HOMES' EXTRA ROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO HOMELESS MITIGATION. YOU SAY THAT'S UNFAIR, TO FORCE YOU TO RENT TO PEOPLE IN NEED? WHERE'S YOUR HEART? YOU SAY THAT THIS IS JUST PLAIN WRONG, COMMANDEERING YOUR PRIVATE HOME AGAINST YOUR WILL? I AGREE, AND SO IS THE

EXTENSION AND ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED LAWS, AKA SCREW THE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORD LAW. I HAVE WONDERFUL, FULLY PAID RENTERS, SO I AM ADVOCATING FOR ALL THE OVERBURDENED MOM-AND-POPS WHEN I REQUEST, "SET MY PEOPLE FREE." THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS EMOTIONALLY TOUGH AND CORRECT DECISION TO END THIS UNJUST LAW. FREE OUR INDENTURED MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, COUNTYWIDE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO GO IN PERSON. WELCOME.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JASMINE PEREZ. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S., AND TENANT RIGHTS ADVOCATE WITH THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THE ITEM 54-A, TO ENSURE THAT TENANTS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE PROTECTED AGAINST EVICTION FOR NO CAUSE. EVICTIONS WITHOUT A JUST CAUSE ARE A TOOL OF DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, RETALIATION, AND UNJUST DISPLACEMENT, AND IT IS VERY FRUSTRATED TO CONNECT WITH TENANTS WHO ASSUME THAT THESE PROTECTIONS WILL KEEP THEM HOUSED, WHEN IN REALITY, NOTHING WILL STOP A LANDLORD FROM FILING AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER AGAINST THEM. AND TENANTS, AT THE SAME TIME, ARE BEING SEVERELY HARASSED BY THEIR LANDLORD, TO FORCE THEM TO SELF-EVICT. AND WHENEVER WE ASSIST THEM IN SUBMITTING COMPLAINTS TO L.A.H.D. AND THE D.C.B.A., THERE REALLY ISN'T ANY FOLLOW-UP FOR THESE

TENANTS, AND WE REALLY NEED THE ITEM, 54-A, TO PASS, AS THE BARE MINIMUM. THANK YOU.

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

SASHA HARNDEN: GOOD AFTERNOON. SASHA HARNDEN, WITH THE INNER CITY LAW CENTER, AND THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION. YOU HAVE DECLARED AN EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS, AND A REALLY OBVIOUS PLACE TO START IS TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BEING EVICTED WITH NO REASON. I WANT TO RESPOND TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S QUESTION, EARLIER. WE, IN THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION, HAVE ALREADY HELD A TENANT PROTECTIONS SUMMIT. WE'RE WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF CITIES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, TO SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT. BUT NONPROFITS STRETCHING TO BOTH ADDRESS THE INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGES OF STRUGGLING FAMILIES, WHILE ALSO COMPLETING THE WORK THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE DONE ALREADY, DOESN'T RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR OBLIGATIONS, AND FOLLOWING THROUGH ON YOUR EARLIER VOTES. CITIES NEED THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE COUNTY HAS TOLD THEM IS COMING. THEY NEED THE MODEL POLICIES AND THE SUMMIT THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY VOTED TO PUT IN PLACE. WE ARE DOING AS MUCH OF THAT WORK AS POSSIBLE, OUT OF CONCERN FOR TENANTS. BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND THE COUNTY ENCOURAGING ELECTEDS, BASED ON A SHARED CONSTITUENCY, TO STEP UP AND DO THE RIGHT THING.

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

SPEAKER: I AM A TENANT IN LOS ANGELES, AND I AM A TENANT ORGANIZER WITH EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 54-A, AND ENSURE THAT TENANTS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE PROTECTED AGAINST EVICTION FOR NO CAUSE. TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AND THE COUNTY HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY OF HOMELESSNESS. ALL TENANTS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW THE REASON THAT THEY ARE BEING EVICTED, AND NO ONE SHOULD LOSE THEIR HOME BECAUSE THEY TOOK IN A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OR A PET DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS. EVICTIONS WITH JUST CAUSE ARE OFTEN A TOOL OF DISCRIMINATION, RETALIATION, UNJUST DISPLACEMENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CAN WE PLEASE HAVE YOUR VOTE ON 54-A, PLEASE? AS A SINGLE MOTHER, I ASK YOU TO DO IT, TO PROTECT US. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, EVERYONE. I AM ALSO AN ORGANIZER WITH EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TENANTS THAT HAVE REACHED OUT, LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING IN GENERAL, BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE END OF THE MONTH. MANY LANDLORDS KNOW WHEN THE PROTECTIONS WILL END, AND ARE SIMPLY WAITING FOR THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO DO AS THEY PLEASE. BUT, AGAIN, NO

ONE SHOULD BE KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOME WITHOUT ANY REASON. MANY OF THESE TENANTS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED RENT INCREASE NOTICES, RIGHT, FROM THEIR LANDLORDS. AND THE LANDLORDS ARE ASKING FOR TWO TO THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF RENT, AND IF THEY DON'T PAY, THEY CAN LEAVE, RIGHT? THEY ARE USING THIS AS AN INTIMIDATING TACTIC, RIGHT, AGAINST TENANTS. AND THESE ARE ALSO TENANTS THAT HAVE BEEN PAYING FOR RENT, AND HAVE BEEN PAYING THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. SO, YEAH, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION AS TO HOW THAT CAN HAPPEN; AND ALSO, RIGHT, IN REGARDS TO REACHING OUT TO D.C.B.A., WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO ENFORCE THESE LAWS?

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS BIJON. I AM A TENANT ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO VOTE, PLEASE, ON ITEM 54-A. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 650,000 TENANTS WHO ARE NOT PROTECTED BY THE STATEWIDE LAW, THE TENANT PROTECTION ACT, AND THUS DON'T HAVE JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS. EXTENDING THESE JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS TO THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE IT, IS AN EASY LIFT. LET'S BE HONEST. ALL WE ARE ASKING IS THAT OWNERS PROVIDE A LEGITIMATE REASON WHY THEY WANT TO EVICT THEIR TENANTS, RATHER THAN BEING ABLE TO KICK AN ELDERLY PERSON, A DISABLED PERSON, OR SOMEONE WITH KIDS OUT ON THE STREET WITH NO REASON, LEAVING TENANTS WITHOUT ANY DEFENSE TO FIGHT AN

EVICTION. IT IS TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, LISTENING TO THESE CALLS, IT'S ACTUALLY TENANTS THAT PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THEIR LANDLORDS, SEEING THAT MANY MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS DEPEND ON THEIR TENANTS FOR THEIR INCOME. IT IS TENANTS THAT ARE PAYING THE MORTGAGE FOR ALL THESE RENTAL PROPERTIES. DOESN'T THAT AFFORD THEM MORE RIGHTS? THEY ARE PROPPING UP [INAUDIBLE], AND ASKING FOR JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS IS A SMALL ASK. AND AT LEAST PUT MORE MONEY INTO REHOUSING SERVICES, AND--

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GREG BONETT. I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL, IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 54-A. THE BOARD PROCLAIMED A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS ON JANUARY 10TH OF THIS YEAR. AND WITH OVER 70,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, AND THOUSANDS DYING EACH YEAR, YES, IT IS AN EMERGENCY. IT IS AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES THE COUNTY TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO ADDRESS. AND IT IS AN EMERGENCY THAT UNDENIABLY CROSSES MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES. A FAMILY EVICTED IN HAWTHORNE MAY HAVE TO DOUBLE UP WITH RELATIVES IN COMPTON, OR LIVE IN

THEIR CAR IN DOWNEY, OR SEEK ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CONTINUUM OF CARE, WHICH TRIES TO COORDINATE HOUSING SERVICES IN NEARLY EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS A COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY, AND IT REQUIRES A COUNTYWIDE RESPONSE. THIS ITEM WILL GIVE EVERY TENANT IN THE COUNTY BASIC JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS, AVOIDING ARBITRARY, NO-CAUSE EVICTION, AND IMPROVING HOUSING STABILITY FOR OVER 2 MILLION TENANTS, INCLUDING OVER 600,000 THAT AREN'T COVERED BY LOCAL JUST-CAUSE OR THE STATE TENANT PROTECTION ACT. THIS COULD BE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS THE BOARD TAKES TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MATEO. I AM IN FAVOR OF 54-A. I'M A RESIDENT OF C.D. 4, ORGANIZER WITH S.A.J.E. AS A COALITION, KEEP L.A. HOUSED, WE RECENTLY HELD OUR OWN SUMMIT, WITH OVER 100 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE: PEOPLE FROM UNINCORPORATED CITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHAT THIS TELLS US IS THAT WE HAVE JUST SCRATCHED THE SURFACE, AND THERE IS A HUGE NEED FOR TENANT PROTECTIONS, AND FOR A TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS TO BE ADOPTED, AS PROPOSED BY OUR COALITION. BUT TODAY, WHAT WE NEED IS JUST-CAUSE FOR INCORPORATED CITIES AND AREAS THAT DON'T HAVE THESE PROTECTIONS, UNTIL MARCH 21ST, 2024. NO EVICTIONS FOR UNAUTHORIZED PETS OR TENANTS, BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT ALL LIFE IS SACRED; AND FOR THE COUNTY TO UTILIZE ITS RESOURCES TO

PREVENT A HUGE, MASSIVE TSUNAMI OF EVICTIONS. THESE LANDLORDS SAY THAT THIS IS A MISTAKE, BUT THEY WOULD RATHER SEE PEOPLE DEAD, JUST FOR SOME PROFIT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS SOFIA GARCIA. I'M A TENANT ORGANIZER, AS WELL, WITH EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S. AND STAY HOUSED L.A., AND I AM IN FAVOR OF MOTION 54-A. I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE HORRIFIC IMPACT ZERO TENANT PROTECTIONS HAVE HAD ON ANGELENOS, AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE FILLED TWO ROWS, AND LANDLORDS HAVE THE LUXURY OF CALLING IN. THE PROGRAMS YOU KEEP MENTIONING ARE NOT WORKING. THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE. THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAS SEVERELY DETERIORATED DUE TO THE STRESS OF NOT HAVING PROTECTIONS, THE THREAT OF EVICTION, AND LANDLORD HARASSMENT. WE ARE STILL IN A PANDEMIC, AND TENANTS ARE STILL BEING FINANCIALLY IMPACTED. THE LEAST THAT CAN BE DONE IS TO EXTEND THESE PROTECTIONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR, SO THEY CAN STAY HOUSED THROUGH THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES. IF YOU FAIL TO PASS THIS MOTION, THERE WILL BE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAMELA AUGUSTINE. I AM PART OF THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION, AND I AM ALSO A TENANT IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT; GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS, FOR AUTHORING TODAY'S MOTION THAT, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CONTINUE IMPORTANT PROTECTIONS THAT THIS BOARD HAS ALREADY FOUND CRUCIAL WITH KEEPING FAMILIES HOUSED, COUNTYWIDE. AS A GLENDALE TENANT, THE COUNTY'S PROTECTIONS HAVE OFFERED US PROTECTION WHEN OUR CITY LEADERS IGNORED OUR CALLS FOR STRONGER PROTECTIONS. GLENDALE RESIDENTS DESPERATELY NEED PROTECTIONS, INCLUDING RENT CONTROL, REMOVING RENT BANKING, AND A RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR OUR CITY. I AM SEEING TENANTS IN MY CITY SIGN BAD MOVE-OUT SETTLEMENTS, BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FIND REPRESENTATION IN TIME. IT IS VERY CHALLENGING TO FIND NEW HOUSING, AND THESE TENANTS ARE EXPERIENCING THAT, ESPECIALLY THE FAMILIES. TENANTS IN INCORPORATED CITIES LIKE MINE, NEED MORE TIME. WE HAVE A PLAN, AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. YES, I AM KIND OF CONFUSED ABOUT THE TENANT-- WHY WE OWE THEM THE MONEY BACK FROM THE TENANTS. IF IT IS THERE, GIVE IT TO THEM. I AM IN FAVOR, IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL, BUT I AM ALSO IN FAVOR AND SUPPORT OF THE TENANTS GETTING PAID, TOO. IT IS THE CATCH-22

HERE. $100,000 IS ONLY $44,000 NOW, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. A STUDY CAME OUT, AND WE ARE ALL LOSING HERE. SO, IF SOMEBODY IS MAKING $25,000 A YEAR, THEY ARE ONLY BRINGING HOME $14,000, WITH THE ECONOMY IN DISRUPTION AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO, PLEASE, PLEASE, START LISTENING. DO WHAT YOU GUYS GOT TO DO, BUT ALSO, THE TENANTS HAVE TO BE PAID, TOO. SO, WITH THAT, THE RED CHIEF SAYS, "LET'S MAKE THIS THING WORK. IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, THERE'S A SOLUTION." THE RED CHIEF HUNT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, RED CHIEF. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. VICTORIA PALAYO. WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO PUSH SCAPEGOAT AGENDAS DUE TO THE LACK OF ACTION ON RESOURCES THAT ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. PLEASE TAKE NOTE FROM GLORIA MOLINA'S TENACITY, AND FOCUS ON HELPING THESE FAMILIES PAY THEIR RENT, CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SET UP LEGAL RESOURCES, SET UP MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND HELP THE HOMELESS, INSTEAD OF PLACING THE BURDEN ON THE LANDLORDS. YOU STATED A YEAR WOULD HELP YOU FIND THESE RESOURCES. ESSENTIALLY, THAT HAS NOT BEEN A PRIORITY, AND THAT IS EXTREMELY CONCERNING FOR THE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED IT THE MOST.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. SO, I'VE GOT HERE THE CURRENT COUNTY SERVICES GUIDE. IT SAYS HERE, "LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, CREATED IN 1993 BY THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF HOMELESSNESS." THAT'S A LOT OF [EXPLETIVE]. THIS IS AN AGENDA ITEM FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, FEBRUARY 24TH: "DIRECT H.A.C.L.A., LOS ANGELES HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AUTHORITY." BUT ABOVE IT, IT SAYS, "HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES: H.A.C.L.A." SO, IS IT HOUSING OR HOUSING AUTHORITY? THIS HAS GONE ON AND ON. THIS IS JUST A GAME OF WORDS. I'VE GOT MY VACCINE CODE. INFLUENZA. IS IT THE C.O.V.I.D.? IS IT AN UPDATE ON THE C.O.V.I.D.? WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER-- WHAT ABOUT THE MONKEYPOX? WHAT ABOUT THE S.A.R.S.? WHAT ABOUT THE NOVEL CORONA? YOU ARE JUST PLAYING HEAD GAMES WITH EVERYBODY. IT IS A MINIMUM-WAGE THING. PEOPLE ARE GETTING PAID MINIMUM WAGE. THEIR BENEFITS ARE BASED ON FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ARNOLD.

ARNOLD SACHS: AND THEIR SALARY IS BASED ON WHAT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

HERMAN HERMAN: THANK YOU, JANICE. SAY HELLO TO YOUR BOYFRIEND.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OOH. WHO WOULD THAT BE? I'M GOING TO CHECK MY PHONE. OH. DO WE HAVE ANY MORE SPEAKERS?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, WE ARE GOING TO TELEPHONIC.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I LOVE THE LORD. WHAT?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WE'RE GOING TO TELEPHONIC.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: LET'S GO TO THE TELEPHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VLAD POLUSHUK. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMRADES. I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON 54-A. IN THE BACKGROUND, I'LL PLAY THE SOVIET UNION ANTHEM, SO THE COMMUNIST MANCHURIAN CANDIDATES AMONGST YOU WILL BE TRIGGERED TO PAY ATTENTION. [SOVIET NATIONAL ANTHEM PLAYS] STOP THE CONTINUATION OF THE EVICTION MORATORIA COLLECTIVIZATION, IN WHATEVER FORM, UNDER WHATEVER PRETEXT. IF THE INTENT IS FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE EVICTION MORATORIA REPRESENT THE CHINESE FINGER TRAP. THE HARDER YOU PULL, THE MORE STUCK YOU BECOME. KEEPING TRACK OF A CONSTANTLY CHANGING REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT IS A PROBLEM ALL ITSELF. ADD

TO THAT THE EVER-INCREASING RISK TO RENT COLLECTION, INCREASED LEGAL RISK, PRICE CONTROLS, LEAKED COVENANTS GETTING OVERRIDDEN WITH SUNSET DATES THAT ARE A MOVING TARGET. GIVES A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO HOUSING INSTABILITY, OR DARE I SAY POLITICAL INSTABILITY. POLITICAL RISK TO PROPERTY RIGHTS IS PAST C.O.V.I.D.-19 REALITY OF INVESTING IN L.A. REALTY IN 2023. EVENTUALLY, RISK-- [SPEAKER UNINTELLIGIBLE DUE TO LOUD MUSIC IN BACKGROUND], THEY GET PASSED ALONG TO THE CONSUMER. [INAUDIBLE] A HOUSING SHORTAGE [INAUDIBLE] DISINCENTIVES TO BUILD MORE [INAUDIBLE] MARKET-RENT [INAUDIBLE]. PRIOR BARRIERS TO ENTRY [INAUDIBLE] COMPETITORS, AND THAT COMPETITION LEADS TO LOWER QUALITY AND INCREASED [INAUDIBLE].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND YOUR MUSIC, TOO. DO WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE PHONE?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, WE DO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GO AHEAD.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GARAN CARAPETAN. YOU MAY BEGIN. PARDON ME, JUST GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS GARAN CARAPETAN, AND I'M A LOS ANGELES TENANT, SO I AM ASKING YOU TO VOTE YES. AS THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY, AND... I GO THROUGH THE WHOLE EVICTION PROCESS. THE PEOPLE, IT IS VERY HARD TO FILE WITH A LANDLORD. THEY NEED THE PROTECTION. I HAVE HAD BEEN IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND NOW I HAVE TO RELOCATE. I JUST SIGNED THE DEAL BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE, THEY'VE JUST BEEN IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D. I'M JUST ASKING TO SAY, VOTE YES, PLEASE. IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO GO BECOME THE HOMELESS. VERY HARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID CHENEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. AND SOME OTHER STUFF, TOO.

SPEAKER: I JUST WANTED TO SAY... [LAUGHTER] I WANTED TO SAY THAT I HAD A PROPERTY WHERE A TENANT DID NOT PAY FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS, AND MADE $165,000 WITH AIRBNB, AND THEN SHE BOUGHT A HOUSE IN TEXAS. SO, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT TENANTS HAVE NOT-- I HAD TO EVENTUALLY PAY IT OUT OF MY OWN POCKET, WHILE SHE HAD A STATE-PROVIDED LAWYER. GIVEN ANY MONEY FROM THE

STATE, JUST PUT IN A VERY BAD POSITION, FINANCIALLY. I AM A RETIREE. I AM NOT THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S GOING TO HAVE TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS HERE, OR SELL MY PROPERTIES TO HEDGE FUNDS, BECAUSE WE CAN'T JUST KEEP SUPPORTING PEOPLE LIKE THIS. I FEEL LIKE, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT EQUITY, YOU ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT EVERYBODY. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT ONLY TENANTS. I DON'T HEAR YOU TALKING ABOUT OWNERS AT ALL. AND I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 30 YEARS, AND REALLY HELPED THIS COMMUNITY, AND IT IS VERY DISTURBING TO ME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPE YOU'RE NOT DRIVING AND TALKING. NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CONNIE RODRIGUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO? THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY CALL. I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM VOTING-- OR, WOULD LIKE YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE BILL. THE REASON BEING IS, I AM A LANDLORD. THE TENANTS THAT ARE NOT PAYING THEIR RENT ARE BUYING $45,000 S.U.V.S. THEY ARE MAKING BAD DECISIONS, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PAYING THEIR RENT, BUT I STILL HAVE TO PAY MY BILLS. ONE OF THEM BOUGHT A $45,000 S.U.V., AND LET THEIR 15-YEAR-OLD SON DRIVE IT, AND CRASHED IT. AND THEY STILL CAN'T PAY THEIR RENT. THE OTHER ONE TOOK A MONTH OFF OF THEIR WORK AND WENT TO MEXICO, BECAUSE THEY HAVE

ALL THIS OTHER MONEY. THE OTHER ONE-- OH, IT JUST GOES ON AND ON. IT IS JUST ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. THERE'S NOBODY GIVING ME MONEY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CALLING.

SPEAKER: I AM DESPERATE.

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

SPEAKER: THESE TENANTS ARE TAKING--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATTHEW SALABAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: PLEASE DO NOT PASS ITEM 54-A. I OWN A SMALL RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX IN LONG BEACH. HALF OF MY TENANTS' RENTS ARE BELOW MARKET RENT VALUE. ONE OF THOSE TENANTS IS A NUISANCE TO OTHER TENANTS AND NEIGHBORS, GIVES LOUD PARTIES, MULTIPLE ILLEGAL PETS THAT ARE LOUD AND DAMAGING THE UNIT. FIRST OFF, 99% OF TENANTS DON'T BECOME HOMELESS IF EVICTED. THEY MOVE TO CHEAPER AREAS AND RENTALS. STOP YOUR LIES. DON'T

INTERFERE WITH MY RIGHT TO ENFORCE A PRIVATE CONTRACT BETWEEN PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO EVICT A TENANT FOR BACK-OWED RENT, IN VIOLATION OF A RENTAL CONTRACT. IF I DON'T, MY GOOD AND RENT-PAYING TENANTS MAY MOVE OUT. I DIDN'T BUY A COMPLEX WITHIN THE CITY OF L.A., BECAUSE THE RENT CONTROL THERE MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO RAISE RENTS, MARKET VALUE, MANAGE, OR GET TENANTS. IF YOU MAKE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY RENT-CONTROLLED, IT REDUCES PROPERTY VALUE AND MAKES IT LESS DESIRABLE TO BUYERS AND LENDERS. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY, THAT CAN'T AFFORD IT. THIS SOCIALIST SYSTEM TAKES AWAY A LANDLORD'S INCENTIVE AND ABILITY--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EVAN HUCKABEE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY CALL. THIS IS EVAN HUCKABEE. I AM A SMALL PROPERTY OWNER, A MEMBER OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON THIS MEASURE. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT IF YOU PUNISH HOMEOWNER PROVIDERS, YOU ARE GOING TO HURT THE RENTERS MORE THAN YOU'RE GOING TO HELP THEM. SO, PLEASE, VOTE NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICK ALEJANDRINO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY CALL. MY NAME IS RICK ALEJANDRINO, AND I AM A TENANT AND SENIOR. I LIVE IN GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA. I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 54-A. AS A GLENDALE TENANT, THE COUNTY'S PROTECTIONS HAVE OFFERED US PROTECTION AGAINST EVICTION, BUT WE DESPERATELY NEED STRONGER PROTECTIONS, INCLUDING RENT CONTROL, [INAUDIBLE] BANKING, AND A STRONGER ANTI-HARASSMENT PROTECTION. GIVING A PROMISE TO SUPPORT [INAUDIBLE] IN THE TOOLKIT, AND YOUR LACK OF ACTION THUS FAR. THE ABSOLUTE BARE MINIMUM YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS TO SUPPORT INCORPORATED CITIES, NOW, TO EXTEND EMERGENCY JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS COUNTYWIDE, UNTIL MARCH 31, 2024. THANK YOU FOR THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION OF SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID POTTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: WE NEED TENANT PROTECTIONS. LET'S BE FAIR: WE ALSO NEED HOUSING PROVIDER PROTECTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS DRASTICALLY UNDERESTIMATES THE IMPACT THE MORATORIUM HAS HAD ON HOUSING PROVIDERS. SHE REFERS TO US AS LANDLORDS. WE ARE HOUSING PROVIDERS. WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM AS THE COUNTY, BY PROVIDING SAFE HOUSING. SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS HAVE TAKEN AN EMERGENCY C.O.V.I.D. EVICTION MORATORIUM, AND POLITICIZED IT INTO A HOMELESS ISSUE. C.O.V.I.D. HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH HOMELESSNESS. WITH THE C.O.V.I.D. EVICTION MORATORIUM, THE COUNTY IS ATTEMPTING TO HOLD HOUSING PROVIDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOMELESS SITUATION IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS TOTALLY IRRATIONAL. 55% OF ALL RENTAL UNITS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE OWNED BY SINGLE OWNERS THAT ONLY OWN ONE UNIT. MEASURE H, THE $3.55 BILLION FUND THAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR SIX YEARS, USE THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATELY, PLEASE. THE HOMELESS SITUATION HAS ONLY INCREASED DRAMATICALLY SINCE THE EVICTION MORATORIUM, WHICH IS CLEARLY AN INDICATION THE EVICTION MORATORIUM IS INEFFECTIVE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS A HUGE HOUSING SHORTAGE, AND JUST REALLY NEEDS ADDITIONAL UNITS CREATED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NEL BAILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OH, YES, GOOD EVENING. IT'S AFTER 5:00, SO GOOD EVENING TO YOU ALL. I COME TO YOU AS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND A PROUD MEMBER OF DISTRICT 2. WE'RE ALL AWARE THAT UNHOUSED FAMILIES OFTEN HAVE CHILDREN. I MENTION THIS BECAUSE HOW WILL THIS AGENDA ITEM, COUPLED WITH MEASURED H, BE ADDRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT? WE KNOW THAT SOME YOUTH ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE DEEMED CRIMINAL IN NATURE, WHETHER A MALUM IN SE OR A MALUM PROHIBITUM. A LOT OF THESE ACTIONS ARE DONE OUT OF SURVIVAL AND NECESSITY. AS A HOMEOWNER, AS A LANDLORD, AND AS A FORMER RENTER, I UNDERSTAND BOTH SIDES OF THE ARGUMENT. ITEM 54-A HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ACTUALLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF YOUTH OFFENDERS, AND I AM NOT SURE IF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS PREPARED FOR THAT, BUT THE PARAMETERS [INAUDIBLE]. SO, WHATEVER IS DECIDED, I JUST ASK THAT YOU KEEP BOTH SIDES IN MIND, AND LISTEN.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSE FLORES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JESSE. I AM A TENANT IN NORWALK, AND MEMBER OF THE RESIDENT-LED GROUP NORWALK [INAUDIBLE]. I URGE THIS BOARD TO VOTE YES FOR JUST-CAUSE, COUNTYWIDE. I GREW UP IN NORWALK, AND HOPE TO STAY HERE LONG-TERM IN MY LIFE, BUT I AM FACED WITH INCREASED RENT PRICES HERE, AND I AM SCARED I'M GOING TO BE PRICED OF MY OWN HOMETOWN. MORE THAN 34% OF NORWALK'S RESIDENTS ARE RENTERS, WITH 54% OF THOSE HOUSEHOLDS BEING RENT-BURDENED. A HOUSEHOLD HAS TO EARN APPROXIMATELY $85,200, ANNUALLY, TO NOT BE RENT BURDENED HERE. FAMILIES ARE FINANCIALLY STRAINED. FRIENDS, SENIORS ON FIXED INCOMES, AND OTHER WORKING-CLASS FAMILIES WANT THE REASSURANCE THAT WE WON'T BE EVICTED AND END UP HOMELESS, DUE TO NO CAUSE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KENNY LIMB. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KENNY LIMB, AND I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH CALIFORNIA POVERTY LAW GROUP. WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY FOR OR AGAINST ITEM 54-A, BUT WE'RE REALLY CONCERNED MORE ABOUT THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION. EVENTUALLY, NO-FAULT OR JUST-CAUSE PROTECTIONS WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY'S CHAPTER ARE VERY LIMITING. THEY DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT [INAUDIBLE] OR 1163, 1161-A CASES. IF THE BOARD IS TO

PASS THIS, EVENTUALLY I WOULD REALLY URGE THE BOARD TO REALLY REVISIT WHAT THAT LIST ENTAILS, WHAT JUST-CAUSE IS. BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT IS WAY TOO INCLUSIVE, AND IT WILL HURT LANDLORDS OR PEOPLE WHO ARE RENTING OUT TO THEIR SISTER, OR THEIR BROTHER, OR THEIR SON, OR SOMETHING. SO, ESSENTIALLY, IF THE BOARD IS LOOKING TO PASS THIS, WE REALLY WOULD URGE THAT THE BOARD WOULD REVISIT WHAT JUST-CAUSE IS; AND IN THE EVENT THAT THEY DON'T PASS THIS, AGAIN, WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT ACCESSIBILITY TO THE LAW IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SUBSTANCE OF LAW. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE MANY PROTECTIONS IN PLACE FOR TENANTS, AND ACCESSIBILITY IS THE PROBLEM MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALESSANDRA VALDEZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ALESSANDRA VALDEZ, AND I AM A TENANT IN THE CITY OF BURBANK. I URGE YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF 54-A. BURBANK IS OVER 60% RENTERS, BUT WE HAVE NO TENANT PROTECTIONS. I AM CURRENTLY ORGANIZING ALONGSIDE MY NEIGHBORS TO FIGHT FOR TENANTS' RIGHTS AT A LOCAL LEVEL, AND THE STORIES WE HAVE HEARD ACROSS THE CITY HAVE BEEN HARROWING. 10% MAX RENT INCREASES, ALLOWED BY

THE STATE, ARE CURRENTLY DISPLACING SENIORS AND BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE AT A DISPROPORTIONATE LEVEL. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REALLY CONSIDER THE POWER IMBALANCE BETWEEN TENANTS AND LANDLORDS. WE DO NOT OWN THE LAND WE LIVE ON, AND IF WE ARE PRICED OUT OF OUR HOMES, TENANTS ARE THE ONES WHO NEED TO FIND AN ENTIRELY NEW PLACE TO LIVE. WE ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE FEAR OF LOSING OUR HOUSING; NOT PROPERTY MANAGERS, AND NOT PROPERTY OWNERS. TENANT PROTECTIONS WILL SIMPLY LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD, AND MAKE THE HOUSING MARKET FAIR FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS. PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT OF 54-A, AND GIVE OUR CITIES TIME TO ENACT PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZEKE SANDOVAL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ZEKE SANDOVAL, WITH P.A.T.H., IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 54-A. IT IS SIMPLE: TENANT PROTECTION IS HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION. THIS PACKAGE OF COMMONSENSE REFORMS LIFTS TENANTS TO A MORE EVEN FOOTING, WITHOUT THEM DULY BURDENING SMALL LANDLORDS. NO ONE SHOULD FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE A TENANT AND LANDLORD COULDN'T COME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE. UNIVERSAL JUST-CAUSE

PROTECTIONS OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSATION, INSTEAD OF RESORTING TO IMMEDIATE EVICTION. AND IN UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC TIMES, WHEN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RENTERS IN THE COUNTY ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO MAKE RENT, ENSURING RENTERS CAN STAY HOUSED AND MANAGE THEIR RENT PAYMENTS, WHILE WORKING THROUGH ANY DEBT, IS ESSENTIAL. LOOKING BEYOND THESE PROPOSED REFORMS, WE ARE EAGER TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY IN EFFORTS TO EDUCATE TENANTS AND ASSIST CITIES IN ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN PROTECTIONS. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE EXCITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CENTRALIZING ENFORCEMENT OF TENANT PROTECTIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BROADER HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM AT C.O.H.I. ALIGNING LEGAL PROTECTIONS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAKES PERFECT SENSE. I AM GRATEFUL TO COUNTY STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THESE PROGRAMS, TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THE MOTION, AND FOR ALL OF YOU, FOR STAYING WITH THIS. I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A VERY LONG AND BUSY DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK SMITTLE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I AM OPPOSED TO 54-A. PLEASE VOTE NO. I AM A SINGLE-FAMILY LANDLORD. I HAVE A SINGLE-- I HAVE

ONE HOUSE WITH MY WIFE, THAT WE BOUGHT YEARS AGO. WE HAVE RAISED FIVE CHILDREN, AND WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE INTO ANOTHER HOME, AND KEEP THAT ONE FOR OUR TENANT. BUT I CAN'T SEE HOW THIS CAN POSSIBLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HOMELESSNESS. I MEAN, LANDLORDS ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF MAKING MONEY, NOT MAKING PEOPLE HOMELESS. I MEAN, I LOVE MY TENANTS, AND I TAKE CARE OF THEM. BUT I HAVE MANY EXPENSES, AND THE TAXES ARE GOING UP, AND THE EXPENSES TO KEEP THE HOME UP ARE INCREASING. PLEASE, PLEASE, VOTE NO ON THIS, BECAUSE I JUST CANNOT KEEP IN BUSINESS AS A SMALL, SMALL LANDLORD. PLEASE, I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS APRIL OMRAH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, HI. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. I AM WITH THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE ME. WE ARE ALSO A SMALL MOM-AND-POP, AND BEGGING YOU TO PLEASE, PLEASE, VOTE NO FOR 54-A. C.O.V.I.D. PROVISIONS AND MORATORIUMS WERE PREVIOUSLY NEEDED, BUT EXTENDING THEM AT THIS POINT ABSOLUTELY HAS A COUNTER-EFFECT ON OUR TENANTS THAT WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE. IT HAS THE EFFECT OF RAISING RENT, THAT WE HAVE TO-- WE CAN'T SUSTAIN THE DAMAGE ANYMORE. WE HAVE TO PASS THESE COSTS THAT WERE-- WE HAVE TO PAY OUR MORTGAGES, AND WE HAVE BEEN BURNING THROUGH OUR OWN

PERSONAL SAVINGS TO BE ABLE TO PAY OUR MORTGAGE. WE DON'T WANT TO RAISE OUR RENTS ON THE TENANTS, THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT WE LOVE, BUT WE HAVE ONE WHO HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE, COMPLETELY, OF THESE MORATORIUMS, AND WE'RE HAVING TO-- UNFORTUNATELY, EVENTUALLY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PASS IT OFF TO THEM, SO IT'S HAVING A COUNTER-EFFECT. PLEASE, WE BEG YOU, WE URGE YOU, DO NOT VOTE YES. VOTE NO ON 54-A. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE LOVE OUR TENANTS. WE WANT TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THEM. MEASURE 54-A HAS A COUNTER-EFFECT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RYAN BARRETT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RYAN BARRETT, REPRESENTING THE PASADENA FOOTHILLS REALTORS. WE ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON AGENDA ITEM 54-A. I'LL BE CONCISE AS POSSIBLE. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START PROTECTING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY? CONTINUING THE EVICTION MORATORIUM IN THIS WAY WON'T SOLVE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM. AS A REMINDER, WE HAVE HAD A.B. 1482 IN PLACE SINCE 2020. IT WAS PURPOSELY DESIGNED TO NOT HAVE LOOPHOLES. IT DOES WHAT IT IS DESIGNED TO DO, AND PROVIDES PROTECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. ITEM 54-A IS A HUGE

OVERSTEP BY THE COUNTY. YOU HAVE SOME VERY GOOD COUNCILMEMBERS IN OUR CITIES, AND THEY HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEY ARE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF MAKING APPROPRIATE DECISIONS TO GOVERN THEIR CITIES. I URGE YOU TO TRUST YOUR CITIES. USE A.B. 1482, AND LET YOUR CITIES MAKE THOSE SMART DECISIONS AND DO THE RIGHT THING FOR EACH OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. LET THEM TAKE THE LEAD ON GUIDING AND CREATING THE BEST ACTION PLANS FOR THEIR MUNICIPALITIES. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE A NO VOTE ON THIS AGENDA ITEM. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FRANCESCO NEGRO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I GOT CUT OFF EARLIER, SO I WANTED TO CALL BACK AGAIN. I URGE TO VOTE NO ON 54-A. AS A PROPERTY OWNER, GOING BACK TO THE ISSUE WITH ADDING PETS, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE VERSUS PETS. WE SHOULD BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE OUT IN THE STREET, AND NOT THE PETS. THAT MAKES NO SENSE. THAT'S A BIG CONCERN. IN TERMS OF COSTS GOING UP, THAT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN, BUT THERE'S NO PROTECTION FOR LANDLORDS. I KNOW I'M RANTING. I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT THIS FOR FIVE HOURS. BOARD MEMBERS, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU SIT THROUGH THIS STUFF. MY HAT'S OFF TO YOU. BUT THIS IS A

PASSIONATE THING FOR ME, AS IT IS FOR MANY OF THE OTHER OWNERS, AND OBVIOUSLY THE TENANTS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE YOU JUST KEEP IT INTERESTING. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MR. LEWIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I WANT YOU TO VOTE NO ON 54-A. I AM A LANDLORD IN L.A. COUNTY, AND A MEMBER OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN CITIES. AND I CANNOT THRIVE WITH SUCH RULES IMPOSED UPON LANDLORDS. AND A TENANT CAN EASILY MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION, BUT A LANDLORD CAN'T PICK THE BUSINESS UP, THE BUSINESS STRUCTURE, AND MOVE THAT. LIKE HOTELS, HOTEL GUESTS-- TENANTS ARE GUESTS. AND IF THEY ARE UNCONDUCIVE TO THE BUILDING, THEN THEY SHOULD LEAVE. AND THEY DO HAVE 30 TO 60 DAYS TO DO SO. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, EVERYONE. I HAVE LISTENED TO ALL OF THE COMMENTS, AND I WANTED TO SAY, I HAVE BEEN ON ALL SIDES. I

HAVE OWNED HOMES THAT I'VE BEEN SCAMMED, IN TERMS OF TIME, BY TENANTS. I'VE LOST HOMES BECAUSE OF THEM. NOW, I'M 69 YEARS OF AGE. EVEN THOUGH I'VE DEVOTED MY WHOLE LIFE TO FIGHTING FOR CAUSES, I TELL YOU, NOBODY I'VE HEARD SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT THE AMERICAN DREAM. YOU WORK ALL OF YOUR LIFE TO BE ABLE TO OWN PROPERTY, AND NOBODY SAID, "I HAVE TO OWN PROPERTY AND BE CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESS, AND THIS, AND PUTTING PETS OUT." NO ONE TELLS ME I SHOULD FEEL LIKE BLOOD IS ON MY HANDS, BECAUSE I WANT TO PROTECT MY OWN FINANCIAL SECURITY AND MY FAMILY. I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO VOTE NOT FOR OR AGAINST, BUT TO VOTE FOR SANITY AND WHAT'S APPROPRIATE. TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PAIN ON BOTH SIDES, BUT REALIZE THE GREATEST SACRIFICE OF ALL WAS MADE BY THE PEOPLE WHO SECURED THOSE BUILDINGS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAIME RODRIGUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GREETINGS, COMRADE HORVATH AND SOLIS. MY NAME IS JAIME RODRIGUEZ, A SINGLE RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY STRONG OPPOSITION TOWARDS YOUR MISGUIDED MOTION OF, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, "CRITICAL TENANT PROTECTION," BUT RATHER MORE WAYS TO STEAL FROM PRIVATE, HARDWORKING FAMILIES,

TO FUND PET PROJECTS AND BE DISINGENUOUS TO PUBLIC, BY REBRANDING IT AS A HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. THE LINE HAS TO STOP. WE ALL KNOW THESE CRITICAL TENANT PROTECTIONS WILL NOT STOP, COME MARCH 2024. A NEW, CONVENIENT EMERGENCY WILL SUDDENLY BE USED AT THE 11TH HOUR, TO EXTEND IN INCORPORATED CITIES AGAIN. I AM CALLING OUT THIS CRAP FROM THE DISINGENUOUS SUPERVISORS. STOP STEALING FROM ME AND ALL OTHER HARDWORKING PRIVATE FAMILIES PROVIDING HOUSING. SUPERVISORS SHOULD STAY IN THEIR LANES, ONLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED CITIES AFTER THREE YEARS OF ONE-SIDED NONSENSE. LEAVE US INCORPORATED CITIES ALONE, AND LET US MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT OUR PROPERTIES AND OUR LIVES. PLEASE ABSTAIN.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSE TORRES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. YES, I'M ASKING YOU TO OPPOSE 54-A. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS BEEN DECLARED OVER. LET ME REPEAT: THE PANDEMIC IS OVER. "LET'S JUST EXTEND IT ANOTHER YEAR." WE HEARD THIS YEAR AFTER YEAR. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE, AS YOU STATED, THEN START MAKING DECISIONS THAT MAKE SENSE, BECAUSE THE PANDEMIC IS OVER. IF YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, ALLOCATE A LARGER PORTION OF YOUR BILLION-DOLLAR

BUDGET TO DEAL WITH THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM, AND NOT DEAL WITH THE MISMANAGEMENT ON THE BACKS OF LANDLORDS. TENANTS HAVE ALWAYS HAD A GREAT AMOUNT OF PROTECTION, AND THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO-- NOTHING TO HELP WITHIN THE HOUSING PROBLEM, BUT ONLY CREATES A BURDEN OF THE COUNTY ON THE PROBLEMS AND BACKS OF THE LANDLORDS. WE, TOO, HAVE MANY MOUTHS TO FEED. I HAVE CHILDREN. CURRENTLY, IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE THE REMAINING VICTIMS OF THE PANDEMIC, BECAUSE IT'S JUST ANOTHER YEAR, AND THEN THE GOALPOST GETS PUSHED FURTHER AND FURTHER FOR LANDLORDS. ENOUGH. PLEASE, OPPOSE 54-A. IT'S ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I KNOW. I SEE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. BUT I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD PROVIDE SOME WATER TO THESE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE ALL DAY, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THAT BEING A SECURITY RISK, ARE YOU? ANYWAY, I'M FEELING FOR YOU ALL. WE'RE UP HERE, TOO, BUT YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME. SOMEBODY ALREADY BROUGHT YOU WATER? OKAY. ALL RIGHT, JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE. THERE'S A LITTLE GIRL OUT THERE, TOO. DOES SHE NEED ANY SNACKS, OR ANYTHING? OKAY, GOOD. OH, LOOK, YOU CAME PREPARED. YEAH, OKAY. GOOD ANSWER. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEJANDRO LARA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO. I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON 54-A. I AM A SMALL LANDLORD. I HAVE MORTGAGES. I HAVE TWO DUPLEXES THAT I BOUGHT, AND I HAVE MORTGAGES ON THESE ONES. I WORRY EVERY DAY THAT MY TENANTS ARE GOING TO STOP PAYING, WHICH ALREADY HAPPENED IN THE PAST. AND I HAD A GOOD TENANT, UNTIL THEY HEARD ABOUT THESE PROTECTIONS. THEY JUST CALLED ME AND SAID THEY COULDN'T PAY. I WORK. I WORK 12 HOURS EVERY DAY, AND I COULD BE CONSIDERED A MINORITY. I COME FROM DIFFICULTIES. I'M ONE OF THOSE GUYS. I WENT TO PRISON, AND I TURNED AROUND MY LIFE, AND I WORKED REALLY HARD TO DO THIS, AND I LEARNED THAT I COULD INVEST IN PROPERTIES. I DON'T EARN MONEY ON THESE PROPERTIES. IT'S FOR THE LONG TERM, AND THAT'S WHY IT PUTS ME IN A VERY DISADVANTAGED POSITION.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRITNEY BENACY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'LL BE QUICK. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, TO ASK YOU TO APPROVE ITEM 54-A WITH A FOCUS ON THE SECOND PROVISION OF THE MOTION,

RELATED TO UNAUTHORIZED PETS. AS THE COUNTY SHELTERS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH OVERCROWDING, AND RESIDENTS ARE FACED WITH EXTREMELY LIMITED PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING OPTIONS, ENSURING THAT PETS WHO WERE ACQUIRED DURING THE EMERGENCY ARE ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES WILL SUPPORT OUR SHELTERS WHILE ALLOWING TENANTS TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL BENEFITS OF HAVING A PET. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND THANK EACH OF YOU FOR ENGAGING WITH THE A.S.P.C.A. AND OUR PARTNERS ON SOLUTIONS TO ENHANCE PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING OPTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, NOW. FOLKS, ONE THING I WANT TO-- THAT SPEAKER THAT SPOKE JUST BEFORE YOU WENT TO THE LIVE PEOPLE, THAT WAS A POINT OF GENIUS. AND I KNOW ALL YOU SUPERVISORS ARE GOING TO GET YOUR BEDROOMS OUT THERE, THAT ARE VACANT, AND HAVE THAT-- THAT'D JUST BE SO SWEET, WOULDN'T IT? BUT THE NEXT QUESTION IS, WHAT RABBIT DO YOU ENVISION PULLING OUT OF THE HAT, 6 MONTHS, A YEAR DOWN THE ROAD? THAT'S VERY INTERESTING. DO YOU

HAVE ANY IDEA, ANY CONCEPT, WHERE THIS ITEM ENDS? WHAT IS YOUR ENDGAME, AS THEY SAY? AND THE OTHER THING: THE ONLY REAL ENDGAME IS TO BE LIKE IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK, THE BIG EASTERN CITIES, AND PERHAPS EVEN AREAS OF SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE YOU HAVE HUGE, ABSOLUTELY MAMMOTH, PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS TO HOUSE THE LOW-INCOME OR INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL. IT'S JUST ANOTHER SITUATION. IF YOU WANT TO SEE A LITTLE BIT WHAT IT'S LIKE, THERE'S A SERIES CALLED "THE WIRE." IT'S AN OLD SERIES, BUT IT'S REALLY, REALLY GOOD. SO, FOLKS, GET OUT THERE AND DO WHAT YOU CAN DO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET'S HAVE OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DAN HUEY.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS DAN, AND I AM A TENANT IN PASADENA, KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT, AND I'M CALLING TO STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR THE PASSAGE OF 54-A. WE NEED STRONGER TENANT PROTECTIONS. I, MYSELF, WAS A TENANT WHO WAS EVICTED AND KICKED OUT OF MY BUILDING, ALONG WITH 24 OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOW SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND STAY CONNECTED TO THEIR COMMUNITY. AND SO, THIS IS WHY I'M CALLING AND ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEONARD SIEGEL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M LEONARD SIEGEL, RENTER IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. PLEASE VOTE YES. PEOPLE IN MANY CITIES NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM EVICTION, AND GIVE MORE TIME TO BUILD MORE HOUSING, AND FINANCIALLY HELP ALL STAKEHOLDERS. NO-FAULT EVICTIONS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT. THERE ARE MANY VULNERABLE RENTERS-- ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED, TERMINALLY ILL, AND OTHERS. UNHOUSED PEOPLE COST MORE MONEY TO GOVERNMENT, AND INCREASES HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT MOTION TO PROTECT SOCIETY. HOPEFULLY, TOGETHER, WE ALL MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR VOTING YES.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE? OKAY. GREAT. I SEE SUPERVISOR BARGER. DO YOU HAVE ONE QUESTION?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, I DO HAVE A QUESTION. RAFAEL, I MEAN, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, THE MONEY THAT WE ALLOCATED, REFRESH MY MEMORY. IF A LANDLORD DRAWS DOWN THAT MONEY, IS THERE ANY PROVISION THAT THEY CANNOT EVICT FOR 12 MONTHS, IF THEY ACCEPT THE FUNDS FOR BACK RENT, SO LONG AS THE TENANT STAYS UP TO DATE WITH THE RENT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO, THERE IS NOT.

SUP. BARGER: THERE IS NOT? HAVE WE DONE THAT IN THE PAST? FOR SOME REASON, I THOUGHT WE TALKED ABOUT THIS AT THE BOARD, WHERE IF A LANDLORD ACCEPTED BACK RENT THROUGH THESE FUNDS, THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME SORT OF PROTECTION, THAT THEY COULD NOT EVICT THAT INDIVIDUAL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: SO, AS PART OF THE SMALL MOM-AND-POP LANDLORD NONMORTGAGE-RELATED GRANT, THE GRANT WILL PROVIDE $30,000 TO COVER RENTAL ARREARS, WITH THE CONDITION THAT, IN ACCEPTING THE GRANTS, THEY WILL FORGIVE ANY ADDITIONAL RENTAL ARREARS BEYOND THE $30,000.

SUP. BARGER: AND WHAT IS THE CAP ON THIS $45 MILLION? IF SOMEONE OWES, LET'S SAY... $38,000, OR IT GOES OVER THE 48...

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: SO, AS PROPOSED, IT'S A $30,000 GRANT, AS WELL, WHICH WILL ALSO-- THE LANDLORD WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO TRY TO COLLECT ON THE BALANCE.

SUP. BARGER: GO AHEAD.

SUP. MITCHELL: I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, BECAUSE THE GOAL WAS TO RELIEVE THE TENANT OF THE DEBT BURDEN. CORRECT?

SUP. BARGER: BUT I'M ALSO THINKING THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO ALLOCATE COUNTY RESOURCES TO DO BACK RENT, THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO TIE IT TO SOME SORT OF PROTECTION FOR THAT TENANT, FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, IF THEY ARE UP TO DATE EACH MONTH ON THEIR RENT, SO THEY DON'T GO BACK INTO ARREARS. DO YOU FOLLOW ME?

SUP. MITCHELL: BUT THEY CAN'T. THERE IS NO PROTECTION FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT, NOW. SO...

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'D HAVE TO PAY YOUR RENT.

SUP. MITCHELL: YEAH.

SUP. BARGER: NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT IF I'M A LANDLORD, AND MY TENANT'S IN ARREARS $27,000, AND I'M WAITING TO APPLY FOR THAT $27,000 THAT I'M GOING TO GET, I

WOULD SIGN SOMETHING SAYING, "THIS TENANT IS NOW UP TO DATE, AND NOW, FOR ONE YEAR, THEY WILL BE PROTECTED FROM ANY SORT OF EVICTION"? WHAT?

SUP. HORVATH: THAT DOESN'T EXIST.

SUP. BARGER: NO, I KNOW. I'M THINKING OUT LOUD. WHEN I LISTEN-- I MEAN, I AM SYMPATHETIC TO THE ISSUES, BUT I'M TRYING TO PLAY BOTH SIDES. AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT TODAY. I'M JUST THINKING OUT LOUD, AND I WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE DONE IT BEFORE. BECAUSE I AM SENSITIVE TO THE TENANTS, BUT I'M ALSO SENSITIVE TO THE LANDLORDS, AND I FEEL AS THOUGH THERE HAS GOT TO BE A BALANCE, AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE MOVE THIS FORWARD. AND MY OTHER QUESTION IS, IS THE MONEY ONLY FOR UNINCORPORATED, OR IS IT FOR COUNTYWIDE?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO, IT'S COUNTYWIDE.

SUP. BARGER: COUNTYWIDE. OKAY.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: I APOLOGIZE-- EXCEPT FOR CITY OF L.A.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. I MEAN, NOT FOR A VOTE TODAY. I WAS JUST THINKING OUT LOUD, AND I WANTED TO GET--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MAYBE THAT COULD BE PART OF THE REPORT-BACK THAT WE COULD LOOK AT. WE COULD ADD THAT AS PART OF THE REPORT-BACK DIRECTIVES, TO EXPLORE THAT.

SUP. HORVATH: AND IF I MAY, I KNOW THAT THERE WERE VERY MANY PROPERTY OWNERS, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF PROPERTY OWNERS, WHO WERE ASKING FOR SUPPORT AND RELIEF, AND I WANT TO ONCE AGAIN REITERATE AND BE EXTREMELY CLEAR: NO-FAULT EVICTIONS, JUST-CAUSE EVICTIONS. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS, PEOPLE STILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR RENT. THEY STILL HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THEIR LEASE. BECAUSE OF ELLIS, BECAUSE OF STATE LAW, THERE ARE WHAT'S CALLED NO-FAULT EVICTIONS, AND THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE PAYING THEIR RENT, WHO ARE ADHERING TO EVERY SINGLE TERM OF THEIR LEASE, WHO HAVE NOT BROUGHT NEW PEOPLE INTO THEIR UNITS, WHO HAVE NOT BROUGHT PETS INTO THEIR UNITS, BUT PEOPLE WHO ARE PAYING THEIR RENT, AND WHO MAY EVEN BE CURRENT. WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR THEM TO BE PROTECTED WHILE WE STEM THE TIDE OF THIS CRISIS.

SUP. BARGER: AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE INDIVIDUALS THAT TESTIFIED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE EVICTED IF WE DO NOT DO THIS. AND MY QUESTION IS, IF THEY ARE IN ARREARS, AND THIS MONEY IS USED TO BRING THEM UP TO WHERE THEY NEED TO BE, THEN MAYBE THAT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO STAY OFF EVICTIONS, BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE

LANDLORD'S MADE WHOLE, AND THE TENANT IS PROTECTED FOR A YEAR. AND I KNOW THE NO-FAULT. I KNOW ALL THAT, BUT I'M THINKING FOR THOSE THAT HAVE TESTIFIED THAT, IF WE LIFT THIS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE EVICTED. I WOULD ASSUME THAT SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE EVICTED BECAUSE THEY ARE IN ARREARS ON THE RENT.

SUP. HORVATH: WELL, PART OF THAT IS WHY WE HAD DIRECTIVE 3. WE'VE BEEN HEARING FROM TENANTS WHO ARE NOW PAYING THEIR RENT, CURRENTLY. THEY BELIEVE THEY'RE STAYING CURRENT, BUT THEIR LANDLORDS ARE TAKING THEIR RENT AND APPLYING IT TO BACK DUE RENT, WHICH PUTS THEM AT RISK OF BEING EVICTED. SO THIS DIRECTIVE WOULD SAY, THAT YEAR, A YEAR FROM THE END OF MARCH, WHEN WE LIFT THE C.O.V.I.D. RESTRICTIONS-- VERY CLEAR, NO MORE C.O.V.I.D. PROTECTIONS-- WHEN WE WOULD LIFT THOSE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, TO MARCH OF NEXT YEAR, THAT DIRECTIVE 1 IS SAYING, PEOPLE GET TO STAY IF THEY'RE PAYING THEIR RENT AND FOLLOWING THE TERMS OF THEIR LEASE. DIRECTIVE 3 SAYS, IF THEY START PAYING RENT CURRENT, AS OF APRIL 1ST, THEN THEY HAVE A YEAR TO PAY BACK THAT RENT, SO THEY CAN'T BE EVICTED FOR HOLDING THAT DEBT. SO, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT YOU'RE INDICATING TODAY. WE COULD HAVE TIME TO FIGURE THAT PIECE OUT, IF WE PASS DIRECTIVE 3 TODAY.

SUP. BARGER: BUT THERE ARE THOSE-- AND I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, BUT THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO

PAY BACK THEIR BACK RENT IN A YEAR. THEY'RE MAKING MINIMUM WAGE, AND ARE BARELY ABLE TO PAY THE RENT RIGHT NOW. SO, TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S POINT, WHEN WE HAD DISCUSSED IT LAST TIME, WE'RE PUTTING THEM FURTHER IN DEBT. AND AT WHAT POINT DO YOU TRY TO SOLVE THE BACK RENT AND START FRESH, BUT ALSO PROTECT THEM FROM BEING EVICTED IN SITUATIONS WHERE, QUITE FRANKLY, THE LANDLORD IS JUST TRYING TO RECOUP THE COST? AND IF THEY'RE WILLING TO GET THE BACK RENT AND BE MADE WHOLE, BUT ALSO KEEP THAT TENANT IN THE UNIT, THEN THAT ADDRESSES SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, LIKE I SAID, IF YOU WANT TO, WE CAN ASK FOR THAT.

SUP. BARGER: WELL, I MEAN, AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT TODAY, BECAUSE IT'S GOT TO BE FRESH. I MEAN, I KIND OF-- YOU KNOW THAT'S BEEN MY FRUSTRATION. AND AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I APPRECIATE AND I LOVE THE FACT THAT WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, I UNDERSTAND WHY. I UNDERSTAND WHY. IT'S THE HOW THAT I'M HAVING A PROBLEM WITH. AND I THINK MY FRUSTRATION IS THAT, RATHER THAN LOOK AT THIS HOLISTICALLY, IT WAS, "WE'RE GOING TO DO IT ONE MORE TIME. WE'RE GOING TO DO IT ONE MORE TIME." AND NOW IT'S, "WE NEED ONE MORE YEAR." AND I FEEL LIKE WE KEEP KICKING THE CAN, WHEN WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE COURTS, TO WORK WITH BOTH SIDES, TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING

THAT'S GOING TO BE A TENANT PROTECTION THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE AN EVICTION MORATORIUM, PER SE. IT'S ACTUALLY GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT ADDRESSES SOME OF THE SHORTFALLS, OR SHORTCOMINGS, OF THE CURRENT LAWS ON THE BOOKS.

SUP. HORVATH: BUT THE HOW ISN'T A MORATORIUM. PEOPLE STILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR RENT, THEY STILL HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THEIR LEASE, AND THEY WOULD HAVE UP TO ONE YEAR, WHICH WOULD BE THE REASON WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR THAT ONE YEAR ON DIRECTIVE 1, IS BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE UP TO A YEAR TO PAY BACK THEIR RENT. SO, THAT GIVES PEOPLE THE TIME TO KNOW THAT, AS LONG AS THEY'RE KEEPING CURRENT ON THEIR RENT, AND THEY HAVE TO FIGURE OUT IN THIS NEXT YEAR-- AND I'M HEARING YOU, THAT THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO, IN MARCH 2024, WILL STILL HAVE AN UNPAID DEBT THAT THEY HAVE TO FIGURE OUT. I'M VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT. THESE PROTECTIONS TODAY DO NOT ADDRESS, A YEAR FROM NOW, THAT PROBLEM. WE STILL HAVE TO FIGURE THAT OUT. THESE PROTECTIONS TODAY ADDRESS THE FACT THAT WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF THE C.O.V.I.D. MORATORIUM, IN JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS. THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE AT RISK, AND WE ARE TRYING TO OFFER ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS. I AM CLEAR THAT PEOPLE ARE FRUSTRATED THAT THE REPORT WAS FILED ON FRIDAY. WE ARE ALSO FRUSTRATED THAT THIS CONVERSATION HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND THE DIRECTIVES THAT HAVE ASKED FOR MORE PROTECTION HAVE NOT COME FORWARD. SO, WE'VE BEEN WORKING TO

FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE THE MOST EMINENT CHANGES WE CAN BRING FORWARD TODAY, TO HELP PEOPLE STAY IN THEIR HOUSING WHILE WE GET THIS SUMMIT UP AND GOING, WHILE WE GET LONGER-TERM PROTECTIONS IN PLACE, AND HAVE THE ABILITY AND TIME TO ENGAGE PEOPLE IN MORE DISCUSSION. BASED ON WHAT YOU IDENTIFIED, WITH REGARD TO STATE LAW ALREADY ON THE BOOKS, JUST MAKES SURE THAT THOSE LOOPHOLES, THAT 650,000 PEOPLE OR MORE, ARE PROTECTED FOR A YEAR. IT'S ALREADY STATE LAW, SO IT'S NOT-- WHAT WE ARE PROTECTING ARE THE PEOPLE WHO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS, BECAUSE THEY ARE THEN GOING TO FALL INTO THE PIPELINE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND WE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM ON THAT SIDE. AND FOR MY PART, I WOULD PREFER THAT WE KEEP PEOPLE IN HOUSING THAT THEY'RE ALREADY IN, AND NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM ON THAT SIDE OF THINGS, AND FORCE PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS, TO BE WILLING TO PAY TO HELP THEM.

SUP. BARGER: AND I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT, AND I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE REPORT-BACK IN 30 DAYS. BUT I'M JUST NOT THERE ON THE ACTION TODAY, BUT I AM THERE ON THE REPORT-BACKS. AND AGAIN, PUSHING YOU, RAFAEL, TO BRING SOMETHING TO US THAT WE CAN DISCUSS AND BIFURCATE INTO WHAT IS STATE ACTION, AND WHAT IS WITHIN OUR OWN PURVIEW AT THE COUNTY LEVEL TO DO. BECAUSE I KNOW SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GOING TO BE STATE LEGISLATION, CORRECT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YES. AND, ACTUALLY, WE HAD A BIG WIN TODAY ON STATE LEGISLATION. OUR A.B. 875, COUNTY-SPONSORED BILL, PASSED IN CONSENT THROUGH THE ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, SO WE'RE HOPING THAT THE MOMENTUM KEEPS THERE, AND WE CONTINUE TO PUSH THAT. I DO WANT TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY THE PUBLIC, IF YOU WILL HUMOR ME; IN PARTICULAR, NOT FOR ME, BUT FOR MY STAFF WHO ARE LISTENING, FOR MY STAFF THAT ARE HERE. THERE WERE SOME INNUENDOS AND SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE NOT DOING AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SOME HIGHLY DEDICATED PEOPLE THAT, DAY IN, DAY OUT, ARE HANDLING OVER 300 CALLS A DAY, DEALING WITH THESE STORIES DAY IN, DAY OUT, TAKING THOSE STORIES HOME, THEMSELVES, AND TRYING TO HELP THEM. THIS BOARD, TOO, I HAVE TO COMMEND YOU ON THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE. BECAUSE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ADVANCE SOME OF THE STRONGEST PROTECTIONS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED, AND IT SHOULD BE, DEFINITELY, A MODEL THAT MOST CITIES SHOULD TRY TO FOLLOW. TO OUR PARTNERS, THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION, THEY HAVE 9 RECOMMENDED POLICIES THAT THEY'RE PUSHING THROUGH IN THEIR TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS. 6 OF THOSE, THIS BOARD HAS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED. 3 OF THEM ARE PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED, AND WE'RE WELL UNDERWAY INTO ENHANCING AND ADVANCING THOSE. SO, THERE IS WORK BEING DONE HERE, AND I WANT MY TEAM TO BE RECOGNIZED, THAT ARE LISTENING. ALSO, EARLIER, OUR A.R.D.I. PARTNERS NICELY POINTED OUT THAT MY BUDGET, BEFORE A.R.P., WAS $17

MILLION. I WANT TO LET MY PARTNERS KNOW, AND THE STAY HOUSED COALITION, THAT $25 MILLION A YEAR ARE BEING PUMPED INTO OUR STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM. THAT'S BIGGER THAN MY DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET. AND SO THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO THE WORK HERE, AND I JUST WANT THAT TO BE RECOGNIZED, FOR MY STAFF THAT ARE LISTENING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WELL, COLLEAGUES, I MEAN, WE ARE CALLED TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS. THAT IS WHY WE'RE IN THESE POSITIONS. AND FOR ME, THIS IS A FAMILIAR POSITION THAT WE'VE BEEN IN BEFORE, ONE WHERE WE'RE DAYS AWAY FROM THE PLANNED ENDING OF OUR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS, AND WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US A LAST-MINUTE MOTION TO-- I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE TO USE THE WORD "EXTEND," BUT TO PUT IN PLACE MORE EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS. AND TIME AND AGAIN, I HAVE VOTED TO EXTEND THESE PROTECTIONS EVERY SINGLE TIME, OVER THE STRONG OBJECTIONS OF MANY OF MY MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, AND WE HEARD OVERWHELMINGLY FROM THEM. AND BY THE WAY, THANK YOU FOR EVERYBODY THAT CAME DOWN AND TESTIFIED, AND I THINK TODAY WE HAD A GOOD MIX OF TENANTS AND LANDLORDS, BOTH HERE AND BOTH ON THE PHONE, WHO WANTED TO EXPRESS THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT HOUSING IS. IT'S AN EQUATION. WE HAVE THE TENANTS, AND WE HAVE THE LANDLORDS, AND YOU REALLY CAN'T HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER. THE LANDLORDS NEED THEIR TENANTS; THE TENANTS NEED THEIR LANDLORDS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT TO

WORK TO BRING BOTH SIDES TOGETHER, AND DO A DECISION THAT MAKES SENSE FOR EVERYBODY. WHEN WE PUT THE ORIGINAL MORATORIUM IN PLACE, EVICTION MORATORIUM, WE WERE IN A CRISIS THAT DEMANDED IT. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, UNEMPLOYMENT HAD SKYROCKETED, AND GOING TO WORK WAS A LITERAL THREAT TO PEOPLE'S LIVES AND HEALTH. WE MADE THE UNPRECEDENTED DECISION TO IMPOSE A COUNTYWIDE EVICTION MORATORIUM ONTO ALL THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THE UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS CREATED BY THE PANDEMIC WARRANTED THAT. BUT THAT PART OF THE CRISIS ENDED. BUSINESSES HAVE REOPENED. UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT THE LOWEST IT HAS BEEN IN DECADES. AND LAST YEAR, WE PAIRED OUR EMERGENCY ORDER TO MORE LIMITED TENANT PROTECTIONS, BUT CONTINUED TO IMPOSE THOSE ON ALL 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY. I SUPPORTED THOSE, BECAUSE WE TALKED ABOUT IT BEING A REASONABLE OFF-RAMP. IT GAVE TENANTS TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE END OF OUR EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS, AND GAVE OUR CITIES THE TIME THEY NEEDED TO PUT IN PLACE THEIR OWN PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS. AND GOING INTO THAT JANUARY 24TH MEETING, I WAS FULLY PREPARED TO VOTE NO ON THE PROPOSAL TO DO ANOTHER EXTENSION OF TENANT PROTECTIONS, BUT I HEARD FROM SOME OF MY CITIES, WHO SAID THEY NEEDED MORE TIME TO PUT PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS IN PLACE. SO I AGREED TO YOUR PROPOSAL, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, TO EXTEND THESE PROTECTIONS THROUGH THE END OF MARCH. WE'RE NOW MORE THAN 3 YEARS INTO HAVING THESE EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS, COUNTYWIDE. WE'VE EXTENDED THEM TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND THERE

HAS BEEN TIME FOR OUR CITIES TO PUT IN PLACE THEIR OWN PROTECTIONS. AND I JUST FEEL, AT THIS POINT, I FEEL LIKE, FOR ME, ANYWAY-- I CAN'T SPEAK FOR ANYBODY ELSE-- IT FEELS LIKE AN OVERREACH, RIGHT NOW, TO IMPOSE THESE ON THE INCORPORATED CITIES. WE HAVE PUT TENANT PROTECTIONS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTIES. THAT'S WHERE WE ALWAYS HAVE AUTHORITY. BUT EMERGENCY SITUATIONS DO GIVE US AUTHORITY TO GO INTO OTHER CITIES AND TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. BUT I THINK, IF THERE'S ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THE CITY LEVEL-- AND I GOT SOME LETTERS FROM SOME OF THEM-- THAT STILL WANT MORE TIME TO PUT IN THEIR OWN TENANT PROTECTIONS, I'M URGING YOU TO ACT NOW. IF YOU NEED MORE TIME TO CONSIDER WHAT YOUR PERMANENT PROTECTIONS WILL BE, I URGE YOU TO PUT IN PLACE TEMPORARY ONES WHILE YOU DO THAT WORK, AND I THINK YOU COULD MODEL YOUR TEMPORARY PROTECTIONS OFF THE MOTION THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW, THAT'S IN FRONT OF US. AND IF THERE IS A CITY-- I'M GOING TO SAY THIS OUT LOUD. IF THERE IS A CITY IN MY DISTRICT, ONE OF THE 32 CITIES IN MY DISTRICT THAT WANTS TO PUT IN PLACE TENANT PROTECTIONS, MY STAFF-- I KNOW, RAFAEL, YOUR STAFF-- WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH YOU TO HELP YOU WRITE THESE TENANT PROTECTIONS. YOU COULD START PUTTING THEM IN AT YOUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. I DO THINK, THOUGH, THE COUNTY HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING TENANTS WHO CANNOT PAY THEIR RENT. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THIS KEEPS HER UP AT NIGHT: THOSE WHO ARE IN FEAR OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT. WHETHER YOU LIVE IN

UNINCORPORATED, OR YOU LIVE IN ONE OF THE CITIES, WE HAVE A ROLE IN HELPING YOU. OUR BOARD RECENTLY ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL $45 MILLION FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE. STAY HOUSED L.A. CURRENTLY OFFERS UP TO $12,000 IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO TENANTS IN NEED, AND UP TO $20,000 FOR TENANTS LIVING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF HELPING PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR HELP. BUT AT THIS TIME, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY TO STEP UP. THEY'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT LOCAL CONTROL. WELL, THIS IS A LOCAL CONTROL ISSUE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIES. STEP UP. HELP THE TENANTS IN YOUR CITIES. BUT AT THIS TIME, I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO KEEP MY WORD THAT I HAVE SAID, PUBLICLY: THAT THIS WAS THE LAST TIME THAT I WAS GOING TO DO IT. AND SO, I THINK THE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THIS MADE A LOT OF SENSE LAST YEAR, BUT I THINK WE'RE IN A VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION RIGHT NOW, AND I THINK OUR POLICY NEEDS TO REFLECT THAT. SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, THIS MOTION IS BEFORE US. THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR EVERYONE STAYING AND ENGAGING WITH US. 54-A IS BEFORE US.

SUP. HORVATH: I HEARD, PERHAPS, MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU WILL, A WILLINGNESS, PERHAPS, TO BIFURCATE SOME PARTS OF THE MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, YOU'RE CORRECT.

SUP. BARGER: IF YOU'D BE WILLING TO DO THAT. I MEAN, I DO THINK THE REPORT-BACK IS FINAL. I THINK WE HAVE TO DO IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ARE YOU WILLING TO BIFURCATE THE REPORT-BACK?

SUP. HORVATH: IS THERE SUPPORT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT'S THE SECOND PART.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: IT'S DIRECTIVE 5 THROUGH 9.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH.

SUP. SOLIS: I'M SURE WE'RE DOING SOME OF THAT, ANYWAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE ARE DOING SOME OF THAT, ANYWAY, BUT WE CAN BIFUR-- SO, IT'S INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN 30 DAYS. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO BIFURCATE?

SUP. BARGER: THAT'S WHAT I WAS ASKING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

SUP. HORVATH: IF THAT'S ALL THERE IS SUPPORT FOR. I MEAN, I'M LOOKING TO SEE. I HEARD FROM THE CHAIR, THERE WASN'T SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE ON ANY OF THE-- OKAY. UNDERSTOOD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BIFURCATE IT?

SUP. HORVATH: SO, THE REPORT-BACKS ARE-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ARE YOU WILLING TO CONSIDER THOSE?

SUP. SOLIS: TO BIFURCATE?

SUP. MITCHELL: MM-HMM.

SUP. HORVATH: AND CONSIDER THE REPORT-BACKS, ONLY?

SUP. SOLIS: I WANT TO CONSIDER THE FRONT PART, AND ALL OF IT.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, SO WE'LL CONSIDER BOTH. WE'LL TAKE TWO VOTES, THEN, IF THAT'S OKAY, MADAM CHAIR.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WE NEED A MOVE AND SECOND TO BIFURCATE, AND THEN WE'LL VOTE ON THE BIFURCATION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I MOVE TO BIFURCATE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SO, IS THERE A SECOND?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SECOND. SHALL WE TAKE THAT VOTE FIRST?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AND THEN WE NEED A VOTE ON THE BIFURCATION, AND THEN WE'LL VOTE ON DIRECTIVES 1 THROUGH 4.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THE BIFURCATION?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MM-HMM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO BIFURCATE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: OKAY. TO BIFURCATE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0, TO BIFURCATE. NOW WE NEED TO MOVE AND SECOND ON THE VOTE, TO VOTE ON DIRECTIVES 1 THROUGH 4, SO I NEED A MOVE AND A SECOND.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MOVE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SECONDED FROM SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: YES.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AND NOW, THIS IS VOTE ON DIRECTIVES 1 THROUGH 4, ON ITEM 54-A. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: ABSTAIN.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER? SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT'S A REPORT-BACK, RIGHT, ON THIS?

SUP. HORVATH: NO, THIS IS 1 THROUGH 4.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THIS IS THE FIRST SECTION.

SUP. HORVATH: YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. NO.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, NO. MOTION 2-2, WITH ONE ABSTENTION. MOTION FAILS. OKAY, NOW, THIS IS ON-- I NEED A MOVE AND SECOND ON DIRECTIVES 5 THROUGH 9, WHICH IS THE REPORT-BACK.

SUP. HORVATH: I'LL MOVE IT.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HORVATH MOVES IT.

SUP. MITCHELL: SECOND.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SECONDS. SO, THIS IS ON THE VOTE ON DIRECTIVES 5 THROUGH 9, WHICH IS THE REPORT-BACK. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0, ON THE REPORT-BACK.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THAT DISCUSSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, IT WAS VERY GOOD. NOW, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO COMMUNICATE TO EVERYBODY, BECAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE EVERYBODY THAT JUST HEARD THAT VOTE HAS NO IDEA WHAT WE JUST DID. BUT JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DID THAT

PROPERLY. THANK YOU. OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, OR BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF, OR PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE A SPECIAL.

SUP. MITCHELL: MA'AM, I DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES, I HAVE A READ-IN MOTION, CO-SPONSORED WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, REGARDING THE MEDI-CAL REDETERMINATION PROCESS. BEGINNING APRIL 1ST, 2023, COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE WILL BEGIN ANNUAL MEDI-CAL RENEWALS FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES. THIS PROCESS WAS PUT ON HIATUS DURING THE PANDEMIC. EXPERTS PROJECT NEARLY 2 TO 3 MILLION CALIFORNIANS COULD LOSE THEIR MEDI-CAL BENEFITS. IN L.A. COUNTY, THIS MEDI-CAL REDETERMINATION PROCESS WILL AFFECT NEARLY 4 MILLION RESIDENTS. THE FIRST DISTRICT IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED WITH ALMOST A MILLION MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND SO THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. SO, THE READ-IN IS AS FOLLOWS, COLLEAGUES: "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO REPORT BACK VIA PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2023, ON PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE MEDI-CAL REDETERMINATION PROCESS IN A MANNER THAT COLLABORATES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, MINIMIZES ANY

UNNECESSARY DISRUPTION TO HEALTH BENEFITS AND SERVICES."
APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. SO--
OH, YES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, AS YOUR CO-AUTHOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE CO-- YEAH,
GO.

SUP. SOLIS: I MEAN, SO WE CAN VOTE ON THIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THIS AFTER
PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REMAINING ITEMS. SO, DO YOU WANT TO SAY
SOMETHING?

SUP. SOLIS: JUST BRIEFLY. I SUPPORT THE MOTION NOW. WE'VE NOW
BECOME A MEMBER OF L.A. CARE. WE'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION, AND
YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING MOTIONS, TOO, SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL, AND
NOW WE NEED TO ALSO EXTEND THIS PROTECTION. WE ALMOST HAVE A
MILLION PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICT-- 926,000-- SO WE KNOW THAT
THIS HAS TO HAPPEN, AND WE HAVE TO HOLD OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
ACCOUNTABLE-- D.P.S.S., D.H.S., AS WELL AS OTHER HEALTH PLANS
AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS-- TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REACHING ALL

THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO BE REDETERMINED, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THEM ENROLLED. SO, WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS A SPECIAL.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS ITEM IS ENTITLED "ABORTION PILL COURT RULING," AND THIS IS THE ABORTION MEDICATION STATUS IN THE COUNTY. AS WE KNOW, ACCESS TO ABORTION HAS BEEN SEVERELY RESTRICTED SINCE THE REPEAL OF ROE V. WADE LAST JUNE. JUST TODAY, THE GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS APPROVED A MONUMENT DEDICATED TO ABORTED FETUSES. ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVISTS HAVE SEIZED UPON THE DOBBS DECISION TO INTRODUCE DRACONIAN LEGISLATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND USED OUR COURTS TO FURTHER THEIR AGENDA, LEAVING LEGAL AND MEDICAL CHAOS IN ITS WAKE. WOMEN IN STATES WITH ABORTION BANS ARE NEARLY 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE DURING PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, OR SOON AFTER GIVING BIRTH. THINK ABOUT THAT STATISTIC. RIGHT NOW, 24.5 MILLION WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE ARE LIVING IN STATES WITH ABORTION BANS. IF F.D.A. APPROVAL OF MIFEPRISTONE IS REVOKED, 64.5 MILLION WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE IN THE U.S. WOULD LOSE ACCESS TO MEDICATION ABORTION CARE, AN EXPONENTIAL INCREASE IN HARM OVERNIGHT. THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO CAN GET PREGNANT, BUT DO NOT IDENTIFY AS

WOMEN. FACTORING IN THAT POPULATION, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HARMED IS EVEN HIGHER. THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL AND FAR-REACHING OF CASES IS ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE VS. THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, A CASE IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT CHALLENGING THE F.D.A.'S APPROVAL OF MIFEPRISTONE, ONE OF THE TWO MEDICATIONS TYPICALLY USED TO PROVIDE MEDICATION ABORTION, THE MOST COMMON FORM OF ABORTION IN THE NATION. THE JUDGE COULD GRANT AN EMERGENCY INJUNCTION THAT WOULD FORCE THE F.D.A. TO WITHDRAW ITS APPROVAL OF MIFEPRISTONE, WHICH WOULD PULL IT OFF THE MARKET AND, IN EFFECT, BAN IT NATIONWIDE. THIS MOTION REAFFIRMS, NOT IN L.A., AND NOT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S WATCH. WE MUST CONTINUE TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, TO ENSURE ACCESS TO NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE, AND BEING A REFUGE OF REPRODUCTIVE ACCESS AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. LAST JANUARY, THE BOARD APPROVED A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO ENSURE SAFE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE CARE FOR ALL, RESULTING IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ABORTION SAFE HAVEN PROJECT. THE COUNTY WORKED WITH NUMEROUS COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND ACADEMIC EXPERTS TO PLAN FOR EXPANDING AND INCREASING ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE. THE ABORTION SAFE HAVEN PROJECT IS A NETWORK OF COUNTY AGENCIES, NONPROFIT, ACADEMIC, AND BUSINESS PARTNERS, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS AND JUSTICE ADVOCATES, AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS COMMITTED TO ENSURING SAFE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE CARE FOR ALL, AND TO SEND THE MESSAGE

THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY STANDS IN ABSOLUTE CONTRAST TO SEXIST, BIGOTED, AND HARM-INDUCING STATES IN THIS COUNTRY, WHO ARE ACTIVELY HARMING WOMEN. TODAY, I AM SUBMITTING A MOTION TO DO THE FOLLOWING: ONE, INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO REPORT BACK AT THE APRIL 4TH, 2023, MEETING ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY'S ABORTION SAFE HAVEN PROJECT, INCLUDING CLARIFICATION ON THE STATUS OF MIFEPRISTONE; AND TWO, TO REQUEST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO REPORT BACK AT THE APRIL 4TH, 2023, BOARD MEETING ON PLANS TO ADDRESS THE COURT RULING, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO ENSURE ACCESS TO ABORTION, INCLUDE ABORTION MEDICATION, WITHOUT THE FEAR OF ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION FOR THOSE THAT SEEK OUT AND PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. WE WILL SEND A LOUD, CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE NATION: ABORTION CARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AVAILABLE TO PREGNANT PEOPLE OF ANY AGE, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OR WHERE YOU LIVE. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, LOCALLY AND ACROSS THE NATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, CHAIR: AND THAT MOTION WILL ALSO BE VOTED ON AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. OKAY, ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPECIALS? OKAY, THEN WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. BUT PLEASE, HAVE MERCY ON US. IT'S 10 AFTER 6:00. GET TO THE POINT, AND WE'RE ALL EARS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

SPEAKER: WILL HARRIET ELLIOT, ANTIGONE ROBINSON, MIRA PATEL, MINNA GOREY, DONALD HARLAN, ARNOLD SACHS, AND CORY SCHMIDT PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE'RE GOING REMOTE FIRST.

MODERATOR: OF COURSE. WE'LL BE GOING TO...

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE'LL CALL YOU AFTER REMOTE. GO AHEAD.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST ONE WILL BE SISOA QUINONES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES, I JUST WANTED TO INFORM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT, ONCE AGAIN, IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, WE HAD 5G WIRELESS COMPANIES COME IN AND TRY TO INSTALL TOWERS WITHOUT NOTIFYING US, AND SO I DID CONTACT MY SUPERVISOR AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND I WILL BE SENDING PICTURES TO OUR LEGAL COUNSEL. YOUR BODY VOTED THAT THEY HAD TO NOTIFY US, AND THEY DIDN'T NOTIFY US. WHEN WE APPROACHED THEM AND WE ASKED THEM FOR THE NOTICES, THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEM. AND WHEN WE APPROACHED THEM AND ASKED THEM IF THEY HAD PERMITS, THEY DID NOT HAVE THEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE WILL GO TO JOY ABAQUIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

JOY ABAQUIN: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JOY ABAQUIN. I AM THE QUALITY OF LIFE PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 7, AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF REDONDO BEACH CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL WEBB, WHO HAS JUST FLOWN IN FROM SACRAMENTO, HAVING JUST TESTIFIED IN FRONT OF THE ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 67. IT JUST PASSED,

THIS MORNING. ASSEMBLY BILL 67 WOULD ESTABLISH THE HOMELESS COURTS PILOT PROGRAM, SIMILAR TO THE HOMELESS COURT IN REDONDO BEACH. IT IS A PROGRAM SET UP FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING HOMELESSNESS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES. OUR PROGRAM IS FOCUSED AT BRINGING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO THE COMMUNITY IN A VERY SUPPORTIVE, NON-THREATENING WAY, TO AN AREA WHERE THE UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS ARE ALREADY SPENDING THEIR TIME. THE GOAL IS TO SET THOSE INDIVIDUALS UP FOR SUCCESS BY REMOVING THE OBSTACLES THAT PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING HOUSED, AND ULTIMATELY GET THE CASES DISMISSED UPON GETTING PERMANENTLY HOUSED. WE HAVE A 79% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE, WITH SOME SESSIONS AT 100% ATTENDANCE, FOR A POPULATION THAT USUALLY FAILS TO APPEAR FOR THEIR COURT APPEARANCES. OUR CITY HAS SEEN A 44% DECREASE IN HOMELESSNESS FROM 2020 TO 2022, IN LARGE PART DUE TO OUR HOMELESS COURT, AS WELL AS OUR PALLET SHELTER AND OTHER SUPPORTING PROGRAMS. IT WORKS BECAUSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND MULTIPLE SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM VARIOUS PROGRAMS. SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL HAVE BEEN GREAT SUPPORTERS OF OUR HOMELESS COURT. THIS PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED TO OTHER AREAS OF L.A., SUCH AS LONG BEACH, TORRANCE, AND HERMOSA BEACH. A.B. 67 WOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK AND FUNDING THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL, WHICH

IS WHY WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO SPONSOR A.B. 67. THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE WILL GO TO DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS THAT WE ARE FORMING AN ORGANIZATION, OR HAVE FORMED [INAUDIBLE] JUSTICE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND YOUR GOAL IS TO EXPLORE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN AND KAISER PERMANENTE, FOR DELIVERING SUBSTANDARD SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, APPOINTMENT TIMES ACROSS THE BOARD IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WITH PEOPLE UP HERE, IN TERMS OF OUR LEADERS ARE IGNORING. SINCE 1997, I HAVE BEEN A KAISER ADVOCATE, AND I MAINTAIN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH MANY KAISER STAFF. AND I WAS THE CONSULTANT, IN 1997. THE KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN PUT $50,000 ON THE TABLE, AND HAD ME CHANGE THE ZONING IN PALMDALE ON 47TH AND S, BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT GET IT PAST THE PLANNING COMMISSION. SO, I AM THEIR ADVOCATE. BUT THEY'RE WRONG, WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE WILL GO TO FRAN STERASAZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

SUP. HORVATH: WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HORVATH: YES.

SPEAKER: OH, MERCY.

SUP. HORVATH: WE CAN HEAR YOU. OKAY, WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: MA'AM, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO OTHERS IN THE QUEUE AT THIS TIME, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. WE WILL GO TO SPEAKERS IN PERSON. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: I'M WORRIED ABOUT THIS MAN ROLLING HIS EYES. YEAH, SO PLEASE DON'T DO THAT AND DISTRACT FROM WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. THANK YOU. I'M TALKING ABOUT MIND-READING RADAR, OKAY? SOMETHING THAT POLICE ARE-- I'M SURE YOU'VE READ IN THE L.A. TIMES THAT THE POLICE ARE FUNDING, PRIVATELY. THEY DON'T GET

ENOUGH MONEY, AND YOU'RE NOT KNOWING WHAT THEY'RE FUNDING FOR, OKAY? WELL, I MET A MAN NAMED TERRY NEESE-- N-E-E-S-E-- WHO HAS A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, YET HE'S A LOW-LEVEL CRIMINAL. AND HE SAID HE THINKS THE REASON THE POLICE ARE ARE KEEPING HIM OUT OF JAIL-- HE'S A NONVIOLENT OFFENDER, RIGHT? SO HE CAN STAY OUT OF JAIL. HE THINKS THE REASON HE'S STAYING OUT OF JAIL IS SO POLICE CAN USE THIS ON HIM: MIND-READING RADAR. CAN YOU TAKE THIS AND HAND THIS OUT TO THEM? I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S NOT PUT ON THE SIDE. I WANT TO SEE YOU. OKAY, IT'S A PATENT, AND THERE ARE OTHER PATENTS BY SILENT SOUND. ANYWAY, THESE ARE REAL. HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT POLICE ARE DOING? BUT THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. THEY KEEP HIM OUT OF JAIL TO WORK-- HE'S A TEST SUBJECT. THAT'S AMAZING, I THINK. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF A.H.F., TO GIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT S.T.I.S IN L.A. COUNTY. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS RELEASED PRESIDENT BIDEN'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, IN WHICH HE SUGGESTS FLAT FUNDING OF $174.3 MILLION FOR C.D.C.'S DIVISION OF S.T.D. PREVENTION, THE SAME AMOUNT RECEIVED IN 2023. SINCE FEDERAL SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR S.T.D. PREVENTION IS UNLIKELY, L.A. COUNTY MUST ENSURE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH LOCAL FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO SUSTAIN OUR S.T.I. TESTING,

TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS. COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE A.H.F., ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ON REDUCING S.T.I. RATES IN LOS ANGELES BY OFFERING OUR MEDIA SERVICES, M.T.U.S, AND OTHER RESOURCES. WE JUST ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEET WITH US TO STRATEGIZE AND COLLABORATE. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO TURN AWAY C.B.O.S WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP. WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK. PLEASE URGE D.P.H. TO ACCEPT OUR INVITATION, BECAUSE A.H.F. HAS RESOURCES TO SHARE. WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS MIRA PATEL, AND I'M A PHARMACIST, AND I'M HERE TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, OR A.H.F., ABOUT RISING S.T.I. RATES IN L.A. COUNTY. THE C.D.C.-REPORTED PRELIMINARY S.T.I. DATA FOR 2021 FOUND THAT S.T.I.S ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, AND FOR THE 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. SO, L.A. S.T.I. RATES ARE NO DIFFERENT. THEY'RE CLIMBING EVERY YEAR, WITH NO END IN SIGHT. L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. THE COUNTY LAB SHOULD RESUME PROCESSING LAB SPECIMENS FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WITHOUT ASKING PATIENTS FOR INSURANCE. PATIENTS COME TO A.H.F. AND OTHER TRUSTED COMMUNITY PROVIDERS BECAUSE THEY KNOW OUR ENCOUNTER IS CONFIDENTIAL, AND THAT AN EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS, OR E.O.B.,

WILL NOT SHOW UP AT THEIR HOMES. PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERAGE, UNDOCUMENTED, OR UNHOUSED MAY NOT HAVE INSURANCE TO UTILIZE, AND WORRY THAT AN E.O.B. IN THE WRONG HANDS COULD BE DEVASTATING, AND SUBJECT THEM TO VIOLENCE, HOMELESSNESS, OR DETER THEM FROM BEING TESTED AGAIN.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS MINNA GOREY. I WORK AT A.H.F. I'M HERE TO DISCUSS THE S.T.I. CRISIS DURING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MOST RECENT S.T.D. REPORT-BACK PRESENTED BY THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO THE H.I.V. AND S.T.I. PROVIDERS, HIGHLIGHTED THE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING THAT L.A. COUNTY ACQUIRED FOR FIGHTING S.T.I.S. IT'S LONG OVERDUE. NOW THAT THE FUNDING IS INCOMING, THERE MUST BE A DEFINED PATH TO MAXIMIZE THE FUNDING. KEY TOOLS FOR FIGHTING THE EVER-RISING RATES OF S.T.I.S MUST BE UTILIZED, SUCH AS CREATING ROBUST PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, COVERING THE COSTS OF LABORATORY TESTS, AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. TANGIBLE GOALS MUST BE ESTABLISHED TO REDUCE YEARLY INFECTIONS, FOCUSING ON NEIGHBORHOODS WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF INFECTION FOR GONORRHEA, CHLAMYDIA, AND

SYPHILIS. ADDITIONALLY, WITH THE RISE OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT GONORRHEA, NEW INTERVENTIONS ARE NEEDED TO CURB RISING S.T.I. INFECTIONS BEFORE THEY BECOME IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE. A SHIFT IN THE COUNTY PROTOCOL TO USE MORE MILD DOXYCYCLINE FOR S.T.I.S WILL TREAT THE PATIENT WITHOUT BUILDING RESISTANCE TO ANTIBIOTICS. L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MUST SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I AM DONALD HARLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 1, 14, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40...

SUP. HORVATH: YOU ARE SET. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SPEAKER: 41, 42, 43. I GET ONE MINUTE. YEAH, L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS NEED TO STOP ILLEGALLY TRYING TO CLAIM MY REAL ESTATE, TRYING TO ILLEGALLY DEVELOP MY PROPERTY. THAT'S A REAL CRIME THAT, NOT ONLY ARE YOU COMMITTING A CRIME, THAT NOBODY CAN EVER OWN THAT PROPERTY; ALL THOSE PROPERTIES COME OFF YOUR

TAX BASE, TOO. AND THEN WE FIND OUT THAT PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE EMPLOYING ARE CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS THROUGH THE LABOR UNIONS. IT IS JUST A BIG, GIANT LOOPHOLE YOU GUYS HAVE GOING ON OVER HERE. NUMBER 21, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. META HOUSING CORPORATION. NO, THAT'S NOT THEIR-- THEY DON'T NEED $50 MILLION. THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, NUMBER 23, 19560 GRAND VIEW DRIVE, TOPANGA. FOR SURE, SULLIVAN DOESN'T OWN THAT PROPERTY. THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THERE. ALSO, NUMBER 27, THE INGLEWOOD ELECTIONS. IF THE MAYOR OR SOMEBODY FROM THE STATE ASKED SOMEBODY TO INTERVENE IN A LOCAL ELECTION, PLEASE TELL US WHO THAT IS. COUNTY EQUESTRIAN CENTERS, I SEE YOU GUYS ARE BUYING FOUR HORSE RANCHES TODAY. WHO WAS THAT? SANTA MONICA CHANNEL GRANTS OF EASEMENT. CASTAIC CREEK; THE BRIDGE OVER CASTAIC CREEK. THE SALE OF PARCELS BY PICKENS CANYON CHANNEL, AND THE BRADBURY CHANNEL. YEAH. THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO THE COUNTY. WHY WOULD YOU GUYS BE SELLING IT? WOULDN'T THE OWNER BE THE ONE TO SELL THAT? IS THAT COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE, OR IS THAT PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE? WHO IN THE [EXPLETIVE] IS GOING TO BE BUYING MY INFRASTRUCTURE? I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS SELLING MY INFRASTRUCTURE. YOU KNOW, ALL THOSE PROPERTIES COME OFF YOUR TAX BASE.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, I SIGNED UP FOR ALL ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY, GOOD. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WELL, WELL, WELL. I AM BACK. I SEE THERE'S SOME NEW FACES AROUND HERE. YOU KNOW, SHEILA, RIDLEY-THOMAS. LOOKS LIKE WE GOT SOME NEW PEOPLE AROUND HERE. BUT LET'S GET TO WHAT I REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT. SO, WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THAT R SET ME UP. HE LEFT ME OUT TO DRY, AND TRIED TO KILL ME. STUPID [EXPLETIVE]. NOW HE IS IN DEPARTMENT 32. AND THE KICKER? HE TEAMED UP WITH J. J PULLED THE TRIGGER. THE SAME J THAT PULLED THE TRIGGER ON THE MALIBU FIRE, AND THOUSAND OAKS. THE SAME J THAT KICKED ME OUT OF MY HOUSE. SO, NOW THAT I HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME, LET'S TALK ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 3, THE RESCUE PLAN. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. WHERE WAS MY RESCUE AT? THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW. AND THEN NUMBER 6. SO IT WENT FROM 3 TO 6. CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST? I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S SOMETHING YOU GUYS DO AROUND HERE. STRATEGIC GROWTH, NUMBER 21. I TALKED ABOUT THAT ALREADY, EARLIER, ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE JUST BUILDING PROPERTIES TO KICK PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES, AND THEN YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE RENT THAT THEY PUT IT IN. BUT DEVELOPMENT IN A GOOD WAY, YOU KNOW? I SEE TOPANGA. TOPANGA HOUSE DEVELOPMENT. THAT WOULD BE COOL. I AM INTO THAT. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK SHOULD HAPPEN. LET'S SEE. THE INTERIOR REMODELING OF, YOU KNOW, ON ITEM NUMBER 25. I THINK SOME INTERIOR REMODELING IS DEFINITELY DUE. LET'S SEE. BEACHES AND HARBOR DESIGN. OH, 44. YEAH, HAZMAT CLEANUP. DEFINITELY, WE NEED TO BE CLEANING SOME [EXPLETIVE]

UP AROUND HERE. AND THEN, I ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S REFORM, SO THAT'S ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YOUR MICROPHONE ISN'T ON, SIR. HOLD ON ONE SECOND. THERE WE GO.

ARNOLD SACHS: ARNOLD SACHS. A FEW ITEMS. MADAM CHAIR, ARE YOU GOING TO GET ESPLANADE MONEY FOR THE REPAIR IN REDONDO BEACH? YOU PROMISED TO DO THAT. YOU HAVEN'T SHOWN UP WITH THE TSUNAMI WARNING YET, FOR THE BEACHES. YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT KING MEDICAL CENTER. DID YOU KNOW THAT M.L.K. JR. HOSPITAL WAS CLOSED DOWN BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS; NO, BY THE FEDERAL INSPECTOR, BACK IN 2008? THEY TOOK $200 MILLION AND SCREWED OVER WILLIE BROWN. HE NEVER PUT IT BACK IN THE COUNTY AGENDA. IT IS NOT PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING UP WITH KING MEDICAL CENTER. IS THAT KING MEDICAL OR KING DREW? YOU KNOW, HER DAD OPENED THAT HOSPITAL IN 1974, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND IT LASTED 20 YEARS. IT FAILED. THEY RAN OUT OF KILLER KING BISCUITS. NUMBER 15 REFERS TO CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. YOU ARE BANNING A .50-CALIBER MACHINE GUN, AND YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. WHO THE [EXPLETIVE] IS GOING TO CARRY AROUND A .50-CALIBER MACHINE GUN? THAT WAS YOUR ITEM, WASN'T IT? BANNING GUNS. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT SAYING, "OH, YOU CAN'T CARRY THAT. YOU GOT TO ONLY CARRY ONE BELT OF BULLETS ON

YOUR SHOULDER, WHILE YOU ARE CARRYING THAT .50-CALIBER." THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SAID THEY WANT TO SEND OUT UNARMED PEOPLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ARNOLD SACHS: WELL, I GOT ANOTHER MINUTE, MA'AM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

ARNOLD SACHS: NO, I GOT TWO MINUTES. I GET PUBLIC COMMENT AND ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. COLLEAGUES, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. OH, NO, WAIT. WAIT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

SUP. HORVATH: IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO SPEAK TO HER THAT WAY, SIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: COULD YOU PLEASE READ THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT WE WILL BE VOTING?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1, 4, 7 THROUGH 11, 14, 17 THROUGH 19,

21 THROUGH 27, 29, 31 THROUGH 44, 46 THROUGH 53, 54-B THROUGH 54-C, 54-D WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 54-E THROUGH 54-F, 57 THROUGH 59, 1-D THROUGH 3-D, AND THE TWO READ-IN MOTIONS. 55-A, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION, AND 55-B, SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S MOTION, IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GLORIA JORDAN BOATWRIGHT. MS. JORDAN BOATWRIGHT, BELOVED MOTHER OF CITY OF GARDENA'S COUNCILMEMBER WANDA LOVE, WAS BORN APRIL 1937, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FEBRUARY, AT THE AGE OF 85. MS. JORDAN BOATRIGHT WAS BORN AND RAISED IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND IN THE 60'S, SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE GRADUATED FROM NURSING SCHOOL AND WORKED AS A NURSE AT THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. MS. JORDAN BOATWRIGHT ENJOYED COOKING AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN CHURCH. SHE WAS A HARDWORKING MOTHER OF NINE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, AND WAS THE

PROUD FOSTER MOTHER OF 30 CHILDREN WHOM SHE LOVED AND TREATED AS HER OWN. ONE OF HER FAVORITE SAYINGS WAS, "IF YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY, DON'T WORRY, AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO WORRY, DON'T PRAY," WHICH BECAME THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE OF HOW SHE LIVED HER LIFE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER UNWAVERING FAITH, AND AS A LOVING MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND FOSTER MOTHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER NINE CHILDREN, JAMIE, JESSE, JOANIE, KATHERINE, NANCY, PATRICIA, TYROSSA, TYRONE, WANDA, 17 GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAVE COLMER. THAT'S MY FINAL ADJOURN-IN-MEMORY, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PIERRE ELIAS TOULAKANY. MR. PIERRE ELIAS TOULAKANY, A RESIDENT OF ENCINO, DIED ON JANUARY 13TH, 2023. PIERRE WAS BORN IN URMIA, IRAN, ON OCTOBER 24TH, 1932. HE WAS RAISED IN A PROUD SYRIAN FAMILY FROM THE VILLAGES OF TOULAKAN AND BABARI, IRAN. PIERRE LEFT IRAN IN 1958, AND STARTED THE JOURNEY TO AMERICA BEFORE SETTLING IN LOS ANGELES. AFTER GRADUATING FROM CAL STATE L.A., HE STARTED WORKING IN FINANCIAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT WITH

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE ASSYRIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AT THE LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, WORKING TIRELESSLY UNTIL HIS PASSING. HE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE ASSYRIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND SERVED TWO TERMS AS THE PRESIDENT FOR ASSYRIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL FEDERATION. HE ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER OF ADVISORS FOR THE ASSYRIAN UNIVERSAL ALLIANCE. BESIDES HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSYRIAN NATION, HE EARNED A REPUTATION AS AN OUTSTANDING BUSINESSMAN AND ENTREPRENEUR, ESPECIALLY IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS LOST A GREAT COMMUNITY LEADER WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE LIVES OF ALL RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE JOIN HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN MOURNING HIS PASSING, AND CELEBRATING HIS LONG, SELFLESS, AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE. PIERRE TOULAKANY LIVED IN ENCINO UNTIL HIS PASSING, WITH HIS LOVELY WIFE AND BUSINESS PARTNER OF 40 YEARS, MRS. ANGIE TOULAKANY. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNMENT, AS WELL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. IS THAT ALL FOR YOU? OKAY, GREAT. SO, ME. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH MARDESICH, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SAN PEDRO. AFTER GRADUATING FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH, HE ENROLLED AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY ON A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP. THE

FIRST IN HIS EXTENDED FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE, HE FINISHED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AT LONG BEACH STATE, AND WENT ON TO BECOME A TEACHER. JOE LOVED TEACHING. HE TAUGHT FOR A FEW YEARS IN TORRANCE, BEFORE RETURNING TO HIS HOMETOWN TO TEACH AT DANA JUNIOR HIGH AND SAN PEDRO HIGH. AND THROUGHOUT HIS 50-YEAR CAREER, JOE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES. JOE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS, MARYANN; HIS CHILDREN JODI, JOE, AND TED; TEN GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND A NUMBER OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING ANDREA HAGGABELLI, WHO IS A FRIEND OF MINE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF-- OKAY, SO THIS IS JOAN PAULIKAS, WHO LIVED IN MANHATTAN BEACH, HOLLY, SO I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WERE GOING TO ADJOURN-- YES. YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY. SHE WAS-- ACTUALLY, SHE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES. OKAY, I THOUGHT SHE LIVED IN MANHATTAN BEACH, BUT SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF NANCY PAULIKAS, AND THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF KIRK MOODY, WHO LIVED IN MANHATTAN BEACH. SO, SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF NANCY. AND NANCY, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO REMEMBER, WAS THE WOMAN WHO WAS AGED 56, WHO GOT EARLY ONSET OF ALZHEIMER'S, AND WANDERED AWAY FROM OUR COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. REMEMBER THAT CASE, MANY YEARS AGO? AND I WILL NEVER FORGET GOING TO NANCY AND KIRK'S HOME IN MANHATTAN BEACH, AND GEORGE AND JOAN, WHO WERE NANCY'S PARENTS, WERE THERE EVERY SINGLE DAY, COPYING FLYERS WITH PHOTOS OF NANCY, AND TAKING THEM THEMSELVES TO

EVERY NURSING HOME, EVERY HOSPITAL, EVERY BUS TERMINAL, BY THEMSELVES, TRYING TO FIND NANCY. AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF NANCY GOING MISSING, AND BECAUSE OF HER PARENTS, GEORGE AND JOAN, THAT WE STARTED L.A. FOUND, AND THINKING THAT MAYBE WE COULD DO BETTER THE NEXT TIME A FAMILY MEMBER HAD SOMEONE WANDER AWAY. JOAN WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, AND SHE TOOK AN AVID INTEREST IN CIVIC AFFAIRS. AND ONE OF HER GREATEST PASSIONS WAS BEING A PILOT, AND SHE SHARED THIS WITH NANCY. NANCY WAS ALSO A PILOT, AND THEY APPARENTLY LOVED TAKING TRIPS TOGETHER IN THE AIRPLANE, THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWEST TOGETHER. BUT SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE, AND HER SON-IN-LAW KIRK, WHO RESIDES IN MANHATTAN BEACH. SO, I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN ME ON THIS ONE, HOLLY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LISA HANSON, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF TORRANCE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 58. LISA LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF PHILANTHROPY, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS. SHE GREW UP ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, AND WAS A GRADUATE OF U.S.C., WHERE SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRI DELTA SORORITY. LISA SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE NORRIS FOUNDATION FOR OVER 20 YEARS, WHERE SHE WORKED TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE L.A. AREA. SHE SERVED ON MANY NONPROFIT BOARDS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER; THE BANNING RESIDENCE MUSEUM, WHICH SURROUNDS THE BANNING RESIDENCE IN WILMINGTON, WHICH WAS WHERE I GOT TO KNOW LISA VERY WELL; AND THE BOOKWORM

GUILD. LISA WAS A LONGTIME SUPPORTER OF THE U.S.C. NORRIS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER, THE BLUE RIBBON SUPPORTING THE MUSIC CENTER, AUTRY MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST, THE TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR, THE U.S.S. IOWA, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE SEASIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN TORRANCE. SHE REALLY GAVE BACK SO MUCH TO HER COMMUNITY. LISA WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER MOTHER HARLENE NORRIS, STEPFATHER KENNETH NORRIS, AND FATHER GENE MARTIN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND STEVE, HER SISTER KIM, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AND MAY WE ALL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THE MODEL THAT GUIDED HER LIFE, WHICH WAS, KINDNESS MATTERS. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JUDGE BEVERLY L. BOURNE, A LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 2ND AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH IN 2013 BY THEN GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN, JR. PRIOR TO HER APPOINTMENT, JUDGE L. BOURNE SERVED AS A SENIOR TRIAL ATTORNEY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. SHE EARNED HER BACHELORS DEGREE FROM U.S.C., AND HER J.D. FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. BEVERLY WAS TOTALLY DEVOTED TO THE COURT'S BEVERLY REED O'CONNELL POWER LUNCH PROGRAM, AND SERVED AS CO-VICE CHAIR FOR MANY YEARS. SHE ALSO CO-CHAIRED THE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SUBCOMMITTEE, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE, AS WELL. IN ADDITION, SHE WAS A TEEN COURT JUDGE AT PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL, FOR THE JUDGE DAVID S. WELLESLEY TEEN COURT PROGRAM FOR MANY YEARS. DESPITE THE CHALLENGES HER CANCER TREATMENT PRESENTED, SHE NEVER LOST HER WIT, HER DESIRE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC, AND HER WILL TO LIVE EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST. BEVERLY BRIGHTENED EVERY ROOM SHE ENTERED WITH A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION, AND HER ENERGY, GRACE, AND KINDNESS. SHE WILL DEEPLY BE MISSED. BEVERLY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOHN CARROLL, HER MOTHER RUBY BOURNE, HER SISTER GWEN BOURNE, AND HER BROTHER ANTHONY BOURNE. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE JENKINS, A LONGTIME COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS TRUSTEE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE SERVED AS A COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS BOARD MEMBER FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, SINCE 1984. DURING HER SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JENKINS SERVED IN A MULTITUDE OF CAPACITIES, INCLUDING CLERK, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SIX TERMS AS PRESIDENT. HER HUSBAND, DR. GREGORY JENKINS, WAS AMONG THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS AT COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS. IN 2000, THEY WERE JOINTLY AWARDED COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS' OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD. JENKINS TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE AT THE STATE LEVEL, REPRESENTING THE SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO OTHER TRUSTEES. SHE ALSO HELPED ESTABLISH THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAPTER OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, AS WELL AS THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. IN 2021, JENKINS WAS RE-ELECTED TO THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS BOARD. MICHELLE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND GREG, DAUGHTER LORRAINE, SON-IN-LAW ANDRE, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW JENNIFER, AND GRANDCHILDREN MARY JANE, LUCAS, AND LYRA. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ERIC LLOYD WRIGHT, AN AMERICAN ARCHITECT AND GRANDSON OF THE FAMOUS FRANKLIN LLOYD WRIGHT, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 93, ON MARCH 14TH, 2023. ERIC WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER 8TH, 1929, TO HELEN TAGGART AND LLOYD WRIGHT. HE WORKED IN HIS GRANDFATHER AND FATHER'S ARCHITECT FIRM, AS AN APPRENTICE. ERIC'S EARLY EDUCATION AS HIS GRANDFATHER'S APPRENTICE ALLOWED HIM TO PARTAKE IN ICONIC PROJECTS, SUCH AS NEW YORK'S GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM, AND MONONA TERRACE, IN MADISON, WISCONSIN. HE EVENTUALLY RECEIVED HIS LICENSE AS AN ARCHITECT IN 1967, BEFORE ESTABLISHING HIS OWN FIRM, ERIC LLOYD WRIGHT ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING, IN 1978. ERIC LLOYD WRIGHT ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING DOES DESIGN AND BUILDING, AND ERIC WAS LEADING A NONPROFIT CALLED WRIGHT ORGANIC RESOURCE CENTER. THEIR FIRM'S FOCUS IS ON RESIDENCES OFTEN WORKING WITH OTHER ARCHITECTURE FIRMS FOR FINAL CONSTRUCTION. HE ALSO WORKED ON LARGER PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE SUNSET COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL. ERIC IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY, AND HIS TWO SONS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MONSIGNOR MICHAEL JOSEPH SLATTERY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. MONSIGNOR MIKE WAS BORN IN FERMOY, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND, ON DECEMBER 22ND, 1938.

HE GREW UP IN TALLOW WITH HIS FOUR SISTERS AND TWO BROTHERS. THEY WORKED ON THE FAMILY FARM, FREQUENTLY TENDING TO SHEEP. THIS FORESHADOWED THE NEXT PHASE OF HIS LIFE: BECOMING A PRIEST. THE VOCATION TO SERVE GOD LED HIM TO ATTEND ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY IN WATERFORD, IRELAND, THEN HE STUDIED LATIN, PHILOSOPHY, AND THEOLOGY STUDIES THAT STAYED WITH HIM HIS ENTIRE LIFE. SHORTLY AFTER BEING ORDAINED, HE ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES TO BEGIN HIS CAREER AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA, IN SIMI VALLEY. MONSIGNOR WAS A PROLIFIC READER, AND ENJOYED POETRY, MUSIC, GOLF, TRAVEL, WATCHING THE HORSE RACES, GOING ON LONG WALKS, AND HAVING LIVELY CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS AND STRANGERS. AFTER THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN 1994, MONSIGNOR SLATTERY WAS FACED WITH REBUILDING ST. JOHN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE CHURCH. HE WOULD LATER HELP TO BUILD THE VERY BEAUTIFUL ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH FROM THE GROUND UP, THE SECOND LARGEST PARISH IN THE LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE. MICHAEL IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS ANGELIQUE AND CARMEL, AND HIS BROTHER JAMES, AND 18 NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AS WELL AS DEAR FRIENDS. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISING ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: RONALD JOSEPH BANDY, ARMY; JOEY RALPH HERNANDEZ, MARINE CORPS; STEVEN J. JACOBS, ARMY; PETER YEAGER, JR., MARINE CORPS; NEVIN DOUGLAS JONES,

AIR FORCE; WARREN KING, AIR FORCE; GUY RONALD MASON, NAVY; ROBERT LEE USARI, AIR FORCE; MARIO ALFREDO BALERAN, ARMY; RAYMOND GARY WEEMS, NAVY; ARCHIE STEWART WESTON, ARMY; FRED B. WILLIAMS, NAVY. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRANCES CARRASCO. FRANCES CARRASCO WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 1958, IN SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, TO ROBERTO AND MARTHA CARRASCO. THE FAMILY, WHICH INCLUDED FIVE SIBLINGS, GREW UP IN MAR VISTA GARDENS HOUSING PROJECT. FRANCES ATTENDED ST. GERARD MAJELLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL. SHE ALSO ATTENDED MARINA DEL REY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND VENICE HIGH SCHOOL. FRANCES THEN WENT ON TO ATTEND U.C.L.A. AT U.C.L.A., FRANCES WAS INVOLVED WITH SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS, SUCH AS PROJECT MOTIVATION, WHICH GAVE TOURS AND TALKS TO POTENTIAL COLLEGE STUDENTS. SHE WAS ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, KNOWN AS LA GENTE. SOON AFTER GETTING HER B.A. FROM U.C.L.A., SHE STARTED HER OWN COMPUTER GRAPHICS BUSINESS, HIGH-RES GRAPHICS, IN CULVER CITY.

SHE THEN CONTINUED TO WORK AS A GRAPHIC DESIGNER FOR MANY YEARS IN SANTA MONICA. FRANCES CARED FOR AND WAS IMMENSELY LOVED BY HER MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HER HOME WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO ALL OF THEM. FRIDAY-NIGHT SLEEPOVERS BECAME THE HIGHLIGHT MEMORY OF THEIR CHILDHOOD. FRANCES WOULD COOK FOR THEM, TEACH THEM, PLAY WITH THEM, AND THE LIST GOES ON. SHE LOVED IT. FRANCES IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SIBLINGS-- YOU MAY KNOW HER, BARBARA CARRASCO, A FAMOUS ARTIST, LATINA ARTIST-- ROBERT, LEANDRA; NEPHEWS RICKY, MATTHEW; NIECES EVA, AMANDA, OLIVIA, BARBIE, ROSE, AND LISA; AND BABIES PHIL AND JACKSON; HER LOVING FIANCé, PAUL PINA, AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY, INCLUDING LITTLE NICK AND ISABEL, WHOM SHE RAVED ABOUT, CONSTANTLY, AND WERE THE NEW GENERATION OF KIDS THAT WERE SO LUCKY TO HAVE BEEN LOVED BY FRANCES. WE WILL MISS HER VERY MUCH. SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAUL B. PIZARRO. RAUL WAS A SELF-TAUGHT, QUEER, LATINX VISUAL ARTIST WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. BORN IN MEXICALI, MEXICO, THE THIRD OF FOUR SIBLINGS, RAUL AND HIS FAMILY MIGRATED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE PLACE THAT REARED HIM AND BECAME HOME AFTER THE AGE OF 3. HE GREW UP IN THE CITY OF POMONA, A SHORT STROLL TO POMONA'S ART DISTRICT. RAUL'S PROFESSIONAL WORK BRIDGED DIVERSE THEMES AND SPANNED OVER 25 YEARS. EACH PIECE OF ART EMERGED FROM HIS EXPERIENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF DISABILITY, L.G.B.T.Q., IDENTITY, RACE, ETHNICITY, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY. RAUL BELIEVED ART NEEDED TO BE RECLAIMED BY OUR COMMUNITIES,

AND EMBRACED BY THE FORMER ART WORLD. AMONG HIS PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS IS RAUL'S RESIDENCY WITH SELF HELP GRAPHICS LOS ANGELES. RAUL WORKED WITH THE MASTER PRINTMAKER TO PRODUCE SOME PRINTS OF SHEARA, IN WHICH HALF BECAME A PART OF VARIOUS LATINX COLLECTIONS AT MUSEUMS AND UNIVERSITIES, NATIONALLY. RAUL WAS ONE OF THE ARTISTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGULAR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY OF ANGELS PROJECT. AND THIS YEAR, RAUL WAS FEATURED IN "PRESERVING CREATIVE SPACES," A TRAVELING COLLECTION OF 50 PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTISTS IN THEIR STUDIOS THAT WILL BECOME PART OF THE SMITHSONIAN ARCHIVES. THE DAWES CENTER OF THE ARTS WAS THE FIRST GALLERY TO EXHIBIT RAUL'S WORK, IN DECEMBER OF 2019; HOSTED HIS FIRST RETROSPECTIVE, WHICH ENCOMPASSED OVER 70 PIECES, INCLUDING HIS OWN PAINTING, COMPLETED AT THE AGE OF 3, WHICH IS WHEN ART BECAME RAUL'S PREFERRED LANGUAGE. IN 2020, RAUL JOINED THE DAWES CENTER FOR ARTS BOARD. IN 2022, RAUL WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT. HE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST SATURDAY ON MARCH 18, 2023. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE. MADAM CHAIR, FOR MY THIRD INTRODUCTION, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARGARET ELEANOR HOLT. MARGARET ELEANOR HOLT PASSED AWAY AT HER ROSEMEAD HOME, ONE DAY AFTER HER BIRTHDAY LAST DECEMBER. SHE WAS 79. MARGARET'S FAMILY MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN 1967, AND SHE PUT HERSELF THROUGH NURSING SCHOOL AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE IN WHITTIER. SHE WORKED AT GARFIELD MEDICAL CENTER IN MONTEREY PARK, CITY OF HOPE IN DUARTE, AND

HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN PASADENA, BEFORE RETIRING IN 2011. SHE LOVED RIDING HER BIKE TEN MILES DAILY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, RAIN OR SHINE. IT WAS DURING THESE BIKE RIDES THAT SHE NOTICED PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE AREA. FROM 8:00 A.M. TO NOON ON THURSDAYS, THEY OFFERED FOOD AND GENTLY USED CLOTHES TO OUR UNHOUSED. IT WAS MY HONOR TO SUPPORT HER EFFORTS BY BRINGING THE ORGANIZATION SHOWER OF HOPE, AND PROVIDING OUR HOMELESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWER. LITTLE BY LITTLE, THIS WEEKLY SHOWER PROGRAM BECAME A WEEKLY RESOURCE FAIR, WHERE SHE WOULD PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES, CLOTHING, AND FOOD FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE. SHE WAS A GIVER. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE IMPACT SHE HAD ON MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE COOKIES THAT SHE MADE, AND SHE CARRIED WITH HER. SHE WAS A GIVER, AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HER. I KNOW MANY WILL MISS HER. AND LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FUJIMA KASUMA. MADAM FUJIMA KASUMA WAS BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MAY 9TH, 1918. AS A CHILD SHE WAS OFTEN SICK AND BEDRIDDEN, PROMPTING THE DOCTOR TO ADVISE HER PARENTS TO FIND AN ACTIVITY TO BUILD UP HER IMMUNITY AND STRENGTH. HER MOTHER CHOSE KABUKI. AND WHEN THE FAMILY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, THEIR DAUGHTER BEGAN LESSONS AT NINE, IMMERSING HERSELF IN THE CLASSICAL FORM OF JAPANESE THEATER, MIXING DRAMA WITH TRADITIONAL DANCE. MADAM KASUMA JOINED AN ALL-GIRLS TROOP, TOURING HAWAII, THEN DECIDED SHE WANTED TO

LEARN FROM THE BEST. YET, THE BEST WAS IN HER ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, MADAM KASUMA HEADED TO JAPAN. AND OVER THE COURSE OF FOUR YEARS, SHE ABSORBED THE RIGORS OF ACTING, DANCING, LEARNING HOW TO CONDUCT TEA CEREMONY AND ARRANGING FLOWERS, HOW TO DRESS IN KIMONOS, AND PRACTICING ETIQUETTE. IN 1938, SHE EARNED HER NATORI, OR MASTER LICENSE, AS MADAM, AND RETURNED TO THE U.S. AT AGE 21, WITH TRUNKS FULL OF COSTUMES AND WIGS, AND QUICKLY OPENED UP HER FIRST STUDIO IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES HOTEL. YET, NOT LONG AFTER SHE BEGAN TEACHING, THE U.S. ENTERED INTO WORLD WAR II, LEADING TO THE FORCIBLE RELOCATION AND IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN 120,000 PEOPLE OF JAPANESE DESCENT. MADAM KASUMA AND HER FAMILY WERE MOVED AROUND TO DIFFERENT PRISON CAMPS, ENDING UP IN ROHWER, ARKANSAS. THE CAMP ADMINISTRATOR SOUGHT OUT MADAM KASUMA AFTER BEING INUNDATED WITH LETTERS FROM FELLOW DETAINEES ASKING TO CONTINUE THEIR DANCE LESSONS. IN LATE 1945, WHEN THE WAR ENDED, SHE AND HER FAMILY RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE THREW HERSELF INTO A STRICT REGIMEN OF TEACHING AND PERFORMING, PRACTICING IN DOZENS OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN CULTURAL EVENTS ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AS HER REPUTATION SPREAD, MORE AND MORE STUDENTS FLOCKED AT HER CLASSES IN LITTLE TOKYO. THROUGH MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF DANCING, MADAM KASUMA TAUGHT NEARLY 2,000 STUDENTS. HER DEDICATION TO SHARING THE BEAUTY OF KABUKI AND HER JAPANESE HERITAGE WON HER AWARDS, INCLUDING THE ORDER OF THE PRECIOUS

CROWN APRICOT, FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, IN 1985; AND THE NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP, FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS, IN 1987. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, WE WILL TAKE ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COLLEAGUES, WE ARE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION, AND WHILE WE'RE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE WILL BE SHOWING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS. NOT FOR US IN CLOSED SESSION, BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU OUT HERE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION PROCLAIMING LATINA HISTORY DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND LET ME JUST TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR SECURITY OFFICERS FROM THE D.A. YOU DID A MARVELOUS JOB TODAY, ALONG WITH OUR OWN SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, FOR KEEPING THE PEACE TODAY. AND IT'S BEEN A REALLY LONG DAY, BUT WE REALLY APPRECIATE HOW YOU INTERACTED WITH THE PUBLIC AND KEPT EVERYBODY SAFE AND CALM. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. OKAY, READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION

OFFICER; ITEM CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; AND CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE SPOKE TOO SOON.

SPEAKER: YOU ALL LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL. LOVELY, TALENTED, INTELLIGENT WOMEN. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY I AM TO BE IN A ROOM FULL OF POWERFUL LATINAS. [APPLAUSE] AS THE ONLY LATINA SERVING ON THE ALL-FEMALE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WAS PROUD TO LEAD THE MOTION TO DECLARE TODAY, MARCH 10TH, 2023, AS THE 32ND ANNUAL LATINA HISTORY DAY IN ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE]

HELEN IRIS TORRES: HI. I'M HELEN IRIS TORRES, C.E.O. OF HOPE: HISPANAS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY. WE'RE HERE TODAY CELEBRATING LATINA HISTORY DAY. WE THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, THAT WE TAKE OUT ONE DAY TO ENSURE THAT WE CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND EVERYTHING THAT LATINAS DO FOR OUR GREAT STATE AND OUR NATION. SO, AS WE CELEBRATE LATINA HISTORY DAY, WE ARE PROUD TO ALWAYS HAVE THE SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. SHE WAS THE FIRST LATINA TO SERVE ON THE STATE SENATE, FIRST LATINA TO SERVE ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CABINET, AND SHE IS AN ONGOING SUPPORTER AND ROLE MODEL FOR ALL LATINAS ACROSS THE STATE AND

THE NATION. AS WE CELEBRATE HISTORY, WE LOVE HIGHLIGHTING THOSE HISTORY-MAKERS LIKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TODAY, WE ALSO HAVE 1200 WOMEN TAKING TIME OUT TO NOT ONLY CELEBRATE OUR COMMON ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT DISCUSSING WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, BRINGING MORE WOMEN AND BEING MORE INCLUSIVE TO OUR SOCIETY, AND MAKING SURE OUR DEMOCRACY IS STRONG.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR MARCH 21, 2023

CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Interview and consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position of Interim Chief Probation Officer. (23-1058)

No reportable action was taken.

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

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

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

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

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors March 21, 2023, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April 2023, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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