



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, ON PAGE 293]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE! GOOD MORNING 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, APRIL 4TH, 2023. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT- ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND



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1 SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL
2 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER) THE FERNANDENO
3 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA
4 INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA
5 SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF
6 MISSION INDIANS, THE KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF
7 MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS.

8 THANK YOU. AND NOW, WE'LL MOVE ON TO OUR INVOCATION AND OUR
9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR
10 JOSEPH CARLOS ROBINSON FROM RESURRECTION CHURCH L.A. FROM THE
11 SECOND DISTRICT, AND THEN THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE
12 OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY TY ASKEW, CAPTAIN UNITED STATES ARMY FROM
13 THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND IF YOU'RE ABLE THIS MORNING, PLEASE
14 STAND.

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16 **PASTOR ROBINSON:** WILL YOU JOIN ME IN PRAYER. GOOD, GREAT, AND
17 GRACIOUS GOD, WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
18 AS THIS UNIQUE BODY GATHERS IN THESE TURBULENT TIMES. I ASK
19 THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR STRENGTH, AND WE
20 INVOKE YOUR PRESENCE DURING THESE DELIBERATIONS. I ASK THAT
21 THEIR DECISIONS BE MOTIVATED BY YOUR MERCY, COMPELLED BY YOUR
22 COMPASSION, AND ENGINEERED BY YOUR JUSTICE. I FURTHER ASK THAT
23 YOU GIVE EACH OF THESE WOMEN THE POISE, THE DIGNITY, AND THE
24 STRENGTH TO BEAR THE WEIGHT OF THEIR OFFICE, KEEP THEIR FAMILY
25 SAFE AND MINDS AND HEARTS OPEN, AND, BASED WHAT WE HAVE



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1 ALREADY OBSERVED THIS MORNING, THEIR PATIENCE AND THEIR SENSE
2 OF HUMOR STRONG. I FINALLY ASK THAT THEIR INTERESTS ADVANCE
3 YOUR INTERESTS, THAT THEIR AGENDA ADVANCE YOUR AGENDA, AND
4 THAT EACH OF THESE SUPERVISORS MAY REMEMBER THAT, ULTIMATELY,
5 THEY ARE UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION. IN THE NAME OF HE WHO WAS
6 BORN IN A MANGER, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED ON A TREE, AND NOW SITS AT
7 YOUR RIGHT HAND, AMEN.

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9 **TY ASKEW:** I ASK THAT YOU PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART
10 AND SAY THE PLEDGE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE
11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
12 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
13 JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I HOPE
16 YOU ALL WILL JOIN ME IN WELCOMING PASTOR JOSEPH CARLOS
17 ROBINSON TO THE BODY TODAY. HE'S THE SENIOR PASTOR AND FOUNDER
18 OF RESURRECTION CHURCH L.A., LOCATED IN THE GREAT CITY OF
19 CARSON. IT'S IRONIC THAT YOU JOIN US TODAY AS A MOREHOUSE MAN,
20 ACKNOWLEDGING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF APRIL 4TH IN MOREHOUSE
21 HISTORY, AS THAT IS THE DAY THAT DR. KING WAS ASSASSINATED.
22 SO, AGAIN, PASTOR ROBINSON IS A PROUD GRADUATE OF MOREHOUSE
23 COLLEGE, WHERE HE WAS HONORED WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
24 FELLOWSHIP AWARD AND GRADUATED CUM LAUDE WITH A B.A. IN
25 PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION IN 1992. HE COMPLETED FOUR YEARS OF



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1 GRADUATE STUDY AT THE HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL AND EARNED AN
2 M.B.A. IN MARKETING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL
3 OF BUSINESS. AFTER EARNING HIS M.B.A., HE JOINED ERNST AND
4 YOUNG, L.L.C. HE'S BEEN A DEDICATED PASTOR FOR OVER 20 YEARS
5 AND HAS SERVED THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR MUCH OF THAT TIME,
6 STARTING AS THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF THE CITY OF REFUSE
7 MINISTRIES IN GARDENA AND THEN MOVING FORWARD TO START
8 RESURRECTION CHURCH IN CARSON IN 2007. HE IS A PROUD HUSBAND
9 AND FATHER OF TWO SONS. WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR
10 HEARTS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY
11 HEART FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND LEADERSHIP OF THE RESIDENTS OF
12 THE SECOND DISTRICT AND FOR GIVING THE TIMELY AND HEARTFELT
13 INVOCATION AT THIS MORNING'S BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH. A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, PASTOR. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK
17 CAPTAIN ASKEW FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING TO LEAD US IN THE
18 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. CAPTAIN ASKEW HAS SERVED IN THE ARMY
19 SINCE HE WAS COMMISSIONED AS A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY GRADUATE
20 THROUGH VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2013. HEY, I LOVE IT. WE
21 HAVE SOME SUPPORT IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. UPON GRADUATING FROM
22 THE SIGNAL BASIC OFFICER LEADER COURSE, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE
23 57TH EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL BATTALION, 11TH TACTICAL THEATER
24 SIGNAL BRIGADE IN FORT HOOD, TEXAS. HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS
25 AS AN EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL PLATOON LEADER, IN WHICH HE WAS



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1 LATER DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING
2 FREEDOM IN 2014. WHILE DEPLOYED, HE SERVED AS THE SOUTH BATTLE
3 CAPTAIN AT THE REGIONAL NETWORK CONTROL CENTER SUPPORTING THE
4 4TH INFANTRY AND THE 1ST CALVARY DIVISIONS UNTIL AUGUST 2014.
5 HE LATER TRANSFERRED TO CAMP ARENA REGIONAL COMMAND WEST
6 HERAT, WHERE HE SERVED AS THE DIRECT SIGNAL SUPPORT TEAM
7 O.I.C. IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION. AFTER
8 REDEPLOYMENT, HE SERVED AS COMPANY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AN
9 EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL COMPANY UNTIL FEBRUARY 2016 AND
10 SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN THE B.N. S.3 SHOP AS A FUTURE
11 OPERATIONS OFFICER. UPON COMPLETION OF THAT ASSIGNMENT, HE
12 ATTENDED THE MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE SCHOOL IN
13 QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AND AFTERWARD SERVED AS THE COMMANDER OF
14 THE 414TH SIGNAL COMPANY IN THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE
15 3RD SUSTAINED BRIGADE S.6. AFTER THIS ASSIGNMENTS, HE WAS
16 ACCEPTED TO THE MAJOR GENERAL JAMES WRIGHT FELLOWSHIP,
17 OBTAINING HIS M.B.A. FROM WILLIAM & MARY IN 2022 AND NOW
18 SERVES AS THE LOS ANGELES ARMY RECRUITING BATTALION EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER. CAPTAIN ASKEW HAS RECEIVED MANY AWARDS AND
20 DECORATIONS, INCLUDING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, THE ARMY
21 COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, AND THE
22 NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL, THE AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE
23 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, THE ARMY SERVICE
24 RIBBON, THE OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON, AND THE N.A.T.O. MEDAL,
25 VERY DECORATED LEADER. CAPTAIN ASKEW IS MARRIED TO HIS WIFE



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1 ERIKA. THEY HAVE A SON NAMED DAMIAN AND A NEWBORN DAUGHTER
2 NAMED AVA. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING CAPTAIN ASKEW FOR
3 LEADING US TODAY IN THE PLEDGE AND FOR HIS CONTINUED SERVICE
4 TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND NOW, WE'LL HAVE A VERY SPECIAL
7 PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HER FRIENDS.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS MONTH IS KITTY-PALOOZA, AND AT
10 ALL OUR SHELTERS, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT A LOT OF
11 KITTENS, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE THE ADOPTION FEES REDUCED TO
12 \$10 THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO
13 STOP BY ONE OF OUR CENTERS AND/OR GO ONLINE. AND WE'RE GOING
14 TO BRING YOU NOW -- WHO DO WE HAVE HERE, IS THIS HOWIE? WE
15 HAVE HAVE HOWIE, AND HOWIE IS A 9 WEEK MALE BLACK AND WHITE
16 DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR. THIS IS HOWIE, AND HIS NUMBER IS
17 85543412. AND AGAIN, HE'S AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. AND IT'S
18 310-523-9566, OR YOU CAN GO TO ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. THIS
19 IS HOWIE, VERY SWEET. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF KITTENS, NOT ONLY
20 AT THE COUNTY BUT THROUGHOUT ALL THE SHELTERS RIGHT NOW. AND
21 THEN WE ALSO HAVE CHARLES. I THINK HOWIE IS PRETTY MELLOW. SO,
22 THIS IS CHARLES. OH, THIS ONE IS HIGH STRUNG. THIS IS CHARLES,
23 85543413, A 9 WEEK MALE GRAY TABBY AND WHITE DOMESTIC SHORT
24 HAIR. AND AGAIN, YOU CAN CALL 310-523-9566, OR GO TO
25 ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV, AND ALL FEES ARE WAIVED, AND THEY'RE



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1 DOWN TO \$10 IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT A KITTEN OR IF YOU WANT TO
2 FOSTER FOSTER. YOU ALL ARE TAKING FOSTERS TOO, AS WELL? YEAH,
3 AND SO, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KEEP IT FOREVER, BUT YOU WANT TO
4 FOSTER --

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COMMIT.

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COMMIT. SO, HERE YOU
9 GO, MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** VERY CUTE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THOSE ARE
12 DARLING. DARLING. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DID YOU -- OH, YOU'RE
13 ALLERGIC, OKAY. WE HAVE HEARD THAT BEFORE AS AN EXCUSE. THANK
14 YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NO DOGS TODAY? NO DOGS. JUST CATS.
15 OKAY. THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS,
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT YOUR TENDER TOUCH AND
17 THE WAY YOU PRESENT THESE ANIMALS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE OUT
18 THERE WITH OUR LISTENING AUDIENCE, AND YOU REALLY HELP GET
19 THESE ANIMALS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. YOU'RE DOING A WONDERFUL
20 THING. OKAY. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
24 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT
25 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-28. ON ITEM 4,



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1 SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK.
2 ON ITEMS 5, 7, AND 9, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THESE
3 ITEMS BE HELD. ALSO THESE INCLUDE A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
4 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION
5 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 21,
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22,
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK. ON
8 ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
9 ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR HORVATH WILL
11 RECUSE HERSELF PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. ON
12 PAGE 28, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 29-73, ON ITEM 30,
13 SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
14 35, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
15 PAGE 55, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA,
16 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
17 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 71C,
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK. ON
19 ITEM 71L IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA
20 TO FUNCTION AS THE CHIEF STRATEGIST FOR THE JUVENILE OPERATION
21 FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$320,000
22 EFFECTIVE APRIL 12TH, 2023. THIS ITEM IS A SEPARATE MATTER
23 ITEM. ON PAGE 56, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 74-75. ON
24 PAGE 57, SEPARATE MATTERS SET ON ITEM 76. ON PAGE 58, SPECIAL
25 DISTRICTS AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 2D, THIS IS AN ADDITION,
2 AS INDICATED ON SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 59, NOTICES OF
3 CLOSED SESSION. THE REQUESTS FOR REFER BACKS THROUGH C.S.3 ARE
4 BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
9 PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

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11 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
12 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
14 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
15 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
17 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
18 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
19 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
20 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
21 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
22 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
23 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
24 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
25 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE



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1 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
2 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
3 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
4 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
5 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
6 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
7 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
8 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
9 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
10 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
11 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
12 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
13 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
14 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 COOPERATION.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH
18 ITEM 5, THEN WE'LL TAKE UP ITEMS 7, 9, AND 21, FOLLOWED BY
19 ITEMS 24, 30, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 35, WHICH WERE HELD BY
20 SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD
21 BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND BEFORE WE BEGIN
22 WITH OUR HELD ITEMS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-
23 IN INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE
24 SPEAKING RULES.



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1 **OPERATOR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA,
3 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
4 1336503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN
5 THE BOARDROOM, YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE
6 BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU'LL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO
7 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS AND UP TO A
8 TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE
10 MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP AS YOUR NAME
11 WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC JOINING REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU
13 WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED
14 INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON
15 YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE
16 WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 FOR EACH
17 ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM
18 BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE'LL ALTERNATE
19 BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
20 IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE
21 SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND
22 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL
23 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON, AND
24 WHILE THEY COMING FORWARD, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE SUCH A LOVELY VOICE.
2 IT'S JUST WONDERFUL. YOU COULD PROBABLY MAKE A LOT OF MONEY
3 DOING VOICEOVERS OR SOMETHING, BUT, NO, WE LIKE YOU HERE, SO
4 DON'T LEAVE, BUT IT'S JUST SO CALMING AND SO SOOTHING.
5 WONDERFUL. DON'T YOU THINK HE HAS A WONDERFUL SPEAKING VOICE?
6 YES. OKAY. OH, I JUST TOLD THE AUDIENCE TO CLAP WHEN YOU JUST
7 READ THE RULES AND SAID NO CLAPPING. ALL RIGHT, NO CLAPPING.
8 WE WERE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 5, WHICH IS EQUITABLE ACCESS
9 TO HEALTHCARE FOR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR
10 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO
11 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS MOTION HAS BEEN SOMETHING I KNOW MY
12 STAFF AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A LONG TIME. UNDER PROP
13 A, WHEN THE COUNTY IS DETERMINING WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
14 A SERVICE PROVIDED BY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE OR CONTRACT THAT WORK
15 OUT TO A COMPANY, WE HAVE TO DO WHAT WE CALL A PROP A ANALYSIS
16 AND GO WITH WHICHEVER OPTION IS CHEAPER. AND TO NO ONE'S
17 SURPRISE, CONTRACTING OUT IS OFTEN DETERMINED TO BE CHEAPER
18 BECAUSE THOSE WORKERS DO NOT GET THE SAME BENEFITS AS L.A.
19 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND THAT'S A PROBLEM, IN MY OPINION. THAT
20 POLICY MEANS THAT THE COUNTY IS CONTRIBUTING TO LOW WAGE, LOW
21 BENEFIT JOBS THAT ARE DRIVING POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
22 RIGHT NOW, OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS RELY ON OVER 2000 CONTRACTED
23 WORKERS, INCLUDING JANITORIAL STAFF, SECURITY WORKERS, FOOD
24 SERVICE WORKERS, AND THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP OUR
25 HOSPITALS CLEAN. THEY KEEP OUR HOSPITALS SECURE. THEY KEEP OUR



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1 DOCTORS, NURSES, AND OUR PATIENTS FED. AND THESE ARE THE SAME
2 WORKERS WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES COMING TO WORK IN OUR HOSPITALS
3 AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC WHEN WE WERE TELLING EVERYBODY
4 ELSE TO STAY HOME AND SHELTER IN PLACE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE
5 LUXURY OF WORKING FROM HOME. THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE
6 BY COMING INTO WORK EVERY DAY. BUT THESE SAME EMPLOYEES, MANY,
7 CANNOT AFFORD TO EVEN GO TO THE DOCTOR BECAUSE THEIR EMPLOYEES
8 DON'T PROVIDE THEM THE HEALTH INSURANCE THEY NEED. THAT'S NOT
9 RIGHT. AND THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE CUTTING COSTS ON THE BACKS
10 OF THESE WORKERS, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IN FRONT OF US
11 TODAY AIMS TO SOLVE. OUR MOTION WILL REQUIRE EVERY NEW
12 CONTRACT FOR SECURITY, JANITORIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND FOOD
13 SERVICES AT COUNTY HOSPITALS TO REQUIRE 100% EMPLOYER PAID
14 HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WORK 30 HOURS A WEEK OR
15 MORE. I KNOW -- JUST PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR IF YOU WANT TO
16 APPLAUD. LASTLY, THIS WILL ALSO REQUIRE THAT THESE NEW
17 CONTRACTS TO REQUIRE A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT, MUTUALLY
18 BENEFIT WHERE THE EMPLOYER DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR RIGHT
19 TO ORGANIZE AND THE WORKERS AGREE NOT TO STRIKE. AND AIM IS TO
20 KEEP OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND RESOLVE DISPUTES MORE
21 EFFECTIVELY. AND LASTLY, THIS MOTION WILL DIRECT FESIA
22 DAVENPORT TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE POLICIES
23 TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES IN THE FUTURE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I WERE JUST
25 OUTSIDE BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING WITH S.E.I.U. UNITED SERVICE



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1 WORKERS RES AND THEIR LEADERSHIP, AND I WANT TO THANK DAVID
2 HUERTA, THE PRESIDENT, AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM FOR WORKING HAND IN
3 HAND WITH US ON THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE WORKERS WHO
4 ARE HERE TODAY ADVOCATING FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR FELLOW
5 WORKERS WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY WITH US TODAY. AND NOW, I
6 AM HONORED, AND I REALLY WANT TO LET MY COAUTHOR, OUR FORMER
7 U.S. LABOR SECRETARY UNDER PRESIDENT OBAMA, FIRST LATINA TO
8 SERVE IN THE CABINET OF OUR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
9 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, TO SAY A FEW THINGS.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HOPE I DON'T GET IN
12 TROUBLE. BUT THEY SAY GOOD TROUBLE, RIGHT, AS JOHN LEWIS USED
13 TO SAY. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH TO CHAIRWOMAN HAHN,
14 AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR STAFFS, IN PARTICULAR, FOR
15 WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS. I KNOW IT'S
16 BEEN A HARD ROAD TO GET HER HERE TODAY, BUT I THINK IT'S BEEN
17 WORTHWHILE. WE HAD THE HELP OF MANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE BUT
18 ALSO PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, AS WELL AS OUR
19 C.E.O., OUR BUDGET REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL. IT'S NO SURPRISE
20 TO MANY OF US THAT WE KNOW THAT THE MEN AND WOMAN WHO WORK AT
21 OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS HAVE PUT THEIR HEALTH AT RISK, NOT JUST
22 NOW BUT DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC, AND MANY OF THEM SHOWED UP
23 TO KEEP THE ENGINES OF OUR SYSTEM MOVING, WHETHER IT WAS
24 CLEANING UP HIGH-TOWERED BUILDINGS, REMOVING WASTE, OR HELPING
25 OUR MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND STAFF CONTINUE DO THEIR JOB.



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1 THEY'RE ON THE FRONTLINES, AND THEIR FACES ARE REFLECTED HERE
2 IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY AND MANY WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT BECAUSE
3 THEY'RE WORKING. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO MENTION IS
4 WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS WORKING IN
5 OUR FACILITIES OR ALONGSIDE ANOTHER CONTRACTED ORGANIZATION,
6 BUT THEY REPRESENT MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF FAMILIES, HUNDREDS
7 OF FAMILIES, THAT MANY OF US REPRESENT, WHO DON'T HAVE THE
8 LUXURY OF HAVING HEALTHCARE BENEFITS, SOMETIMES ARE
9 CONSTRAINED BY WORK HOURS, HOURS THAT MAY NOT EVEN ADJUST OF
10 GIVE THEM THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS ISSUES AT HOME FOR CARING FOR
11 THEIR OWN LOVED ONES. I THINK ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE
12 IMPORTANT FOR US AS WE DELIBERATE ON MANY OF THESE ISSUES THAT
13 COME BEFORE THE BOARD. I WANT TO SAY THE BULK OF THE PEOPLE
14 THAT WILL BE IMPACTED ARE THOSE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT,
15 PEOPLE OF COLOR, BOTH AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINO, ASIAN, AND
16 OTHERS THAT REPRESENT A DIVERSE ARRAY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE
17 OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY WHAT IT IS TODAY. I WANT TO SAY TO
18 THEM I APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK. YOU HAVE BEEN
19 PERSISTENT AND RESILIENT AND IN MANY TIMES FACING EXTREME
20 CHALLENGES, INCLUDING THIS BOARD, BUT YOU DID IT. SO WE'RE
21 HOPEFUL TODAY THAT WE'LL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OUR OTHER BOARD
22 MEMBERS IN PASSING THIS MOTION THAT WILL ALSO PROVIDE, I
23 THINK, A BREATH OF FRESH AIR AND MAYBE SHOULD RELIEF TO MANY
24 WHO COULDN'T BE HERE. AS WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS THIS PASTORAL
25 SEASON, I HOPE THAT THIS BRINGS SOME PEACE OF MIND TO YOU AND



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1 YOUR FAMILIES BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT, AND
2 WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO DO. AND I THINK THE COUNTY IS HERE TO
3 WORK WITH YOU AS MUCH AS WE CAN. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN AND HER STAFF FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE OURS ON THIS. THIS IS
5 BEEN NOT AN EASY TASK AS WE KNOW, BUT WE KNOW THE HARD WORK OF
6 OUR PARTNERS, S.E.I.U., U.S.W.W., AND THEIR LEADER, MR.
7 HUERTA, AND THE PARTNERS, [SPEAKING SPANISH]. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NOW, I'D LIKE TO TURN TO SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
14 THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS REALLY
15 CRITICAL ISSUE TO THE TABLE TODAY. YOU KNOW, I STILL, FOR THE
16 VAST MAJORITY OF MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER, HAVE BEEN A HEALTH
17 ADVOCATE AND HAVE FOUGHT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE EXPAND ACCESS TO
18 HEALTH SERVICES, BOTH AS A LEADER OF A HEALTH ADVOCACY
19 ORGANIZATION AND A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE. AND SO, WILL BE
20 SUPPORTING TODAY'S MOTION. AND IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO
21 UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT HERE. I UNDERSTAND CONTRACTING AND HOW
22 GOVERNMENTS SOMETIMES IN DIFFICULT BUDGET TIMES OPT FOR THAT
23 BECAUSE IT'S COST SAVING, WHICH IS A BE PROBLEM, BUT AS I
24 LOOKED BACK, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IN 2015, AFTER THE A.C.A.
25 WAS IMPLEMENTED, THE BOARD REQUESTED AND APPROVED A REVISED

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1 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. THAT ORDINANCE ELIMINATED THE
2 HEALTHCARE REQUIREMENT AND INCREASED THE LIVING WAGE HOURLY
3 RATE FOR ALL COUNTY CONTRACTED WORKERS SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE
4 ACCESS TO A.C.A. COVERAGE. UNFORTUNATELY, ONCE I THINK WORKERS
5 TRANSITIONED TO THE A.C.A., THEY FOUND IT DIDN'T ALWAYS MEET
6 THEIR NEEDS. IT COULD BE EXPENSIVE, A VARIETY OF THINGS. SO, I
7 APPRECIATE WHY THE NEED FOR THE MOTION TODAY. AND AS I SAID,
8 I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY. I ALSO HAVE LIVED THROUGH
9 HORRIFIC BUDGET CUTS. AND DURING THOSE TIMES, I SAID TO
10 MYSELF, THAT'S WHY I FASHION MYSELF THE BUDGET QUEEN AND FOCUS
11 ON BUDGET ISSUES BECAUSE I NEVER WANT TO GIVE A BENEFIT TO A
12 WORKER THAT WE AREN'T CONFIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN
13 INDEFINITELY. AND SO, I REALLY WANT US, AS A BOARD, TO BE
14 CLEAR ABOUT THE NUMBER OF, IF YOU WILL, UNFUNDED MANDATES THAT
15 WE'RE IMPOSING ON OURSELVES. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I BELIEVE
16 HEALTHCARE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND HAVE FOUGHT FOR IT MY
17 ENTIRE CAREER, AND I WANT TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE ARE
18 GOVERNING A COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH A BUDGET THAT IS HEALTHY
19 AND CONTINUES TO PRIORITIZE WORKERS AND WORKER RIGHTS AND
20 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AND SO, I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO
21 BEGIN TO THINK HOLISTICALLY ABOUT WHAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING AS
22 A BOARD. SO I HAVE BEGUN TO KEEP A SHORT LIST BECAUSE,
23 FRANKLY, I'M NERVOUS. WE HAVE ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION OF
24 CARE COURT. WE HAVE EXPANDED THE NUMBER OF BEDS IN OUR
25 ALLIANCE AGREEMENT. OUR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT OF \$88



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1 MILLION. WE ARE ADDRESSING THE CURRENT CHALLENGES IN OUR
2 PROBATION CAMPS, GENERAL HOSPITAL, THE RETROFIT OF 33 COUNTY
3 BUILDINGS, WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE PRESS RECENTLY. WE
4 MADE A COMMITMENT TO GET I.H.S.S. WORKERS UP TO \$20 AN HOUR
5 PLUS HEALTHCARE. WE HAVE GIVEN OUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES A
6 C.O.L.A. INCREASE THIS YEAR. WE'VE GOT A NUMBER OF LAWSUITS
7 LOOMING WITH LIABILITY THAT WE CAN'T EVEN GUESSTIMATE. WE HAVE
8 GOT, BASED ON MY COUNT, MORE THAN A DOZEN BOARD MOTIONS THAT
9 HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT WE DIDN'T IDENTIFY A FUNDING SOURCE.
10 SO, THE LIST CONTINUES TO GROW. IT FEELS A LITTLE LIKE WHEN I
11 WAY A LITTLE KID I WOULD TELL MY MOM, WELL JUST WRITE A CHECK.
12 I FIGURED SHE HAD CHECKS IN HER CHECKBOOK, THEN SHE COULD BUY
13 WHATEVER I NEEDED FROM FEDCO. SO, THIS NOTION THAT WE WRITE
14 CHECKS AND WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM I THINK
15 IS CONCERNING. I'M FINE WITH MAKING TOUGH CHOICES, BUT I THINK
16 PRIORITIES ARE IMPORTANT, AND WE, AS A BOARD, HAVE A
17 RESPONSIBILITY TO BE CLEAR THAT WE, AS THE GOVERNING BODY,
18 PRIORITIZE AND GIVE THE C.E.O. DIRECTION IN TERMS OF WHAT MUST
19 BE FUNDED BECAUSE WE ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO MAKING SURE
20 THAT THOSE RESOURCES CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE LONG RUN.
21 AGAIN, I NEVER WANT TO BE IN A POSITION, KNOCK ON WOOD, TO
22 EXPAND ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES AND NOT KNOW IF WE ARE IN
23 THE POSITION TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE IN THE LONG
24 RUN. THAT IS A PROBLEM. SO, MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY, I HAVE A



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1 COUPLE QUESTIONS OF THE C.E.O. WITH REGARD TO BUDGET, IF I
2 MAY.

3

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I DID -- THANK YOU. THAT WAS OFF THE TOP OF MY
7 HEAD, A QUICK LIST OF I THINK OUR COUNTY VULNERABILITIES. WAS
8 THAT COMPREHENSIVE? DID I MISS ANY BIG PICTURE BECAUSE I WANT
9 TO KEEP MYSELF AWAKE AT NIGHT WORRYING ABOUT HOW WE, AS A
10 COUNTY, ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE IMPORTANT
11 SERVICES TO WORKERS AND RESIDENTS?

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, AND GOOD
14 MORNING, BOARD. WHAT I WOULD SAY IS THE LIST ACCURATE BUT
15 CERTAINLY NOT COMPLETE. I KNOW YOU ALLUDED TO LAWSUITS WHERE
16 IT'S HARD FOR US TO PLACE A NUMBER. WE DO KNOW THAT OUR -- WE
17 ARE FORECASTING, ALONG WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR LIABILITY
18 LET'S SAY ON THE SEX ASSAULT CASES TO EXCEED ABOUT A BILLION
19 DOLLARS. WE KNOW ALSO THAT THERE IS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
20 REMOVE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS OF SEX CRIMES THAT OCCURRED
21 WHILE THE VICTIM WAS A CHILD. AND SO, IF THAT LEGISLATION IS
22 SUCCESSFUL, AND IF IF THAT STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IS
23 PERMANENTLY REMOVED, THAT IS THE PART WHERE WE JUST CAN'T
24 ESTIMATE WHAT THAT NUMBER IS. AND THEN I'M NOT SURE IF YOU
25 INCLUDED THIS IN YOUR LIST, BUT WE DO HAVE OBLIGATIONS UNDER



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1 BOTH OF OUR CONSENT DECREES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR
2 BOTH SHERIFF AND FOR OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT. JUST TO ADD TO
3 YOUR LIST TO NAME A FEW.

4
5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CURRENT PROP A CONTRACTORS
6 ARE PROVIDING EMPLOYER-PAID HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR
7 THEIR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES?

8
9 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO, AS IS STATED IN THE PREAMBLE OF
10 THE MOTION, OUR OFFICE DID A REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED IN JUNE
11 OF 2022. THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION AT THE MOMENT IS WE DON'T
12 KNOW. WE DID A SURVEY, OR I.S.D. DID A SURVEY WORKING WITH US
13 IN COLLABORATION WITH MOTION. WE DID NOT RECEIVE COMPLETE
14 INFORMATION. SO I COULDN'T TELL YOU TODAY, COMPREHENSIVELY,
15 THIS IS WHAT THE PERCENTAGE IS.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT INFORMATION
18 IN TERMS OF THE WHOLE POINT OF THE DISCUSSION AROUND THE
19 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS REALLY MAKING SURE THAT EMPLOYERS STEP
20 UP, TOO. AND WE SAW SO MANY EXAMPLES OF CONTRACTORS OR
21 EMPLOYERS WHO INTENTIONALLY KEPT WAGES AT A LEVEL TO ALLOW
22 THEIR EMPLOYEES TO QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS, THAT
23 THEY WEREN'T STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE TO PROVIDE HEALTH
24 INSURANCE AS AN EMPLOYER SHOULD. SECOND QUICK QUESTION, WHAT
25 WOULD BE THE INCREASED COST TO THE COUNTY OF REQUIRING



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1 CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE -- JUST TO KIND OF PUT A LINE IN THE
2 SAND -- THE EQUIVALENT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT GOLD PLAN
3 LEVEL?

4
5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** ANOTHER ANSWER WHERE I CAN GIVE YOU
6 INFORMATION THAT'S ACCURATE BASED ON AN ESTIMATE BUT STILL
7 INCOMPLETE. SO I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE COMPREHENSIVE NUMBER
8 DOLLAR FIGURE BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TOTAL UNIVERSE
9 IS, BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DID DO AN ANALYSIS,
10 AND THEY DID A POINT AND TIME COUNT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES
11 AND FOOD SERVICES, FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES. AND THEY ESTIMATED
12 JUST BASED ON THAT POINT IN TIME ACCOUNT THAT IT WOULD BE
13 SOMEWHERE IN THE RANGE OF \$6.3 MILLION AND \$10 MILLION AND
14 THAT WAS FOR APPROXIMATELY 1500 EMPLOYEES. WHAT YOU WOULD NEED
15 TO DO IS EXTRAPOLATE THAT NUMBER OUT TO A LARGER POPULATION TO
16 GET THE GLOBAL FIGURE.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AS WE DO THESE
19 ANALYSES, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT MAKES SENSE TO MAKE THE JOBS FULL
20 COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR TO CONTRACT THEM OUT THAT A PART OF THAT
21 ANALYSIS HAS TO BE MAKING SURE THAT THE EMPLOYEES HAVE ACCESS
22 TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES. LIKE I SAID, I BELIEVE THAT'S A
23 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT. AND SO, WITH FUTURE CONTRACTS, I THINK
24 MINIMALLY WE SHOULD REQUIRE THAT CONTRACTORS PROVIDE HEALTH
25 INSURANCE. THAT SHOULD FUNDAMENTALLY BE THE CASE. AND SO,

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1 AGAIN, I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY AND JUST MUST
2 AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I'LL BE INTRODUCING A MOTION AS A READ-
3 IN AT THE END OF THE MEETING TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE, AS A BOARD,
4 MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRIORITIZING OUR BUDGET ASKS. TO
5 CONTINUE TO PASS UNFUNDED MANDATES ON OUR SALES I THINK IS A
6 RECIPE FOR DISASTER. WHEN WE GO TO NEW YORK TO MAKE REQUESTS
7 FOR WALL STREET TO GIVE US A GOOD CREDIT RATING, THEY WANT TO
8 LOOK AT OUR ASSETS AND OUR BANK ACCOUNT AND OUR LIABILITIES.
9 AND SO, IF WE WANT TO MAINTAIN A GOOD CREDIT RATING SO WE CAN
10 CONTINUE TO GET GREAT INTEREST AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
11 RESOURCES THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTED
12 EMPLOYEES, AND RESIDENTS, I THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO
13 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES FOR ALL
14 THESE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO ON BEHALF OF
15 WORKERS IN THE COUNTY AND COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO AGAIN, HAPPY TO
16 SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION, AND I WANT US TO CONTINUE TO TALK
17 ABOUT HOW WE PRIORITIZE OUR FUNDING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU
20 BEING THE BUDGET QUEEN. WE WANT YOU TO STAY UP AT NIGHT SO THE
21 REST OF US DON'T HAVE TO, BUT I JUST -- IT JUST MADE ME THINK,
22 WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR ASSETS IN THE COUNTY. THE GREATEST
23 ASSET WE HAVE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE, OUR RESIDENTS, AND
24 THE WORK THAT THEY DO EVERY SINGLE DAY TO KEEP OTHER PARTS OF
25 THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES SAFE AND CLEAN. YOU'RE OUR GREATEST

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1 ASSET. AND THIS MOTION ATTEMPTS TO ALSO PROTECT YOU AND GIVE
2 YOU THE HEALTH BENEFITS THAT WE THINK YOU DESERVE. AND YOU'RE
3 RIGHT. THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE ABOUT WHEN WE LOOK TO CONTRACT
4 OUT LOOKING AT THE COST. AND SO, MAYBE IT EVENTUALLY WE CAN
5 BRING ALL THESE EMPLOYEES IN AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND WE DON'T
6 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CONTRACTING OUT. THAT MAKES FESIA STAY UP
7 AT NIGHT. OKAY, MY NEXT SUPERVISOR ON THE QUEUE IS KATHRYN
8 BARGER.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL, LOUD AND CLEAR. IT IS ABOUT BALANCE, AND IT'S ABOUT
12 PRIORITIES, BUT I THINK WE ALL AGREE THIS IS A PRIORITY. AND
13 PRE A.C.A., WE WERE THE SAFETY NET. WE, IN ESSENCE, WERE THE
14 PROVIDERS OF THE HEALTHCARE TO THOSE WHO WERE CONTRACT
15 EMPLOYEES. SO WE WERE PAYING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. EVERYONE
16 HAS ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. AND I KNOW THAT I PERSONALLY MET TO
17 SOME OF THE PEOPLE PROBABLY IN THE AUDIENCE AND HEARD THEIR
18 STORIES, MANY OF THEM WHO HAVE EITHER A RELATIVE OR THEY OR A
19 HUSBAND OR WIFE OR THEY THEMSELVES HAVE A CHRONIC ILLNESS, AND
20 THE COST EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THEY ARE BRINGING IN.
21 THEY CANNOT AFFORD THE A.C.A. AND SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
22 FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT, AS YOU SAID, HEALTHCARE IS A BASIC
23 RIGHT. AND I KNOW THAT WE CAN ALL AGREEMENT THAT THOSE WHO ARE
24 THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS DESERVE
25 ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW, THERE IS



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1 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, BUT THE QUESTION IS IS IT AFFORDABLE,
2 ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE CHRONIC ILLNESSES SUCH AS
3 DIABETES AND ASTHMA AND THEN GET PROPER ACCESS TO THE DOCTORS
4 THAT THEY NEED. BEYOND THAT, WE CONSIDER TO BE FAIR FOR THESE
5 WORKERS AS EMPLOYERS, IT IS PREFERABLE FOR US TO HAVE A
6 WORKFORCE THAT FEELS COVERED AND ABLE TO ADDRESS THEIR
7 HEALTHCARE NEEDS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WHEN WE COME IN HERE, WE
8 HAVE A LOT OF CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES IN THIS BUILDING. IF YOU
9 TALK TO THEM, YOU KNOW, THEY COME TO WORK EVERY DAY, AND THEY
10 WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE ACCESS TO
11 QUALITY HEALTHCARE. AND IT SHOULDN'T BE A TALE OF TWO CITIES
12 IN THIS COUNTY. AND I KNOW YOU AGREE. I THINK WE ALL AGREE ON
13 THAT. IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO PROTECT OUR OWN FISCAL
14 FLEXIBILITY, WE MUST MOVE FORWARD PRUDENTLY AND CAREFULLY. I
15 BELIEVE IT IS OUR FISCAL FLEXIBILITY THAT ALLOWS US TO TAKE
16 CARE OF OUR WORKFORCE. THIS FLEXIBILITY ALLOWS US TO ADJUST
17 FUTURE C.O.L.A.S, AVOID STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS IN TIMES OF
18 FINANCIAL DOWNTURNS, AND INVEST IN EMPLOYEE PENSIONS. BUT
19 AGAIN, YOU HAVE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES IN THIS BUILDING THAT ARE
20 NOT AFFORDED THE SAME ABILITY. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
21 US NOT TO, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, BITE OFF MORE THAN WE
22 CAN CHEW. BUT ON THIS, I THINK PUTTING LANGUAGE IN OUR PROP A
23 THAT MANDATES HEALTHCARE -- BY THE WAY, I HAVE TO SAY THAT,
24 FESIA, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHEN I TALKED TO SOME OF
25 THE EMPLOYEES, THEY'RE OFFERED A.C.A., BUT IF THEY'RE BRINGING

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1 HOME LET'S SAY \$500 A WEEK, AND THEIR HEALTHCARE IS \$250, I
2 THINK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SAY, WHILE I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE
3 TO BUY IT, I CAN'T AFFORD IT. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
4 US TO NOTE THAT, EVEN WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INDIVIDUALS
5 THAT ARE -- COMPANIES WE CONTRACT WITH THAT ARE PROVIDING
6 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, THAT WE RECOGNIZE WHAT DOES THAT MEAN
7 BECAUSE THE DEVIL WILL BE IN THE DETAILS AS IT RELATES TO THE
8 ACCESS. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE THAT. I DO
9 SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE, AGAIN, THESE ARE OUR -- WE ARE
10 THE SAFETY NET PROVIDER. AND THROUGH A.C.A., THE WHOLE PREMISE
11 OF ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IS THERE, BUT IT'S STILL NOT
12 AFFORDABLE. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE
13 THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO CONTRACT OUT, THAT SHOULD BE A BUILT-IN
14 COST AS IT RELATES TO THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. AND IT MAY
15 COME IN REVENUE NEUTRAL, OR IT MAY COME IN LESS. I DON'T KNOW.
16 IT HASN'T BEEN TESTED, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
17 TAKE THAT FIRST STEP TOWARD ADDRESSING THAT BECAUSE WE EITHER
18 PAY NOW, OR WE PAY LATER. AND I THINK WITH THE WORKFORCE
19 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU'VE SAID,
20 THEY SHOWED UP, AND THEY WORKED HARD. SO, I PLAN ON SUPPORTING
21 THIS MOTION, BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHAT
22 YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT PRIORITIES BECAUSE EACH ONE OF US HAS
23 DIFFERENT PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF WHAT WE WANT FUNDED. I KNOW,
24 FESIA, IT'S UP TO YOU TO PUT TOGETHER THAT LIST SO WHEN WE
25 HAVE TOUGH DECISIONS TO MAKE DURING BUDGET, WE RECOGNIZE THAT



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1 JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE A CHECK, DOESN'T MEAN THERE IS MONEY IN
2 THE BANK TO COVER IT, ESPECIALLY WITH THE FUTURE LIABILITIES
3 THAT WE HAVE COMING DOWN THE PIKE. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

6
7 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. AS A SOCIAL JUSTICE CATHOLIC, A
8 STUDENT OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS HOLY
9 WEEK, I AM VERY PROUD TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION. WE KNOW THAT
10 HEALTHCARE IS A CRITICAL SERVICE THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE
11 EASY AND AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO. IN MOST CASES, THAT ACCESS IS
12 THROUGH AN EMPLOYER, AND AS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN L.A.
13 COUNTY, I BELIEVE THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ALL EMPLOYEES
14 WITHIN OUR FACILITIES, EITHER DIRECT OR CONTRACTED, ARE
15 PROVIDED HEALTHCARE. OUR EMPLOYEES IN THESE ROLES HAVE ALWAYS
16 BEEN ESSENTIAL, AND WE GAINED AN EVEN DEEPER APPRECIATION
17 DURING THE PANDEMIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLES THAT THEY
18 PLAY IN OUR COUNTY IN KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE, HEALTHY, AND CARED
19 FOR. DESPITE THEIR IMPORTANCE, MANY OF OUR CONTRACT STAFF HAVE
20 NOT HAD ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH BENEFITS
21 FOR FAR TOO LONG. AND THE IRONY IS THAT MANY OF THESE WORKERS
22 WHO PERFORM SERVICES IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES THAT ARE
23 ESSENTIAL IN OUR COUNTY, THEY'RE WORKING IN FACILITIES WHERE
24 THEY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS THE VERY SERVICES THAT
25 OTHER PEOPLE ARE ACCESSING IN THE PLACES WHERE THEY'RE



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1 WORKING. TODAY, I AM HAPPY TO KNOW WE WILL BE CHANGING THAT.
2 WE'LL BE ENSURING OUR CRITICAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE PROVIDED
3 HEALTHCARE BENEFITS. IT'S NOT ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT
4 IS THE MORAL THING TO DO AND A BENEFIT THAT ALL SHOULD BE ABLE
5 TO COUNT ON. I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WORKERS WHO CAM AND MET
6 WITH ME AND MY STAFF AND MY OFFICE AND GRATEFUL WE HAVE THIS
7 MOTION THAT WE VOTE ON TODAY, AND I'LL PROUDLY SUPPORT IT.
8 THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO SAY IN THE PAST TWO
13 YEARS, SOME OF US HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO SOME OF THE
14 EMPLOYEES PERSONALLY, VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
15 AND I THINK IT'S NOT LOST ON ME, AND I THINK, FOR SOME OF US,
16 THAT SOME OF THESE EMPLOY ACTUALLY WORKED 10, 15, AND 20 YEARS
17 ALONGSIDE OTHER MEMBERS WHO GET THE FULL BENEFITS AND
18 HEALTHCARE AND VACATION AND ALL OF THAT AND C.O.L.A.S. I WOULD
19 REMIND US THAT WHAT PRIORITIES -- HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE WHO
20 CARES FOR THE MOST NEEDIEST IN OUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS. AS AN
21 EXAMPLE, L.A.C.+U.S.C. IS MY FLAGSHIP, AND I KNOW THERE ARE
22 COUNTLESS EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE WORKED THERE AND GIVEN THEIR
23 TIME. AND WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THEM. WE NEED TO PROVIDE THEM
24 WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. I WOULD JUST ASK ALSO FOR THE C.E.O.
25 TO CONSIDER OTHER COSTS THAT MAY NOT BE AS TANGIBLE, AND THAT



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1 IS WHAT IF WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE TO
2 THESE EMPLOYEES. THEY WILL END UP IN OUR EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA
3 UNITS, AND THAT IS ALSO GOING TO BE A COST AGAINST THE COUNTY.
4 I WOULD ASK US TO START LOOKING AT WHAT THAT FORECAST WOULD
5 LOOK AT AS WELL WHEN WE TALK ABOUT BUDGETS. THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I HOPE EVERYONE ON THE BOARD CAN
7 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL SAID. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I JUST WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT I WASN'T
12 SUGGESTING WE NOT PRIORITIZE THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY. AS I SAID,
13 I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. I THINK IT'S A PROBLEM THAT
14 THEY WENT WITHOUT HEALTHCARE FOR THE YEARS THEY DID, QUITE
15 FRANKLY. SO MY POINT IS WE WANT TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TODAY
16 AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND NOT BE IN A
17 POSITION WHERE WE HAVE TO CUT CRITICAL RESOURCES BECAUSE WE
18 HAVEN'T MANAGED OUR RESOURCES APPROPRIATELY. SO, I FULLY
19 SUPPORT IT. AND I WANT US TO BE STRATEGIC AND SMART AS WE TALK
20 ABOUT RESOURCES SO WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION WHERE WE EVER HAVE
21 TO CUT BACK SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE NOW MADE AVAILABLE. I'M
22 SUPPORTING THE MOTION PROUDLY AND NOT SUGGESTING THESE PEOPLE
23 ARE NOT A PRIORITY, BUT WE DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO
24 CONTINUE TO LOOK AT ALL OF OUR BUDGET AND ALL OF OUR FISCAL
25 EXPENDITURES IN A STRATEGIC, THOUGHTFUL, HUMANE WAY. BUDGETS



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1 ARE VALUE STATEMENTS. AND MAKING SURE WE MAINTAIN A HEALTHY
2 BUDGET TO CONTINUE TO PAY FOR WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHAT I HOPE
3 WE, AS A BOARD, WILL DO.

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

6
7 **SUP. BARGER:** WHAT I'M HEARING YOU SAY THERE ARE THOSE THINGS
8 THAT ARE A PRIORITY BASED ON A RIGHT LIKE HEALTHCARE. AND THEN
9 THERE ARE THOSE, BRICKS AND MORTAR, THAT, IN A PERFECT WORLD,
10 WE WANT DO SOMETHING BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. AND WHAT I'M
11 HEARING YOU SAY IS YOU'RE NOT PUTTING PEOPLE IN THAT SAME
12 CATEGORY, BUT WE, AS A BOARD, NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT
13 THAT WHATEVER WE PUT IN PLAY NEEDS TO BE SUSTAINABLE. CORRECT?

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** ABSOLUTELY. AND IT MAKES ME NERVOUS THAT WE
16 DON'T APPEAR TO HAVE A PROCESS BY WHICH WE CAN WEIGH IN ON
17 THAT. WE PASS MOTIONS AND ASK THE C.E.O. TO GO FIGURE IT OUT,
18 AND I THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND
19 DIRECTION IN TERMS OF HOW WE DO THAT.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO TRY TO
22 CLARIFY? [LAUGHTER] WHAT I THINK I'M HEARING YOU SAY IS... NO.
23 THANK YOU, NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE WANT TO DO THIS. WE JUST WANT
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN SUSTAIN IT AND THAT THIS RIGHT THAT
25 WE THINK YOU HAVE WILL BE GUARANTEED FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT'S WHAT WE ARE SAYING. OKAY. DON'T TRY TO CLARIFY ME.
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
3 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,
6 ANTHONY THOMAS, DAVIS HUERTA, KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, MARIA BLANCO,
7 AND RED CHIEF HUNT. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
8 CALLER, PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ORLANDO CHAVEZ. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** ORLANDO CHAVEZ, YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **ORLANDO CHAVEZ:** HI. SORRY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

18

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

20

21 **ORLANDO CHAVEZ:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. HI. MY NAME IS ORLANDO
22 CHAVEZ. I'M A SENIOR POLICY ANALYST AT ULTIMATE HEALTH
23 SERVICES. ULTIMATE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST [INDISCERNIBLE] IN
24 THE U.S. AND SERVICES AROUND 500 INDIVIDUALS ACROSS L.A.



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SUPERVISORS

1 COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY. SORRY, I THINK I'M ON THE WRONG
2 ITEM, BUT I APOLOGIZE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON ITEM 5, EQUITABLE ACCESS TO
5 HEALTHCARE. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

6

7 **ORLANDO CHAVEZ:** NO. I MENTIONED --

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM ARE YOU ON?

10

11 **ORLANDO CHAVEZ:** THE ITEM I WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS --

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HEALTHCARE FOR
14 CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES.

15

16 **ORLANDO CHAVEZ:** 35.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. THAT'S LATER. WE'LL PUT YOU BACK
19 IN THE QUEUE AND GET YOU LATER. NO PROBLEM. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER
20 ON ITEM 5.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.
23 SORRY, MR. PREVEN. ONE MOMENT. OKAY, PLEASE START AGAIN, MR.
24 PREVEN.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I'M HAPPY TO CLARIFY WHAT EVERYBODY IS
2 TRYING TO SAY. THE HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE ON THIS ONE.
3 HANG ON, HANG ON. IT'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE ON THIS ONE, BUT YOU
4 KNOW 30 HOURS IS A VERY INTERESTING NUMBER BECAUSE
5 MILLENNIALS, I WAS READING, WORK A LOT OF FREELANCE-Y JOBS.
6 AND I'M WORRIED THAT PEOPLE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AS MANY
7 HOURS, AND IT'S BECAUSE THE NASTY EMPLOYERS ARE GOING TO BE
8 LIKE, PERFECT, 29 -- YOU KNOW, THEY'LL LOCK EVERYBODY OUT OF
9 30 HOURS. I KNOW ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I'M A LONGTIME ENTHUSIAST
10 FOR SWIMMING, AND AT THE LOCAL Y.M.C.A., I UNCOVERED A
11 HORRIBLE STINKING MESS THAT NURI MARTINEZ, SHEILA KUEHL,
12 MITCHELL ENGLANDER, PAUL PERCORIAN, ALL THESE GUYS ARE FEEDING
13 AT THE GREATER METROPOLITAN Y.M.C.A. WHO DOES THIS EXACT
14 PRACTICE WITH THE LIFEGUARDS. SO, I ALMOST BURST INTO TEAR
15 WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO COME DOWN TO THE
16 COUNTY TO GET MENTAL HEALTHCARE, AND OUR LIFEGUARDS WHO ARE AT
17 THE Y.M.C.A., WHO ARE THE SAME KIDS WHO CAN'T GET ANY HOURS TO
18 GET ANY BENEFITS. SO, WE HAVE TO FIGHT THE FIGHT ACROSS THE
19 BOARD.

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

22
23 **ERIC PREVEN:** LET ME FINISH IT UP.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, NO, YOU GOT IT. BYE. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WEST SIEGMILLER. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **WEST SIEGMILLER:** HI. I'M CALLING BECAUSE BASICALLY ALL THE
8 PEOPLE THAT WERE TERMINATED BECAUSE OF THE VACCINE MANDATES
9 FOR CONTRACTED WORKERS NEED TO BE REHIRED AND WITH BACK PAY,
10 AND THAT'S TRUE FOR ALL THE L.A. CITY/L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES
11 THAT WERE FIRED --

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS IS ABOUT HEALTHCARE -- THIS IS ABOUT
14 ITEM 5, HEALTHCARE FOR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES. I DON'T THINK
15 YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT ITEM.

16

17 **WEST SIEGMILLER:** ALL RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. TALK TO YOU LATER.

20

21 **WEST SIEGMILLER:** THIS IS RELATED TO ITEM 32.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THANK YOU. MODERATOR, MAKE SURE WE GET
24 PEOPLE -- THIS IS ITEM 5.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** IF YOU ARE NOT QUEUED UP FOR ITEM 5, YOU MAY PRESS
2 1 0 AGAIN TO REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THE QUEUE AND QUEUE UP LATER
3 FOR THE CORRECT ITEM. THE NEXT IN QUEUE, WE'LL GO NOW TO
4 PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5
6 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ONE OF THE CRITICAL ISSUES
7 HERE AS PER SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND THAT'S THE IDEA OF THE
8 HORRENDOUS BUDGET CUTS. NONE OF YOU, INCLUDING YOUR
9 PREDECESSOR, HAVE THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE, BETTER KNOWN AS
10 GUTS, TO STAND UP TO THE PEOPLE AND SAY YOU WANT TO LIVE IN
11 THE 21ST CENTURY OR DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN SLIPPERY SLOPE OF
12 THE THIRD WORLD, AND PUT IT OUT THERE FOR THE PEOPLE. PAY THE
13 TAXES. PAY THE PROPERTY BUDGET ISSUES FOR BOND ISSUES, OR KICK
14 THESE SUPERVISORS OUT AND GET SOME PEOPLE IN THERE WHO WILL DO
15 THE RIGHT THING ON THE FISCAL MONEY MANAGEMENT SITUATION.
16 THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO IDEA IF THAT WAS ON THIS ITEM, BUT
19 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADOLFO GRANDOS. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **ADOLFO GRANDO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADOLFO GRANDOS,
25 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 271 TREASURER, L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYER FOR OVER



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SUPERVISORS

1 24 YEARS. IT'S FITTING THAT THIS IS TAKING PLACE DURING THE
2 TIME WHEN WE HONOR THE LIVES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND
3 CESAR CHAVEZ. THEIR LEGACY REMINDS US THAT OFTEN IN THIS
4 COUNTRY, IT IS THE BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR
5 JUSTICE, OUR BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND SIBLINGS OF U.S.W.W.
6 FOUGHT FOR YEARS TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE.
7 EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, THEY WERE RAISING THE ALARM ABOUT
8 THE DANGERS OF WORKING IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS AND NO ACCESS TO
9 REASONABLE HEALTHCARE. U.S.W.W. MEMBERS WHO WORK AT L.A.
10 COUNTY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES HAVE FINALLY WON AFFORDABLE
11 HEALTHCARE AFTER YEARS OF FIGHTING. HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN
12 RIGHT, AND NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO DO WITHOUT THE CARE THEY
13 NEED. THESE PEOPLE HELP OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS RUN EVERY DAY,
14 BUT THE PANDEMIC WAS NO EXCEPTION. THEY ARE SECURITY,
15 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND FOOD SERVICE WORKERS --

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING ON THE
18 ITEM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
24 THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH THE
25 CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR ADVANCING THIS MOTION TO



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 TRY TO CURB THE WAY IN WHICH COUNTY AND PUBLIC DOLLARS MAY
2 DRIVE POVERTY, INEQUITIES [INDISCERNIBLE]. THIS WAS REALLY TO
3 HELP TO STRENGTHEN BOTH OUR WORKERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY
4 LIVE IN, BUT ALSO TO REALLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES
5 THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF CAN GET FROM SUCH
6 AGENCIES. I APPLAUD THIS DIRECTION AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO
7 SEEING HOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN CONTINUE TO DO MORE
8 WORK IN THIS LINE OF REDUCING POVERTY FOR EQUITY-SEEKING
9 COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING IN-PERSON.
12 DAVID, WELCOME.

13

14 **DAVID HUERTA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'LL START
15 WITH MY THANK YOUS AND TELL THE BOARD, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
16 YOU, THANK YOU FOR THIS VOTE TODAY. I WANT TO PARTICULARLY
17 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS HAS BEEN A SERIES OF SMALL
18 VICTORIES TO GET TO THE BIGGER VICTORY. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
19 THE PANDEMIC, WE ALL KNOW THIS, THESE WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL,
20 BUT THEY WERE ESSENTIAL BEFORE THE PANDEMIC EVER STARTED.
21 THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, YOU WERE THERE EACH AND
22 EVERY TIME THAT THERE WAS A CRISIS TO STEP UP FOR US, AND WE
23 THANK YOU FOR THAT. CHAIRPERSON HAHN, I WANT TO THANK YOU
24 AGAIN FOR BEING A CHAMPION. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN BY AGAIN
25 BECAUSE YOU'VE DONE THIS ONCE BEFORE WITH US TO PROVIDE



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SUPERVISORS

1 HEALTHCARE AT OUR L.A.X. AIRPORTS AND NOW FOR THE FOOD
2 SERVICES, THE SECURITY OFFICERS, AND THE E.V.S. WORKERS THAT
3 ARE SO ESSENTIAL TO THIS JOB. I ALSO WANT TO THANK 721
4 PRESIDENT DAVID GREEN FOR GIVING HIS VOICE IN SUPPORT OF THIS.
5 WE KNOW THAT IN-SOURCING IS THE WAY TO GO, BUT WHEN WORKERS
6 ARE OUTSOURCED, THESE SHOULD BE GOOD JOBS NOT BAD JOBS. AND
7 LAST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS, THE E.V.S. WORKERS,
8 THE SECURITY OFFICERS, THE FOOD SERVICE WORKERS. THEY ARE THE
9 CHAMPIONS OF TODAY. THEY HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THIS FOR
10 YEARS, AND THANK YOU TO THEM FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO EACH
11 AND EVERY DAY TO TAKE CARE OF OUR MOST NEEDED IN THE COUNTY OF
12 LOS ANGELES. WITH THAT, I'LL PASS IT TO OUR --

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

15
16 **ANTHONY THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTHONY THOMAS. I'M A
17 SECURITY OFFICER AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. AND I
18 WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS --
19 ACTUALLY ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME THE TIME TO HEAR US.
20 MY MOTHER USED TO SAY THAT A CLOSED MOUTH DOESN'T GET FED. AND
21 WE'RE JUST -- WE FEEL LIKE -- I'M REPRESENTING THE 2000 PLUS
22 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE CONTRACTED THAT WORK AT COUNTY FACILITIES.
23 AND WE'RE THE FRONTLINE OF THE FRONTLINE, AND WE JUST WANT TO
24 THANK YOU FOR HEARING US. WE FEEL THAT WE DESERVE EMPLOYER-
25 PAID HEALTHCARE BECAUSE WE FEEL LIKE WE ARE ASSETS, AND WE



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SUPERVISORS

1 FEEL LIKE WE HAVE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE COUNTY ON A DAY IN
2 AND DAY OUT BASIS. SO THANK YOU.

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

5
6 **MARIA BLANCO:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
7 MARIA BLANCO. IT HAS BEEN 14 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING AS A
8 JANITOR AND CLEANING IN THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. MY
9 PARENTS ARE SENIORS, AND THEY DEPEND ON ME FOR ME TO PAY THE
10 WAGES, AND I BARELY CAN MAKE ENDS MEET, EVEN MORE SO NOW THAT
11 PRICES HAVE GONE UP. I AM DIABETIC, AND IT HAS BEEN YEARS THAT
12 I HAVE TRIED TO PAY MEDICAL INSURANCE TO CURE MYSELF. HOWEVER,
13 I HAD TO CANCEL IT BECAUSE THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS WERE \$200, AND
14 I COULDN'T AFFORD THE MEDICINE. AND EVER SINCE THEN, MY ONLY
15 RESOURCE IS TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, AND I'VE ONLY BEEN
16 ABLE TO -- IN THE LAST YEAR, I'VE GONE THREE TIMES, AND THAT'S
17 MY ONLY RESOURCE. THE IRONY IS THAT WORKING SO MANY YEARS IN
18 HEALTHCARE, WE DON'T HAVE MEDICAL PROTECTION, AND THAT IS WHY
19 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ARE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RED CHIEF HUNT. WELCOME.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. WE HAVE TO PAY TO
2 PLAY. IN 2007, WE DID \$15 AN HOUR, MADAM CHAIR. PAY THESE
3 PEOPLE, MAN. WE HAVE TO PAY TO PLAY. LET'S GET THEM WHAT THEY
4 NEED. RED CHIEF HUNT. AYE VOTE.

5

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

7

8 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** OKAY, THIS IS SIMPLE. I WANT TO FIRST
9 SAY THANK YOU, HAHN AND SOLIS, FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING. I
10 USUALLY DON'T GIVE COMPLIMENTS WHEN -- WELL, CREDIT IS GIVEN
11 WHEN CREDIT IS DUE. SO, 100% HEALTHCARE IS A START, BUT STILL
12 THERE IS A LONG WAY GO BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE HEALTHCARE
13 WORKERS STILL NEED HELP WITH HOUSING. THEY STILL NEED HELP
14 WITH PROGRAMS WITH THE YOUTH, BUT THIS AT LEAST IS A GOOD
15 START SO IF THEY HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND GET EMERGENCY
16 CARE, THEY'LL DO SO. LET'S KEEP ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND HAVE
17 MORE SUPPORT FOR HARDWORKING LABOR WORKERS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN-PERSON?

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, DO WE HAVE ANY MORE ON THE QUEUE?



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NONE ON THE CUE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, THIS ITEM 5
5 IS NOW BEFORE US. COLLEAGUES, I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

17

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

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

22

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

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

4

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

6

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

8 [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [AUDIENCE CHANTS]

9

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

11 THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M REMINDED -- I'M REMINDED ABOUT

14 MIKE GARCIA.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THIS MOMENT IS SOMETHING THAT HE TAUGHT US

19 ALL.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** TO BE UNITED AND TO WORK ON. LET'S THINK ABOUT

24 HIM.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S THINK ABOUT HIM. THANK YOU. MIKE
2 GARCIA, ONE OF THE BEST. THANK YOU, DAVID. THANK YOU,
3 EVERYBODY. HAVE A GOOD DAY. OKAY NOW, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON
4 TO ITEM 7, INCENTIVIZING HIRING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
5 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, WHICH I HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE -- [OUTSIDE INTERRUPTION] ALL
7 RIGHT, TRY TO BE QUIET WHEN YOU LEAVE. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
8 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON
9 THIS ITEM. SO, L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE PAST FEW
10 YEARS TO CREATE A SYSTEM WHERE SOMEONE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL
11 HEALTH CRISIS GETS THE RESPONSE THEY NEED WHEN AND WHERE THEY
12 NEED IT. IF THE CRISIS CAN BE SOLVED OVER THE PHONE, THEY CAN
13 CALL 988 AND TALK TO A TRAINED COUNSELOR. IF THEY NEED AN IN-
14 PERSON RESPONSE, A TEAM OF UNARMED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
15 CAN RESPOND IN- PERSON. AND IF THEY ARE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO
16 THEMSELVES OR OTHERS, A CO-RESPONSE TEAM WILL BE DISPATCHED.
17 THIS BOARD, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
18 HEALTH, HAS TAKEN MANY STEPS TO REALIZE THIS VISION,
19 COLLECTIVELY. WE HAVE CREATED A 988 CALL CENTER THAT CAN
20 SCREEN AND CONNECT TO DISPATCH TEAMS. WE HAVE DEDICATED
21 FUNDING TO EXPAND OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS. AND
22 WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR
23 MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH TEAMS ON EVENINGS AND ON WEEKENDS
24 BECAUSE WE KNOW MENTAL HEALTH CRISES DON'T JUST HAPPEN MONDAY
25 THROUGH FRIDAY, 9-5. BUT NOW, WE FIND OURSELVES IN A SITUATION



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SUPERVISORS

1 WHERE WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDS IN PLACE, BUT WE'RE
2 HAVING A HARD TIME FILLING THOSE POSITIONS. WE KNEW THAT THE
3 NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH WAS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.
4 SO, WE IMPLEMENTED BONUSES, LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS AND
5 EXPANDED OUR STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM, BUT NONE OF THIS HAS
6 BEEN ENOUGH. WE HAVE TOO MANY VACANCIES ACROSS OUR CRISIS
7 RESPONSE TEAMS. SO, WE NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN, THINK OUTSIDE OF
8 THE BOX, BE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND MORE CREATIVE IN OUR EFFORTS
9 TO INCENTIVIZE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AND PEERS TO TAKE AND
10 STAY IN THESE POSITIONS. SO THIS MOTION WILL DIRECT OUR
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, OUR C.E.O., AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF
12 HUMAN RESOURCES TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH A PLAN TO
13 INCENTIVIZE THE HIRING AND RETENTION OF POSITIONS IN OUR
14 VARIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. THIS MOTION LISTS
15 14 DIFFERENT TYPES OF INCENTIVE IDEAS TO BE CONSIDERED AND
16 INCORPORATED IN THE PLAN, BUT IF THERE ARE MORE THAT YOU COME
17 UP WITH, FESIA, EVEN BETTER. FOR EXAMPLE, WE SHOULD INCREASE
18 THE MONTHLY BONUSES WE ALREADY HAVE AND IMPLEMENT NEW ONES. WE
19 COULD CREATE A SABBATICAL PROGRAM TO GIVE PEOPLE SOME TIME OFF
20 AFTER THEY WORK A NUMBER OF YEARS. CAN WE PROVIDE MORE
21 FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULES LIKE CONDENSED SCHEDULES OR HYBRID
22 SCHEDULES. AND I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD FOCUS ON RECRUITING AT
23 OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES. LET'S GO TALK TO THE STUDENTS WHO ARE
24 JUST BEGINNING THEIR COLLEGE JOURNEY, MANY OF THEM ARE STILL
25 UNSURE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, AND POINT THEM IN THE DIRECTION

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SUPERVISORS

1 OF AN IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL CAREER. OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
2 ARE ONE OF THE BEST RESOURCES WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE
3 SO MANY PIECES OF THE PUZZLE IN PLACE, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE
4 TO ADAPT AND RECOGNIZE THAT CREATING THESE POSITIONS ISN'T
5 ENOUGH. WE NEED TO INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO FILL THEM.
6 COLLEAGUES, I HOPE YOU SUPPORT ME IN THIS EFFORT. SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME,
8 AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS NOW, GO AHEAD.

9
10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP
11 IN THIS AND ALLOWING ME TO BE A COAUTHOR. AS THE MOTION
12 REFERENCES, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING THE
13 HIRING CHALLENGES THE COUNTY AND OUR CONTRACTED PROVIDERS ARE
14 HAVING. OUR STAFFS IN D.M.H. HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO
15 IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE STAFF NECESSARY
16 TO SUPPORT OUR MENTAL HEALTH PRIORITIES. WHILE WE HAVE MADE
17 GREAT PROGRESS, AND D.M.H. HAS SEEN THE HIRING RATES INCREASE
18 OVER THE LAST YEAR, WE ARE STILL A LONG WAY FROM OUR FULLY
19 NEEDED STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS. IN 2018, THE
20 REPORT FROM U.C. SAN FRANCISCO PROJECTED THAT BY 2028 THE
21 DEMAND FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WOULD OUT PACE THE SUPPLY BY
22 40%. WE CAN ONLY EXPECT THAT HAS GAP HAS GROWN SINCE COVID. I
23 KNOW IN MY DISTRICTS, I'M HEARING THE LONG WAIT, ESPECIALLY
24 FOR YOUTH, IS LIFE AND DEATH FOR MANY OF THESE FAMILIES. ALSO
25 THIS PROJECTION DOES NOT FACTOR IN THE COMPETITIVE

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SUPERVISORS

1 DISADVANTAGE COUNTIES FACE IN HIRING WHILE SERVING THE MOST
2 SEVERE MENTALLY ILL RESIDENTS. GROWING OUR MENTAL HEALTH
3 SERVICES IS THE PILLAR THAT SUPPORTS SO MANY OF THIS BOARD'S
4 PRIORITIES, JUSTICE REFORM, HOMELESSNESS, HEALTHCARE, AND SO
5 MANY MORE. WE MUST ENSURE WE'RE TURNING OVER EVERY STONE TO
6 HIRE THE NECESSARY PROFESSIONALS TO MEET THIS NEED. I'M
7 GRATEFUL FOR THE COLLABORATION OF D.M.H., C.E.O., AND D.H.R.
8 AND THAT IT'S ALREADY PROVIDED -- AND IT'S PUT TOGETHER
9 CREATIVE AND SUCCESSFUL SOLUTIONS, BUT I HOPE, VIA THIS
10 MOTION, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE TOOLS TO MEET THE DEMAND
11 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I WOULD SAY THAT I KNOW WE JUST VOTED ON
12 AN ITEM, AND DAVID GREEN'S NAME WAS BROUGHT UP, THE PRESIDENT
13 OF S.E.I.U. I WOULD ENCOURAGE D.M.H. TO WORK WITH OUR LABOR
14 PARTNERS BECAUSE MY CONCERNS IS, FOR EVERY ONE WE HIRE, WE'LL
15 HAVE ATTRITION IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR
16 CURRENT LABOR FORCE. I KNOW THAT I REQUESTED A MEETING, AND I
17 TALKED TO DAVID, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE COMMUNICATION
18 IN PLACE BECAUSE, WHILE WE ARE LOOKING TO BRING PEOPLE IN, I
19 WANT TO MAKE SURE WE MAINTAIN THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY HERE AND
20 ADDRESS ANY OF THE ISSUES THAT MAY BE COMING UP BECAUSE PART
21 OF IT IS FATIGUE. THEY ARE COVERING BASICALLY THE JOB OF THREE
22 PEOPLE. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER TO
23 ADDRESS THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A
24 COAUTHOR.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP. I MEANT
2 TO SAY THAT. MAKE SURE IN THIS DIRECTIVE WE WORK WITH OUR
3 LABOR PARTNERS IN ALL ASPECTS, PARTICULARLY IN TERNS OF
4 RECRUITING BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY'RE GONNA KNOW WHAT THE
5 PROBLEMS ARE, WHERE THE GAPS ARE. SO THANK YOU FOR MENTIONING
6 THAT. SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

7
8 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, MENTAL
9 HEALTHCARE, AND EMPATHY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING MUST ALL
10 BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS WE SEE
11 PLAYING OUT ON OUR STREETS EVERY DAY. TEAMS OF
12 INTERDISCIPLINARY PROFESSIONALS MUST BE THE RESPONSE TO
13 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. HERE
14 IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE CREATED INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS OF
15 CLINICIANS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED PROFESSIONALS, WHO CAN
16 RESPOND TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.
17 UNFORTUNATELY, WE CONTINUE TO FACE CHALLENGES FILLING THOSE
18 POSITIONS QUICKLY ENOUGH AND RETAINING A FULL WORKFORCE, AND
19 OUR D.H.R. IS WORKING TO EXPEDITE HIRING. WE MUST FILL THESE
20 POSITIONS SO THEY CAN BE DISPATCHED WHEN NEEDED. D.M.H. HAS
21 IMPLEMENTED MANY INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT OF
22 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS, BUT DESPITE THEIR BEST EFFORTS, WE
23 ARE STILL FACING CHALLENGES. I'M OPTIMISTIC THAT WITH TODAY'S
24 MOTION, BONUSES, STEP INCREASES, FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES, AND
25 OTHER BENEFITS TO BE OFFERED WILL INCENTIVIZE MORE INDIVIDUALS



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1 TO COME AND WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE OUR
2 STAFF, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, TO CONSTANTLY BE LOOKING
3 FOR WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE AND EXPEDITE HIRING MORE INDIVIDUALS
4 INTO THE WORKFORCE. WE NEED TO BE FULLY STAFFED, AND I'M OPEN
5 TO ALL WAYS WE CAN MAKE THAT A REALITY. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION
6 DIRECTING D.M.H., C.E.O., AND D.H.R. TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO
7 INCENTIVIZE THE HIRING AND RETENTION OF FIELD-BASED POSITIONS,
8 AND I ASK THEM TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO FILL THESE
9 POSITIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THANKS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:**, YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK YOU
15 AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. AND WE WILL
16 CONTINUE TO PUSH ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS VERY
17 IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. FROM MOBILE VACCINATION AND TESTING
18 EFFORTS AT PUBLIC HEALTH TO ROVING CLINICS AT D.H.S., AND OF
19 COURSE WITH OUR RANGE OF MOBILE OPTIONS AT D.M.H., INCLUDING
20 THE P.M.R.T. TEAMS AND THE M.C.O.T. TEAMS, THIS IS VERY
21 CRITICAL FOR US. THIS IS A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT WE
22 ARE BRINGING CARE DIRECTLY TO THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS
23 AND TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES.
24 WE CAN ONLY CONTINUE TO EXPAND UPON THESE EFFORTS IF WE HAVE
25 THE NECESSARY WORKFORCE AND THE SUPPORT FOR THEM. SO I DO



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SUPERVISORS

1 AGREE THAT WE NEED TO DO ALL AT HAND, INCLUDING PROVIDING
2 BETTER SYSTEMS OF CARE. ONE THAT I WANT TO RAISE IS PROVIDING
3 AND OFFERING MORE FULL TIME TELEHEALTH BECAUSE FOR SOME IT IS
4 NOT AN OPTION, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS WHO
5 LACK INTERNET ACCESS. WE ALSO HAVE TO ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE
6 THESE INDIVIDUALS SO WE CAN BE COMPETITIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE
7 BEING STOLEN AWAY TO OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR FACILITIES, AND WE
8 ALL KNOW THAT. I WON'T NAME WHO THEY ARE, BUT WE KNOW THAT'S
9 THE CASE. THIS INCLUDES PROVIDING LOAN FORGIVENESS, STIPENDS,
10 FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING, SIGNING AND RETENTION BONUSES, AND
11 INCENTIVES FOR FIELD-BASED WORK. AND WE NEED TO ENSURE OUR
12 PAYMENT SYSTEMS HELP OUR PROVIDERS REMAIN COMPETITIVE. I KNOW
13 WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN D.M.H. AND
14 METRO FOR A MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM, BUT NO PROVIDERS HAVE SIGNED
15 UP. I AM HOPEFUL THAT WITH THESE ADDED BONUSES WE CAN START
16 FILLING THESE POSITIONS TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE, AND WE
17 REMAIN COMMITTED TO CARE-FIRST AS WE PUSH THESE AGENDA ITEMS
18 FORWARD. SO I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK BOTH OUR CHAIR AND
24 BARGER FOR THE MOTION, AND AS WE HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION
25 RECENTLY ABOUT STAFFING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, I HOPE -- WE MAY

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1 NEED TO MOVE THIS BEYOND A PILOT AND REALLY LOOK AT MAKING
2 THIS THE WAY IN WHICH WE DO BUSINESS AS USUAL TO ATTRACT WHAT
3 ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO DO THE WORK THAT COUNTY
4 RESIDENTS NEED. THIS MAY BE KIND OF THE FUTURE FOR ATTRACTING
5 PEOPLE TO THIS REALLY CRITICAL SERVICE DELIVERY WORK. WE HAVE
6 HAD THIS CONVERSATION AROUND A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS. SO I AM
7 ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTIVE AND THINK WE MAY HAVE TO -- WE HEAR IT
8 AT C.S.A.C. I'VE HEARD IT AT N.A.C.O. COUNTIES ARE JUST HAVING
9 A HARD TIME ATTRACTING. WE HAVE WORKED WITH D.H.R. TO TALK
10 ABOUT LET'S THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT WHAT COLLEGES AND WHAT
11 MAJORS IN THE COLLEGES THAT WE GO TO TO TRY TO ATTRACT TOP
12 TALENT TO COME TO THE COUNTY. SO, I FULLY SUPPORT THE MOTION.
13 AGAIN, WE MAY HAVE TO MAKE THIS OUR MODUS OPERANDI ON A GO
14 FORWARD BASIS. AND I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT I THINK IT IS
15 CRITICAL THAT THESE CREATIVE AND FLEXIBLE HIRING INCENTIVES
16 ARE EQUITABLY APPLIED IN AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. CASE IN
17 POINT, THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS SERVING SOUTH
18 L.A. ARE STILL UNDERSTAFFED, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S THE AREA THAT
19 HAS THE HIGHEST RATES OF PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS CALLS. SO,
20 GETTING FULLY STAFFED IS IMPORTANT. I HOPE WE CAN MOVE BEYOND
21 THE PILOT BECAUSE I THINK IT WILL BE OUR NEW WAY OF ATTRACTING
22 TOP TALENT TO THE COUNTY. SO, THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THE
23 MOTION.

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND YOU
2 REALLY HIT ON A REALLY IMPORTANT PART. AND I THINK WHAT THE
3 PANDEMIC DID FOR THOSE WHO DID HAVE THE LUXURY OF WORKING FROM
4 HOME, NOT SOME OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAD TO SHOW UP
5 EVERY DAY, WAS PEOPLE BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT THIS IDEA OF WORK-
6 LIFE BALANCE DID NOT EXIST IN THEIR PREVIOUS JOBS. THERE
7 REALLY WASN'T THE TIME TO SPEND WITH YOUR FAMILY, OR HELPING
8 YOUR KIDS WITH THEIR HOMEWORK, OR ATTENDING SOCCER GAMES, OR
9 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES. AND I THINK NOW EMPLOYERS HAVE TO
10 BE REALLY AWARE THAT THAT MEANS A LOT TO PEOPLE. THERE IS
11 SOMETHING TO US TRYING TO BALANCE OUR WORK AND FAMILY. AND THE
12 EMPLOYERS THAT FIGURE THAT OUT AND INCENTIVIZE THAT AND ARE
13 FLEXIBLE I THINK ARE THE ONES THAT WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE
14 ATTRACTING EMPLOYEES. SO MANY BUSINESSES RIGHT NOW SAYING WE
15 JUST CAN'T HIRE PEOPLE. BUT I THINK THINGS HAVE CHANGED, AND
16 PEOPLE HAVE A NEW SENSE OF NOT SLAVING AT WORK WITHOUT ANY
17 CHANCE TO TAKE TIME FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

18
19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I THINK THE REVERSE OF THAT IS I THINK WE
20 HAVE LOST A GENERATION OR TWO WHO VALUE GOVERNMENT WORK, WHO
21 LOOK TO GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AS A GREAT PLACE TO BE. AND THE
22 FLIP SIDE OF THE PANDEMIC IS PEOPLE UNDERSTANDING HOW CRITICAL
23 GOVERNMENT SERVICES ARE. AND SO, I THINK WE SHOULD JUMP ON
24 THAT AND SAY LOOK, YOU TOO CAN BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. SO I



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SUPERVISORS

1 AM HOPING THAT WE THINK DIFFERENTLY AND MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK
2 ATTRACTIVE TO A NEW GENERATION OF FUTURE WORKERS.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS. OH, NO, DID YOU WANT TO
5 CLARIFY WHAT SHE JUST SAID? OKAY. I THINK THAT'S ALL THE
6 SUPERVISORS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

8
9 **OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,
10 CHRISTOPHER EKE, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY,
11 HERMAN HERMAN, MIKE GREENSPAN, RED CHIEF HUNT, ROBERT DOBBS,
12 AND WANDA SOLOMON. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
13 CALLER, PLEASE.

14
15 **MODERATOR:** FROM THE PHONE LINES, OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS
16 BRITTNEY WEISMAN. GO AHEAD.

17
18 **BRITTNEY WEISMAN:** BRITTNEY WEISMAN, A TEN YEAR MENTAL HEALTH
19 AND HOUSING ADVOCATE AND L.A. COUNTY HEALTH COUNTY
20 COMMISSIONER CALLING IN TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS
21 HAHN AND BARGER, FOR THIS MOTION. WE KNOW PLAINLY WHAT MUST BE
22 DONE TO HELP OUR COUNTIES MOST VULNERABLE ON THE STREETS, AND
23 WE HAVE TO BRING OUR MOST CREATIVE THINKING AND INCENTIVES TO
24 OPERATIONALIZE THAT. AND THESE ARE ALL GREAT IDEAS. AND TO
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S POINT, PAYING INCENTIVES THAT PROVIDE



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SUPERVISORS

1 FINANCIAL AID AND STABILITY ARE NATURAL AND EXCELLENT PLACE
2 TO START, BUT WE HAVE TO, ALL OF US, IMPROVE THE CULTURE
3 AROUND COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND FIELD WORK IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
4 SPACE. WE HAVE TO EXPRESS THE VALUE OF FIELD-BASED MENTAL
5 HEALTH STAFF AND OUR GRATITUDE AND PRIDE FOR THE OFTEN HEART
6 WRENCHING, TIRELESS WORK THEY DO TO KEEP OUR PEOPLE OUT OF
7 JAIL AND HOSPITALS AND OFF THE STREETS. THEY ARE TRULY
8 LIFESAVERS. AND WE HAVE TO EQUIP THEM WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES
9 FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR CLIENTS TO SUCCEED IN THEIR JOBS.
10 SO OPTIONS FOR THEIR OWN CARE, THEIR CLIENT'S CARE, HOUSING
11 OPTIONS FOR ALL, ACCESS, ETC. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MOVING
12 THIS FORWARD. I AM EXCITED TO SEE WHERE THIS GOES.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE WENDY WANG. GO AHEAD.

17
18 **WENDY WANG:** MY NAME IS WENDY WANG WITH SYCAMORES, AND WE THANK
19 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR THEIR MOTION THAT EXPLICITLY
20 RECOGNIZES THE RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES ALSO FACING THE M.C.O.T.
21 COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS. SINCE SYCAMORE'S LAUNCH OF M.C.O.T.
22 SERVICES ON OCTOBER 24TH, 2022, WE HAVE EMBARKED ON OUR MOST
23 AGGRESSIVE RECRUITMENT AND INCENTIVE HIRING FOR THIS PROGRAM.
24 YET WE HAVE ATTRACTED ONLY A HANDFUL OF L.P.F. CLINICIANS. THE
25 NATURE OF THIS DIFFICULT, FIELD-BASED WORK, NONTRADITIONAL



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1 HOURS, MORE COMPETITIVE SALARIES FROM OTHER SECTORS HAS
2 TRANSLATED TO A VERY SMALL CANDIDATE POOL. THIS CONTINUES TO
3 DELAY OUR ABILITY TO STAFF UP. AS WE ARE PARTNERING WITH L.A.
4 COUNTY D.M.H. TO ENSURE 24/7 MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES COVERAGE
5 UNDER ONE SYSTEM, SYCAMORE APPRECIATES BEING EMBEDDED IN THIS
6 PROPOSED PILOT SO WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR COUNTY
7 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE MIKE MOLINA. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **MIKE MOLIA:** GOOD MORNING. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 THIS IS MIKE MOLINA. I AM ALSO A MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER
15 APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT'S NICE TO BE WITH YOU THIS
16 MORNING. THANK YOU TO TO ALL OF YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY
17 TERRIFIC IN YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE BUDGETING AND PROVIDING
18 POSITIONS FOR OUR MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, FOR 988, AND ALL
19 THESE OTHER VITAL PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE OFFERING. LIKEWISE, WE
20 ARE GRATEFUL TO LISA WONG AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
21 TEAM FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE DEDICATION TO THIS IMPORTANT PIECE
22 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PUZZLE FOR OUR COUNTY, FOR EVERY
23 NEIGHBORHOOD AND EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTY. AND AS THE MENTAL
24 HEALTH COMMISSIONER, WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE CHALLENGE. EACH
25 MONTH, THE COMMISSION GETS A DETAILED UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT



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1 VACANCIES, HIRING, AND THE CHALLENGES FACING THE DEPARTMENT TO
2 FILL THESE VITAL POSITIONS. WE HAVE WAY TOO MANY VACANCIES,
3 WAY TOO MANY UNFILLED POSITIONS.

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6
7 **MIKE MOLINA:** STILL TOO MUCH RED TAPE TO SUCCESSFULLY FILL
8 THESE POSITIONS.

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

11
12 **MIKE MOLINA:** YOU'RE CONSIDERING A MOTION THAT IS INCENTIVIZED
13 --

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW I HATE TO CUT YOU OFF,
16 MIKE MOLIA, BUT YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, BUT THANK YOU FOR
17 CALLING IN, MIKE, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR APPOINTEES ON
18 THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, REALLY AND ALL OF OUR
19 COMMISSIONS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU VOLUNTARILY DO TO SERVE THIS
20 COUNTY. SO SORRY FOR CUTTING YOU OFF, BUT NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK GAEL. GO AHEAD.
24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MARK GAEL:** I'D LIKE TO THANK CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER
2 FOR THIS MOTION ON ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE. THE COUNTY HAS
3 BEEN VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD IN TRYING TO HAVE A NON-LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAMS. BUT IF WE
5 CAN'T HIRE PEOPLE, THEN IT BECOMES EMPTY RHETORIC, EVEN THOUGH
6 OUR INTENTIONS ARE GOOD. THE AMOUNT OF UNFILLED VACANCIES IS
7 UNACCEPTABLE. SO THE MEMBERS OF N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY, I AM CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAIR, THESE TEAMS HELP KEEP
9 PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND THEY HELP PROVIDE
10 CRISIS RESOURCES WHERE REALLY NONE EXIST EXCEPT LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT. WE THANK YOU FOR OUT OF THE BOX THINKING IS
12 TRYING SOME NEW THINGS TO FILL THESE POSITIONS. IT IS JUST
13 IMPERATIVE. IT REALLY IS. SO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN. AND WE ASK
14 FOR YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE LINDA STRAESLE. YOU
19 MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **LINDA STRAESLE:** HI. THIS IS LINDA STRAESLE FROM DISTRICT FIVE.
22 AS A MEMBER OF N.A.M.I. GREATER L.A. COUNTY, I CAN'T SAY IT
23 BETTER THAN MARK GAEL JUST DID. SO DITTO ON EVERYTHING MARK
24 SAID. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE



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1 REST OF MY REMAINING TIME FOR COMMENTING ON ITEM 24. DO I
2 LEAVE AND THEN REENTER THE QUEUE TO COMMENT LATER?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. LEAVE. AND THEN WE WILL FIND YOU ON
5 THAT ITEM. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN.

6

7 **LINDA STRAESLE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL, FOR
8 YOUR MOTION.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ZOYLA MARGOLYES. YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ZOYLA MARGOLYES:** HI. MY NAME IS ZOYLA MARGOLYES. I AM A MEMBER
16 OF N.A.M.I. AND I THINK IT IS IMPERATIVE WE DO SUPPORT THIS
17 MOTION AND BRING THESE PEOPLE INTO THESE CRISIS MODE, TELE-
18 MEDICINE, AND JUST BE OUT THERE AS A FORCE TO HELP THESE
19 PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OUT IN THE
20 STREETS. WE DO NEED THE SUPPORT. I AM THE MOTHER OF SOMEONE
21 WHO DOES SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS THAT WAS INCARCERATED, AND
22 I WISH THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD SOMEONE THERE TO UNDERSTAND HIS
23 ILLNESS AND TO OFFER A 5150 HOLD. SO THIS IS IMPERATIVE, AND I
24 HOPE THIS DOES GO THROUGH, AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
25 TIME AND YOUR SUPPORT.



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SUPERVISORS

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

3
4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6
7 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ.
8 I AM AN L.A. COUNTY CONSUMER WITH WEST VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH
9 CLINIC. IT IS THE LARGEST COUNTY-OPERATED CLINIC WITH OVER
10 4,000 CONSUMERS, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE LATINO AND NATIVE
11 AMERICAN. I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PARTICULAR
12 APPROACH TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR MY PEERS IN THE COMMUNITY,
13 DEFINITELY FOR OUR STAFF, BUT I ALSO REALLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
14 THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WE HAVE SO MANY FOLKS REALLY
15 STRUGGLING TO STAY IN D.M.H. OR COME WORK WITH D.M.H. IS WE
16 REALLY DO HAVE A VERY STIGMATIZED INTERNAL CULTURE. WE HAVE
17 GREAT STAFF, BUT VERY DEMORALIZED WORKFORCE THAT HAS WORKED
18 REALLY HARD. THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR USED TO REFER TO OUR
19 DEPARTMENT AS THE [INDISCERNIBLE]. SO THAT REALLY KIND OF
20 HINDERS HOW BAD THINGS WERE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, WHICH ARE
21 GREAT. SO REALLY THINKING AND RETENTION TO ALSO TO LOOK TO SEE
22 HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIDE HAS BEEN IMPACTING THEIR HEALTH AND
23 HOW THEY PROVIDE SERVICES. WE HAVE GREAT FOLKS, BUT WE ALSO
24 HAVE FOLKS THAT MEET A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT THAT SHOULDN'T BE
25 THERE.



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

3

4 **HECTOR RAMIREZ:** AND IT MAKES IT HARD FOR ALL OF US.

5

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

8

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

11

12 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS FROM DISTRICT
13 THREE AND THE L.A. JUSTICE COALITION. AND I WANT TO APPLAUD
14 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEED
15 FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO L.A.'S CURRENT CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM BY
16 IMPLEMENTING THIS MOTION TO INCREASE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
17 FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE POSITIONS. AND THESE
18 INDIVIDUALS SERVE AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN RESPONDING TO MENTAL
19 HEALTH CRISIS AND DESERVE TO BE COMPENSATED AS SUCH. AND ALSO
20 IN SEARCHING FOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
21 OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, I REALLY THINK THE COUNTY
22 SHOULD REALLOCATE MONEY AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
23 INTO COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH MODELS. LACK OF FUNDING IS
24 NO EXCUSE. THIS YEAR THE COUNTY IS ALLOCATING OVER \$3 BILLION
25 TO THE SHERIFF AND \$1 BILLION TO PROBATION. I AM MORE THAN



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1 SURE THAT SOME OF THESE FUNDS CAN BE REPURPOSED IN CONSIDERING
2 THE REDUCTIONS IN INCARCERATION IF INDIVIDUALS ARE PROVIDED
3 WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR
4 SUCH OBSCENELY LARGE PROBATION BUDGETS WHICH CAN INSTEAD BE
5 USED TO STAFF --

6
7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU
8 FOR CALLING IN.

9
10 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. CHARLES MUSGROVE. YOU
15 MAY BEGIN.

16
17 **DR. MUSGROVE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THIS
18 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND FOR YOUR MOTION. MY NAME IS DR.
19 CHARLES SCOTT MUSGROVE, AND I SERVE AS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
20 WITH L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE EMERGENCY
21 OUTREACH BUREAU. I AM A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, AND I'M
22 CALLING ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
23 7. DURING MY 11 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, I HAVE SEEN THE
24 EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF THE NUMBER OF THOSE IN NEED OF OUR
25 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, YET THE APPROPRIATE STAFFING



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1 LEVELS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY OUT OF REACH FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
2 L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO INCREASE SERVICE DELIVERY ON THE
3 FRONTLINES IN THE FORM OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, HELPING
4 THOSE IN CRISIS, THE UNHOUSED, THE CHRONICALLY AND SEVERELY
5 MENTALLY ILL, AS WELL AS FAMILY-CENTERED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
6 IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 7, WHICH
7 WOULD PROVIDE A GREAT DEAL OF RELIEF TO AN OVERTAXED
8 BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED
9 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL,
10 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER, IN HELPING TO BRING THE MUCH
11 NEEDED STAFF TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT AND PRESSING NEEDS OF THE
12 COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17
18 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. THIS IS ERIC PREVEN. AND THIS IS AN
19 EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. I WONDER, I JUST WORRY ALSO THAT
20 WHEN WE HAVE SO MANY POSITIONS AND MONEY ALLOTTED BUT WE'RE
21 NOT SPENDING IT, IT IS EASY FOR THINGS TO SLIP AWAY. AND THE
22 PROBLEM IS OF COURSE THESE ARE NOT -- WE CAN DRESS THEM UP,
23 BUT THEY ARE HARD JOBS. GOING INTO THE GROUND ZERO WHERE
24 DIFFICULTIES ARE TAKING PLACE ON THE STREET IS SUCH A HARD
25 JOB. I WORKED AS A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AT AN UPSCALE MENTAL



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1 HEALTH FACILITY, AND THERE WAS BURNOUT AMONG MY COLLEAGUES. I
2 HAVE A GREAT APPETITE FOR LUNACY, WHICH IS WHY I FOLLOW THE
3 BOARD, BUT IT'S VERY HEARD. AND WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. AND I
4 MISS JOHN SHERIN. DID HE EVER TESTIFY -- I DON'T WANT TO BRING
5 THAT UP. LET'S MOVE FORWARD, BUT WE HAVE TO INCENTIVIZE
6 PEOPLE. MAYBE WE TAKE THEM TO WASHINGTON AND LET THEM HAVE A
7 LITTLE FUN.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WASHINGTON, D.C.? THERE'S NO FUN THERE.
10 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAULETTE DAWN SANDERS. YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **PAULETTE SANDERS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD AND YOU WONDERFUL
16 LADIES. I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH ITEM 7 AND HOPES IT GETS THE
17 EMPLOYEES THAT IT VERY MUCH DESERVES. I ALSO HAVE A SON THAT
18 WENT THROUGH A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, AND WHEN I REQUESTED A
19 TEAM TO COME OUT, HE WAS TAKEN TO JAIL, ALSO DENIED HIM ANY
20 HELP. SO I AM JUST PRAYING HOPEFULLY THAT THIS REALLY GETS THE
21 EMPLOYEES THAT IT NEEDS. THANK YOU.

22

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

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES NELSON. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **JAMES NELSON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JAMES NELSON. I AM WITH
5 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND JUSTICE L.A. I WANT TO APPLAUD THE
6 L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRIORITIZING THIS BILL, THIS
7 MOTION, AND GETTING THE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM OUT THERE TO
8 IMPLEMENT OR TO HELP FOLKS THAT ARE IN CRISIS. IT MAKES ME
9 THINK ABOUT MEASURE J. THE PURPOSE FOR MEASURE J WAS FOR FOLKS
10 LIKE THIS THAT WAS IN THE COMMUNITY ALREADY RENDERING THE
11 SERVICES, SO I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF NUMBER 7 TODAY AS FAR AS
12 LOOKING OUT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HELPING PEOPLE GOING
13 THROUGH THE MENTAL CRISIS BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW YOU CAN'T GET
14 WELL IN A CELL, BUT WHAT I ALSO KNOW TO BE TRUE IS YOU CAN
15 DEVELOP MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS BY SITTING IN A CELL. I KNOW
16 THAT BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND. I SPENT 29 YEARS
17 INSIDE. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS UP AND GETTING THIS
18 DONE. IT IS WELL DESERVED. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. I
21 BELIEVE WE ARE GOING IN-PERSON NOW FOR THE NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
24 WELL, WAS JUSTICE SERVED? IN REGARDS TO BRANDONBERG V. OHIO,
25 395 U.S. 444, 1969, A DIRTY N. AND WHY DO I SAY THAT? BECAUSE



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1 THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS DO NOT RESPOND TO THE
2 NEED OF PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH. AND ALL THIS
3 LANGUAGE AND MORATORIUM [EXPLETIVE] IS A CLEAR DESIGN OF A
4 SERVICE FRAUD. IT IS A SERVICE FRAUD. NOW, IF THERE WAS HOPE,
5 THERE WAS ELIGIBILITY AND THE CRITERIA WOULD MEET EVERYONE'S
6 NEED, AMERICA WOULD BE SAVED, BUT THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT
7 LUNACISM LIKE MARK RIDLEY THOMAS, UNCLE TOM, [EXPLETIVE].
8 CHECK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU WRECK YOURSELF.

9

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

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM VERY MUCH
14 IN FAVOR OF THAT ITEM, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS
15 HAHN AND BARGER, TO EMPHASIZE THAT ISSUE. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
16 BEEN TRYING FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS TO GET THERAPEUTIC
17 TRANSPORT REALLY UP TO PAR. AND THAT'S A THING WE NEED TO WORK
18 TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND I AM GLAD TO SEE A STEP TO MAKE THAT
19 HAPPEN AGAIN. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **CHRIS RIGA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. CHRIS RIGA WITH THE
24 UNION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS. WE REPRESENT
25 PHYSICIANS, PSYCHIATRISTS, DENTISTS, VETERINARIANS, AND



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1 PHARMACISTS. WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER
2 BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND WE SUPPORT IT. PSYCHIATRISTS HAVE
3 THE HIGHEST VACANCY RATE IN THIS COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO
4 POINT OUT, THOUGH, AN IMPORTANT RECRUITMENT TOOL IS THROUGH
5 BETTER BENEFITS, SUCH AS MEGAPLEX. PSYCHIATRISTS HAVE 20 TO
6 30% LESSER BENEFITS, HEALTHCARE, RETIREMENT PLAN, THAN EVERY
7 OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THIS IS NOT A WAY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN
8 POSITIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FIXING THE SITUATION. WE LOOK
9 FORWARD TO FINALLY MEETING WITH LISA WONG TO TALK ABOUT
10 RECRUITMENT THAT U.A.P.D. HAS PARTNERED IN THE PAST WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP, AND
14 THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT ISSUE. AND MS. DAVENPORT, WE WANT
15 TO MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AT WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AS WELL IN
16 TERMS OF COUNTY BENEFITS, ESPECIALLY FOR PSYCHIATRISTS. AND WE
17 WILL MAKE SURE WE ENCOURAGE DR. WONG TO MEET WITH YOU TO TALK
18 ABOUT RECRUITMENT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **ROBERT DOBBS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT DOBBS. I AM WITH
21 LOCAL 3511, MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
22 THIS MOTION. I WANT TO SAY I LIKE THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES. I
23 THINK IT IS A GOOD START, AND I ALSO LIKE THAT THEY HAVE SELF-
24 CARE LIKE THE SABBATICALS WRITTEN IN THERE BECAUSE THIS IS
25 VERY HARD WORK THESE CLINICIANS DO, AND THEY DO NEED SELF-

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1 CARE. I AM PART OF A TEAM IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS TRYING
2 TO HELP P.M.R.T. TO LOOK HOW THEY CAN DO THE JOB BETTER. WE
3 HAVE DONE A SURVEY. I DID WANT TO POINT OUT THEIR NUMBER ONE
4 RESPONSE FOR WHY THEY DO THE WORK IS THEY FEEL THEY ARE
5 PROVIDING A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO THE COMMUNITY, VERY COMMITTED
6 TO THAT. THEY HAVE NOTED, AS ONE SUPERVISOR BROUGHT UP, THE
7 NEED FOR RESOURCES LIKE HOUSING, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND ACCESS
8 TO PSYCHIATRISTS. AND THEY ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED TO IMPROVE
9 CULTURE IN THAT UNIT. AND I AM A PROPONENT OF JUST CULTURE. WE
10 HAVE A WAYS TO GO IN OUR DEPARTMENT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, AS A
11 UNION PERSON, WE WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER AND HELP DO THIS
12 BETTER.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16
17 **MIKE GREENSPAN:** MIKE GREENSPAN. SOME OF YOUR WORDS HERE FIELD-
18 BASED POSITIONS, DIDN'T OUR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, WHERE YOU
19 GET THAT WONDERFUL LUCRATIVE CONTRACT TO, SAY THAT THAT'S A
20 RACIST TERM? YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO USE THE TERM "PRACTICUM."
21 JUST WANTING YOU TO BE POLITICALLY CORRECT. NOW, YEARS AGO,
22 UNCLE HERBIE BY WITH L.A. THOUGHT THAT MR. HERMAN OUT TO GO
23 GET MENTAL HEALTH. SO HE TOLD THE CITY COUNCIL, HE WILL GO AND
24 VISIT DR. HUGO. HE JUST NEEDED TO BORROW A SHOVEL FROM THE
25 UNION GOONS AT D.W.P. TO DIG UP HIS GRAVE. YOU SEE MY PARENTS



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1 TRIED TO SEND ME TO DR. HUGO, A CRACKPOT JEWISH PSYCHIATRIST.
2 OH, A MARRIED MAN IN LOVE, AND HE COMMITTED SUICIDE. WHY WOULD
3 THAT HAPPEN? YES, YOUR BE ALL END ALL PSYCHIATRIST. WELL, HE
4 WAS IN LOVE ALL RIGHT WITH THE OTHER WOMAN. AND SHE REJECTED
5 HIM. SO FOLKS, BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE CRACKPOT JEWISH
6 PSYCHIATRISTS YOU HAVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH. WE REALLY DON'T NEED
7 THEM. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** SO THIS POSITION BEEN APPLIED TO BEFORE
12 UNDER M.R.T. AT THE TIME WITH DR. JONATHAN SHERIN. THE
13 QUESTION IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS. WHEN WE TURN IT IN, WILL
14 YOU DO ANOTHER M.R.T. SHERIN? TOSS IT IN THE TRASH? ARE WE
15 GOING TO DO A KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, MARY CONWAY WICKHAM, TOSS IT
16 IN THE TRASH. WE HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY IN DISTRICT
17 2. A LOT OF WOMEN THAT WANT THIS POSITION, RIGHT. SO DON'T BE
18 DISCRIMINATORY, AND DON'T BE COMPLEX WITH THE APPLICATION
19 PROCESS. SO, WE HAVE HERSHEL POGUE, AMANDA WALKER, ADRIANA
20 WILLIAMS, VINICO MARTIN, TANESHA STEWART, TAMARIN JENKINS,
21 JUST A FEW NAMES OF WOMEN THAT WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR THIS
22 JOB. BUT AGAIN, THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD AGENDA NOW, BUT WHEN WE
23 GO BEHIND THE SCENES, ARE YOU GOING TO INSTRUCT YOUR STAFF TO
24 NOT TALK TO US, TO NOT PROCESS OUR APPLICATIONS? DR. LISA
25 WONG, DIRECTLY, WE TRIED TO MEET WITH HER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS



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1 ON THIS AGENDA BEFORE YOU HAVE IT ON THE AGENDA. SO LET'S BE
2 TRANSPARENT WITH THE PROCESS. WE ARE GOING TO SUBMIT TO YOU
3 PLENTY OF PEOPLE TO FILL THAT SEAT. LET'S GET IT DONE.

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

6
7 **WANDA SOLOMON:** YES, HELLO, SUPERVISORS. I AM WANDA SOLOMON. I
8 AM INTERESTED IN SAVING OUR SENIORS. AND I AM WITH SINGLE
9 PARENTS OF AMERICA. I JUST CONCUR WITH ALL OF THE COMMENTS.
10 AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM IN PROCESS OF TRAINING FOR A
11 PEER SPECIALIST. AND I DO WANT TO HELP ALL I CAN IN THE
12 COMMUNITY AND CONNECT WITH D.M.H. I WILL BE SPEAKING FURTHER
13 LATER IN PUBLIC COMMENT.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE
16 END OF OUR PUBLIC COMMENT. SO ITEM 7 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL
17 MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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



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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15

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

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 9, ONLINE
21 CANDIDATE STATEMENT PROGRAM. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
22 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS
23 ITEM. AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING WE
24 HAVE DEAN LOGAN, REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, AND WE HAVE
25 OUR ESTEEMED COUNTY ASSESSOR, JEFFREY PRANG, WHO ARE HERE AND



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1 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS. I AM GOING TO MAKE SOME
2 COMMENTS, AND THEN, SUPERVISORS, IF ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
3 MAKE A COMMENT, AND THEN WE WILL LET MR. PRANG, AND MR. LOGAN
4 SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL. LAST YEAR, THROUGH A MOTION THAT I
5 AUTHORED WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE REGISTRAR RECORDER
6 LAUNCHED AN ONLINE CANDIDATE STATEMENT PILOT PROGRAM THAT
7 PROVIDED CANDIDATES WHO RUN FOR OFFICE DURING THE PRIMARY AND
8 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT
9 ELECTRONIC CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR ONLINE PUBLICATION AT NO
10 COST. DURING THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION, WE HAD 50 OF THE 58
11 L.A. COUNTY CANDIDATES PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT TO SUBMIT AN
12 ONLINE CANDIDATE STATEMENT. THAT INCLUDED THE OFFICES OF
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS ONE AND THREE, THE SHERIFF, JUDGE OF
14 THE SUPERIOR COURT, AND THE ASSESSOR. DURING THE LAST ELECTION
15 CYCLE, CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR SUPERVISORIAL SEATS AND THE
16 POSITION OF SHERIFF SPENT ANYWHERE FROM \$19,000, TO \$88,000
17 FOR A CANDIDATE STATEMENT PUBLISHED ONLY IN ENGLISH. AND IF
18 YOU WANTED ONE PUBLISHED IN SPANISH, THAT COST MORE. THE COSTS
19 FOR PUTTING CANDIDATE STATEMENTS AND PUBLISHING THEM IN THE
20 SAMPLE BALLOT IS SIGNIFICANT AND CAN BE COST PROHIBITIVE. AND
21 AS A RESULT, VOTERS ONLY RECEIVE STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATE WHO
22 HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HAVE THEM PRINTED. AND THE AVAILABILITY
23 OF ELECTION INFORMATION I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR
24 L.A. COUNTY VOTERS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS WHEN CASTING A
25 BALLOT. IN THIS CASE, THE PILOT FOUND THAT VOTERS DID ACCESS



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1 THIS NEW INFORMATION ONLINE, WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE IN
2 MULTIPLE LANGUAGES TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY
3 VOTERS. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY WILL NOT ONLY FULLY
4 IMPLEMENT THE ONLINE CANDIDATE STATEMENT PROGRAMS BUT PROMOTE
5 EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE CANDIDATES TO FORMALLY
6 INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE VOTERS. AND BEFORE -- OKAY, I SEE
7 MY COLLEAGUES. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK FIRST? YES, SO I HAVE
8 ON THE QUEUE -- YEAH, YOU ARE THE COAUTHOR, SO YOU GET TO
9 SPEAK. AND THEN I HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HORVATH TO SPEAK,
10 AND THEN WE WILL THROW IT TO OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS THIS MORNING.

11
12 **SUP. BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
13 ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
14 YOU, DEAN LOGAN, OUR REGISTRAR RECORDER FOR BEING HERE WITH US
15 TODAY AND ACTUALLY HELPING US KIND OF GUIDE THROUGH THIS
16 ISSUE. OF COURSE TO OUR ASSESSOR, JEFF PRANG, I KNOW THIS HAS
17 BEEN AN ISSUE YOU HAVE LONG ADVOCATED FOR. SO I APPRECIATE THE
18 FACT THAT YOU HAVE REMINDED US CONSTANTLY THAT WE NEED TO LOOK
19 AT THIS AND AS A FAIRNESS TO THE VOTERS. I APPRECIATE THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE ON A INITIATIVE THAT WILL HELP
21 SERVE OUR CONSTITUENTS BY PROVIDING READILY ACCESSIBLE
22 INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR ELECTED OFFICE.
23 MORE AND MORE PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, ARE SEEKING INFORMATION
24 ON THE INTERNET. FURTHERMORE, ONLINE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ARE
25 MORE COST EFFECTIVE AND REACH A BROADER AUDIENCE OF VOTERS.



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1 THE ABILITY FOR THE L.A. COUNTY REGISTRAR RECORDER TO PROVIDE
2 INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS RUNNING FOR OFFICE WILL HELP
3 VOTERS MAKE KNOWLEDGEABLE DECISIONS ABOUT WHO THEY WOULD LIKE
4 TO REPRESENT THEM. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND I
5 DO BELIEVE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE FACT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GO
6 PAPERLESS AS WELL, IT MAKES SENSE ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT I JUST
7 WANT TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT THE SAME REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN
8 PLACE FOR WHAT YOU PUT IN WRITING ARE GOING TO BE WHAT HAS TO
9 BE IN PLACE FOR THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO SUBMIT IT. IN OTHER
10 WORDS, THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS YOU CAN AND CANNOT DO. AND
11 THIS IS NOT CHANGING THAT REQUIREMENT. IT IS MERELY PROVIDING
12 ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS ON THE INTERNET. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING
13 HERE TODAY.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ON THE QUEUE.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO
19 CONGRATULATE THE AUTHOR AND COAUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS
20 FORWARD. I KNOW OUR ASSESSOR, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS AT GREAT
21 LENGTH, ABOUT THE COST PROHIBITIVE-NESS AND REALLY TRYING TO
22 MAKE MORE ACCESS AVAILABLE TO DIFFERENT LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES,
23 ESPECIALLY IN THE GROWING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, A.A.P.I. AS
24 WELL AS SPANISH LANGUAGE AND OTHERS. AND I KNOW HOW REASONABLE
25 THIS LOOKS, AND IT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS A FORMALITY, SO I



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1 AM HAPPY WE ARE MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. THE MORE PEOPLE THAT
2 CAN PARTICIPATE AND UNDERSTAND IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGES, THE
3 MORE DEMOCRACY WILL SEE THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR COUNTIES AND OUR
4 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND I THINK THAT'S NUMBER ONE FOR ALL OF US.
5 SO, I'M TOTAL SUPPORTIVE AND WANT TO SEE MORE USE BY OUR
6 DIFFERENT LANGUAGE SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS SO THEY CAN FULLY
7 UNDERSTAND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU, MADAM
8 CHAIR.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THE OFFER OF ONLINE CANDIDATE
13 STATEMENTS IS A HUGE BOON FOR FIRST TIME CANDIDATES AND THOSE
14 THAT DON'T HAVE THE FUND RAISING CAPACITY TO PAY FOR
15 STATEMENTS IN OUR SAMPLE BALLOTS, LET ALONE MAIL, LAWN SIGNS,
16 T.V. ADS, YOU NAME IT. WHILE WE KNOW THIS DOESN'T SOLVE ALL OF
17 THE ISSUES THAT WE FACE WITH MONEY AND TRANSPARENCY IN OUR OUR
18 POLITICAL PROCESS, IT IS CERTAINLY A STEP IN THE RIGHT
19 DIRECTION. AND IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SERIOUSLY BRINGING IN A
20 NEW GENERATION OF ANGELENOS INTO THE POLITICAL PROCESS, WE ARE
21 GOING TO HAVE TO MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE, AND THEY ARE
22 LARGELY ONLINE. I USE THE ONLINE CANDIDATE STATEMENT OFFERED
23 AS PART OF THIS PILOT. ANECDOTALLY, BASED ON THE NUMBERS IN
24 THE REPORT THAT YOUR PROVIDED, THIS PILOT WAS A SUCCESS FOR
25 CANDIDATES AS WELL AS VOTERS WHO HAD ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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1 THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, NOT BECAUSE
2 CANDIDATES DON'T WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PUBLIC, THEY
3 DON'T WANT TO REACH THE PUBLIC, BUT IT IS COST PROHIBITIVE IN
4 SO MANY WAYS FOR A COUNTY AS LARGE AS OURS FOR FIRST TIME
5 CANDIDATES OR PEOPLE THAT DON'T COME FROM THOSE DEEP POCKETS
6 TO HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT THERE.
7 I KNOW IN SPEAKING WITH THE ASSESSOR, WE WERE IN A SIMILAR
8 CYCLE, THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY WE ARE ABLE TO RAISE EVEN WITH
9 THAT TO HAVE A PRINTED CANDIDATE STATEMENT COULD HAVE BEEN 20%
10 OF YOUR BUDGET. AND SO, IF PEOPLE JUST THROW THOSE SAMPLE
11 BALLOTS RIGHT IN THE TRASH, THAT COULD BE SOMETHING TO THE
12 TUNE OF \$150,000 RIGHT OUT THE WINDOW. SO, IT'S TOUGH BECAUSE
13 THIS IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON IT, AND
14 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT RESOURCE IS ACCESSIBLE TO QUALIFIED
15 CANDIDATES. SO, IN ADDITION TO WHAT IT IS PROPOSED, IN THE
16 REPORT BACK, I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
17 US WITH NOT ONLY THE RATE AT WHICH CANDIDATES OPTED FOR AN
18 ONLINE STATEMENT BUT ALSO THE NUMBER OF VIEWS. AND IF THERE'S
19 A POSSIBILITY TO PILOT MAKING THE PRINTED VERSION MORE COST
20 ACCESSIBLE FOR NEW CANDIDATES. I KNOW WE ARE TRYING TO BE
21 RESPONSIBLE IN OUR COUNTY EXPENDITURES, AND I KNOW OUR BUDGET
22 HAWK HERE WILL KEEP US ON TASK, BUT I DO THINK AT \$125 A WORD
23 OR WHATEVER IT IS AT THIS STAGE, IT CAN PROHIBIT SOME
24 CANDIDATES FROM HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY. I KNOW I COULDN'T
25 AFFORD IT, AND I STILL RAISED A LOT OF MONEY TO SPEAK WITH



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1 VOTERS, BUT IT JUST WASN'T AN OPTION TO BE PRINTED BECAUSE OF
2 THE COST. SO CAN YOU SPEAK TO THOSE ISSUES ABOUT THE REPORT
3 BACK WHEN YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK, I GUESS?

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, HE CAN HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK RIGHT
6 NOW AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

7
8 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, DEAN LOGAN, REGISTRAR
9 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, AND HAPPY ELECTION DAY, BY THE WAY.
10 IT'S ELECTION DAY IN L.A. CITY --

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT.

13
14 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WE ABSOLUTELY CAN CONTINUE TO
15 PROVIDE THOSE STATISTICS BOTH IN TERMS OF THE PERCENTAGE OF
16 CANDIDATES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE ONLINE STATEMENTS BUT ALSO
17 WHAT IS THE RATE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PRINTED STATEMENTS
18 AND WHAT IS THE VIEWERSHIP, IF YOU WILL. I WAS GOING TO
19 COMMENT A LITTLE BIT LATER ABOUT THAT. THE NICE THING ABOUT
20 THE ONLINE STATEMENT PROGRAM IS IT ISN'T SIMPLY JUST POSTING
21 IT ONLINE, IT IS A PLATFORM THAT WE ARE ABLE TO LEVERAGE. WE
22 CAN MAKE THAT AVAILABLE INSTANTLY TO VOTERS WHO ARE USING OUR
23 INTERACTIVE SAMPLE BALLOT. OUR OVERSEAS AND MILITARY VOTERS
24 CAN HAVE INSTANT ACCESS TO THOSE STATEMENTS. WE CAN PUT IT IN
25 OUR TOOLKIT FOR OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO



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1 VOTER OUTREACH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH US. SO THEY CAN EXTEND THAT
2 OUT TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. SO IT DOES ALLOW FOR SOME
3 PRETTY CREATIVE OPTIONS FOR GETTING THAT WORD OUT. AND THE
4 NICE THING ABOUT THAT IS WE CAN GET DATA ANALYTICS ON ALL OF
5 THAT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND THEN,
8 AGAIN, WE ARE STILL GOING TO GIVE YOU GUYS MORE TIME TO CHAT
9 WITH US.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO THANK YOU. I MISSED THE
12 PILOT. SO I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT FOLKS WERE ABLE TO BENEFIT
13 FROM IT. AND JUST WANT TO REALLY ECHO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
14 POINT. I WAS A REPRIMANDED ONCE EARLY IN MY ELECTED LIFE BY A
15 CONSTITUENT IN ONE ELECTION CYCLE. BECAUSE OF THE COST, I
16 OPTED NOT TO DO A CANDIDATE STATEMENT. IT WAS A RE-ELECTION
17 AND CALLED OUR DISTRICT OFFICE AND SAID LOOK, I SHOULD HAVE
18 THE RIGHT TO READ ABOUT YOU, WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE RUNNING,
19 AND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT AS YOU ARE SQUEEZING BUDGETS FOR
20 CAMPAIGNS AND WHAT THE MAIL STRATEGISTS WILL TELL YOU, YOU
21 MAIL TO HIGH PROPENSITY VOTERS. SO, IF SOMEONE IS NOT A HIGH
22 PROPENSITY VOTER, THEY MAY NOT GET MAIL FROM YOU. THAT'S HARD
23 TO IMAGINE, GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF MAIL I GET DURING ELECTION
24 CYCLE, BUT THAT WAS MY A-HA MOMENT THAT IF I DON'T DO IT,
25 THERE'S A VAST NUMBER OF CONSTITUENTS WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU ARE
2 RUNNING. SO I AM THRILLED THAT THIS IS AN OPTION AND REALLY,
3 WONDER IF IN A COUNTY AS DIVERSE AS L.A., WITH LANGUAGE
4 THRESHOLDS THAT THE COUNTY MUST MEET, IF IT IS APPROPRIATE TO
5 CHARGE THE EXTRA RATE FOR THE PRINTED VERSION TO HAVE IT
6 TRANSLATED INTO A SECOND LANGUAGE. I HAVE ALWAYS DONE ENGLISH
7 AND SPANISH. IT IS A STIFF FINANCIAL HURDLE TO MAKE, BUT
8 PARTICULARLY IF WE GO ONLINE, IF OFFERING IT IN MULTIPLE
9 LANGUAGES IS JUST A PART OF WHAT WE DO BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT
10 THING TO DO FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, I AM GOING TO THROW IT OUT
13 THERE. I AM GOING TO OFFER ASSESSOR PRANG, WOULD YOU LIKE TO -
14 - AND THEN WE WILL GO BACK TO OUR REGISTRAR RECORDER.

15
16 **JEFFREY PRANG:** YES, THANK YOU, CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. THANK
17 YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MATTER FORWARD, AND I WANT TO THANK OUR
18 OUTSTANDING REGISTRAR RECORDER FOR HIS WORK IN MAKING THIS
19 IMPORTANT VOTER EDUCATIONAL TOOL MORE ACCESSIBLE TO
20 CANDIDATES. THIS PROPOSED ONLINE BALLOT STATEMENT PROGRAM I
21 THINK WILL BE INVALUABLE FOR CANDIDATES, WHO IN PARTICULAR
22 THOSE OF US WHO RUN FOR THE MORE OBSCURE NON-PARTISAN COUNTY
23 OFFICES AND JUDICIAL POSITIONS WHO OFTEN HAVE VERY FEW OR NO
24 RESOURCES TO INFORM VOTERS ABOUT ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT REALLY
25 HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POWER AND INFLUENCE OVER THEIR LIVES. BUT I

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1 WOULD ASK YOU TO PUSH A LITTLE FURTHER AND ASK YOUR
2 CONSIDERATION TO EXTENDING THIS PROGRAM TO THE BALLOT
3 STATEMENTS THAT ARE PRINTED IN THE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND THAT ARE
4 MAILED TO VOTERS BY EVALUATING THE CURRENT COST STRUCTURE. THE
5 CURRENT COST RECOVERY MODEL FOR BALLOT STATEMENTS MAKES THEM
6 WAY, WAY TOO DIFFICULT TO ACCESS FOR ALL BUT THE VERY MOST
7 WELL-FUNDED CAMPAIGNS. HOWEVER, UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO BALLOT
8 STATEMENTS CREATES, IN MY VIEW, A BASELINE OF INFORMATION
9 ABOUT ALL CANDIDATES, PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE
10 THAT SUPPORTS A MORE INFORMED ELECTORATE. THERE ARE MANY
11 OFFICES THAT REMAIN QUITE OBSCURE TO THE ELECTORATE, MINE
12 BEING ONE OF THEM. VOTERS STRUGGLE TO FIND INFORMATION ON, FOR
13 INSTANCE, SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL CANDIDATES, AND THEY OFTEN,
14 AS YOU KNOW, THEY CAST VOTES BASED ON NON-SUBSTANTIVE
15 CRITERIA, SUCH AS PERCEIVED DEMOGRAPHIC, OR GENDER, OR THE
16 PLEASANTNESS OF THEIR NAME, OR THEIR BALLOT DESIGNATION. I
17 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT JUDGES HAVE THE POWER TO
18 SENTENCE SOMEBODY TO DEATH, AND I THINK WE WANT MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC TO CAST VOTES BASED ON MORE SUBSTANTIVE CRITERIA.
20 EASILY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL CANDIDATES IS USEFUL
21 AND ACTUALLY NECESSARY FOR VOTERS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
22 FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR SYSTEM AND ULTIMATELY FOR THE PUBLIC AS
23 A WHOLE. I THINK A MORE REASONABLE AND ACCESSIBLE FEE
24 STRUCTURE WOULD BETTER ENSURE THAT VOTERS HAVE BASIC
25 INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES WHO, IF ELECTED, ARE CHARGED WITH



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1 MAKING VITAL PUBLIC DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR VERY LIVES. SO
2 MY -- MY MESSAGE IS -- MY REQUEST IS THAT YOU CONSIDER THE
3 PRINTED BALLOT STATEMENT. I ALSO WANTED TO ECHO WHAT
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID. I HAVE BEEN REPRIMANDED MANY TIMES
5 ABOUT NOT HAVING BALLOT STATEMENTS BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DOESN'T
6 KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH
7 FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ASSESSOR PRANG. I CAN'T IMAGINE
10 ANYBODY NOT KNOWING YOU THOUGH. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE THAT
11 SHOWS UP AT MORE PLACES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAN JEFF
12 PRANG. YOU ARE EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME, AND I THINK YOU ARE
13 PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE ASSESSORS I
14 THINK WE HAVE EVER HAD. SO KUDOS TO YOU BECAUSE, YOU'RE RIGHT.
15 A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR JOB OR WHAT YOU DO, BUT
16 YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELF EXTREMELY ACCESSIBLE. BUT STILL, I HEAR
17 YOU. YOU CAN'T TALK TO ALL VOTERS PERSONALLY. IF YOU COULD,
18 YOU WOULD. DEAN, IN YOUR REMARKS TO US, ONE THING I WANTED TO
19 MAKE SURE YOU TOUCH ON IS IF WE DO THIS, HOW DO YOU INFORM
20 FUTURE CANDIDATES AND VOTERS OF THE USE OF THIS ONLINE
21 CANDIDATE STATEMENT BECAUSE THAT'S OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT. IT'S
22 HOW WE ARE GOING TO INFORM THEM. AND THEN ASSESSOR PRANG
23 BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF EXPLORING THE IDEA OF THE COST
24 STRUCTURE OF THE PRINTED ONE. I KNOW SUPERVISOR BARGER MAY
25 HAVE SOMETHING TO DO ABOUT THAT, BUT SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT

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1 -- WE MIGHT WANT TO EXPLORE BECAUSE, AGAIN, I DO FEEL LIKE,
2 IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, THAT THERE STILL ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE
3 THAT DON'T NAVIGATE ONLINE AS WELL AS OTHER PEOPLE. DURING THE
4 PANDEMIC, WE FOUND THAT WE HAD A PERSON IN OUR OFFICE THAT
5 JUST HELPED PEOPLE MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR TESTING AND
6 VACCINATION BECAUSE IF WE SAID GO ONLINE, THEY TURNED US OFF,
7 AND THEY WERE COMPLETELY LOST. MANY OF OUR SENIORS STILL DO
8 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. SO THE PRINTED VERSION IS ALSO
9 SOMETHING WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EXPLORED. SO MR. LOGAN, TAKE IT
10 AWAY. DO YOU WANT TO TALK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE?

11
12 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, BUT, DEAN, IN FOLLOWING UP TO THAT QUESTION,
13 IT IS COST RECOVERY. AND IF -- I WOULD AGREE THAT WE NEED TO
14 FIGURE OUT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO WRITE A BIG CHECK, AND THEN YOU
15 GET MONEY BACK IF YOU DON'T USE IT ALL. I HAVE TO WONDER IF
16 THERE'S A BETTER WAY OF PROJECTING OR ESTIMATING WHAT THE
17 ACTUAL COST IS BECAUSE YOU'RE GIVING MONEY UP FRONT, AND WHEN
18 YOU GET THE MONEY, ANY MONEY, BACK, YOU'RE NOT GETTING
19 INTEREST. SO, I GUESS THE QUESTION WOULD BE BECAUSE I DO NOT
20 SUPPORT WAIVING THAT FEE BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT IS STRICTLY
21 -- WE ARE MAKING MONEY. IT IS COST RECOVERY. BUT I THINK THERE
22 MAY BE A BETTER WAY OF ESTIMATING THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS THAT
23 ARE GOING TO PRINTED BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT CAN RANGE. AND
24 I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE, SOME CANDIDATES WHO HAVE GOTTEN LIKE A
25 \$20,000 CHECK BACK FOR COUNTY-WIDE, WHEREAS OURS IS LESS



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1 BECAUSE WE ARE DISTRICT. I THINK -- I WOULD BE OPEN TO
2 REVISITING THAT, BUT TO WAIVE THAT FEE, I THINK -- ONLY
3 BECAUSE IT IS COST RECOVERY. I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE
4 APPROPRIATE.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT, I HEAR YOU. BUT REMAIN OPEN BECAUSE
7 ONE OF THE MOTIONS THAT I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND HORVATH
8 BROUGHT FORWARD TO EXPLORE A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES, ONE WAS
9 PUBLIC FINANCING OF CANDIDATES. SO THIS MIGHT FALL IN --
10 BECAUSE IT IS CLEARLY A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BUT SO WOULD
11 PUBLIC FINANCING OR MATCHING DOLLARS FOR CANDIDATES --

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S DONE AT AND CITY OF L.A., TOO. THERE IS
14 SOMETHING ALREADY IN PLACE FOR THAT --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I KNOW, IT MIGHT FALL UNDER THAT, BUT OKAY,
17 WE JUST KEEP TRYING TO LET YOU TALK, BUT THEN WE KEEP THINKING
18 OF MORE THINGS TO SAY.

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
21 AND THANK YOU FOR THE ORIGINAL SUPPORT FOR THE PILOT PROJECT.
22 WE ARE PLEASED IT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL. I WILL TRY TO ADDRESS A
23 FEW OF YOUR COMMENTS. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FIRST TO
24 UNDERSTAND CONTEXTUALLY TODAY, AND THIS COULD CHANGE, BUT
25 TODAY THE REGULATION OVER THOSE STATEMENTS IS A MATTER OF

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1 STATE LAW. AND IT ISN'T JUST FOR COUNTY CANDIDATES. IT APPLIES
2 TO ALL CANDIDATES. SO, IT COUNTS FOR LEGISLATURE, CONGRESS,
3 ETC. IT IS THE SAME RULES, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER IS CORRECT.
4 THE LAW DOES ASK US TO RECOVER THE ACTUAL COST OF THAT
5 PUBLICATION. AND WE DO ESTIMATE THAT AT THE TIME THAT THE
6 CANDIDATES SUBMIT THEIR STATEMENT. THE CHALLENGE, AND I CAN
7 CERTAINLY GO BACK AND WORK ON THAT, THE CHALLENGE WE FACE IS
8 WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY CANDIDATES ARE GOING TO PARTICIPATE,
9 WHICH MEANS WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PAGES LIT TAKE IN THE
10 BOOKLET. SO, THAT'S WHY YOU SOMETIMES HAVE THE REFUND.
11 UNFORTUNATELY, THE LESS DESIRABLE SITUATION IS WHEN THE ACTUAL
12 COSTS ARE MORE THAN THE ESTIMATE, AND WE HAVE TO TRY TO RECOUP
13 THOSE COSTS, BUT I HEAR YOU, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK AT
14 THAT. I THINK THE OTHER THING THAT IS NICE ABOUT THIS KIND OF
15 AGAIN EXPANDING TO THE ONLINE PLATFORM IS, WHILE WE WOULDN'T
16 NECESSARILY PRINT THOSE STATEMENTS IN THE SAMPLE BALLOT
17 ITSELF, WHAT WE COULD DO IS PRINT THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES
18 WHO HAVE SUBMITTED AN ONLINE STATEMENT. SO IN THE WRITTEN
19 SAMPLE BALLOT, IT WOULD LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE STATEMENTS
20 AVAILABLE FOR THESE CANDIDATES. IT DOESN'T GET US ALL THE WAY
21 THERE, BUT IT IS ANOTHER WAY OF GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT.
22 IF WE WERE TO EXPAND TO PRINTING, AND WE WANTED TO LOOK AT
23 THAT ONLY FOR PROP V CANDIDATES OR COUNTY POSITIONS, I
24 BELIEVE THAT THAT'S WITHIN THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY. WE WOULD
25 JUST HAVE TO HAVE A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THAT. AGAIN, I THINK WE



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1 GOT REALLY GOOD FEEDBACK FROM VOTERS ALIKE. I DO WANT TO
2 COMMENT ON THE LANGUAGE ISSUE TOO BECAUSE, AGAIN, THAT'S
3 COMPLICATED. THE EXTRA FEE FOR THE SPANISH STATEMENT IS ALSO
4 IN STATE LAW, AND IT IS A FEE TO PUBLISH THE SPANISH STATEMENT
5 IN THE ENGLISH SAMPLE BALLOTS. HOWEVER, ALL OF OUR 19
6 LANGUAGES, WHERE WE DO SEPARATE BOOKLETS, WE DO TRANSLATE ALL
7 OF THOSE STATEMENTS. AND THERE IS NO EXTRA FEE FOR THAT. THE
8 EXTRA FEE IS SIMPLY, IT WAS A STATE LAW THAT WAS PUT IN JUST
9 TO HAVE THE SPANISH -- BASICALLY TO HAVE SPANISH AND ENGLISH
10 IN THE ENGLISH BOOKLET.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MS. MITCHELL.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY. SO I AM INTRIGUED BECAUSE MY -- AND SO,
15 IS THAT, TO GET TO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S POINT, TO COVER COSTS
16 FOR TRANSLATION AND THE PRINTING?

17
18 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT, BECAUSE YOU ARE BASICALLY PAYING FOR THE
19 TWICE THE SPACE.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THE SPACE. AND THE SINGLE LANGUAGE BOOKLETS,
22 HOW -- IS THAT -- HOW IS THAT FEE ASSESSED OR DETERMINED?



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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THAT. THAT IS PART
2 OF OUR REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE THOSE IN EACH OF THE REQUIRED
3 LANGUAGES.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** INTERESTING. OKAY, THANK YOU.

6

7 **DEAN LOGAN:** AND WE ARE DOING ALL OF THE ONLINE STATEMENTS IN
8 ALL 19 COVERED LANGUAGES.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, DON'T YOU HAVE TO REQUEST YOUR BALLOT
11 IN THAT LANGUAGE, TOO? SO THAT'S LIKE ANOTHER STEP.

12

13 **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND AGAIN, THAT'S WHY I THINK THE
14 LEGISLATION TO DO THE SPANISH IN THE ENGLISH BOOKLET WAS FOR
15 THAT REASON THAT THE PEOPLE WHO -- THE VOTERS THAT GET THE
16 LANGUAGE SPECIFIC SAMPLE BALLOTS SUBSCRIBE TO THAT PARTICULAR
17 LANGUAGE.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE HAD FOR A
20 LONG TIME IS THAT SOMETIMES WE WILL RECEIVE MULTIPLE BALLOTS.
21 AT MY HOME, I CAN END UP GETTING THREE. SO, I THINK COST
22 RECOVERY AND REALLY THINKING ABOUT CLEANING UP DUPLICATIONS
23 AND ALL THAT ARE REALLY IMPORTANT AS WELL BECAUSE I GET A LOT
24 OF THAT TOO FROM CONSTITUENTS. SO WE NEED TO BE MORE MINDFUL
25 OF THAT TOO. IT IS COST SAVINGS.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, DISPATCH SOMEBODY IMMEDIATELY TO HER
3 HOUSEHOLD AND CLEAR THAT OUT. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN:** NO, I WAS FINISHED. BUT THANK YOU. I THINK WE
6 KNOW, I HEAR ALL THE TIME, JUST AS YOU DO, FROM VOTERS, AND
7 ASSESSOR PRANG IS CORRECT, ESPECIALLY IN THE JUDICIAL RACES
8 AND NOW THAT WE HAVE CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS WHERE WE HAVE A
9 LONG BALLOT THAT GOES FROM LOCAL CONTESTS ALL THE WAY TO
10 PRESIDENT, WHICH WE WILL SEE NEXT YEAR, VOTERS ARE HUNGRY FOR
11 INFORMATION OR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND
12 THE CONTESTS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** INFORMATION IS KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. MS.
15 MITCHELL.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** JUST A QUICK FOLLOW UP. IN LISTENING TO
18 SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S COMMENT ABOUT THE PAINFUL TOSS OF THE
19 PAMPHLET, IS THERE A WAY FOR SOMEONE TO OPT TO SAY I -- NOW
20 THAT ONLINE, I PREFER ONLINE, DON'T MAIL ONE, AS WE THINK
21 ABOUT COST SAVINGS, NOT ONLY DUPLICATES, BUT FOR PEOPLE LIKE
22 ON YOUR BANKING STATEMENTS, YOUR CREDIT CARD, YOUR BILL
23 STATEMENTS, YOU CAN OPT FOR JUST SEND ME ONLINE? CAN PEOPLE DO
24 THAT NOW?

25



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1 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES, THERE IS AN OPTION FOR THAT. THEY CAN OPT OUT
2 OF THE PRINTED SAMPLE BALLOT.

3
4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, I KNOW MY CAMPAIGN
7 CONSULTANTS SAY EVERY PIECE OF MAIL THEY HOLD FOR SEVEN
8 SECONDS. SO, THAT ALWAYS -- YEAH, YOU HAVE TO SAY IT RIGHT.
9 AND AGAIN, THANK YOU, ASSESSOR PRANG, YOU HAVE REALLY -- YOU
10 PARTICIPATED IN THIS IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, AND YOU SAW HOW
11 VALUABLE IT WAS FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES. AND SO, THANK YOU FOR
12 BRINGING THIS FORWARD THAT WE CAN HOPEFULLY EXPAND THIS. THANK
13 YOU. ARE THERE -- EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS
14 OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15
16 **OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,
17 KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, RED CHIEF HUNT, AND WANDA SOLOMON.
18 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **ERIC PREVEN:** THIS IS AN ENORMOUS CELEBRATION BECAUSE I
24 REMEMBER GRAPPLING WITH THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AT THE REGISTRAR
25 RECORDER ABOUT THIS VERY ISSUE. AND I DID A PUBLIC RECORD ACT



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1 REQUEST TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH IT WILL COST, AND IT WAS SO MUCH
2 MONEY. BUT IT IS GREAT. AND TO HAVE IT ONLINE MAKES A LOT OF
3 SENSE. ANOTHER THING YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT DOING AS YOU ARE
4 BUILDING OUT THE SPACE FOR ENGAGING IS HAVING LOCAL FORUMS. I
5 HAD A BIG FIGHT WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD POWER
6 PEOPLE BUT FINALLY PREVAILED, AND WE WOULD HAVE AT OUR LOCAL
7 LIBRARY MEETINGS OF THE JUDGES. SO I MET DOZENS OF JUDGES,
8 WHICH IS WHY I'M SO GOOD SUING THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. BUT
9 HONESTLY, IT IS A GREAT -- THEY WERE DESPERATE FOR A WAY TO
10 REACH CONSTITUENTS. AND CONSTITUENTS WERE CURIOUS WHY ARE THEY
11 RUNNING FOR JUDGE. AND PRANG, NOBODY IS BETTER THAN PRANG AT
12 PUSHING OUT NOTICES THROUGH THE ASSESSOR'S WEBSITE JUST AROUND
13 ELECTION TIME, WITHOUT ANY CONTENT ABOUT ELECTIONS, JUST TO
14 REMIND YOU WHAT A GREAT MAN HE IS. AND HE IS A VERY GREAT
15 ASSESSOR. HE HAS BEEN THERE COVERING UP FOR [INDISCERNIBLE]
16 FOR 10 YEARS NOW, AND IT IS JUST FANTASTIC. THANK YOU, AND
17 THIS IS REALLY A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT. I HOPE WE CAN DO MORE.

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

20
21 **WANDA SOLOMON:** YES, WANDA SOLOMON WITH SAVING OUR SENIORS. I
22 THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY OF LOOKING AT ELECTIONS. I WORK
23 FOR THE REGISTRAR FOR THE POLLS. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
24 WE KEEP THE PRINTED PAPERWORK AVAILABLE FOR OUR SENIORS.
25 THEY'RE NOT COMPUTER SAVVY. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M STILL



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1 LEARNING, TOO. SO I CONCUR AND THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE A
2 WONDERFUL WAY FOR THE ELECTIONS TO -- I HOPE TO BE A WRITE IN
3 CANDIDATE MYSELF COMING UP IN THE FUTURE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
4 CONTINUE -- I WILL SUPPORT THE ONLINE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO
5 CONTINUE TO SEE THE PRINTED BALLOTS AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.

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

8
9 **OPERATOR:** THERE WERE TWO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. ARE THEY
10 AVAILABLE?

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE?

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THERE IS ONE SPEAKER ON THE PHONE.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OCTAVIA MACLAIN. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20
21 **OCTAVIA MACLAIN:** NO, I AM NOT FOR THIS ITEM. I AM FOR 35.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. HANG ON. IS THERE ANY OTHER
24 SPEAKER ON THE PHONE FOR ITEM 9?



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1 **MODERATOR:** TO COMMENT ON ITEM 9, PRESS 1-0 PLEASE. MADAM
2 CHAIR, THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS IN QUEUE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO COME AND SPEAK AND JUST GIVE
5 US YOUR TITLE? LIKE JUST SAY IT FOR ALL OF US?

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL YOU WOULD -- OKAY. ARE THERE ANY
8 OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE -- INSIDE, OUTSIDE? NO, NONE. OKAY,
9 COLLEAGUES, ITEM 9 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT. IT WILL
10 BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

24

25 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.



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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

8

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

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

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 21, THE
16 CREATIVE JOBS COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVE AND DECLARE ARTS,
17 CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY MONTH, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
19 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I WILL TURN IT TO
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, I WANT TO
23 THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS MY COAUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. I THINK
24 IT IS A GREAT DAY FOR US TO BE CELEBRATING. I WANT TO JUST
25 REFLECT BACK A MOMENT. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL SUPERVISOR KUEHL

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1 AND I CHAMPIONED A LOT OF ARTS POLICY TOGETHER DURING HER
2 TENURE, AND I AM HAPPY TO BE DOING THIS NOW WITH YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I FOUND IT VERY HITTING TO INTRODUCE THIS
4 MOTION, ESPECIALLY DURING APRIL, WHICH IS ARTS, CULTURE, AND
5 CREATIVITY MONTH TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY'S CREATIVE INDUSTRY AND THE WORKFORCE. THE CREATIVE
7 ECONOMY, AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, IS HOME TO 7.6% OF THE STATE
8 OF CALIFORNIA JOBS, BUT IT IS WORKFORCE HAS A OUTSIZED IMPACT
9 ON OVERALL ECONOMIC INPUT. AND ACCORDING TO THE 2023 OTIS
10 REPORT ON THE CREATIVE ECONOMY, THE FIVE CREATIVE SECTORS,
11 ARCHITECT AND RELATED SERVICES, CREATIVE GOODS AND PRODUCTS,
12 FINE ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DIGITAL
13 MEDIA, AND FASHION WERE COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR 14.9% OF
14 THE STATE'S \$3.4 TRILLION ECONOMY IN 2021. EACH JOB SUPPORTED
15 BY THE CREATIVE ECONOMY ACTIVITY RESULTED IN \$37,717 IN
16 ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE, GENERATING OVER \$194.1 BILLION IN
17 FEDERAL, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXES. HOWEVER, AS WE KNOW,
18 SINCE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES HAVE
19 FACED UNPRECEDENTED FINANCIAL PRESSURES. IN ADDITION, THE
20 RECOVERY TRAJECTORIES AMONG CREATIVE SECTOR HAVE VARIED
21 SIGNIFICANTLY. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, EMPLOYMENT LEVELS WITHIN
22 FINE AND PERFORMING ART SECTORS IN 2021 REMAINED AT 18.9%
23 BELOW WHERE THEY WERE IN 2018. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY,
24 MEMBERS, BUILDS ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR THE
25 CREATIVE ECONOMY. AND IT FOCUSES ON THE FOLLOWING: SUPPORTING

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1 ARTS FOR L.A.'S CREATIVE JOBS COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVE,
2 WHICH HOPES TO CREATE 10,000 LIVING WAGE JOBS IN THE CREATIVE
3 SECTOR FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS FROM HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED
4 COMMUNITIES, PARITY BETWEEN THE REGIONAL POPULATION
5 DEMOGRAPHICS AND CREATIVE WORKFORCE REPRESENTATION, AND A WIDE
6 SECTOR MEDIUM ENTRY LEVEL WAGE THAT IS AT OR ABOVE THE
7 REGION'S LIVING WAGE AS DETERMINED BY M.I.T.'S LIVING WAGE
8 CALCULATOR. ARTISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CREATIVE SPACE
9 HAVE NEVER FULLY RECOVERED FROM THE PANDEMIC. AND PASSING THE
10 MOTION IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP TO FIXING THAT AND GIVING A
11 SOLUTION. BY FOCUSING ON CROSS SECTORAL PARTNERSHIPS, FUNDING,
12 AND CULTURAL RESPONSIVE PRACTICES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL
13 RESIDENTS, WE CAN PRIORITIZE INTERSECTIONAL AND REAL-TIME
14 RESPONSES TO DISPARITIES IN THE CREATIVE SECTOR EXACERBATED BY
15 COVID-19. OUR DEPARTMENTS OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY'S PRIMARY SUPPORT TO THE BROADER ARTS SECTOR. THEY
17 ADMINISTER THE ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH MAY NOT BE KNOWN
18 TO MANY, WHICH IS THE NATION'S LARGEST PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
19 IN THE ARTS, AND CREATES JOBS BY COMMISSIONING INDIVIDUAL
20 ARTISTS FOR COUNTY CIVIC ART PROJECTS AND PROVIDE GRANT
21 FUNDING TO HUNDREDS OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO ALLOW
22 THEM TO CREATE AND SUSTAIN THOUSANDS OF CREATIVE JOBS. AND I
23 KNOW MY DISTRICT HAS BENEFITED QUITE GREATLY FROM THAT, AND
24 ESPECIALLY TO THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
25 PARTICIPATION IS SO IMPORTANT. ADDITIONALLY, OUR DEPARTMENT OF

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1 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, KNOWN AS D.E.O., WAS CREATED FOR THIS
2 BOARD TO BETTER ALIGN OUR ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
3 POLICY, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES IN THE COUNTY. THE D.E.O., AS
4 YOU MAY KNOW, INVESTS IN HIGH GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY SECTORS
5 LIKE FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA THAT HELP TO LIFT THE CREATIVE
6 ECONOMY AND ENSURE THAT L.A. COUNTY REMAINS THE ENTERTAINMENT
7 CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. THE D.E.O. ALSO OVERSEES THE L.A. FILM
8 OFFICE AS A LIAISON TO THE INDUSTRY AND ITS STAKEHOLDERS AND
9 INTERMEDIARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENTS IN SECTOR
10 SPECIFIC ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. AND TO THAT END,
11 IT IS FITTING THAT BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATE IN
12 THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE CREATIVE JOBS COLLECTIVE IMPACT
13 INITIATIVE AND RETURN LATER THIS YEAR WITH ARTS FOR L.A. TO
14 PROVIDE A ROBUST PRESENTATION ON HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE
15 THE NEEDLE ON HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN THE CREATIVE WORKFORCE.
16 I UNDERSTAND CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER HAVE A SEPARATE
17 MOTION TO DECLARE APRIL, 2023 AS ART MONTH AND CALL ON ALL
18 ANGELENOS TO TAKE SOME TIME THIS MONTH TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
19 ARTISTS AND OUR CREATIVE WORKERS. AND THEY ARE ALWAYS A
20 CRITICAL BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY. I ASK RESPECTFULLY THAT MY
21 COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THIS ITEM. AND I HOPE THAT THOSE IN THE
22 AUDIENCE WILL BE ABLE TO TESTIFY AND ALSO SHARE SOME OF THEIR
23 EXPERIENCES IN THIS SEGMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
2 INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR ON THIS ITEM. WE KNOW THAT ARTS,
3 CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY ARE ALL CRITICALLY LINKED TO LOS
4 ANGELES AND OUR ECONOMY. THE IMPACT OF ARTS ON L.A. IS MORE
5 THAN SIGNIFICANT. THEY BRING GLOBAL INFLUENCE AND ARE A
6 CORNERSTONE FOR OUR ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF
7 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, THE ARTS AND CULTURAL SECTOR CONTRIBUTED
8 \$225 BILLION TO CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY IN 2020, THAT WAS WHEN WE
9 WERE IN A DECLINE, REPRESENTING 7.5% OF THE STATE'S G.D.P. AND
10 681,211 JOBS. YET, OUR INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS AND THE
11 DIVERSITY OF THE WORKFORCE FALLS SHORT OF OUR WILDEST DREAMS.
12 DESPITE BEING ONE OF THE WORLD'S CREATIVE CAPITALS, LOS
13 ANGELES HAS YET TO DEVELOP THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A
14 THRIVING ARTS INDUSTRY, AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKEUP OF ITS
15 WORK- FORCE DOES NOT MATCH THAT OF OUR REGION. TAKING STEPS TO
16 ENCOURAGE THE DIVERSIFICATION OF OUR WORKFORCE, WHILE ALSO
17 MAKING LONG TERM INVESTMENTS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
18 SUSTAINS THE ARTS AND CREATIVE SECTORS, IS KEY. THAT'S WHY I
19 AM PROUD TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION, THE CREATIVE JOBS COLLECTIVE
20 IMPACT INITIATIVE, AN EFFORT TO CREATE 10,000 LIVING WAGE JOBS
21 IN THE ARTS WITH A FOCUS ON COMMUNITIES WITH AT LEAST -- WITH
22 THE LEAST ACCESS TO THESE JOBS, INCLUDING CAREER PATH- WAYS
23 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS FROM COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY
24 SYSTEMIC INEQUITY. ONCE AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS A LEADER ON
25 THIS ISSUE. ARTS FOR L.A. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPEARHEADING THIS



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1 INITIATIVE, AND I AM PROUD TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY AS A
2 COAUTHOR TO ENSURE LOS ANGELES WILL BE THE GLOBAL ARTS LEADER
3 FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE RESULTS
4 IT WILL DELIVER. AND I WILL NOW TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR BARGER
5 FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

6
7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION,
8 ALSO TO SUPPORT APRIL AS ARTS MONTH, BOTH THROUGH THIS MOTION,
9 AND THROUGH THE MOTION I HAVE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN THAT YOU
10 REFERENCED. THE ARTS ARE A MAJOR PART OF OUR ECONOMY IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY, AND AS SOMEONE WHO NOW HAS A DISTRICT THAT
12 REALLY DOES ENCOMPASS MOST OF THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DISNEY,
13 WARNER BROTHERS, C.B.S., N.B.C., UNIVERSAL, I RECOGNIZE THAT
14 IT REALLY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF L.A. COUNTY. FOR THIS SECTOR
15 TO REBUILD AND THRIVE, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO
16 INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR WORKFORCE. THERE ARE TALENTED
17 HARDWORKING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN EVERY SINGLE
18 PART OF THIS COUNTY. I'M GLAD THIS MOTION, IN ADDITION TO
19 FOCUSING ON THE NUMBER OF GOOD PAYING ARTS JOBS, IS ALSO
20 COMMITTED TO AN EQUITABLE WORK- FORCE. MY OFFICE MET WITH ARTS
21 FOR L.A. LAST WEEK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MOTION AND WERE
22 STRUCK BY THE STORIES WE HEARD FROM THE ADVOCATES. ONE YOUNG
23 MAN SHARED ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE GROWING UP IN FOSTER CARE UP
24 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SAID HE FELT LIKE HE DIDN'T HAVE
25 ACCESS TO ADULTS WHO LOOKED LIKE HIM OR WHO HE COULD NURTURE

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1 HIS CREATIVITY. WHEN THE ARTS WORKFORCE IS MORE DIVERSE, THE
2 MENTORS IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE MORE DIVERSE. THROUGH THIS
3 MOTION, WE WILL BE INVESTING IN MORE CAREERS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL
4 BACKGROUNDS IN ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. TOGETHER, WE CAN
5 ENSURE WE CREATE CAREER PATHWAYS AND MENTORS TO UPLIFT THE
6 NEXT GENERATION. AND THROUGH ITEM 8, WHICH I COAUTHORED WITH
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE ARE ALSO EXPANDING FUNDS FOR ARTS
8 EDUCATION COLLECTIVE. STRENGTHENING OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH
9 SCHOOLS MEANS WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF CONNECTING ALL
10 CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY TO QUALITY, EQUITABLE ARTS EDUCATION NO
11 MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE, WHETHER IT BE IN RURAL PARTS OF THE
12 COUNTY, OR IN THE CITY. STUDENTS THAT HAVE ACCESS TO THE ARTS
13 IN SCHOOL ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THE ARTS.
14 SO I THINK THESE MOTIONS GO HAND IN HAND. AND I WOULD POINT
15 OUT THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE STUDIOS AND ALL, WE ALSO HAVE
16 INCREDIBLE SCHOOLS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND IF YOU DRIVE DOWN
17 THE STREET AND SEE SOME CARS, MANY OF THEIR -- THE PEOPLE THAT
18 PUT THOSE TOGETHER OR AT LEAST DREW WHAT A CAR WAS GOING TO
19 LOOK LIKE CAME OUT OF THE PASADENA DESIGN SCHOOL. SO THERE'S
20 NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT WE, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, ARE RICH
21 WITH THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE THAT WANT
22 TO ENRICH THEIR CREATIVITY TO HAVE ACCESS, NOT ONLY TO THE
23 EDUCATION, BUT ALSO TO THE JOBS ONCE THEY ARE EDUCATED THROUGH
24 WHATEVER THAT TALENT IS. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
25 FORWARD.



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NO OTHER REQUESTS
3 FOR COMMENT, I WILL NOW TURN IT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
4 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
5 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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7 **OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,
8 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU, DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, GABRIEL
9 GUTIERREZ, GALE LOPES, GUSTAVO HERRERA, PATRICIA MCALLISTER,
10 RED CHIEF HUNT, RICKY ABILAS, WANDA SOLOMON, AND YEMILY
11 PADRILLO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER,
12 PLEASE.

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CORDELIA ESTELLE. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

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17 **CORDELIA ESTELLE:** HI. MY NAME IS CORDELIA ESTELLE. I AM AN
18 ORGANIZER ARTIST AND CURRENTLY INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
19 THE INDUSTRY EXPERIMENTAL AUTHOR COMPANY THAT EMPLOYS HUNDREDS
20 OF WORKERS ACROSS LOS ANGELES, AND I AM CALLING TO THANK
21 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR MOTION, SUPERVISORS
22 BARGER AND HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION CHAMPIONING ARTS, CULTURE,
23 CREATIVITY MONTH, AND THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE CREATIVE
24 JOBS. YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR THIS STAT A LOT, BUT LOS ANGELES
25 IS NUMBER ONE IN ARTS PROVIDERS PER CAPITA. WE ARE 259TH IN



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1 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT. AND THAT GAP IS CURRENTLY SHOULDERED BY
2 ARTS WORKERS, PARTICULARLY B.I.P.O.C. AND LOW INCOME ARTS
3 WORKERS, AS WELL AS PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
4 CRITICALLY UNDERFUNDED AND LOOKING AT A FISCAL CLIFF AS
5 FEDERAL FUNDING DRIES UP. SO REALLY WANT TO URGE ACTION THIS
6 BUDGET CYCLE, ENCOURAGE THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THAT
7 THE FUNDING IS THERE AND MAKES IT INTO THE BUDGET THIS YEAR
8 BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY A CRITICAL MOMENT TO ENSURE THAT OUR
9 CREATIVE ECOSYSTEM CONTINUES TO THRIVE AND CONTINUES TO
10 DIVERSIFY AND TRULY REPRESENT THE FULL BREADTH AND BEAUTY,
11 CREATIVITY, OF THE L.A. REGION. SO THIS IS THE YEAR. LET'S
12 MAKE THIS BUDGET CYCLE THE ONE WHERE THE MONEY IS ALLOCATED TO
13 THIS CRITICAL --

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY CENTENO. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

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21 **ANTHONY CENTENO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANTHONY CENTENO. I LIVE IN
22 THE CITY OF BELL. I AM A MUSICIAN, A CREATIVE, AND A FORMER
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR, AND I'M ALSO WITH ARTS FOR L.A. FIRST,
24 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AD HORVATH FOR
25 AUTHORIZING ITEM 21. KNOWING THAT L.A. RANKS 259TH IN GOVERNMENT



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1 SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING, EMBARRASSING,
2 AND DISHEARTENING AS A NATIVE ANGELENO. ARTS ORGANIZATIONS ARE
3 SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER-CAPITALIZED, AND ANGELENOS WHO WORK IN THE
4 CREATIVE ECONOMY CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH EMPLOYMENT
5 SUSTAINABILITY AND STAGNANT WAGES WITH SOME CREATIVES LIVING
6 ON THE BRINK OF POVERTY. IN 2021, THE COUNTY'S MAKE OR BREAK
7 REPORT FOUND THAT COMPENSATION FOR ENTRY LEVEL ARTS
8 ADMINISTRATORS IN L.A. COUNTY DOES NOT MEET A LIVING WAGE
9 STANDARD. AND TO NO SURPRISE, IT IS EXTREMELY TRUE FOR
10 B.I.P.O.C. ARTS WORKERS. BY CREATING LIVING WAGE ENTRY LEVEL
11 ARTIST JOBS AND DOUBLING THE ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM, WE
12 CAN INVEST IN ARTISTS, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND NONPROFIT
13 ADMINISTRATORS WHO MAKE L.A. THE CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD
14 THAT IT IS KNOWN TO BE.

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CLARA SOLIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** CLARA SOLIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **CLARA SOLIS:** YES, IS THIS 71F? THAT'S THE ITEM I SIGNED UP TO
2 SPEAK ON.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE ON ITEM 21, CREATIVE JOBS. IS THAT
5 THE ONE --

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7 **CLARA SOLIS:** I --

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHICH ONE DID YOU SIGN UP FOR?

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11 **CLARA SOLIS:** NO, I ASKED TO SPEAK ON 71F.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE ARE NOT THERE YET. SO YOU'LL HAVE
14 TO GO OUT AND COME BACK.

15

16 **CLARA SOLIS:** DO I HAVE TO HANG UP AND CALL AGAIN?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES SHE DO? DOES SHE HANG UP? NO, SHE
19 DOES NOT HANG UP. DO NOT HANG UP.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** JUST PRESS 1-0 --

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** JUST PRESS 1-0, AND THAT WILL GET YOU OUT,
24 AND THEN YOU PRESS 1-0 WHEN YOU WANT TO COME BACK, BUT DON'T
25 HANG UP --



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2 **CLARA SOLIS:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BECAUSE WE WILL NEVER FIND YOU AGAIN. OKAY.
5 NEXT SPEAKER ON ITEM 21.

6

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

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10 **SOFIA QUINONES:** YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION BECAUSE ARTS
11 SAVE LIVES, AND I AM JUST HAPPY TO SAY I MET THE SISTER
12 [INDISCERNIBLE] WHEN I WAS A CHILD WHEN SHE WAS OUT PULLING
13 PEOPLE IN TO PAINT AND DRAW IN AN AREA THAT WAS FULL OF GANG
14 VIOLENCE. SO YES, I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND IT IS IMPORTANT
15 TO HAVE JOBS IN THIS FIELD BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES WERE ALL
16 CREATIVE, AND IT IS HEALING, AND IT'S BEAUTIFUL, AND WE REALLY
17 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE JOBS GO TO PEOPLE FROM THE
18 COMMUNITY BECAUSE THOSE THAT ARE IN THE ARTS MOVEMENT AND
19 THOSE THAT ENJOY ART HISTORY, SOMETIMES THE INDIVIDUALS THAT
20 RUN OUR INSTITUTIONS DON'T REFLECT WHO WE ARE. AND PEOPLE FROM
21 OUTSIDE OUR COMMUNITY TAKE THOSE ART POSITIONS. SO I STAND IN
22 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, AND AGAIN, WHEN YOU PUT THESE
4 WONDERFUL ITEMS UP, IT IS HARD TO BE CRITICAL BECAUSE I AM SO
5 DELIGHTED. I WILL SAY THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF MONTHS. APRIL IS
6 FAIR HOUSING MONTH, JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH, AUTISM AWARENESS
7 MONTH, WHICH WE ALL JUST COMPLETED CELEBRATING. IT IS GREAT,
8 AND MAYBE WE CAN ALSO HAVE -- APRIL IS POPULAR, I HAVE TO BE
9 HONEST. YOU HAVE GOT OATMEAL COOKIE DAY, BLUEBERRY PIE DAY,
10 NATIONAL PRIME RIB DAY, CHINESE LANGUAGE DAY. THESE ARE ON ON
11 THE NATIONAL LEVEL, BUT THERE IT IS. WORLD ART DAY IS APRIL
12 15TH. I WAS HOPING WE COULD DO IT ON A DIFFERENT DAY THAN TAX
13 DAY BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE HAVE NEGATIVE, NOT NEGATIVE BUT
14 COMPLICATED FEELINGS ABOUT TAXES. AND INCIDENTALLY, FOR ALL
15 COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE PROPERTY, IT IS TIME TO ALERT
16 YOURSELF THAT THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING QUICKLY. I DON'T
17 KNOW WHY PRANG DIDN'T MENTION THAT. BECAUSE HE'S NOT THE TAX
18 RECORDER, THAT'S WHY. HIS IS THE ASSESSOR. IT'S VERY
19 CONFUSING. HE HAS A WHOLE FIVE MINUTES ON THAT THAT HE LIKES
20 TO DO. SCRABBLE DAY IS ALSO IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, SO ANY TIME
21 YOU WANT TO PLAY. BUT THIS IS GREAT.

22

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

24

25 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE ARTS ARE SO IMPORTANT.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE LOVE IT WHEN YOU ARE POSITIVE. NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAULETTE DAWN SANDERS. YOU
6 MAY BEGIN.

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8 **PAULETTE SANDERS:** HI. I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM 21, AS WELL. I
9 THINK ARTS IS VERY NEEDED FOR OUR YOUTH. I AM THE FOUNDER AND
10 C.E.O. OF STOPPING PRESSURE ON TEENS, AND I DEFINITELY WILL BE
11 INCLUDING ARTS WITHIN MY PROGRAM. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME
12 FOR ME TO SPEAK.

13

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN RUBLE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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18 **MEGAN RUBLE:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MEGAN RUBLE, AND I
19 AM A LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTIST. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
20 THE SUPERVISORS BEHIND THIS ITEM AND ITEM NUMBER 8. TRULY,
21 THANK YOU. I AM NOT ONLY AN ARTIST, BUT I'M ALSO A HUGE FAN OF
22 THE ARTS IN LOS ANGELES, SPECIFICALLY OUR INCREDIBLE THEATER
23 SCENE. SOME OF THE BEST AND MOST INVENTIVE AND MOST POWERFUL
24 THEATER I HAVE SEEN HAS BEEN RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND
25 COUNTY INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS IN GENERAL AND IN ARTS EDUCATION



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1 IS NECESSARY TO THE SURVIVAL AND THE CONTINUAL GROWTH OF OUR
2 BEAUTIFUL ARTS SCENE. IT'S ALREADY BEEN SO BEAUTIFULLY PUT BY
3 OTHERS, BUT IT ALWAYS BEARS REPEATING THAT THE ARTS ON EVERY
4 LEVEL, CORPORATE TO COMMUNITY THEATER, ARE NOT ONLY VITAL FOR
5 ALL PEOPLE, BUT THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO A VIBRANT AND HEALTHY
6 SOCIETY. THEY HELP US TO GROW IN EMPATHY, TO BETTER
7 COMMUNICATE, AND THEY CAN FOSTER A DEEPER SENSE OF COMMUNITY.
8 I WANT TO ADD THAT ALLOCATING THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED TO
9 CREATE ADVANCED EQUITY IN ARTS EDUCATION IS VITAL TO
10 EMPOWERING OUR COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN IN
11 L.A. COUNTY RECEIVE AN ARTS EDUCATION. AND THE EXTENDED EFFECT
12 OF EQUITABLE ARTS EDUCATION IS ENORMOUS, AND WE ALL BENEFIT
13 FROM IT.

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

16
17 **MEGAN RUBLE:** THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **PATRICIA MACALLISTER:** PATRICIA MACALLISTER, NUMBER 21. ARTS
22 WAS TAKEN OUT OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS YEARS AGO. THAT'S WHY WE
23 HAVE SO MUCH GRAFFITI EVERYWHERE. THESE CHILDREN NEED TO BE
24 CREATIVE. NOW, I THINK IT IS A LITTLE BIT TOO LATE BECAUSE THE
25 REPORT SAYS THAT 152,000 STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA DIDN'T RETURN

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1 TO SCHOOL. SO PARENTS ARE LEAVING CALIFORNIA. YOU DON'T HAVE
2 THE CLASSES THAT THEY WANT. YOU ARE IN THESE SCHOOLS TRYING TO
3 CHANGE KIDS' GENDER WITHOUT PARENT'S CONSENT. YOU'RE DOING ALL
4 KIND OF CRAZY STUFF, AND PARENTS ARE GETTING OUT OF HERE, AND
5 I DON'T BLAME THEM. WE DON'T NEED THIS ARTS INITIATIVE DAY. WE
6 NEED YOU TO PUT ARTS BACK IN THE SCHOOLS, ALL THE SCHOOLS.
7 GIVE THE KIDS A CREATIVE OUTLET. THE WAY YOU ARE DOING IT
8 RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE DRIVING PARENTS OUT OF THIS STATE. THEY
9 SAID THAT MORE PARENTS AND FAMILIES HAVE LEFT THIS STATE,
10 MILLIONS. AND THEY ARE STILL LEAVING. AND I DON'T BLAME THEM.
11 AND WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDREN. I TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR
12 MANY YEARS. AND I LIVE KIDS. AND WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT FOR
13 THESE KIDS. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THEIR GENDER.

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

16
17 **GABRIEL GUTIERREZ:** [SPEAKING PUREPECHA LANGUAGE] THAT'S HELLO,
18 EVERYONE IN PUREPECHA. MY NAME IS GABRIEL GUTIERREZ, HERE
19 REPRESENTING ARTS FOR L.A. FIRST, I WANT TO EXPRESS SINCERE
20 GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR
21 AUTHORIZING ITEM 21. ARTS ORGS, AS YOU ALL KNOW, ARE
22 SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER-CAPITALIZED. AND ANGELENOS IN THE CREATIVE
23 SECTOR AS A WHOLE ARE THE ONES THAT BEAR THE BRUNT OF THIS
24 STAGNANCY WHEN IT COMES TO EMPLOYMENT STABILITY,
25 SUSTAINABILITY, AND WAGES. PERSONALLY,, I HAVE RECOVERED



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1 FINANCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND FROM PRE-ARTHRITIS IN MY SPINE
2 AFTER FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS OF FOSTER CARE AND
3 HOUSELESSNESS SAFETY NETS IN LARGE PART DUE TO JOBS IN THE
4 CREATIVE SECTOR AND FROM ARTISTS THAT EMPATHIZE WITH MY
5 EXPERIENCE. SO AS SOMEONE WHO CAN HOLD THAT HOPE GOING THROUGH
6 ALL OF THAT AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MOMENT TO
7 VIEW SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T EXIST YET THAT IS SO NECESSARY, I
8 ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT
9 INVESTING IN B.I.P.O.C. ARTISTS WILL MINIMIZE THE OTHER
10 ANGELENO ARTISTS THAT FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS, ESPECIALLY
11 B.I.P.O.C.

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

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15 **GALE LOPES:** HELLO. I AM GALE LOPES. I AM ON THE BOARD OF
16 DIRECTORS OF ARTS FOR L.A. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH
18 FOR COAUTHORING ITEM 21, AND SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR
19 ITEM 8. I HAVE A DAUGHTER AND A SON-IN-LAW, WHO ARE BOTH
20 THEATER PRACTITIONERS. I SEE THEM STRUGGLE TO MAKE A LIVING
21 THROUGH THEIR ART. L.A. COUNTY BENEFITS. ONE THIRD OF ITS
22 ECONOMIC OUTPUT COMES FROM THE CREATIVE SECTOR, BUT THAT IS
23 PRODUCED ON THE BACKS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ARTISTS, WHO DO
24 NOT MAKE A LIVING WAGE FROM THEIR ART. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY
25 FOR L.A. COUNTY TO INVEST IN THE ARTS THROUGH CREATIVE JOBS



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1 THAT WILL BE FILLED THROUGH THE CREATIVE JOBS INITIATIVE BY
2 YOUTH OF COLOR, OTHERS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY SYSTEMIC
3 INEQUITIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE US DOUBLE THE ORGANIZATIONAL
4 GRANTS BUDGET AND, YES, \$1 MILLION FOR ARTS EDUCATION IN
5 SCHOOLS. THANK YOU FOR THE MOTIONS.

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

8
9 **RICKY ABLES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RICKY ABLES. I AM HERE WITH
10 ARTS FOR L.A., AND I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
11 HORVATH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. AS WE'VE HEARD, ARTS
12 ORGANIZATIONS ARE SEVERELY UNDER-CAPITALIZED, AND THIS IS
13 CONCERNING BECAUSE WE LEANED ON AND RELIED ON THE ARTS ALL
14 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND FOR EMPOWERMENT.
15 THE ARTS HELP US FEEL SEEN, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ARTISTS AND ARTS
16 WORKERS SO OFTEN FEEL UNSEEN, HAVING TO WORK MULTIPLE PART
17 TIME JOBS JUST TO PAY THE BILLS AND NOT HAVING SUSTAINABLE
18 WORK. I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE BEFORE. AND AS MUCH AS ARTISTS
19 PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY, THEY DESERVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR IN
20 RETURN. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR HISTORICALLY
21 UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND IT IS IMPERATIVE
22 THAT WE INVEST IN CREATIVE COMMUNITIES BY INTRODUCING
23 SUSTAINABLE JOBS WITH A MEDIAN ENTRY LEVEL LIVING WAGE. I
24 ENCOURAGE YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND THANK YOU
25 SO MUCH.



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

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4 **GUSTAVO HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR HAHN AND
5 SUPERVISORS. HAPPY ARTS MONTH TO L.A. COUNTY. HAPPY ARTS
6 CULTURE AND CREATIVITY MONTH TO ALL CALIFORNIANS. MY NAME
7 GUSTAVO HERRERA. I'M THE C.E.O. OF ARTS FOR L.A. WE REPRESENT
8 A NETWORK OF APPROXIMATELY 75,000 ARTS ADVOCATES AND OVER 185
9 ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS HERE, HIGHLY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
10 NUMBER 12 AND NUMBER 8. SUPERVISORS, I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE
11 CONSIDER TWO DATA POINTS AS YOU CONSIDER TODAY'S MOTION. 59%
12 OF L.A. ARTS WORKFORCE SELF-IDENTIFY AS WHITE. THAT'S NEARLY
13 THREE-FIFTHS OF THE ARTS WORKFORCE. LATINOS RANK THE LOWEST IN
14 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME FOR ENTRY LEVEL ARTS WORKERS IN THE
15 REGION. TODAY'S YES VOTE ON MOTION 21 AND MOTION 8 IS A STEP
16 TOWARDS ADVANCING REPRESENTATION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS
17 FOR CREATIVE WORKERS. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS
18 EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ARTS EDUCATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
19 THIS MORNING. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO FUND DOUBLING THE
20 O.G.P. THANK YOU.

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

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24 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YAMINY. I'M A PROGRAM
25 ASSOCIATE AT ARTS FOR L.A. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS

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1 SOLIS HORVATH FOR AUTHORIZING THIS ITEM. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A
2 DATA POINT, AND THAT IS THAT LOS ANGELES IS THE NUMBER ONE
3 ARTS PROVIDER IN THIS COUNTRY BUT RANKS 259 IN GOVERNMENT
4 SUPPORT. I WANT TO SHARE ALSO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE
5 AS AN EDUCATOR, AN ARTS EDUCATOR SPECIFICALLY IN CONTEMPORARY
6 ART MUSEUMS. I HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS REALLY HIGH
7 TURNOVER RATES BECAUSE OF THE LOW WAGES THAT COME WITH THIS
8 TYPE OF WORK. AND I RECENTLY LEFT A MUSEUM BECAUSE OF THE WAY
9 THAT THE JOB WAS HANDLED. I HAD TO DO MORE THAN OUTSIDE OF MY
10 JOB RULE, AND THE PAY JUST WASN'T THERE. I'M PART OF A GROUP
11 WHO HAS LEFT IN JUST THIS PAST MONTH. AND THE PEOPLE WHO
12 SUFFER ARE THE STUDENTS. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THIS
13 BOARD TO CONTINUE INVESTING IN THE WORKFORCE THAT SERVES OUR
14 POPULATIONS. THANK YOU.

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

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18 **WANDA SOLOMON:** YES, WANDA SOLOMON FOR SINGLE PARENTS OF
19 AMERICA AND SAVING OUR SENIORS. I CONCUR WITH THE COMMENTS
20 THAT WERE MADE ABOUT THE ARTWORK. AS A SINGLE MOM, I HAVE A
21 VERY ARTISTIC SON. AT A YOUNG AGE, HE COULD JUST DRAW
22 ANYTHING. AND JUST LOOK AROUND THIS CITY HOW MUCH GOOD WE CAN
23 DO. LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL MURALS ALL UP AND DOWN CRENSHAW, ALL
24 UP AND DOWN AT THE L.A. METRO, BY THE TRAIN STATIONS, BY THE
25 FAMOUS K LINE. WE HAVE SO MUCH BEAUTY IN OUR CITY, AND WE MUST



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1 FLOURISH WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I BELIEVE -- MY SON COULD HAVE
2 BEEN SAVED FROM GOING IN THE SYSTEM IF SOMEONE HAD JUST TAKEN
3 A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO LOOK AT HIS ARTWORK, HIS TALENT. SO
4 I CONCUR, AND I THINK WE CAN ALSO INVEST IN GRANTS AND HELPING
5 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ALL AGES REALLY. THERE'S MANY PEOPLE THAT
6 ARE TALENTED IN ARTS.

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

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11 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** SO, THE [INDISCERNIBLE] FOUNDATION
12 ACTUALLY STARTED IN SKID ROW. REHABILITATION THROUGH
13 PERFORMING ARTS WAS OUR MOTTO. WE KNOW HOW THAT WENT, RIGHT?
14 TEN YEARS LATER, MANY OF OUR STUDENTS THAT WERE NOT FUNDED,
15 PROGRAMS WERE NOT FUNDED, A LOT OF THEM WENT TO JAIL. SOME OF
16 THEM DID TAKE ART DEGREES, BUT MANY OF THEM DID NOT MAKE IT
17 BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT WAS NOT A LIVING WAGE. SO WHAT ARE WE
18 SAYING LIVING WAGE? IS IT A \$15 MINIMUM? DEFINITELY, THIS IS A
19 GOOD AGENDA, NUMBER 8 AND 21. SUGGEST THAT YOU FOLLOW THROUGH
20 ON IT BECAUSE A LOT OF BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH ARE ARTISTS. AND
21 RATHER THAN STAYING OUT IN THE STREET GANGBANGING, SO TO
22 SPEAK, LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO DO AN GET PAID FOR IT.
23 THAT'S 99% OF THE REASON WHY THEY DON'T USE ART AS A DEGREE
24 BECAUSE IT IS NOT A PAID GIG AS IT CAN BE. SO, THANK YOU AT



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1 LEAST FOR CONSIDERING THIS. SO WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH
2 GOOD AGENDAS.

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

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, OR ON THE PHONE?

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OR ON THE PHONE.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 21 IS
13 NOW BEFORE US.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

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

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST NEED TO READ THIS IN. I DID WANT INFORM THE
20 PUBLIC THAT I REVISED THE MOTION TO DELETE DIRECTIVE 2 AND
21 PLUG IN PORTIONS OF IT UNDER DIRECTIVE 5. THE MOTION IS
22 AVAILABLE ONLINE. THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO ADD.

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24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WAS ALREADY GOING TO SAY ITEM
25 21 AS REVISED.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WAS TOLD BY STAFF.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THAT WAS RIGHT. YOU ARE CORRECT. WE WANT
5 TO BE LEGAL. SO IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
6 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
7 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 AS REVISED IS BEFORE YOU.
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY NOW, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 24, MOVING
11 FORWARD EXPANSION OF SECURE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND DEVELOPMENT
12 OF SECURE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES TO DEPOPULATE THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY JAILS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND
15 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
18 YOU FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS IN
19 BUILDING OUT OUR MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE BY EXPANDING
20 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AND DEVELOPING SECURE FACILITIES IN THE
21 COMMUNITY. I DON'T THINK I NEED TO REMIND ANYONE ON THIS DAIS
22 THAT THERE IS AN ACTIVE D.O.J. CONSENT DECREE THAT WE ARE NOT
23 FULLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGARDING THE POOR TREATMENT OF
24 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN OUR JAIL, THE LACK OF
25 PROGRAMMING, AND THE LACK OF THERAPY SPACE. DESPITE SEEING A

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1 DECLINE IN THE OVERALL GENERAL POPULATION IN THE JAILS, WE
2 HAVE SEEN AN ASTRONOMICAL INCREASE IN PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
3 HEALTH NEEDS. OF THE 14,000 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS THAT ARE 80%
4 BLACK OR LATINO, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 60% OF THEM HAVE
5 SOME LEVEL OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. THAT NUMBER IS ASTOUNDING
6 THE MOTION IS FOCUSED ON THOSE WHO NOT ONLY HAVE SEVERE MENTAL
7 HEALTH NEEDS BUT ALSO HAVE A SERIOUS CHARGE OR CONVICTION.
8 THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL LIKELY NOT BE DIVERTED TO AN OPEN,
9 COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SETTING, BUT RATHER THEY WILL
10 NEED TO BE PLACED IN A SECURE SETTING. FOR THOSE WHO ARE
11 DIVERTIBLE, THE BOARD HAS EXPANDED THE O.D.R. HOUSING PROGRAM
12 BY AN ADDITIONAL 750 BEDS SO THAT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH
13 NEEDS CAN GET TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND I'M AWARE THE
14 O.D.R. IS STILL WORKING TO FILL THOSE BEDS, BUT WE DO HAVE
15 THEM AVAILABLE. THOSE WHO ARE NOT, COME WITH COMPLICATIONS,
16 AND UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS THE CRIMINALIZATION OF
17 MENTAL ILLNESS. WE PENALIZE, VIA INCARCERATION, THOSE WHO
18 WEREN'T ABLE TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE
19 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE PEOPLE ENTERING IN AND OUT OF HOMELESSNESS,
20 CYCLING IN AND OUT OF OUR JAILS, FEELING -- FILING OUR ALREADY
21 CROWDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND OUR JAILS BECOMING DE FACTO
22 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES. NONE OF THIS, AS YOU KNOW, PROMOTES
23 PUBLIC SAFETY, REHABILITATION, OR RECOVERY. THAT'S WHY TODAY'S
24 MOTION IS NECESSARY. THIS ITEM IS A FOLLOW UP TO A MOTION THAT
25 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I DID BACK IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR,

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1 WHICH THE BOARD AT THE TIME UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. FOLLOWING
2 THAT, THE MOTION WAS A REPORT BACK THAT WAS PROVIDED BY
3 J.C.O.D., D.M.H., D.S.H., C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL ON AN
4 ACTIONABLE PLAN FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE SO WE CAN DEVELOP AN
5 ALTERNATIVE FOR THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED THAT WILL INSTEAD
6 FOCUS ON THEIR TREATMENT FIRST FOR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEED.
7 CURRENTLY, THE INDIVIDUALS THIS MOTION IS FOCUSING ON, THERE
8 ARE REALLY TWO CHOICES. THERE IS A BED IN A SECURE MENTAL
9 HEALTH FACILITY, AND THEY WILL MEET CRITERIA. THE JUDGE, IF
10 THEY AGREE, CAN HAVE THEIR PATIENT SERVE THEIR TIME THERE.
11 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS A LONG WAITING LIST TO ACCESS ONE OF
12 THESE VERY LIMITED BEDS. AND SADLY, FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE OFTEN
13 BEEN DISCOURAGED AND FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF SECURE BEDS
14 AND AGGRIEVED THAT THEIR LOVED ONES HAD TO GO TO JAIL INSTEAD.
15 THE OTHER OPTION, WHICH WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH TOO, IS A CELL IN
16 THE COUNTY JAIL, WHICH IS NO PLACE FOR SOMEONE WITH A MENTAL
17 HEALTH NEED TO BE MET. WE NEED TO BUILD OUT MORE COMPREHENSIVE
18 CONTINUUM OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND JAIL, AND
19 THAT SHOULD ALSO BE A PART OF THIS PLAN. ENSURING WE HAVE MORE
20 SECURE FACILITIES THAT ARE FOCUSED ON REHABILITATION AND
21 TREATMENT IS FAR BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE NOW, THE
22 CRIMINALIZATION AND PENALIZATION OF MENTAL ILLNESS. PER THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, WE ARE STARTING
24 WITH AN INITIAL PLAN TO BUILD OUT 500 SECURE MENTAL HEALTH
25 BEDS. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND EXPAND THAT. THIS TOO,

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1 HOWEVER, ALSO REQUIRES COOPERATION FROM SOME OF OUR EXTERNAL
2 PARTNERS LIKE OUR COURTS. THE COURT IS ALSO ACCOUNTABLE TO THE
3 PUBLIC. IT NEEDS TO KEEP SAFE, AND IT IS THE ULTIMATE DECISION
4 MAKER ON WHETHER SOMEONE WILL GO TO JAIL OR A SECURE MENTAL
5 HEALTH FACILITY. THE COUNTY WANTS TO DO THEIR PART BY ENSURING
6 THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR THE JUDGE TO CHOOSE, INSTEAD OF ONLY
7 BEING ONE CHOICE, THE JAIL. AND I ALSO SAY THAT THE BOARD WILL
8 NEED SUPPORT WHEN WE EXPAND OUT OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE. THERE
9 WILL BE, UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE THAT DON'T THINK THESE SHOULD BE
10 IN THEIR BACKYARD. AND IT'S A REAL ISSUE THAT I FACE EVEN WHEN
11 I'M TRYING TO BUILD MORE INTERIM HOUSING FOR OUR UNSHELTERED
12 RESIDENTS. SOME OF THESE UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS ARE VETERANS OR
13 SINGLE MOMS WITH CHILDREN WHO NEED A HOME, AND THERE IS
14 OPPOSITION TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITES FOR THEM, IF YOU CAN
15 BELIEVE THAT. WE MUST ALSO BE MINDFUL THIS PROBLEM DOES NOT
16 EXIST IN A VACUUM, AND WE NEED TO TAKE CARE TO AVOID DECISIONS
17 THAT MAY EXACERBATE OTHER CRISES THAT THE COUNTY IS FACING. A
18 REALISTIC AND RESPONSIBLE PLAN TO SAFELY DECARCERATE THROUGH
19 THIS BUILD OUT OF CONTINUUM IS NEEDED TO ENSURE WE ARE NOT
20 UNINTENTIONALLY ADDING TO OUR POPULATION OF THE OVER 60,000
21 UNSHELTERED ANGELENOS. ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION IF NOT
22 A DUTY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS DONE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY IN
23 MIND, THE SAFETY OF THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THE SAFETY OF
24 THOSE WHO ARE -- WE ARE WELCOMING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY. I AM
25 ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T COME

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1 INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THESE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS THAT ARE IN
2 FRONT OF US, THE THREAT OF RECEIVERSHIP IS VERY REAL FOR US.
3 WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO OUR COMMUNITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY, AN
4 OBLIGATION TO OUR FEDERAL MANDATES, AND AN OBLIGATION TO
5 PROVIDE HUMANE TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. I
6 WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND RESPECTFULLY ASK MY
7 COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AS THE COAUTHOR, I'D LIKE TO
10 SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU
11 HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOREVER. IT'S BEEN A HUGE ISSUE,
12 PARTICULARLY AS WE ATTEMPT TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE, BUT REALLY
13 THIS IS REALLY THE HUMANE THING TO DO. WE HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR
14 JAILS THAT HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. SERIOUS. AND THEY
15 ARE NOT GETTING THE HELP NOR THE CARE THAT THEY NEED IN OUR
16 JAILS. AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS, WHO ARE
17 ASSIGNED TO OUR JAILS, CERTAINLY IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THEY
18 HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN ON HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEVERE
19 MENTALLY ILL CHALLENGES. SO THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND AS
20 YOU SAID, WE ARE ASKING FOR 500 SECURE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS FOR
21 THIS POPULATION, THOSE WHO ARE SEVERELY ILL. AND I THINK THIS
22 IS SOMETHING TO HIGHLIGHT. THERE'S BEEN A LOT CONCERN IN
23 RECENT DAYS IN HOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE PEOPLE FROM OUR JAILS,
24 BUT THIS IS THOSE WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, INCLUDING THOSE
25 WHO ARE ON CONSERVATORSHIP, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DEEMED

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1 INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL, AND THOSE NOT ON CONSERVATORSHIP.
2 SO I JUST WANT TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT THE COURTS WILL NOT
3 ALLOW US TO DIVERT THIS POPULATION UNLESS IT IS TO SECURE
4 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. THAT IS SOMETHING I REALLY WANT TO
5 HIGHLIGHT FOR THE PUBLIC WHO ARE LISTENING TODAY. WE ARE NOT
6 RELEASING THESE FOLKS INTO COMMUNITIES AND JUST HOPING THAT
7 THEY WILL DO OKAY. NO, THESE ARE SECURE CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
8 BEDS, BUT IT'S NOT CARCERAL. SO, THESE ARE NOT GOING TO BE
9 JAILS, BUT THEY WILL BE LOCKED FACILITIES. AND I KNOW REALLY
10 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS A LONG TIME. 500 BEDS IS
11 JUST A START. WE NEED A LOT MORE THAN THAT, BUT I APPRECIATE
12 US BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AGAIN, THIS IS FOLLOWING UP ON A
13 MOTION WE DID LAST YEAR ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK ON A PLAN TO
14 GET THESE MOST SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS IN OUR JAILS INTO
15 THESE SECURE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITIES. SO, THIS IS
16 JUST SAYING HERE IT IS. WE KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO. NOW, WE
17 NEED TO DO IT, AND LET'S START WITH 500 SECURE BEDS. SO THANK
18 YOU. WE NEED TO HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO THIS TO MAKE
19 SURE WE REACH THIS GOAL, AND, AGAIN, TO ME, IT IS JUST A
20 START, AND WE NEED A LOT MORE. SO THANK YOU. I HAVE ON THE
21 QUEUE, KATHRYN, MS. MITCHELL, MS. HORVATH IN THAT ORDER.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I THINK THIS MOTION IS AN IMPORTANT
24 ACTION TOWARD PROVIDING INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY'S CARE WITH
25 THE NECESSARY TREATMENT THEY DESERVE AND WE ARE



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1 CONSTITUTIONALLY OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE. AND WE HAVE HAD DR.
2 BELAVICH COME AND TALK TO US ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT HE
3 FACES WITH THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE, LET ALONE THE NEED FOR
4 INDIVIDUALS TO WORK THERE TO HELP, BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION WE
5 CAN DO BETTER, BUT QUITE FRANKLY, WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. DR.
6 BELAVICH SHARED ABOUT 6800 OR 47% OF THE INMATE POPULATION ARE
7 ENROLLED IN SOME SORT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM. THE P3-P4
8 POPULATION MAKES UP ABOUT 12% OF THAT TOTAL. WE HAVE A GROWING
9 POPULATION OF MENTALLY ILL INMATES, WHILE WE ARE ALSO TRYING
10 TO COMPLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE. WE
11 CANNOT CONTINUE TO TURN A BLIND EYE ON THIS POPULATION. AND I
12 KNOW THAT MY OFFICE HAS BEEN PRESENT AND TALKED TO THE
13 MONITOR AND BEEN IN COURT AND LISTENED TO WHAT WAS BEING
14 PRESENTED. THE FRUSTRATION IS NOT ONLY THE SERVICES WE ARE
15 PROVIDING INSIDE OUR JAILS, BUT THE FACT THAT WE TALK
16 DIVERSION, BUT WE DON'T HAVE BED TODAY DIVERT TO. AND SO, THE
17 QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE WE DOING. IT'S NOT AN EITHER OR. IT HAS
18 TO BE AN AND. EXCUSE ME. MADAM CHAIR, CAN YOU ASK THE AUDIENCE
19 TO --?

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE HELPING US OUT
22 HERE IN THE AUDIENCE, CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE
23 UNDERSTAND THEY CANNOT YELL FROM THEIR SEATS.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING,
2 WE HAVE TO BUILD CAPACITY BOTH OUT-PATIENT, FOR THOSE THAT ARE
3 NOT GOING TO BE MAINTAINED IN OUR FACILITY, BUT ALSO LOOK
4 WHERE THOSE BEDS WILL BE. AND THE COURTS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT
5 CRITICAL OF THE FACT THAT WE TALK IT, BUT THEY DON'T FEEL WE
6 ARE NECESSARILY WALKING IT RIGHT NOW. SO I THINK THIS IS AN
7 INCREDIBLE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE NEED A HOLISTIC
8 APPROACH TO ADEQUATELY AND HUMANELY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR
9 MENTALLY ILL INMATES. I AM SUPPORTIVE OF REFORM AND LOOKING AT
10 OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED CARE SETTINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE.
11 BUT UNDERSTAND, THIS -- WE TALK ABOUT I.M.D. WAIVER. THIS WILL
12 NOT FALL UNDER THE I.M.D. WAIVER BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
13 IN OUR CUSTODY. AND WE DON'T GET REIMBURSED FROM MEDICARE. WE
14 WON'T GET REIMBURSED FOR MENTAL HEALTH. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR
15 US NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
16 OVERCROWDING IN OUR JAIL RIGHT NOW, IT HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT
17 THAT WE HAVE TO DO MORE WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. AND I AM
18 TRULY GLAD THAT WE ARE FINALLY STEPPING UP AND ESTABLISHING A
19 SECURE MENTAL HEALTH BED FOR THE P3 AND P4 POPULATION, WHICH
20 IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDED. AND SOON, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL NO
21 LONGER WITH LANGUISHING IN OUR JAILS WAITING FOR SERVICES, BUT
22 WE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT THE POPULATIONS THAT REMAIN. WHILE THIS
23 MOTION IS A STRONG FIRST STEP, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL BECAUSE IT
24 IS SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR YEARS.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE. YOU HAVE.

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I AM GLAD IT IS HERE TODAY. BUT WE STILL NEED
4 TO DO MORE WITH THE REMAINING INMATES WHO ARE UNABLE TO DIVERT
5 AND ABSOLUTELY NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. IT'S, AGAIN, NOT
6 AN EITHER/OR FOR ME. IT'S THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE FACT
7 THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL DOES NEED TO BE TORN DOWN. AND THE
8 QUESTION IS, GIVEN THE OVERCROWDING RIGHT NOW, AND THE FACT
9 THAT WE HAVE DIVERSION IN PLACE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO
10 ADDRESS THOSE THAT CANNOT BE PUT INTO DIVERSION PROGRAM. I
11 BELIEVE WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO FAIL PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
12 ILLNESS IN OUR JAILS BECAUSE OF ANY SORT OF RHETORIC, JUST
13 LIKE WE ARE FAILING THOSE IN THE STREETS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE
14 FREEDOM TO CHOOSE WHETHER THEY WANT TO GET HELP. I AM TRULY
15 PLEASED THAT WE, AS A BOARD, ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT
16 WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF SECURE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS FOR A VARIETY
17 OF POPULATIONS. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS A GREAT STEP TO A LONG
18 OVERDUE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE
19 FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL IN OUR STREETS AND IN OUR
20 INSTITUTIONS. AND I HOPE THIS CAN BE A BUILDING BLOCK TOWARD
21 CREATING A PERMANENT SOLUTION THAT ENSURES HUMANE MENTAL
22 HEALTHCARE FOR ALL RESIDENTS NOT JUST FOR SOME. AND I WOULD
23 ADD THAT I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO IS PART OF
24 C.S.A.C. AND N.A.C.O. THIS HAS BEEN A PRIORITY FOR BOTH STATE
25 AND FEDERAL. AND YOUR VOICE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN DRIVING



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1 THIS DISCUSSION AT THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL LEVEL AS IT
2 RELATES TO ADDRESSING THE FACT THAT YOU TALK ABOUT UNFUNDED
3 MANDATES, WE ARE PROVIDING THE CARE NO MATTER WHAT, BUT THERE
4 ARE ROADBLOCKS UP IN TERMS OF GETTING REIMBURSED, SO I THINK
5 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US NOT TO FORGET THAT, WHILE THIS IS 500
6 BEDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE NET COUNTY COST, WE HAVE AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A ROBUST SYSTEM IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT
8 WILL ACTUALLY PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ENDING UP IN OUR JAILS
9 BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTHCARE
10 THAT THEY NOT ONLY NEED BUT THEY DESERVE. SO THANK YOU BOTH
11 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL SAID. I HAVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
14 THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU ALL
17 AND THE DEPARTMENTS FOR YOUR HARD WORK IN BRINGING THIS MOTION
18 FORWARD. I FULLY SUPPORT THE CARE-FIRST SPIRIT OF THE MOTION
19 BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO RESPOND TO THE INHUMANE
20 CONDITIONS IN OUR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH IMMEDIATE SHORT
21 TERM, INTERMEDIATE, AND LONG TERM STRATEGIES. AND CERTAINLY,
22 EXPANDING ACCESS TO BEDS IS IMPORTANT. I APPRECIATE THE
23 AUTHORS REMOVING SOME OF THE HOMELESS FUNDING PROVISIONS,
24 WHICH GAVE ME CAUSE FOR PAUSE. IT'S CONCERNING THAT IF WE GET
25 INTO THIS POSITION WHERE WE'RE KIND OF TAKING FROM PETER TO

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1 PAY FOR PAUL. SO I APPRECIATE THAT. I NOTE IN THE MOTION, I AM
2 CLEAR THAT WE ARE CUTTING SOME OF THE RED TAPE AND GIVING THE
3 DEPARTMENTS GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO DO MORE IN TERMS OF
4 EXPANDING THESE BEDS AND THE CONTRACTING PROCESS. I NOTE THAT
5 IT SAYS INCLUDING A LIST OF EXISTING FUNDING AVAILABLE. SO I
6 HOPE WE ARE ABLE TO REVIEW THAT. AND I NOTE THAT IT ALSO
7 STATES THAT WE WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE OUR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
8 AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BRANCHES TO WORK TO SECURE
9 ADDITIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING. AND I HOPE THAT THE FIVE
10 OF US LEAN INTO THAT, AS WELL. I KNOW WE HAVE BOTH SACRAMENTO
11 AND D.C. TRIPS COMING FORWARD. IF WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO
12 DO THIS AND DO THIS WELL, TO LEAN IN HARD ON OUR STATE AND
13 FEDERAL PARTNERS TO HELP US IDENTIFY FUNDING TO DO SO. SO I
14 THINK WE SHOULD ADD IT TO OUR LIST OF THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING
15 TO TALK ABOUT WHEN WE GO TO THOSE TWO PLACES TO GET THE MONEY
16 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO THIS WELL AND HAVE AN
17 ONGOING FUNDING SOURCE TO PAY FOR THESE CRITICAL BEDS. THAT'S
18 MY ONLY CONCERN. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION. AGAIN, I
19 WANT TO EMPHASIZE WE HAVE TO FIND THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR IT
20 AND TO CONTINUE TO PAY FOR IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR EMPHASIZING THAT. SUPERVISOR
23 HORVATH.

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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. FOR MANY YEARS NOW, THIS COUNTY HAS
2 BEEN GRAPPLING WITH COMPLEX ISSUES THAT CHALLENGE LONGSTANDING
3 ASSUMPTIONS OF WHAT IT MEANS TO PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY. LONG
4 BEFORE I JOINED THIS BOARD, THE INCLINATION WAS TO REPLACE
5 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH A NEW MASSIVE JAIL, BUT
6 IN THE MIDST OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, THIS BOARD EMBRACED A
7 DIFFERENT APPROACH GROUNDED IN COMMUNITY- BASED TREATMENT AND
8 SERVICES. IN DOING SO, THIS BOARD PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE
9 MISGUIDED NOTION THAT COMMUNITY SAFETY IS ACHIEVED SIMPLY BY
10 LOCKING HUMAN BEINGS IN CAGES OR BY REBUILDING AN EIGHTH JAIL
11 WHEN SEVEN OTHERS REMAIN IN EXISTENCE IN L.A. COUNTY'S
12 JURISDICTION ALONE, AND EVEN MORE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT
13 ARE OUTSIDE OUR JURISDICTION. THE CONCEPT OF ALTERNATIVES TO
14 INCARCERATION TOOK HOLD AND BECAME THE FOUNDATION OF THIS
15 BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST, A VISION THAT I
16 PROUDLY SHARE WITH MY COLLEAGUES AS I JOIN THEM TO DO THE HARD
17 WORK IT WILL TAKE TO TRULY ACHIEVE COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND
18 SAFETY FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. MANY INCARCERATED
19 INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE PRETRIAL POPULATION, CAN
20 BE SAFELY RELEASED FROM JAILS IF WE PROVIDE THEM WITH
21 SUPPORTIVE, SAFETY SERVICES TAILORED TO THEIR INDIVIDUALS
22 NEEDS. THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT IS
23 WORKING TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES TO THE
24 PRETRIAL POPULATION. AMONG THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PRESENT WITH
25 ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, ROUGHLY 60% CAN BE DIVERTED TO

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1 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT IN AN OPEN SETTING. OUR OFFICE OF
2 DIVERSION AND REENTRY HAS HAD TREMENDOUS SUCCESS WITH THIS
3 POPULATION. AND THIS BOARD RECENTLY APPROVED FUNDING TO EXPAND
4 THOSE BEDS BY 750. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT O.D.R. IS ON
5 TRACK TO HAVE THOSE BEDS UP AND RUNNING BY THE END OF THIS
6 YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE OF SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY
7 STAKEHOLDERS THAT THEY FEEL ABOUT RELYING ON SECURE COMMUNITY
8 BEDS TO DEPOPULATE OUR JAILS. THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS
9 SUBSTITUTE A LOCKED JAIL BED WITH A LOCKED TREATMENT BED, IF
10 THAT'S NOT NECESSARY. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT WE ALSO CAN'T RELY
11 ON OUR JAILS TO TREAT OUR MOST ACUTELY ILL RESIDENTS. IT IS
12 UNTENABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TOO ACUTE TO
13 QUALIFY FOR RELEASE THROUGH O.D.R. HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO
14 REMAIN IN JAIL. THE D.O.J. IS DEMANDING US TO TAKE ACTION, AND
15 WE CAN'T KEEP KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD IF WE WANT TO
16 RETAIN JURISDICTION OVER OUR OWN COUNTY FACILITIES. ON ANY
17 GIVEN DAY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1500 INDIVIDUALS IN THE P3
18 AND P4 LEVELS OF CARE IN THE JAILS. BY STARTING WITH A MODEST
19 INVENTORY OF 500 SECURE BEDS, WE CAN ENSURE THAT ONLY THE MOST
20 GRAVELY ILL AMONG THOSE 1500 ARE PLACED IN SECURE BEDS, WHILE
21 O.D.R. CONTINUES AS AN OPTION FOR THE REST. I WILL SUPPORT
22 TODAY'S MOTION AS ONE OF MANY CARE AND TREATMENT APPROACHES WE
23 MUST IMPLEMENT TO SAFELY DEPOPULATE THE JAILS. AT AND SAME
24 TIME, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE HARD WORK OF
25 IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ALONG ALL POINTS IN THE



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1 SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL AND FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN BE
2 SAFELY DIVERTED FROM COUNTY JAILS. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD ASK IF THE
7 C.E.O. COULD CONSIDER GIVING US A REPORT BACK DURING THE FINAL
8 CHANGES FOR THE '23/'24 BUDGET ON HOW YOU WOULD EXPECT THAT WE
9 WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF THIS MOTION IN CONCERT WITH OUR
10 CARE FIRST AGENDA?

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12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, WE
13 CAN PROVIDE A REPORT BACK. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE'LL HAVE
14 ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEEDED. WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED
15 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS. THERE IS AN ANALYSIS THAT NEEDS
16 TO BE DONE. I'M NOT SURE IF WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET IT DONE BY
17 FINAL CHANGES, BUT IF IT IS COMPLETE, THEN, BY ALL MEANS, WE
18 COULD DO A REPORT BACK IN FINAL CHANGES.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT JUST ALLOWS US TO TRACK
21 WHERE WE ARE IN THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET JUST HAVE A SENSE. SO,
22 THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MADAM
23 C.E.O.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NO OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO MAKE
2 REPORTS RIGHT NOW, BUT IT'S EARLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
3 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
4 THIS ITEM.

5

6 **OPERATOR:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,
7 ADRIAN MUNCIA, AMBROSE BROOKS, BRIAN SMITH, DIEGO RODRIGUEZ,
8 DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, HANS JOHNSON, HERMAN HERMAN, JAMES
9 TAKAMATSU, JANET ASANTE, NANCY RODRIGRERA, PATRICIA
10 MACALLISTER, RED CHIEF HUNT, REM NUNEZ, AND WANDA SOLOMON.
11 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LINDA STRAESLE. GO AHEAD,
14 PLEASE.

15

16 **LINDA STRAESLE:** THANK YOU, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

17

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

19

20 **LINDA STRAESLE:** THIS IS LINDA STRAESLE FROM DISTRICT 5. AS A
21 MEMBER OF THE N.A.M.I. GREATER L.A. COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE
22 COMMITTEE, I WISH TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR YOUR
23 IMPORTANT MOTION, WHICH CALLS ON THE COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD
24 WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECURE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES TO
25 DEPOPULATE THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS, TRANSITIONING INCARCERATED



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1 INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FROM JAIL CUSTODY TO A
2 CLINICAL THERAPEUTIC SECURE ENVIRONMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.
3 SECURE THERAPEUTIC FACILITIES ARE THE MISSING LINK IN OUR
4 CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WITH
5 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. THE PROPOSED NEW SECURE BEDS WILL
6 BRING US ANOTHER STEP TOWARD CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
7 ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR BEING ABLE TO DO SO. TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF
8 JAIL AND INTO TREATMENT, WE MUST BUILD APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS
9 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS, STAFF, AND OUR
10 COMMUNITIES. THESE BEDS WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO COUNTY JAIL
11 INMATES WITH THE MOST SEVERE NEEDS. THEY'LL HELP REDUCE THE
12 TRAGIC NUMBERS OF PEOPLE DETAINED AND LANGUISHING IN CELLS --

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRITTNEY WEISMAN. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **BRITTNEY WEISMAN:** HI, I'M BRITTNEY WEISMAN, A 10 YEAR MENTAL
21 HEALTH AND HOUSING ADVOCATE AND ALSO AN L.A. COUNTY MENTAL
22 HEALTH COMMISSIONER HERE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN
23 FOR THIS THOUGHTFUL MOTION PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND ALSO JUSTICE-
25 IMPACTED AND MOVING THE COUNTY FORWARD IN CARE FIRST/JAIL



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SUPERVISORS

1 LAST. TO DO THIS JAIL LAST/CARE FIRST, WE NEED ALTERNATIVES
2 LIKE NON-CORRECTIONAL CAREGIVING SETTINGS JUST LIKE THIS TO
3 CREATE SLOPES IN THE SYSTEM. PEOPLE WON'T GET WELL IN A CELL,
4 BUT THE INTRINSIC PURPOSE OF A NON-CORRECTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH
5 BED IN A COMMUNITY SETTING IS CARE, AND A SECURE NON-
6 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH BED LIKE THIS IS TREATMENT IN THEORY AND
7 REALITY, NOT PUNISHMENT, AND IT ALSO SUPPORTS OUR PROMISE TO
8 STEP INDIVIDUALS DOWN FROM JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT IN LOCKED
9 SETTINGS WHEN POSSIBLE. IT WON'T PRODUCE RECOVERY INHERENT FOR
10 THE INDIVIDUAL, AND THEREBY ALSO OUR COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY
11 RECOVERY INHERENTLY. THESE NEW BEDS ARE VITAL COMPONENT OF A
12 FULLY FUNDING ROBUST CONTINUUM OF --

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEANNA STANLEY. GO AHEAD.

18
19 **DEANNA STANLEY:** HI, MY NAME IS DEANNA STANLEY. I'M
20 REPRESENTING OUR DETECTIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ERIC VASQUEZ,
21 FROM JUSTICE FOR YOUTH. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
22 HER MOTION ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AS THE COAUTHOR TO
23 EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE SO WE CAN SAFELY
24 DEPOPULATE THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES FROM OUR JAIL.
25 I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR SO MUCH DISCUSSION



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1 TODAY ON CREATIVE IDEAS TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH. OUR POSITION
2 WITH THIS ITEM IS THAT PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS
3 CANNOT HEAL AND RECOVER IN A JAIL SETTING. IN FACT, AS A
4 GENTLEMAN MENTIONED EARLIER, WE KNOW THAT JAILS ARE MORE OFTEN
5 CONTRIBUTORS TO MENTAL HEALTH OR CAUSE THEIR EXISTING
6 CONDITIONS TO BECOME WORSE. THE COUNTY MUST CONTINUE ITS
7 COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST BY PLACING THEM IN A TREATMENT-BASED
8 FACILITY, WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO IMPROVE
9 INSTEAD OF LANGUISHING IN THE JAIL SETTING. THIS IS WHY
10 JUSTICE FOR YOUTH FULLY SUPPORTS THE MENTAL HEALTH MOTION TO
11 PROVIDE NON-CARCERAL AND A MORE THERAPEUTIC PLACE FOR THEM TO
12 BE. BY EMPHASIZING THEIR CARE FIRST --

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BELINDA BRESNAHEV. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **BELINDA BRESNAHEV:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BELINDA CAMPOS BRESNAHEV.
21 I'M WITH THE WELLNESS CENTER. WITH CLOSE TO 30,000 COMMUNITY
22 MEMBERS WHO ARE PART OF OUR PROGRAMMING, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
23 MENTAL HEALTH, FOOD ACCESS, AND HEALTHCARE ARE THE HIGHEST
24 NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
25 HER MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN TO EXPAND ARE MENTAL HEALTH



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1 DIVERSE CARE FACILITIES SO WE CAN SAFELY SUPPORT THOSE WITH
2 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FROM OUR COUNTY JAIL, ENSURING THAT
3 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION ARE ACCESSIBLE TO EVEN THOSE
4 WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. IT'S CRITICAL TO OUR
5 HUMANITY. THOSE LIVING WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES CANNOT
6 HEAL OR RECOVER IN JAIL SETTINGS, AND MANY OF THOSE
7 INDIVIDUALS DIE IN HORRIFIC SETTINGS WITHOUT DIGNITY. WE THANK
8 THE COUNTY FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST INITIATIVES AND
9 ASK THAT TREATMENT-BASED FACILITIES BE PART OF THOSE
10 INITIATIVES. ON OUR CAMPUS, L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, MANY
11 OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT GET OUT OF JAIL WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
12 HEALTH CYCLE BETWEEN --

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MISSY, WHO DECLINED TO GIVE
18 HER LAST NAME. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **MISSY:** HELLO. TODAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I SUBMIT THAT IT HE
21 INVALID FOR YOU TO APPROVE THIS WITHOUT HAVING ANY FINANCIAL
22 IMPACT KNOWN TO YOURSELVES OR THE PUBLIC. THAT SHOULD BE
23 DOCUMENTED. ALSO THE MISUSE OF MEASURE H FUNDS, THAT'S NOT
24 SUBMITTED IN THE REVISED AGENDA THAT THE PUBLIC CAN SEE. SO
25 WHAT THIS WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE IS THAT EVERY JUDGE WHO CAME



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SUPERVISORS

1 TO A RULING DECIDING ON WHAT THE CRIME WAS AND HAD THE PERSON
2 HAVE DUE PROCESS, EVERY JUDGE'S RULING IS INCORRECT, AND THAT
3 THEN GETS TO BE OVERRIDDEN BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO
4 THEN WOULD DELEGATE THIS TO SOME OTHER PARTY TO DETERMINE
5 WHERE THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE HOUSED. I CHALLENGE THAT
6 ASSUMPTION. IT WOULD NULLIFY BASICALLY THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS
7 FOR PROTECTION FROM [INDISCERNIBLE]. NO DOUBT PEOPLE HAVE
8 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, HOWEVER, IF THE COUNTY ISN'T ABLE TO
9 MEET THE -- RUN THE JAILS BASED ON CONSENT DECREE --

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTINE PARKER. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16

17 **CHRISTINE PARKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE. I'M AN L.A.
18 COUNTY RESIDENT AND CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S. I WANT
19 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.
20 WE KNOW THAT JAILS ARE INHERENTLY DISABLING SETTINGS, AND
21 FOLKS DON'T GET BETTER IN THESE SETTINGS. THEY GET WORSE. IT'S
22 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DEPOPULATE OUR JAILS, AND THIS
23 MOTION OFFERS A CONCRETE STEP FORWARD TOWARDS COMMUNITY
24 INTEGRATION. THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 24, AND THANK



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1 YOU, AGAIN, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, FOR THE IMPORTANT
2 MOTION. I URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE YES.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5
6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE OSUNA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7
8 **JOSE OSUNA:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS MOTION. MY NAME
10 IS JOSE OSUNA. I SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR
11 BRILLIANT CORNERS, I'M ALSO THE 4TH DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE
12 PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE
13 IT PROVIDES FOR NON-CARCERAL AND MORE THERAPEUTIC SOLUTIONS
14 FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ARE DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH
15 ISSUES. INCARCERATION IS NOT THE SOLUTION FOR THOSE COMMUNITY
16 MEMBERS. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY UNHOUSED PEOPLE WITH THE MOST
17 SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES END UP INCARCERATED IN L.A.
18 COUNTY JAILS. THERE IS A CRUCIAL NEED TO EXPAND SECURE MENTAL
19 HEALTH BEDS AND DEVELOP SECURE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES TO
20 DEPOPULATE THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS AND CREATE SAFE SETTINGS FOR
21 HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. I URGE
22 THAT BEDS ALSO BE ATTACHED TO RESOURCES, AND WE NEED TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT WE ARE CREATING PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT HOUSING AND
24 OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS FOLKS EXIT, NOT ONLY SECURE
25 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES --



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1
2 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4
5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER GARCIA. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7
8 **JENNIFER GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JENNIFER GARCIA.
9 I'M WITH FAMILY SERVICES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS FOR HER MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN TO EXPAND OUR MENTAL
11 HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE TO SAFELY DEPOPULATE THOSE WITH
12 SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS FROM JAILS. AS HAS BEEN STATED SEVERAL
13 TIMES, PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CANNOT HEAL AND
14 RECOVER IN A JAIL SETTING. AS WE KNOW, THEY OFTEN DETERIORATE.
15 THAT'S WHY WE ARE ASKING THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUE ITS
16 COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST BY PLACING INDIVIDUALS IN A
17 TREATMENT-BASED FACILITY RATHER THAN CREATING A CYCLE BETWEEN
18 OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, OUR STREETS, AND ULTIMATELY BACK
19 INTO OUR JAILS. BY EMPHASIZING THEIR CARE FIRST, WE CAN BREAK
20 THE HARMFUL CYCLE AND ACTUALLY GIVE THOSE LIVING WITH MENTAL
21 HEALTH A CHANCE TO HEAL. THAT HE WHY WE SUPPORT THE MENTAL
22 HEALTH MOTION TO CREATE A NON-CARCERAL AND MORE THERAPEUTIC
23 PLACE FOR REHABILITATION. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
24 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. I URGE EVERYONE
25 TO VOTE YES. THANK YOU.



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1

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

3

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

5

6 **ITZL PEREZ:** HI, MY NAME IS ITZL PEREZ. I'M REPRESENTING THE
7 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER IS PROUD
8 TO BE ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED BY THE COUNTY TO
9 IMPLEMENT PROGRAMMING UNDER CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT.
10 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CANNOT HEAL AND
11 RECOVER IN A JAIL SETTING. IN FACT, WE KNOW JAILS OFTEN CAUSE
12 THEIR CONDITIONS TO DETERIORATE. THE COUNTY MUST CONTINUE ITS
13 COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST BY PLACING THEM IN A TREATMENT-BASED
14 FACILITY WHERE THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO IMPROVE INSTEAD
15 OF LANGUISHING IN A JAIL SETTING. WE KNOW THAT WITHOUT PROPER
16 TREATMENT, THOSE FORTUNATE TO MAKE IT OUT OFTEN FIND
17 THEMSELVES IN A CYCLE BETWEEN OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, OUR
18 STREETS, AND ULTIMATELY BACK IN OUR JAILS. BY EMPHASIZING
19 THEIR CARE FIRST, WE CAN BEGIN TO BREAK THE HARMFUL CYCLE
20 BETWEEN OUR JAILS AND OUR STREETS AND ACTUALLY GIVE THOSE
21 LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS A CHANCE TO HEAL. THANK YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS IMPORTANT
23 MOTION. I URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE YES.

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TURN TO OUR SPEAKERS
2 IN THE ROOM. GO AHEAD.

3
4 **ADRIAN MUNCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AND ADRIAN MUNCIA. I
5 AM WITH [INDISCERNIBLE] FAMILY SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITH HER MOTION ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
7 EXPAND OUR MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE. THE COUNTY MUST
8 CONTINUE TO COMMIT A CARE FIRST PLACING THEM IN TREATMENT-
9 BASED FACILITY, WHERE THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO IMPROVE
10 INSTEAD OF LANGUISHING IN A JAIL SETTING. I OVERSEE PROGRAMS
11 SERVING JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH AND FAMILIES. I HAVE FIRSTHAND
12 IN HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS CAN BENEFIT FROM MENTAL HEALTH CARE
13 AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THIS IS WHY WE SUPPORT MENTAL
14 HEALTH MOTIONS PROVIDING THE NON-INCARCERATION AND MORE
15 THERAPEUTIC PLACE FOR THEM TO BE. BY EMPHASIZING THEIR CARE
16 FIRST, WE GIVE THOSE LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS A
17 CHANCE TO HEAL. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. I URGE EVERYONE TO
19 VOTE YES. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **HANS JOHNSON:** HI, MY NAME IS HANS JOHNSON. I'M A CONSTITUENT
24 OF DISTRICT 1, AND I WANT TO THANK MY OWN SUPERVISOR, HILDA
25 SOLIS, AS WELL AS CHAIR HAHN FOR SPONSORING THIS MOTION. I



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1 HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERIENCED MENTAL HEALTH CRISES
2 IN THE CARCERAL SYSTEM HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND I'M HERE TO
3 SPEAK UP IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. AS MANY SUPERVISORS HAVE
4 SAID AND OTHER COMMENTS HAVE ARE MADE, OUR COMMITMENT TO CARE
5 FIRST HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS RUNNING INTO A SERIOUS
6 BARRIER OF CAPACITY. AND TO ECHO SUPERVISOR BARGER, THIS IS A
7 VERY WELCOME FIRST STEP THAT I THINK CAN BE FOLLOWED BY MANY
8 OTHER FORMS OF PROGRESS. SECURE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN
9 LOS ANGELES NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND SERIOUS NEEDS REQUIRE
10 DEDICATED TRAINED CARE IN A THERAPEUTIC, SAFE SETTING, NOT
11 AGGRAVATING IN JAIL. AS MANY PEOPLE KNOW, VERY, VERY FEW
12 PEOPLE, ALMOST NO ONE, GETS WELL IN A CELL. THIS MOTION HELPS
13 PERFORM A MASSIVE STEP FORWARD FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK
14 YOU.

15
16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17
18 **WANDA SOLOMON:** WANDA SOLOMON, SINGLE PARENTS OF AMERICA. I
19 JUST CONCUR WITH EVERYONE'S SENTIMENTS AND THAT EVERYONE VOTE
20 YES ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. I HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER THAT'S
21 GOING THROUGH SOME ISSUES. I LOST MY DAUGHTER LAST MAY OF 2020
22 THAT WENT THROUGH THE SYSTEM. SO, I CONCUR AND VOTE YES.

23
24 **WANDA SOLOMON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
2 IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I'M THE C.O.O. OF ALMA. I WOULD LIKE
3 TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THE
4 MOTION TO EXPAND THE MOTION OF CONTINUUM OF CARE SO WE CAN
5 SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY DIVERT THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
6 ILLNESS TO SECURE THERAPEUTIC SETTINGS. ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS
7 STUDIES, OUR JAILS ARE NOT EQUIPPED NOR ARE THE MOST THE
8 CONDUCIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF INTENSIVE
9 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT. CONTINUOUSLY SENDING AND KEEPING
10 THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL IN JAILS IS BOTH INHUMANE AND
11 INEFFECTIVE. THE COUNTY MUST CONTINUE ITS COMMITMENT TO CARE
12 FIRST, CREATING TREATMENT-BASED FACILITIES WHERE PEOPLE HAVE A
13 CHANCE TO HEAL, RECOVER, AND BE REINTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY.
14 THIS WILL LIKELY REDUCE THE RATE OF RECIDIVISM AND BURDEN ON
15 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, JAILS, AND OTHER SYSTEMS OF CARE. WE
16 HOPE OUR BOARD CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD THIS SHIFT FROM PUNISHMENT
17 TO TRUE REHABILITATIVE OPTIONS, INCLUDING SUPPORTIVE CARE.
18 ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION, AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK
19 ALL SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT IT. THANKS.

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

22
23 **NANCY RODRIGERA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS NANCY RODRIGERA,
24 AND I'M WITH ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS FOR HER MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN TO EXPAND OUR

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1 MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE. I AM A RESIDENT OF BOYLE
2 HEIGHTS AND HAVE WORKED WITH JUSTICE IMPACTED TEENS AND THEIR
3 FAMILIES FOR OVER 10 YEARS. PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH
4 NEEDS CANNOT HEAL AND RECOVER IN A JAIL SETTING. IN FACT, WE
5 KNOW JAILS OFTEN CAUSE THEIR CONDITIONS TO DETERIORATE. THE
6 COUNTY MUST CONTINUE ITS COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST BY PLACING
7 THEM IN A TREATMENT-BASED FACILITY WHERE THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A
8 CHANCE TO IMPROVE INSTEAD OF LANGUISHING IN A JAIL SETTING. WE
9 KNOW THAT WITHOUT PROPER TREATMENT THOSE WHO ARE FORTUNATE
10 ENOUGH TO MAKE IT OUT FIND THEMSELVES IN A CYCLE BETWEEN OUR
11 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, OUR STREETS, AND ULTIMATELY BACK IN OUR
12 JAILS. I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS CAN BENEFIT
13 FROM MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THIS IS
14 WHY I SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH MOTION TO PROVIDE A NON-
15 CARCERAL AND MORE THERAPEUTIC PLACE FOR THEM TO BE. THANK YOU
16 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS IMPORTANT
17 MOTION. I URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, MY HUSBAND,
18 DAVID VALDEZ, SAYS HELLO.

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

21
22 **REM NUNEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS REM NUNEZ. AND
23 I AM A PRACTITIONER AT ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. THANK YOU,
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THE MOTION TO EXPAND
25 THE MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED IN OUR



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1 COUNTY JAILS. AS A MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER, I SEE HOW
2 INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES NEED MORE
3 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO HEAL AND RECOVER MUCH MORE THAN THAT
4 CAN BE PROVIDED IN TRADITIONAL JAIL SETTINGS. I CURRENTLY WORK
5 WITH JUSTICE PARTNERS IN EAST LOS ANGELES, LONG BEACH, SOUTH
6 LOS ANGELES AND CAN ATTEST TO THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF PROPER
7 TREATMENT AND SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH MENTAL
8 HEALTH ISSUES WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE END UP IN COUNTY JAILS.
9 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING CARE FIRST APPROACH TO BREAK THE
10 CYCLE OF RECIDIVISM IN LOS ANGELES. WE NEED PROPER TREATMENT
11 AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, WHO HAVE
12 ENDED UP IN OUR JAILS. THANK YOU AGAIN, ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS,
13 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION.

14
15 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
16

17 **PATRICIA MACALLISTER:** PATRICIA MACALLISTER. MANY OF THE
18 MENTALLY ILL IN PRISON, THEY ARE DRUG ADDICTS. NOW, I'VE DONE
19 THE STATISTICS. 70% OF THE PRISONERS ARE WHITE. WHEN THEY WERE
20 BLACK, YOU SENT THEM TO THE PENITENTIARY, BUT NOW YOU WANT
21 TO SEND THE WHITE ONES TO SOME THERAPY. OKAY, NOW 57% ARE
22 LATINOS. SO, SEE THE TABLES ARE TURNING NOW. SO, NOW YOU WANT
23 TO GET THEM SOME HELP, BUT IT'S TOO LATE. I SUSPECT WITH ALL
24 THIS GENDER MESS GOING ON AND TAMPERING WITH OUR CHILDREN, YOU
25 HAVEN'T SEEN NOTHING YET. EARLIER, I SAID THE STUDENTS THAT



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1 ARE NOT IN L.A. COUNTY -- THAT WAS L.A. COUNTY THAT I WAS
2 TALKING ABOUT, NOT CALIFORNIA. L.A. COUNTY LOST OVER 150,000
3 STUDENTS. THEY'RE AFRAID TO COME TO SCHOOL. THEIR PARENTS ARE
4 GETTING OUT OF HERE. SO, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, BUT
5 THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK. YOU GOT TO TAKE THAT OUT OF OUR
6 SCHOOLS THAT ABUSING OUR STUDENTS SEXUALLY.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **JANET ASANTE:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE, AND I'M WITH
11 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I WANT
12 TO START OFF BY SAYING THAT I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF ALL THE
13 SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION TODAY AND I PRESUME
14 VOTING YES ON THIS MOTION. I'M REPRESENTED BY HOLLY MITCHELL
15 OFTEN AND AM ALWAYS VERY PROUD OF THE THINGS THAT SHE HAS
16 BROUGHT FORTH, BUT EVERY SUPERVISOR TODAY HAS HIGHLIGHTED WHAT
17 WE HAVE BEEN SAYING AT JUSTICE L.A. FOR YEARS, WHICH IS THAT
18 WE NEED CARE, AND YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL. THIS IS A
19 GREAT FIRST STEP TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DIVERTING FOLKS WHO
20 NEED THE DIVERSION, BUT ALSO WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO
21 PRIORITIZE UNLOCKED MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, AS WELL. YOU MENTIONED
22 THAT THIS POPULATION IS ONLY A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF FOLKS
23 THAT NEED CARE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE
24 CARE FIRST AGENDA AND CONTINUE TO NOT CONTINUE THE FAILED
25 MENTAL HEALTH ASYLUMS IN THE COUNTY THAT ONLY DISAPPEAR AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM. PLEASE EXPAND THE EXISTING MECHANISMS
2 LIKE O.D.R. THANK YOU.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5
6 **AMBROSE BROOKS:** MY NAME IS AMBROSE BROOKS, AND I'M A RESIDENT
7 OF DISTRICT FIVE. AND I JUST WANT TO FIRST ADDRESS THE GENDER
8 NONSENSE. I'M A PROUD TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUAL, AND I RESIST ANY
9 CLASSIFICATION OF GENDER NONSENSE USED TO DESCRIBE MY
10 COMMUNITY. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR
11 YOUR COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE CRISIS INSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY
12 JAILS. THIS MOTION TAKES SERIOUSLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
13 D.M.H. AND D.H.S., AND ITS DIRECTIVES ARE ACTION ORIENTED,
14 FIND THE FINDING AND BRING ONLINE THE MUCH NEED MENTAL HEALTH
15 BEDS. SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BEDS TO
16 DIVERT TO. WHY IS THAT? UNDOUBTEDLY, IT'S PARTIALLY RELATED TO
17 A \$3.4 BILLION BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND A
18 MINUSCULE BUDGET FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE. RIGHT
19 NOW, OVER 40% OF THE JAIL POPULATION SUFFERS FROM SERIOUS
20 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THIS MOTION, LIKE HAHN'S ALTERNATIVE
21 CRISIS RESPONSE MOTION, IS CONCERNED WITH THE GAPS IN THE
22 HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE AND THE ROADBLOCKS TO HIRING AND
23 RETENTION. HOWEVER, WE MUST PRIORITIZE THE EXPANSION OF 3500
24 UNLOCKED BEDS NEEDED IN THE COUNTY AND FURTHER EXPANSION OF
25 O.D.R. THIS WILL HAVE THE MOST LASTING AND IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE JAIL POPULATION. WE NEED AN EXPANSION OF A DECENTRALIZED
2 COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR USING YOUR
5 VOICE TO UPLIFT THE COMMUNITY. I APPRECIATE YOUR WORDS. NEXT
6 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7
8 **HERMAN HERMAN:** O'CONNOR V. DONALDSON 422 U.S. 563, 1975, ATKIN
9 V. VIRGINIA, THE 8TH AMENDMENT, EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AND LOSS OF
10 ENJOYMENT OF LIFE ALL BECAUSE 562 U.S. 443 SCHNEIDER V.
11 PHELPS, NOT BLESSED JUST CURSED. YOU'RE GOING TO HELL AND GOD
12 HATES YOU. I HATE YOU. I [EXPLETIVE] HATE YOU BECAUSE I SEE
13 THE HARM YOU BRING THE PEOPLE. I [EXPLETIVE] HATE YOU BECAUSE
14 I SEE HOW MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CRISIS OF DEPRIVING A PERSON
15 THE ELIGIBILITY TO ENJOY LIFE. SO, AS LONG AS THERE IS NO
16 ENJOYING LIFE, 42 U.S.C. 1983, [EXPLETIVE] YOU FOR THE RECORD.
17 [EXPLETIVE] ALL OF YOU IN MENTAL HEALTH, AND [EXPLETIVE] THE
18 D.A. [EXPLETIVE] THE POLICE. AS LITTLE BOOZEY WOULD SAY --

19
20 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT VERY META
21 EXPERIENCE OF WHY WE NEED THIS ITEM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS A LOW BLOW.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU CAN TURN IT IN. OKAY, THANK YOU,
2 MS. HORVATH. I WILL TAKE IT FROM HERE. THANK YOU.

3
4 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** OKAY SO, THERE IS A LOT OF
5 CONTRADICTIONS HERE. WE WANT SECURE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. THERE
6 IS AT LEAST 2400 BEDS AVAILABLE. TRUST AND BELIEVE. JANICE
7 HAHN, WE PRESENTED THAT TO YOU IN LONG BEACH, RIGHT? LUCAS
8 CLIP WENT THE OTHER WAY AND MADE SURE WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING.
9 RIGHT? TYLER CASH IN BARGER'S DISTRICT, AND I WANT TO SAY, MS.
10 BARGER, WE NEED TO STOP THE HYPOCRISY. THERE IS A LOT OF
11 OPPORTUNITY IN DISTRICT 5, PALMDALE AND LANCASTER,
12 SPECIFICALLY. THE WAY WE CARE ABOUT KITTIES AND MONEY AND YOUR
13 BROTHER AND MONEY IS THE SAME WAY YOU CAN SAY, YES, LET'S OPEN
14 THIS FACILITY AND PUT THESE PEOPLE IN. WE WANT TO TAKE CARE OF
15 OUR PEOPLE THAT YOU PUT IN JAIL. LET'S GET THAT STRAIGHT. IT'S
16 NOT YOU, PER SE, BUT THE SYSTEM YOU WORK FOR, AND YOU KNOW
17 THIS. SO LET'S WORK TOGETHER. LET'S STOP BEING HYPOCRITES. YOU
18 DON'T HAVE TO LIKE ME, BUT YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH ME ONE WAY OR
19 THE OTHER BECAUSE WE'RE IN THESE STREETS TRYING TO DO YOUR
20 JOB. IF TYLER CASH IS A REAL PERSON, CAN HE AT LEAST RESPOND
21 TO SOMETHING. APPRECIATE YOU.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, CHIEF RED HUNT.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. 33% OF THE PEOPLE ARE
2 MENTALLY ILL. WHY DON'T WE DIVERT THE MONEY FROM THE COUNTY
3 JAILS TO MENTAL HEALTH BEDS? PROBLEM-SOLUTION. 33% OF THE
4 PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH MENTAL ILLNESSES. LET'S DIVERT MONEY
5 AGAIN TO HELP. THESE PEOPLE NEED HELP NOT JAIL CELLS. THE RED
6 CHIEF HUNT. GIVE ME AN AYE VOTE ON THIS ONE.

7

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

9

10 **MIKE GREENSPAN:** MIKE GREENSPAN, BRUIN BUTT-KICKING FLORIDA
11 GATOR. AND LET ME TELL YOU, LET'S GO BACK A LITTLE BIT IN
12 TIME. HOW FAR ARE WE GOING BACK? 2001, WHEN THE PERSON WHO
13 USED TO BE ON THE BOARD AND NOW FROM THE 2ND DISTRICT, MARK
14 RIDLEY THOMAS, GOT UP IN THE 8TH COMMUNITY CONGRESS DISTRICT
15 FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 AND SAID EVERYONE NEEDS SALVATION JUST
16 SOME PEOPLE GET THEIR SALVATION AT TWIN TOWERS. NOW, LET'S GO
17 BACK TO PRE-COVID WHEN HE WAS STILL ON THE BOARD BEFORE HE GOT
18 ELECTED TO COUNCIL AND HE WAS WITH THE ALTERNATIVES TO
19 INCARCERATION. NOW, ISN'T THAT NICE? SOME PEOPLE CAN TALK OUT
20 OF BOTH SIDES OF THEIR MOUTH ON THE ISSUE LIKE OLD CURLY.
21 WELL, GUESS WHAT? HE'S GOING TO GO TO JAIL NOT TO A MENTAL
22 INSTITUTION IN THE CARE OF A CRACKPOT JEWISH PSYCHIATRIST.
23 HE'S GOING TO PRISON. HE'S GOING TO GET HIS SALVATION IN
24 FEDERAL PRISON. AND GUESS WHAT? I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HIM GET
25 SENTENCED. YAY!



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1
2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAY I REMIND YOU, HERMAN, NO CLAPPING FROM
3 THE AUDITORIUM. YES, PERFECT. WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE PHONE.
4 PLEASE CALL THE SPEAKER ON THE PHONE.

5
6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BARBARA SIEGEL. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8
9 **BARBARA SIEGEL:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BARBARA SIEGEL. I TEACH
10 A CLASS AT U.S.C. GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW FOR MEDICAL AND LAW
11 STUDENTS ON THE EQUITY AND THE LEGAL AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS
12 OF HEALTH. I'M ALSO A RETIRED FORMER MANAGEMENT ATTORNEY AT
13 HEALTH AND HUMAN CENTER AT NAVAL LEGAL SERVICES, LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE INTERSECTION OF MENTAL
15 ILLNESS AND INCARCERATION IS AN EQUITY ISSUE AS WELL AS A
16 RACIAL AND HEALTH JUSTICE ISSUE. PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
17 ILLNESS NEED TREATMENT AND CANNOT HEAL OR RECOVER IN A JAIL
18 SETTING. IN FACT, AS RECOGNIZED BY MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE
19 ALREADY SPOKEN, THEY OFTEN DETERIORATE. I APPLAUD AND THANK
20 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND HEALTH
21 CARE BY CREATING 500 SECURE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS FOR P3 AND P4
22 INDIVIDUALS. THIS PROPOSAL WILL ALLOW HUMANE, SAFE
23 DECARCERATION AND PUT POWER BEHIND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CARE
24 FIRST/JAILS LAST INITIATIVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO PROGRESS --



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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

3
4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KENNETH JOHNSON. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6
7 **KENNETH JOHNSON:** KENNETH JOHNSON, AND I LIVE IN THE 1ST
8 DISTRICT IN THE SALVATION ARMY BELL SHELTER. I'M
9 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION, A.R.C., MEMBER. THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION FOR MENTAL
11 HEALTH BEDS. I'VE SPENT SIGNIFICANT YEARS IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES AND PAROLED FROM STATE PRISON AFTER
13 SERVING 26 YEARS UNDER NON-VIOLENT THREE STRIKE OFFENSES. I
14 SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE FOR EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, AS
15 SHERIFF DEPUTIES AND COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL STAFF ARE NOT
16 ADEQUATELY TRAINED FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS NEEDS. THE MENTAL
17 HEALTH CRISIS EXTENDS TO OUR HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES. I'M
18 A CURRENT V.A. MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT, AS I'M A U.S. AIR FORCE
19 VETERAN, AND I ALSO AM A [INDISCERNIBLE] ADVOCATE WITH THE
20 CHALLENGE COIN FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I GRADUATE IN JUNE,
21 EARNING MY SOCIOLOGY A.A. DEGREE SO I CAN FURTHER ADVOCATE FOR
22 MENTAL HEALTH AND SYSTEM-IMPACTED CITIZENS IN OUR LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN.



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SUPERVISORS

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

3
4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CELIA VALDEZ. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6
7 **CELIA VALDEZ:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS CELIA VALDEZ. I'M
8 REPRESENTING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ACCESS IN LOS ANGELES.
9 THANK YOU SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THIS MOTION. WE NEED
10 DO A BETTER JOB OF CARING FOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL
11 ILLNESS. CRIMINALIZING THEM HAS MAGNIFIED THE MENTAL HEALTH
12 AND HOMELESS CRISES IN OUR COMMUNITY. I LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED
13 EAST LOS ANGELES AND WITNESS EVERY DAY HOW WE'RE FAILING THIS
14 COMMUNITY. AS A PROFESSIONAL WORKING FOR A NONPROFIT DEDICATED
15 TO ENSURING ACCESS TO CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE, I AM
16 FRUSTRATED AND STRUGGLE WITH SECURING CARE FOR PEOPLE
17 SUFFERING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS THAT IS TIMELY, HUMANE, AND
18 EFFECTIVE. PROPER NON-CARCERAL MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WHERE
19 CARE IS PRIORITIZED WILL BRING THOSE SUFFERING WITH MENTAL
20 ILLNESS CLOSER TO HEALING. THANK YOU AGAIN TO BOTH OF YOU, AND
21 I THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD AND URGE YOU TO VOTE YES.

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

24
25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SEAN HOGUE. YOU MAY BEGIN.



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1

2 **SEAN HOGUE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SEAN HOGUE, AND I'M
3 WITH CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE. I WANT TO START BY
4 THANKING SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THIS MOTION TO EXPAND
5 OUR MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE SO THAT WE CAN SAFELY
6 DEPOPULATE THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FROM OUR JAIL. I
7 LIKE TO REITERATE WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY SO MANY TODAY. PEOPLE
8 WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CANNOT HEAL AND RECOVER IN A
9 JAIL SETTING. WE KNOW THAT WITHOUT PROPER TREATMENT, OUR
10 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OFTEN FIND
11 THEMSELVES TRAPPED IN THIS CYCLE OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS,
12 THE STREETS, DRUG USE, ULTIMATELY BACK IN OUR JAILS. THIS IS
13 WHY CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE SUPPORT THIS MENTAL
14 HEALTH MOTION TO PROVIDE A NON-CARCERAL AND MORE THERAPEUTIC
15 PLACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED
16 AND DESERVE. WE ASK ALL FOR AN AYE VOTE.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA ALVAREZ. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **DIANA ALVAREZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DIANA. I'M A
24 RESIDENT OF THE 5TH DISTRICT. I'M ALSO EMPLOYED IN THE 5TH
25 DISTRICT. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ITEM 24. I



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 HAVE WORKED IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS,
2 AND I CURRENTLY WORK IN CRISIS STABILIZATION, WHERE WE SEEK
3 TO STABILIZE FOLKS ON HOLD. WE NEED MORE BED PLACEMENTS,
4 ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GRAVELY DISABLED FOLKS AND FOLKS WITH
5 SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESSES. THESE PEOPLE ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK
6 OF INCARCERATION DUE TO THEIR TYPICAL HOUSELESS STATUS AND
7 INCREASED VISIBILITY ON THE STREETS. PLEASE CONSIDER ITEM 24
8 WHILE ALSO CONSIDERING FUTURE MOTIONS THAT INCREASE OUTPATIENT
9 SUPPORT AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR A TRUE CONTINUUM OF CARE.
10 THANK YOU FOR WRITING THIS. I APPRECIATE IT.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EVRAN ARAT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **EVAN ARAT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EVRAN ARAT. I'M
17 REPRESENTING [INDISCERNIBLE]. I EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN TO BROADEN OUR MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM WITH THE GOAL
20 SAFELY DEPOPULATING INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS
21 FROM OUR JAIL SYSTEM. AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN S.P.A. 7, SERVING
22 UNHOUSED AND FORMALLY UNHOUSED TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, WE
23 WITNESSED SIGNIFICANT STRUGGLES FACED BY THIS VULNERABLE
24 GROUP, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. WE
25 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JAILS OFTEN EXACERBATE THEIR CONDITION



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 HINDERING THEIR HEALING PROCESS, THUS WE BELIEVE IT'S CRUCIAL
2 FOR THE COUNTY TO REMAIN STEADFAST IN ITS CARE FIRST APPROACH
3 BY PLACING THEM IN A TREATMENT-BASED FACILITY WHERE THEY CAN
4 TRULY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE RATHER THAN LANGUISH IN
5 A JAIL SETTING. OUR STANCE IS THAT IT'S IMPERATIVE TO PROVIDE
6 A NON-CARCERAL AND MORE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT FOR THESE
7 INDIVIDUALS TO BREAK THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF INCARCERATION IN
8 THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [BEEPING]

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO? ARE YOU ON? HELLO? HOUSTON, WE HAVE A
13 PROBLEM.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** MR. MENDOZA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

16

17 **MR. MENDOZA:** I DIDN'T HEAR MY NAME. I'M SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR
18 ME?

19

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

21

22 **MR. MENDOZA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
23 LETTING ME SPEAK. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND THE REST OF
24 THE BOARD FOR BRINGING ANOTHER IMPORTANT MOTION TO THE BOARD.
25 AS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT IT IS TO BE LOCKED UP IN THESE



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SUPERVISORS

1 FACILITIES, SPECIFICALLY MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, I BELIEVE PEOPLE
2 WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES CANNOT HEAL OR RECOVER IN
3 THESE TYPES OF SETTINGS. EVERYBODY HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED THIS.
4 FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME, JUST FOR ANYBODY, BEING LOCKED UP LIKE
5 THESE TYPES OF SETTINGS IS VERY INHUMANE. I CAN JUST IMAGINE
6 FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH REAL MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HOW WORSE
7 IT CAN BE FOR THEM. I WANT TO COMMEND THIS BOARD FOR
8 CONTINUING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO GET TO THE ROOT CAUSE OF
9 ENSURING THAT OUR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS ARE GETTING WHAT
10 THEY NEED SO THEY CAN RETURN SAFELY BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITIES.
11 THE LAST THING WE WANT IS HAVING PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR
12 COMMUNITIES AND NOT GETTING THE SERVICES THEY NEED, ARE NOT
13 BEING PRIORITIZED INDIVIDUALLY FOR THEIR NEEDS, AND THEY END
14 EITHER HOMELESS OR END UP BEING PUSHED AWAY FROM ORGANIZATIONS
15 THAT CANNOT SERVE THEM --

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR CALLING. NEXT
18 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT ANTHONY ARENAS. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS WITH THE JUSTICE
24 L.A. COALITION AND RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. AND I'M ALSO
25 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 24. THE COUNTY HAS TO KEEP -- HAS



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT AND RAPID INVESTMENTS IN THE SPECTRUM OF
2 TREATMENT, AND THAT INCLUDES UNLOCKED, STEP DOWN BEDS,
3 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND, YES, LOCKED BEDS, RUN BY
4 CLINICIANS, NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND THIS IS A STEP IN THE
5 RIGHT DIRECTION. I ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO ALSO PRIORITIZE
6 UNLOCKED MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. IF WE HAVE LEARNED ANYTHING FROM
7 THE DECADES OF FAILED MENTAL HEALTH ASYLUMS, IT'S THAT THEY
8 ONLY SERVE TO DISAPPEAR PEOPLE AND EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM. ON
9 ITS FACE, THIS MOTION SEEKS TO ADDRESS THE URGENT NEED FOR
10 MENTAL HEALTH, BUT IN SUBSTANCE, IT FAILS TO ADDRESS THE
11 IMMEDIATE NEEDS. AND YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SUPPORT THE RELIEF
12 OF PEOPLE NOW BY EXPANDING MECHANISMS LIKE O.D.R. NOT ONLY
13 DOES O.D.R. SERVE THE SPECTRUM OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, IT ALSO
14 DOES SO EFFECTIVELY AND WITH JUDICIAL BUY-IN --

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

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

21
22 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** THANK YOU. THREE CHEERS FOR COMMENTER IZZY AND
23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FESSING UP TO WHERE'S THE MONEY NOW AND IN
24 THE FUTURE AND ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL. IN 2019, THE GANG OF
25 FOUR VOTES TO QUASH THE \$1.7 BILLION MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 FACILITY. YET THEY REPEATEDLY CRY WOE THE MENTAL HEALTH
2 PERSONS. HOW CRAZY IS THAT? SHEILA KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR HILDA
3 SOLIS VOTED AGAINST MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THANK GOD SHEILA
4 KUEHL IS GONE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH WANTS TO DECLARE A
5 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND DUMP THE JAILS ON THE COMMUNITIES. YET
6 THIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONDITION HAS EXISTED FOR DECADES, LIKE
7 GLORIA MOLINA AND HER CO-CONSPIRATORS, WHO SHOULD HAVE GONE TO
8 FEDERAL PENITENTIARY ALONG WITH LEROY BACA. AND ONCE AGAIN,
9 THREE CHEERS FOR COMMENTER IZZY. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HEATHER MOORE. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **HEATHER MOORE:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

17

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

19

20 **HEATHER MOORE:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS HEATHER MOORE. I AM ON
21 BEHALF OF THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
22 THIS IS A GREAT MOTION. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHARE MY
23 EXPERIENCE. I WAS AN INMATE WORKER. AND SO, I KNOW FIRSTHAND
24 WHAT IT'S LIKE, BUT I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT I DO KNOW IN
25 C.R.D.F., THEY HAVE A PILOT PROGRAM IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIKE THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 MASTERS, WHERE WE'RE WORKING WITH THE M.O.H. TO TRANSITION
2 THEM TO GO BACK TO G.P. I WANT TO SAY KEYWORD
3 "REHABILITATION," IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. AND I
4 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY IT WOULD BE GREAT BECAUSE THE MENTALLY
5 ILL HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING VIOLENT IF THEY'RE NOT IN THE
6 CELL. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO TRANSITION, IF THEY'RE NOT TAKING
7 THEIR MEDS, IF THEY'RE NOT -- IF THEY DON'T -- A LOT OF THEM
8 HAVE POOR HYDROGEN, AND I DO KNOW THAT THE --

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES NELSON. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **JAMES NELSON:** YEAH, THANK YOU. JAMES NELSON WITH DIGNITY AND
17 POWER AND JUSTICE L.A. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR RAISING
18 THIS MOTION, 24, AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF IT. AND YOU KNOW, IT
19 JUST REMINDS ME ABOUT THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A
20 LONG TIME AS FAR AS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY, THE
21 MENTAL HEALTH THAT GOES ON, THE TREATMENT OF FOLKS INSIDE THE
22 COUNTY JAIL, THE DEPUTY GANGS THAT'S TERRORIZING THE COUNTY
23 JAIL. AND THEN WE TALK ABOUT SAFETY. THIS IS A MOVE TO MAKE
24 SURE WE GET FOLKS IN THE RIGHT FACILITY TO GET THE RIGHT
25 TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED, AND THEN THEY CAN ALSO TOO BE SAFE



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IT A COUPLE YEARS AGO
2 WHY M.C.J. NEEDS TO BE CLOSED DOWN, AND PEOPLE NEED TO BE OUT
3 IN COMMUNITY-BASED CENTERS AND FACILITIES WHERE THEY GET THE
4 RIGHT TREATMENT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RAISING THIS. AND
5 KEEP IN MIND, TOO, TWIN TOWERS WAS BUILT UNDER THE PRETENSE OF
6 MENTAL HEALTHCARE. AND LOOK WHAT IT'S BECOME. SO, AGAIN, WE
7 NEED TO PUT FOLKS IN THE PROPER FACILITIES --

8
9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

11
12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MANUEL CAMPA. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14
15 **MANUEL CAMPA:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MANUEL CAMPA. I'M
16 PROUDLY REPRESENTING THE CITY TERRACE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS
17 ANGELES. AND I'M A PHYSICIAN LEADER AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL
18 CENTER, WHERE I AM A PRIVATE CARE DIRECTOR. I OVERSEE THE CARE
19 OF 60,000 ANGELENOS AT THE FACILITY. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
20 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH
21 CONTINUUM OF CARE. THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT WITHIN THE
22 MEDICAL SYSTEMS WHERE WE HAVE INTEGRATED CARE THAT ADDRESSES
23 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, THERE IS BETTER OUTCOMES. WE
24 KNOW THAT FOR SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS, MOVING THEM OUT
25 OF JAILS AND MOVING THEM TO FACILITIES WHERE WE'RE ADDRESSING



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE MULTIPLE DETERMINANTS THAT HAVE LED THEM TO DEVELOP SEVERE
2 ILLNESS ARE GOING TO LEAD TO BEST OUTCOMES. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRIAN SMITH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **BRIAN SMITH:** YEAH, THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

9

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

11

12 **BRIAN SMITH:** GREAT, YES. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU
13 GUYS YOU SHOULD PROBABLY SPENDING SO MUCH TIME ON YOUR
14 COMMENTS AND ALLOW PUBLIC SPEAKERS TO ENGAGE A LITTLE BIT
15 MORE. IT'S A LITTLE FRUSTRATING HAVING TO WAIT IN THE HALL FOR
16 THREE HOURS \ AND LISTEN TO YOU GUYS TALK TO EACH OTHER.
17 NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, MENTAL HEALTH IS A HUGE ISSUE. YOU
18 GUYS NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN P3 AND
19 P4 AND P2 AND GENERAL POPULATION. YOU GUYS DON'T UNDERSTAND
20 THAT. YOU JUST READ THE INFORMATION THAT'S ON THE PAPERS IN
21 FRONT OF YOU. MOVING P3 AND P4 PEOPLE IS IMPERATIVE TO GET
22 THEM TO A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY WHERE THEY CAN BE WATCHED AND
23 MONITORED CLOSELY. YOU JUST CAN'T CLOSE JAILS BECAUSE YOU
24 DON'T LIKE THEM AND YOU WANT TO PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK SAY
25 THEY'RE BEING CLOSED, LOOK WHAT WE ARE DOING, WE'RE HELPING



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SUPERVISORS

1 THOSE WITH CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST. THATS NOT HOW IT WORKS. I
2 KNOW YOU GOT A LOT OF ACTIVISTS THAT ARE PUSHING YOUR BUTTONS,
3 BUT THAT'S NOT EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS. THERE IS A LOT OF MOVING
4 PARTS TO IT. YOU NEED TO ENGAGE EVERYBODY AND LEARN WHAT IT IS
5 YOUR TALKING ABOUT RATHER THAN JUST SAYING NUMBERS AND TITLES
6 ON PAGES.

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

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAS THE MODERATOR GOING TO SAY THE SAME
14 THING THAT YOU SAID? NO OTHER SPEAKERS? SO NO OTHER SPEAKERS
15 IN THE PHONE OR IN THE ROOM? ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO
16 COMMENT ON THIS? OKAY. ITEM 24 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I WILL SECOND IT TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ITEM 24 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

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



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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

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

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO MOVE ONTO ITEM 30,
21 REPORT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ABORTION SAFE HAVEN PROJECT. IT
22 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
23 ON THE TELEPHONE, PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM
24 30. AND WE WILL HAVE IN THE ROOM -- WELL, FESIA DAVENPORT, WHO
25 IS ALWAYS HERE, DAWN HARRISON, COUNTY COUNSEL, ALSO -- OH, I



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1 LOST MY PIECE OF PAPER ON WHO ELSE FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL. OH,
2 STEVEN DISALVO. WE ALSO HAVE DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES, DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
4 HEALTH, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION, AND CAPTAIN BRANDON DEAN
5 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO MAKE A PRESENTATION.
6 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START THIS OFF?

7
8 **SUP. HORVATH:** SURE. I APPRECIATE ALL YOU BEING HERE TODAY,
9 ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES WE FIND OURSELVES IN
10 WITH SOME PENDING COURT RULINGS. I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS
11 DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE ALREADY TO DECLARE THE
12 COUNTY'S ABORTION SAFE HAVEN PROJECT, AND GIVEN THE PENDING
13 RULINGS, WANT TO MAKE SURE WE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS IN
14 PRACTICE. ON THE ONE HAND, WE HAVE A U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE IN
15 TEXAS DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT REVOKE F.D.A. APPROVAL OF
16 MIFEPRISTONE, THE FIRST MEDICATION GIVEN IN MEDICAL ABORTIONS.
17 THERE IS ALSO A CASE IN WASHINGTON STATE WHERE U.S. DISTRICT
18 JUDGE IS WEIGHING A LAWSUIT BROUGHT ON BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY
19 GENERAL TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO ACCESS TO MIFEPRISTONE,
20 INCLUDING F.D.A. REGULATIONS. TO SAY WE LIVE IN UNCERTAIN
21 TIMES IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. AND FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE THE
22 ABILITY TO BECOME PREGNANT, IT'S ANXIETY-INDUCING AT BEST AND
23 DEADLY AT WORST. ONE THING IS CERTAIN, L.A. COUNTY IS
24 COMMITTED. IT IS, WAS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SAFE HAVEN
25 FOR PROVIDING ABORTION. AND TODAY, WE'LL BE HEARING FROM ALL



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1 OF YOU WITH REGARD TO WHERE WE'RE AT SORT OF IN IMPLEMENTING
2 THAT POLICY. WE WOULD LIKE CLARITY AS TO WHERE WE STAND IN
3 LIGHT OF TEXAS AND WASHINGTON CASES AND HOW OUR JUSTICE AND
4 PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS, IN PARTICULAR, WILL DO JUST THAT, WORK
5 TO PROVIDE JUSTICE AND KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. THIS IS WHY I'VE
6 ASKED YOU YOU WILL TO COME HERE TODAY, SO I APPRECIATE YOU
7 MAKING TIME TO BE AT THE BOARD MEETING. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS
8 THAT I HOPE WILL SET THE TABLE AND PLEASE FILL IN ANY BLANKS
9 YOU THINK WE'RE NOT TOUCHING ON. I GUESS TO START WITH COUNTY
10 COUNSEL, LEGALLY, WHERE ARE WE CURRENTLY AS IT RELATES TO
11 THESE POTENTIAL RULINGS, AND WILL THESE CASES -- ARE THEY
12 LIKELY TO BE HEARD BY THE SUPREME COURT?

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, WAIT. TURN YOUR MIC ON. THERE YOU GO.

15
16 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I
17 WANT TO FIRST STATE THAT TODAY MIFEPRISTONE, WHICH IS ALSO
18 KNOWN AS THE ABORTION PILL, IS AN APPROVED DRUG, REMAINS AN
19 APPROVED DRUG FOR MEDICATION ABORTIONS. AND IT HAS BEEN
20 LEGALLY PRESCRIBED SINCE THE YEAR 2000 WHEN THE F.D.A.
21 APPROVED IT. IT'S SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. IT IS WIDELY USED IN
22 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE
23 COUNTY'S PUBLIC HOSPITALS. THE CASE THAT YOU MENTIONED IN THE
24 FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IS PENDING. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE
25 JUDGE IN THAT CASE IS GOING TO ISSUE HIS ORDER, AND WE DON'T

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1 KNOW THE CONTOURS OF ANY SUCH ORDER. WE DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY
2 HE'S GOING TO RULE. HE HAS SUGGESTED HE MIGHT GRANT THE
3 INJUNCTION. THERE IS ALSO A SECOND CASE IN THE WESTERN
4 DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, ALSO A FEDERAL COURT CASE, WHICH, IF
5 THE INJUNCTION WAS GRANTED IN THAT CASE, COULD CONTRADICT THE
6 RULING IN TEXAS. SO YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THERE COULD BE
7 DUELING FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT INJUNCTIONS. AND THAT MAY BE A
8 MATTER THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED PERHAPS BY THE U.S.
9 SUPREME COURT.

10

11 **SUP. HORVATH:** WHAT HAPPENS WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE CASES TO MAKE
12 THEIR WAY THROUGH THE COURTS? IS IT LEGAL TO PRESCRIBE OR BE
13 PRESCRIBED MIFEPRISTONE?

14

15 **ATTORNEY:** THAT'S A DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT INVOLVES TRYING TO
16 PREDICT WHAT THE F.D.A. IS GOING TO DO IN RESPONSE. MANY LEGAL
17 OBSERVERS HAVE PREDICTED THE F.D.A. IS LIKELY TO ISSUE A NON-
18 ENFORCEMENT LETTER. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT THE AGENCY WOULD
19 ESSENTIALLY ANNOUNCE THAT, EVEN IT'S BEEN ORDERED TO WITHDRAW
20 APPROVAL OF THE DRUG, IT WOULD NOT ENFORCE A BAN ON THE DRUG.
21 IN OTHER WORDS, IT WOULDN'T BE YANKING IT FROM THE
22 MARKETPLACE. I WOULD EXPECT THAT IF THAT HAPPENS THAT THE
23 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
24 OTHER STATEWIDE AUTHORITIES WOULD FOLLOW SUIT AND FOLLOW THE
25 F.D.A.'S LEAD AND CONTINUE WITH THE POLICY OF NON-ENFORCEMENT

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1 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THERE IS A LAW IN THE STATE OF
2 CALIFORNIA, THE SHERMAN FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT, WHICH
3 DOES GRANT AUTHORITY TO STATEWIDE PROSECUTORS AND ALSO LOCAL
4 PROSECUTORS TO PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS INVOLVING THE SALE OF
5 UNAPPROVED DRUGS. IT'S CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT IN SOME
6 COUNTIES SOME DISTRICT ATTORNEYS MIGHT, PERHAPS IN A RURAL
7 COUNTY, MIGHT SEEK TO ENFORCE A BAN ON THE DRUG. I WOULD
8 EXPECT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES
9 WOULD NOT DO SUCH A THING. IN FACT, I NOTE THAT THE DISTRICT
10 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ISSUED A LETTER YESTERDAY STATING THAT THEY
11 DID NOT INTEND TO PROSECUTE ANY VIOLATIONS OF LAW INVOLVING
12 DISTRIBUTION OR USE OF MIFEPRISTONE. AND I NOTE THAT THE
13 CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ISSUED SIMILAR STATEMENTS AND,
14 IN FACT, SUPPORTED AN AMICUS BRIEF THAT WAS FILED WITH THE
15 TEXAS DISTRICT COURT OPPOSING THE PLAINTIFF'S EFFORT IN THAT
16 CASE TO ISSUE A NATIONWIDE INJUNCTION AGAINST MIFEPRISTONE.

17
18 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR OUR SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, WHAT DOES ENFORCEMENT LOOK LIKE IF MIFEPRISTONE
20 ORDERED OFF THE MARKET? I'M INTERESTED ESPECIALLY GIVEN RECENT
21 REPORTS IN THE L.A. TIMES OF THE ROLE THAT THE LOS ANGELES
22 POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAYED THAT IT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS THE
23 ABORTION SQUAD, ENDANGERING WOMEN AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. I
24 CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENT AND L.A.
25 COUNTY AS A WHOLE IS NOT USING OUR SYSTEMS TO BE FURTHER



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1 ENDANGERING PEOPLE. SO IF YOU COULD TALK ABOUT WHAT
2 ENFORCEMENT WILL OR WON'T LOOK LIKE FROM THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT PERSPECTIVE.

4
5 **BRANDON DEAN:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING ME
6 HERE. SO, LIKE MY PARTNER FROM COUNTY COUNSEL SAID, WE'RE KIND
7 OF STILL WAITING FOR THE RULING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. IF IT IS
8 FULLY WITHDRAWN, AND THE F.D.A. WITHDRAWS IT, OBVIOUSLY THERE
9 IS A SECTION IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE THAT WOULD MAKE IT
10 A VIOLATION, A MISDEMEANOR, TO HAVE THIS, LIKE COUNTY COUNSEL
11 SAID. AT NARCOTICS BUREAU, WE DON'T FOCUS ON STUFF LIKE THAT.
12 WE'RE FOCUSING ON WHAT WE CALL THE BIG FOUR: METHAMPHETAMINE,
13 FENTANYL, COCAINE, AND HEROIN. WE DO HAVE WHAT'S CALLED THE
14 HEALTH AUTHORITY LAW ENFORCEMENT TASKFORCE, WHICH PARTNERS
15 WITH OUR HEALTH SERVICES. THEY ARE MORE SO UTILIZED TO GO
16 AFTER UNLICENSED DOCTORS, DENTISTS, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE,
17 THINGS LIKE THAT, OVER-PRESCRIBING MEDICATIONS, THINGS LIKE
18 THAT. SO, THIS WOULD MORE FALL IN LINE WITH WHAT OUR HALT TEAM
19 DOES, BUT BASICALLY, LIKE COUNTY COUNSEL SAID, THIS ISN'T
20 SOMETHING WE ARE GOING TO BE ACTIVELY PURSUING. AT THIS TIME,
21 BASED ON EVERYTHING, THE APPEAL PROCESS AND EVERYTHING THAT IS
22 GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THIS, IT'S NOT BASICALLY FEASIBLE FOR US
23 TO DEDICATE RESOURCES TO BE GOING AFTER SOMEBODY FOR THIS
24 MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION, WHICH IS TECHNICALLY CLASSIFIED AS



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1 MISBRANDING, WHICH WE GET VERY LOW PROSECUTION TO IF ANY
2 PROSECUTION AT ALL ON.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. AND TO OUR FEARLESS
5 LEADERS FROM D.H.S. AND D.P.S., IN THE WORST CASE SCENARIO
6 SITUATION, ARE WE ABLE TO STOCKPILE MIFEPRISTONE? IS THAT
7 SOMETHING WE'RE INTENDING TO DO AT THIS POINT? AND GIVEN WHAT
8 WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE SHERIFF AND D.A., WHAT WILL BE YOUR
9 POLICIES REGARDING MEDICATION ABORTION FOR THE COUNTY?

10
11 **DR. GHALY:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE
12 MOTION. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, WE CURRENTLY
13 HAVE ABOUT 460 DOSES OF MIFEPRISTONE IN STOCK, AND WE ARE
14 PLANNING ON DOUBLING THAT. CURRENTLY, IN THE MARKET, THERE IS
15 ROBUST SUPPLY. THERE IS NOT ANY CHALLENGE IN OBTAINING THE
16 MEDICATION FROM THE MANUFACTURER. BASED ON WHAT COUNTY COUNSEL
17 HAS INDICATED, WE'RE STILL WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH
18 THE COURTS AND WHAT ACTION THE F.D.A. WOULD TAKE, AND THAT
19 WOULD IMPACT, ULTIMATELY, WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S LIMITED
20 DISTRIBUTION AND ABILITY TO ACCESS MIFEPRISTONE IN THE FUTURE.
21 SO, IN THE SITUATION IN WHICH, POTENTIALLY, MIFEPRISTONE WAS
22 NOT AVAILABLE FROM IN UNITED STATES SUPPLIERS, WE COULD LOOK
23 AT OBTAINING SUPPLY FROM OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AND THAT'S AN
24 OPTION THAT OUR PHARMACY TEAM IS LOOKING AT. THE OTHER OPTION,
25 ONCE WE WOULD HAVE DEPLETED THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE

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1 PHARMACY STOCK, WOULD BE TO GO TO ALTERNATIVE MEDICATION
2 REGIMENS. SO RIGHT NOW, MIFEPRISTONE IS TYPICALLY PRESCRIBED
3 AS PART OF A TWO-DRUG DOSE. IT'S INITIAL DRUG WITH
4 MIFEPRISTONE AND THEN A SECOND DRUG IS USED MISOPROSTOL. AND
5 IT'S POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION ABORTIONS WITH ONLY THE
6 SECOND DRUG, MISOPROSTOL. AND THERE'S NOT CURRENTLY ANY COURT
7 CASE THAT I'M AWARE OF ABOUT CHALLENGING THE REGULATORY
8 AUTHORITY OR APPROVAL OF THAT SECOND DRUG MISOPROSTOL. IT'S
9 IMPORTANT TO NOTE, THOUGH, THAT THE TWO DRUG REGIMEN IS MORE
10 EFFECTIVE IN ENDING UP WITH PREGNANCY TERMINATION. IT'S OVER
11 95% EFFECTIVE, WHEREAS THE MISOPROSTOL DOSE ALONE IS LESS
12 EFFECTIVE ON THE ORDER OF 2-3 TIMES LESS EFFECTIVE THAN
13 MIFEPRISTONE ALONE. IF WE DID GET TO THE SITUATION WHERE
14 MEDICATION ABORTIONS HAD TO BE PRESCRIBED ONLY WITH THE USE OF
15 THAT ONE DRUG, IT WOULD RAISE THE RISK THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAD
16 TO MOVE ON TO GOING TO A PROCEDURAL OR A SURGICAL ABORTION IF
17 THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO TERMINATE THE PREGNANCY WITH THE
18 MEDICATION ABORTION ALONE.

19
20 **DR. FERRER:** AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS FOR ALWAYS
21 CHAMPIONING THE ISSUE AROUND MAKING SURE WE HAVE, NOT JUST
22 ACCESS TO ABORTION, SAFE ACCESS TO ABORTIONS, BUT ALSO THE
23 FULL RANGE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES. AND
24 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS
25 MOTION. WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY, OBVIOUSLY, WITH D.H.S. WE ARE

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1 DOING -- WE ARE MAKING TWO ADDITIONAL EFFORTS. THE FIRST IS
2 WE'LL CERTIFY OUR PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS AS SITES WHERE WE'RE
3 ABLE TO NOW DISTRIBUTE THE ABORTION PILLS, AGAIN, AS A TWO
4 PILL REGIMEN. OUR PHARMACY, BY GETTING CERTIFIED, WILL ALSO BE
5 ANOTHER PLACE WHERE WE CAN ORDER AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE GOT
6 MEDICATION ON HAND. WE'RE ALSO REDOUBLING OUR EFFORTS, WE JUST
7 RECEIVED A GRANT THAT WILL HELP WITH THIS, TO MAKE SURE THAT
8 OUR COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITIES AROUND US THAT HAVE LESS AND
9 LESS ACCESS HAVE ONE CENTRAL PLACE TO GO. SO WE'VE CREATED A
10 NEW PLACE ON THE WEB, WHERE THEY CAN GET A FULL LISTING OF THE
11 RESOURCES. I DO WANT TO SAY, WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY THE
12 OBLIGATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW THE FULL
13 CONTINUUM OF SERVICES THEY HAVE, INCLUDING GOOD ACCESS TO THE
14 MORNING AFTER PILL AND WAYS TO PREVENT A PREGNANCY IN THE
15 FIRST PLACE. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DIVORCE THAT FROM THIS
16 CONVERSATION BECAUSE I THINK OUR JOB IS TO JUST MOVE FORWARD
17 WITH A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF SERVICES THAT ARE EASY FOR PEOPLE
18 TO ACCESS. THE WEBSITE HAS 11 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES THERE SO
19 THAT, AGAIN, WE ARE REALLY IMPROVING FOR PEOPLE TO GET GOOD
20 INFORMATION BECAUSE I THINK THE ONE THING IS, THERE'S A TON OF
21 CONFUSION RIGHT NOW, ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE HAVE, WHAT THEY HAVE IN
22 CALIFORNIA, WHAT THEY NOT HAVE SOON, AND IT'S CREATING, AS YOU
23 NOTED, JUST ENORMOUS STRESS ON PEOPLE TRYING TO MAKE DECISIONS
24 ABOUT THEIR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** I THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING US THIS UPDATE. I
2 KNOW WHEN I BROUGHT THIS FORWARD, SOME DETRACTORS NOTED WE
3 JUST PASSED PROP 1. THIS IS ALL CODIFIED IN THE CALIFORNIA
4 CONSTITUTION. WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT ONCE
5 WE KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN POTENTIALLY PREEMPT
6 WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
7 DEDICATED ON THE GROUND AND READY AND WORKING PROACTIVELY TO
8 ENSURE PEOPLE'S SAFETY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS AT ANOTHER
9 LEVEL. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION ON THIS ISSUE
10 IN ENSURING NOT ONLY ANGELENOS BUT ANYBODY WHO COMES TO LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY CAN RECEIVE THESE SERVICES SAFELY AND WITHOUT
12 RISK OF HARM IN ANY WAY. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS CARE TO
15 MAKE A COMMENT? I JUST REALLY ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
16 ALL OF YOU FOR COMING HERE TODAY BECAUSE I THINK YOU ALL
17 BROUGHT A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE TO THIS POTENTIAL CRISIS FOR
18 SOME WOMEN BECAUSE MEDICATION ABORTIONS ARE NECESSARY, AND I
19 WAS GLAD THAT YOU ANSWERED THE QUESTION, DR. GHALY, ABOUT IF
20 MIFEPRISTONE IS REMOVED, IS THERE -- I WAS GOING TO ASK IS
21 THERE ANOTHER DRUG. AND MAYBE THIS WILL COMPEL RESEARCHERS TO
22 BEGIN WORK ON FINDING OTHER DRUGS THAT MIGHT -- CAN SERVE THIS
23 PURPOSE. BUT I WAS GLAD YOU AT LEAST SAID, THE TWO DOSE
24 METHOD, AT LEAST THE SECOND DOSE IS, SO FAR, NOT BEING



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1 TARGETED BUT IS LESS EFFECTIVE. IS THERE ANY OTHER DRUG OUT
2 THERE THAT THEY'RE EVEN LOOKING AT FOR MEDICATION ABORTION?

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** THERE ARE SOME OLDER REGIMENS, SUPERVISOR, SUCH AS
5 METHOTREXATE, BUT IT IS NOT COMMONLY USED TODAY, AND THE TWO
6 DRUG REGIMEN REALLY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND SAFE METHOD FOR
7 MEDICATION ABORTIONS. THAT ALTERNATIVE OPTION OF THE SECOND
8 DRUG USED ALONE IS THE SECOND BEST OPTION. AND I'M NOT AWARE
9 OF OTHER MEDICATIONS. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE OTHER
10 REGIMENS AVAILABLE, BUT THEY'RE NOT IN WIDESPREAD USE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE IT, AGAIN, BECAUSE I THINK
13 YOU'RE RIGHT. A LOT OF PEOPLE RIGHT NOW ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT
14 THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THEM AND WHAT RIGHTS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
15 STAND ON THAT THE F.D.A. MAY TAKE AWAY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.
16 ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK
17 ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **OPERATOR:** WOULD DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, MIKE GREENSPAN, RED
20 CHIEF HUNT, AND WANDA SOLOMON PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF
21 WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
22 CALLER, PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JAMIE KINIRK. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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2 **JAMIE KINIRK:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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4 **MODERATOR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU. PROCEED, PLEASE.

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6 **JAMIE KINKIRK:** HI, MY NAME IS JAMIE KINKIRK. I'M CALLING IN ON
7 BEHALF OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
8 30. JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO HAS
9 WORKED SO DILIGENTLY ON THIS PROJECT TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT
10 LOS ANGELES IS SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE SEEKING
11 ABORTION SERVICES. REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE UPDATES THAT HAVE
12 BEEN GIVEN TODAY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING IN THIS
13 FIGHT WITH YOU ALL. SO THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LADY CAGE BAREAL. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **LADY CAGE BAREAL:** HI. THIS IS LADY CAGE BEREAL. CAN YOU HEAR
21 ME OKAY?

22

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

24



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1 **LADY CAGE BAREAL:** GOOD. GOOD. OKAY, REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 30,
2 WHICH IS FOR ABORTION SAFE HAVEN. I TRULY FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD
3 VOTE AGAINST IT. FIRST OF ALL, ABORTION IS MURDER. AND UNLESS
4 YOU HAVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, IT DOES NOT HELP THE SOCIETY
5 TO BE MURDERERS OF BABIES. THIS BABY IN THE WOMB DESERVES AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUTSIDE OF THE WOMB AND BECOME A VIABLE
7 CITIZEN OF CALIFORNIA OR ANY OTHER STATE IN THIS NATION. SO, I
8 DON'T KNOW -- YOU'RE SITTING UP THERE ON YOUR HIGH MIGHTY
9 THRONE, BUT IT'S NOT THE THRONE IN HEAVEN FOR SURE. THIS
10 THRONE YOU'RE SITTING ON IS NOT BEING VIRTUOUS. YOU GUYS ARE
11 BEING QUITE --

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. YOU'RE
14 TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MISSY, WHO HAS DECLINED TO
17 PROVIDE A LAST NAME. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **MISSY:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO MAKE MENTION THAT THE U.S. SUPREME
20 COURT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS ISSUE GOES DOWN TO THE STATES.
21 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR, MAKES IT
22 CLEAR THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ABORTION STATE. THAT SAID,
23 I'M CONCERNED THAT L.A. COUNTY FEELS COMPELLED TO EMPHASIZE
24 THIS. COUPLE OF THINGS, THIS REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE -- IT'S A
25 VERBAL REPORT. IT COULD BE WRITTEN. IT DOES INCLUDE A COST



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1 IMPACT OF WHAT'S BEING SPENT BY L.A. COUNTY. IT'S ALSO
2 CONCERNING THAT THIS REPORT IS TALKING ABOUT ENSURING ACCESS
3 BY SHERIFF AND D.A. FOR ABORTIONS. IT'S CONCERNING IN THAT THE
4 MAJORITY CONSISTENTLY VOTES TO DEFUND THE POLICE AND NOT DO
5 ANYTHING ABOUT THE D.A.'S REFUSAL TO PROSECUTE CRIMES, BUT
6 THIS SEEMS TO BE TAKING THE FIRST PRIORITY OVER JUST BASIC
7 PUBLIC SAFETY. I'M NOT COMMENTING FOR OR AGAINST ABORTION, BUT
8 I'M SAYING THAT I'M CONSISTENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
9 PRIORITIES.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING. WE'RE GOING IN-
12 PERSON. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

13

14 **MIKE GREENSPAN:** MIKE GREENSPAN THE TWO WHO WON'T GO BACK TO
15 FLORIDA, YOU ANTICHRIST CATHOLICS. NOW THAT THAT'S BEEN
16 ESTABLISHED, FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE GETTING MIXED MESSAGES ON
17 ABORTION. WE SEE THE A.I.D.S. HEALTH FOUNDATION, USE A CONDOM.
18 THAT WOULD SOLVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS, AND IT'S POLITICALLY
19 CORRECT TO BOOT, BUT, YOU KNOW, REALITY. USING A CONDOM IS
20 LIKE TAKING A SHOWER WITH A RAINCOAT ON, AND NOBODY WANTS TO
21 TAKE A SHOWER WITH A RAINCOAT ON. AND THEN THIS GUY WHO RAN
22 FOR MAYOR. R-I-C-K-K-K CARUSO SPENT ALL HIS LIFE GIVING TO
23 ANTI-ABORTION GROUPS. NOW, HE CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF PROP 1 TO
24 BE MAYOR. SO, HE'S GOING TO TAKE HIS NAME OFF THAT CHURCH.
25 WELL, IT'S STILL ON THERE FOUR TIMES. HE'S NOT ANOTHER CURLY,



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1 TALKS OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF HIS MOUTH. SOME IDIOT MAYOR
2 ACTUALLY PUT THAT GUY ON THE POLICE COMMISSION TO CHAIR. WHO
3 WAS THAT IDIOT MAYOR? OH YEAH, JIM HAHN, WORST [EXPLETIVE]
4 MAYOR. OH NO, I'M BEING A [EXPLETIVE].

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH GOSH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **PATRICIA MACALLISTER:** ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO IN NEW JERSEY, SOME
9 RABBIS AND MAYORS AND WHATNOT, THEY WERE ARRESTED. THEY WERE
10 SELLING THE ABORTED BABY BODY PARTS AND ADULTS BODY PARTS. SO
11 THERE IS A MARKET OUT HERE FOR SELLING THESE BABIES, THESE
12 INFANTS OUT OF THE WOMB, SELLING THEIR BODY PARTS, OKAY? SO
13 THAT'S WHAT I'M CONCERNED WITH. NOW, THE SUPREME COURT STRUCK
14 DOWN ROE V. WADE FOR WHITE WOMEN. THE WHITE RACE IS DYING OUT,
15 OKAY? GO ON THE WEB AND RESEARCH THIS. SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN
16 SAYING THIS FOR YEARS. YOU'RE DYING OUT. WHITE WOMEN ARE
17 KILLING MORE BABIES THAN ANYBODY. THAT'S WHY THEY MADE IT A
18 STATE ISSUE, OKAY? SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT, TOO. NOW THE U.S.
19 CENSUS SAYS THAT BLACKS ARE NOW THE MAJORITY IN THE UNITED
20 STATES, AND WHITES ARE THE THE MINORITY. NOW, I WORKED THE
21 CENSUS. ANYBODY NOT BLACK WAS CATEGORIZED AS WHITE. SO YOU
22 GUYS ARE THE MINORITY. YOU'RE DYING OUT. THEY ARE GIVING YOU
23 15 TO 20 YEARS. DO YOUR RESEARCH. I'M A TEACHER NOW. I'M A
24 TEACHER.

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

2
3 **WANDA SOLOMON:** YES, WANDA SOLOMON, SINGLE PARENTS OF AMERICA.
4 I URGE THE BOARD TO REVISIT OR REVISE THIS ITEM AND GIVE IT
5 CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. IN MY VIEW, MOST LOW INCOME MOTHERS,
6 WOMEN OF COLOR, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT A RACIAL ISSUE, IT DOES
7 AFFECT LOW INCOME MOTHERS AND OTHER WOMEN OF COLOR. AND I'M
8 VERY CONCERNED WHICH WAY THIS WILL GO. IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS
9 SITUATION TO LOSE A CHILD ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT. SO, I ADVISE
10 THE BOARD TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS ITEM, PLEASE.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S OUR LAST
13 SPEAKER. SO, COLLEAGUES, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED.
14 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE'LL NOW MOVE
15 ON TO ITEM 35, REPORT ON MEDI-CAL REDETERMINATION, WHICH WAS
16 HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
17 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM
18 35. WE HAVE DR. JACKIE CONTRERAS, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
19 SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. AND DR. CHRISTINA
20 GHALY IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DO
21 YOU WANT TO START US OFF?

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** HAPPY TO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND
24 THANK YOU, DR. CONTRERAS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES FOR YOUR WORK AND THE TEAM'S

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1 WORK. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE TO OUR COUNTY
2 AND TO OUR RESIDENTS AND TO OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERS, SUCH AS
3 COMMUNITY CLINICS AND MANAGED CARE PLANS. INTERRUPTED
4 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE CAN HAVE DEVASTATING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC
5 REPERCUSSIONS. AND SO, I'M HOPING THAT MY COLLEAGUES, BOARD
6 OFFICES, AND OUR TEAMS WILL BE SURE TO GET THE WORD OUT TO OUR
7 RESIDENTS TO FILL OUT THE REQUIRED FORMS. SO A COUPLE OF
8 QUESTIONS TO LEVEL SET FOR US, DR. CONTRERAS, AND AGAIN, WE
9 FIND OURSELVES HERE BECAUSE, DURING COVID, THE STATE RELAXED
10 REQUIREMENTS ON RE-CERTIFICATIONS. AND NOW THEY'RE ASKING US
11 TO MAKE SURE THAT MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS CERTIFY -- IT FEELS TO
12 ME LIKE ALL AT ONCE. AND SO, THERE IS CONCERN THAT PEOPLE WILL
13 LOSE COVERAGE NOT BECAUSE THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS CHANGED
14 BUT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T RETURN THE REPORT. SO, QUESTION FOR
15 YOU, HOW MANY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS COULD LOSE THEIR MEDI-CAL
16 BENEFITS?

17
18 **DR. CONTRERAS:** SO WE HAVE 3.7 MILLION MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS THAT
19 WILL GO THROUGH THE RENEWAL PROCESS. THAT IS INCLUDED IN 2.1
20 MILLION CASES. SO THE RENEWALS WILL BE BASED ON THOSE CASES.
21 SO, ONE COULD ARGUE THAT ALL OF THE MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS ARE AT
22 RISK OF LOSING BENEFITS. IN MY PRESENTATION, I'LL COVER OUR
23 AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROCESS, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT OF A SAFETY
24 NET FOR THOSE CUSTOMERS, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT.



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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** WHY DON'T I ASK YOU TO GO AHEAD AND GO THROUGH
2 YOUR PRESENTATION BECAUSE YOU MAY ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS
3 I ALREADY HAVE, SO WE WON'T BE DUPLICATIVE.

4
5 **DR. CONTRERAS:** I'M HAPPY TO DO SO. THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND
6 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MY
7 DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT OUR CUSTOMERS CAN RETAIN
8 THEIR MEDI-CAL BENEFITS AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ENDS. I
9 WANT TO START BY ACKNOWLEDGING WE DO THIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
10 D.H.S., WITH D.P.H., MANAGED CARE PLANS, THE COMMUNITY CLINIC
11 ASSOCIATION, MY HEALTH L.A., AS WELL AS YOUR OFFICES,
12 S.E.I.U., AND NUMEROUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES. THE
13 CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF DECEMBER 29, 2022 ENDED
14 CONTINUOUS COVERAGE THOSE RECEIVING HEALTHCARE THROUGH MEDI-
15 CAL. THIS MEANS THAT WE MUST RESUME THE RENEWAL PROCESS FOR
16 THE 3.6 MILLION L.A. COUNTY D.P.S.S. CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE
17 THIS BENEFIT. THESE CUSTOMERS WILL BEGIN TO RECEIVE NOTICES IN
18 THE MAIL APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS BEFORE THE RENEWAL IS ACTUALLY
19 DUE. FOR EXAMPLE, RENEWAL PACKETS ARE GOING OUT IN APRIL FOR
20 RENEWALS DUE IN JUNE. THEY WILL GO OUT IN MAY FOR RENEWALS DUE
21 IN JULY AND SO FORTH. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE RENEWALS
22 ARE SPREAD OUT OVER A FULL YEAR FROM JUNE 2023 TO MAY 2024.
23 AND SO, IF WE CAN BRING UP THE FIRST SLIDE, THIS FIRST CHART
24 SHOWS YOU OUR OVERALL MEDI-CAL CASELOAD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 DISPLAYED BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THE NUMBER WE'RE FOCUSED

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1 ON IS THE NUMBER IN BLUE, WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF CASES. AS I
2 SAID, A SINGLE CASE OR RENEWAL MAY INCLUDE MULTIPLE
3 INDIVIDUALS. YOU'LL SEE HERE THAT THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF
4 RENEWALS IS IN SUP. DISTRICT 2 AT 544,000 PLUS, AND THEN SUP
5 DISTRICT 1, NEARLY 509,000. THE TOTAL RENEWALS COUNTY-WIDE IS
6 2,171,562. AND THIS IS THE NUMBER THAT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED
7 OVER THE 12 MONTH PERIOD, WHICH IS AN AVERAGE OF 181,000 PER
8 MONTH. AS WE GO TO THE NEXT CHART, THE NEXT CHART DISPLAYS A
9 MORE DETAILED PROJECTION OF RENEWALS DUE EACH MONTH STARTING
10 AT JUNE 2023 THROUGH THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. YOU WILL
11 NOTICE WE EXPECT THAT AT LEAST 66% OF THE RENEWALS EACH MONTH
12 WILL GO THROUGH THE AUTO-RENEWAL PROCESSES, WHICH IS BETWEEN
13 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THOSE NUMBERS ARE IN YELLOW.
14 IF SUCCESSFUL, THIS MEANS THAT NEITHER D.P.S.S. NOR THE
15 CUSTOMER WILL HAVE TO TAKE ANY ACTION, AND INSTEAD THE
16 CUSTOMER WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE THAT THEIR MEDI-CAL HAS BEEN
17 RENEWED. BASED ON ACTUALS, WE ARE PROJECTING THAT ROUGHLY 1/2
18 OF THOSE CASES WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY AUTO-RENEWED EACH MONTH.
19 THE NEXT CHART ILLUSTRATES THIS MORE SPECIFICALLY USING JUNE
20 2023 AS AN EXAMPLE. IN JUNE, 183,668 CASES ARE DUE FOR
21 RENEWAL. IN A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM, APPROXIMATELY 121,693,
22 WILL GO THROUGH AUTO-RENEWAL. OF THAT NUMBER, WE ARE
23 PROJECTING THAT 62,587, THAT'S THE DARK BLUE, OF THOSE CASES
24 WILL SUCCESSFULLY BE AUTO-RENEWED, LEAVING A TOTAL OF 121,081
25 CUSTOMERS THAT WILL NEED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN A PACKET BY

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1 THE DUE DATE IN JUNE. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED
2 ABOUT THE STATE'S LOW AUTO-RENEWAL RATE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS
3 BECAUSE SOME COUNTIES STOPPED SENDING OUT RENEWAL PACKETS
4 DURING THE PANDEMIC. UNLIKE THOSE COUNTIES, WE KEPT SENDING
5 OUT RENEWAL PACKETS AND KEPT PUTTING OUR CUSTOMERS THROUGH THE
6 AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROCESS. AND WE DID NOT TAKE ANY NEGATIVE
7 ACTION THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. AND I CREDIT OUR TEAM AND MY
8 PREDECESSOR FOR THAT DECISION. GIVEN THIS, WE'RE REASONABLY
9 CONFIDENT THAT MANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS REMAIN FAMILIAR WITH THE
10 RENEWAL PROCESS. THAT SAID, WE RECOGNIZE, AS HAS BEEN STATED,
11 THAT THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME FOR OUR MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES
12 AND THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL POPULATIONS THAT WILL NEED TARGETED
13 ATTENTION. FOR I.H.S.S. CONSUMERS, OUR SOCIAL WORKERS ARE
14 DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS
15 THEY WORK WITH, ENCOURAGING THEM TO SUBMIT THEIR RENEWAL
16 PACKET SHOULD THEY RECEIVE ONE. MANY OF THEM RECEIVE S.S.I.
17 BENEFITS SO THE PROCESS FOR THEM TO RENEW THEIR MEDI-CAL MUST
18 GO THROUGH SOCIAL SECURITY, NOT D.P.S.S. WE ARE ENSURING THAT
19 INFORMATION IS CLEAR TO THEM. THE STATE HAS ALSO TEXTED THIS
20 INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO THESE S.S.I. BENEFICIARIES. D.P.S.S.
21 CUSTOMERS THAT ARE UNHOUSED COMMONLY UTILIZE OUR DISTRICT
22 OFFICES AS THEIR MAILING ADDRESS. WHEN THEIR RENEWAL IS DUE,
23 IT WILL BE PROVIDED TO THEM WHEN THEY NORMALLY PICK UP THEIR
24 MAIL, WHICH OCCURS AT LEAST MONTHLY. WE WILL USE THIS
25 OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR PACKETS AND TO

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1 PROVIDE SUPPORT AS NEEDED. WE ARE ALSO SHARING INFORMATION
2 WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS SO THEY CAN ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO
3 COMPLETE THE PACKET TIMELY. GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. HERE YOU
4 WILL SEE OUR COLLECTIVE OUTREACH EFFORTS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT
5 OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, D.H.C.S., IS CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE
6 OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN STRIVING TO GET THE WORD
7 OUT BROADLY ACROSS OUR 10 THRESHOLD LANGUAGES ABOUT WHAT OUR
8 CUSTOMERS NEED TO DO TO CONTINUE THEIR MEDI-CAL COVERAGE. THIS
9 HAS INCLUDED TARGETING ETHNIC AND LOCAL MEDIA, AND WE ARE
10 PLEASE TO SEE THAT MANY OF THEM HAVE PICKED UP OUR NEWS
11 RELEASES. WE ALSO POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, OUR
12 WEBSITES, AND SENT OUT INFORMATION ON OUR EMAIL LIST, WHICH
13 NUMBERS OVER 60,000 INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. OUR EXPERTS
14 HAVE ALSO BRIEFED THE COMMUNITY CLINICS ASSOCIATION AND
15 PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
16 HAS BEEN GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT THIS THROUGH THEIR
17 COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH INITIATIVE, C.H.O.I., AND THE
18 CONTRACTORS THAT THEY FUND THROUGH C.H.O.I. HAVE BEEN
19 DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ABOUT THE P.H.E. ENDING WITH A
20 PARTICULAR FOCUS ON ENCOURAGING MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS TO KEEP
21 THEIR CASE INFORMATION UPDATED AND TO SUBMIT THE RENEWAL
22 PACKETS. THEY ALSO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH BENEFITS CAL,
23 EVERYTHING FROM HELPING THEM OPEN AN ACCOUNT, NAVIGATE THE
24 PORTAL, AND EVEN SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS ON THEIR BEHALF. OUR KEY
25 MESSAGE TO OUR MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS IS THIS: WHEN YOU RECEIVE



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1 YOUR RENEWAL PACKET, PLEASE COMPLETE IT AND EITHER MAIL IT TO
2 US, DROP IT OFF AT ANY D.P.S.S. OFFICE, OR COMPLETE YOUR
3 RENEWAL ON BENEFITS CAL. FORTUNATELY, MEDI-CAL DOES NOT
4 REQUIRE AN INTERVIEW, SO THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR MEDI-CAL
5 RECIPIENT TO CALL OR BE IN PERSON. THIS IS A BENEFIT THAT NOT
6 ALL OUR PROGRAMS AFFORD. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE
7 ARE AWARE OF THIS TO MINIMIZE THEIR WAITING ON HOLD
8 UNNECESSARILY. OF COURSE, IF FOLKS PREFER TO TALK TO SOMEONE
9 DIRECTLY, THEY CAN COMPLETE THE RENEWAL BY PHONE OR BY COMING
10 IN TO ONE OF OUR OFFICES. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MANAGE ALL
11 FOUR OF OUR ACCESS POINTS, MAIL, BENEFITS CAL, OUR DISTRICT
12 OFFICES, AND OUR CALL CENTERS. WE CLOSELY MONITOR THESE ACCESS
13 POINTS TO ADJUST STAFFING AS INDICATED, AND WE'LL CONTINUE DO
14 THIS DURING THIS TIME. I STARTED THIS PRESENTATION BY
15 HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF OUR CRITICAL PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT. I
16 WANT TO END BY EMPHASIZING THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO PARTNER
17 CLOSELY WITH OUR COUNTY FAMILY, WHICH INCLUDES COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO GET THE WORD OUT AND
19 HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS. THIS NEXT SLIDE SHOWS OUR PRIMARY
20 PARTNERS. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THEIR COLLABORATION ON THIS EFFORT.
21 AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, THE RENEWAL PROCESS WILL BE CLOSELY
22 MONITORED BY OUR STATE PARTNERS. THEY ARE DEVELOPING A
23 TRACKING SYSTEM THAT WILL BE SHARED PUBLICLY AS TO THE
24 PROGRESS COUNTIES ARE MAKING IN GETTING RENEWALS COMPLETED BY
25 THE DUE DATE. WE WILL BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH

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1 YOUR OFFICES JUST AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. I WANT TO
2 EMPHASIZE THE LEVEL OF URGENCY MY DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT TO
3 THIS. WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON HIRING AND TRAINING STAFF AND
4 COMMUNITY PARTNERS. IT'S OUR GOAL TO WALK OUR CUSTOMERS
5 THROUGH THIS PROCESS AS SEAMLESSLY AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO WANT TO
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE WORK DO SO STRENGTHEN OUR
7 PARTNERSHIPS, TO INFLUENCE THE UTILITY OF BENEFITS CAL AS A
8 VITAL ACCESS POINT, AND TO BUILD OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH
9 COMMUNITY MORE BROADLY. THIS IS WORK THAT IS BUILT INTO OUR
10 STRATEGIC PLAN AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AS WE
11 MANAGE THIS CHANGE IN REAL-TIME. IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO BRING
12 UP THE LAST SLIDE, WHICH SHOWS IN SUMMARY THE OUTREACH OUR
13 CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING. IT OUTLINES THE PROCESS AND
14 PROVIDES CUSTOMERS WITH THE OPTIONS THEY HAVE AVAILABLE TO
15 THEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION. I'M HAPPY TO
16 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU VERY
19 MUCH, DR. CONTRERAS. TWO THINGS CAME UP FOR ME AS I LISTENED.
20 WHY IS IT THAT WE THINK HALF OF THE AUTO- RENEWALS WILL FAIL?
21 WHY IS THAT?

22
23 **DR. CONTRERAS:** THOSE NUMBERS ARE BASED ON ACTUALS. WE DON'T
24 HAVE THE ACTUALS FOR JUNE YET. WE'LL HAVE THOSE IN A FEW DAYS.
25 SO, WE'RE AT 51%. THAT HAS BEEN AS LOW AS PROBABLY THE HIGH



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1 30S, LOW 40S. AND SO, WE'RE MOVING IT UP. BECAUSE, OVER THE
2 PANDEMIC, CUSTOMERS HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTING THEIR INFORMATION
3 AS REGULARLY, THERE'S NOT BEEN A REQUIREMENT TO DO THAT, THE
4 INFORMATION MAY NOT BE AS ACCURATE. WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS
5 THERE HAS TO BE A MATCH BETWEEN --

6
7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** A PERFECT MATCH, NAME, BIRTH DATE, ALL OF THAT.

8
9 **DR. CONTRERAS:** IN 2019, THAT NUMBER WAS AS HIGH AS 65%. SO,
10 WE'RE HOLDING THAT OUT AS A GOAL TO GET THAT NUMBER UP BECAUSE
11 IT'S REALLY CRITICAL IF WE CAN GET PEOPLE THROUGH THE AUTO-
12 RENEWAL PROCESS.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I AGREE. AS HARD AS IT WAS TO FIGHT TO GET THE
15 AUTO-RENEWAL PROCESS, I GUESS I WAS NAIVE IN THINKING THE
16 NUMBERS WOULD BE HIGHER. MY SECOND CONCERN IS NOT ONLY HAVE
17 PEOPLE GOTTEN OUT OF THE HABIT, RECOGNIZING THE BRAND NEW
18 POPULATIONS THAT WE ARE NOW SERVING THROUGH MEDI-CAL, WHO WILL
19 HAVE NOT GONE THROUGH A RENEWAL PROCESS AT ALL. THAT GIVES ME
20 A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN. STATE LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED FINALLY
21 DURING THE PANDEMIC THAT EXPANDED THE UNIVERSE OF THOSE
22 ELIGIBLE, THOSE WHO ARE INCOME ELIGIBLE BUT FOR ELIGIBILITY
23 STATUS, VARYING AGE CATEGORIES ARE NOW MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES.
24 HAVING SAID THAT, IS THERE UNIQUE MESSAGING AND OUTREACH FOR
25 THOSE POPULATIONS, WHO ARE A) NEW TO MEDI-CAL AND NEVER HAD TO



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1 GO THROUGH THIS RENEWAL PROCESS BECAUSE THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN
2 REMINDING PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE IT HISTORICALLY? SO IS THERE A
3 STRATEGY TO TARGET THAT POPULATION?

4
5 **DR. CONTRERAS:** WE ARE GETTING INFORMATION OUT IN OUR 10
6 THRESHOLD LANGUAGES. SO, THAT'S BEING MADE, AND YOUR OFFICES
7 HAVE COPIES OF THAT NOW. THAT'S BEING MADE AVAILABLE. ALSO IN
8 OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH MY HEALTH L.A. AND OTHER COMMUNITY
9 PARTNERS, THROUGH D.H.S., THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
10 CONNECTIONS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY, WE'RE TRYING TO
11 MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION IN
12 THOSE SPECIFIC LANGUAGES.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I GUESS I'M SAYING IT'S NOT JUST THE TYPICAL
15 INFORMATION. THIS WILL BE A NEW PROCESS FOR MANY. SO ARE YOU,
16 NOT JUST LANGUAGE, BUT IS THERE A DIFFERENT STRATEGY OR
17 DIFFERENT MESSAGING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO MEDI-CAL WHO
18 HAVE NEVER HAD TO RENEW. THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

19
20 **DR. CONTRERAS:** I THINK THE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT THAT WE HAVE
21 BEEN FOCUSED ON IN THE DEPARTMENT TO REALLY CONNECT MORE
22 BROADLY WITH THE COMMUNITY IS WHAT'S GOING TO MAKE THE MOST
23 DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE WORK DO. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. WE
24 HAVE WORK DO IN THAT SPACE, BUT TO GET TO WHAT YOU'RE ASKING,



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1 I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE FUNDAMENTAL WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO.
2 WE WILL FOCUS ON THAT, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** LAST QUESTION FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
5 YOU. WHAT WILL BE, FOR EITHER OF YOU, YOUR INDICATOR THAT WE
6 HAVE -- HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM, THAT OUR NUMBERS ARE NOT
7 KEEPING PACE, THAT WE NEED TO PERHAPS SHIFT TO ANOTHER
8 STRATEGY JUST BECAUSE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE LOSING
9 ELIGIBILITY. WHAT'S THE INDICATOR --

10

11 **DR. CONTRERAS:** I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE ASKING. WE MONITOR SORT OF
12 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR SYSTEM ACROSS ALL OF OUR ACCESS
13 POINTS FAIRLY REGULARLY. SO WE KNOW THAT WE MAY HAVE SHIFT TO
14 RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE NEED, DEPENDING IF PEOPLE ARE
15 COMING IN THE OFFICE OR CALLING US OR SUBMITTING THEIR
16 APPLICATIONS BY MAIL. WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO DO THAT. WE'RE
17 GOING TO BE TRACKING VERY CLOSELY THE RENEWALS THAT ARE
18 COMPLETED. SO WHAT HAPPENS WITH A CUSTOMER, WE SEND OUT THE
19 PACKETS, AS I SAID, 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE. THEY GET THE PACKET.
20 IF WE DON'T HEAR BACK FROM THEM, WE WILL SEND OUT A REMINDER.
21 IF WE DON'T HEAR BACK FROM THEM AGAIN, WE'LL MAKE A CALL, AND
22 THEN WE'LL SEND OUT A NOTICE OF ACTION. UNFORTUNATELY,
23 SOMETIMES THAT'S WHAT GETS PEOPLE'S ATTENTION. YOU'RE GOING TO
24 LOSE YOUR MEDI-CAL BENEFITS. AND SO, THAT IS PART OF THE
25 PROCESS THAT WE GO THROUGH. AND THEN WE WILL TRACK VERY

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1 CLOSELY, AS WILL THE STATE, THE NUMBERS OF APPROVALS AND
2 SEEING WHERE THEY'RE AT. I'M ACTUALLY HOPEFUL -- I DON'T THINK
3 I ANSWERED THIS PART OF YOUR QUESTION EARLIER ABOUT WHO COULD
4 LIKELY BE IMPACTED. PRE-PANDEMIC ABOUT 20% OF FOLKS FELL OFF
5 MEDI-CAL. NOW, THAT COULD BE BECAUSE THEY GOT JOBS WHERE THEY
6 HAVE INSURANCE. THEY MOVED OUT OF STATE. THERE IS A TON OF
7 REASONS, BUT IT COULD ALSO BE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT SUBMIT
8 THEIR INFORMATION OR THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT PROCESSED
9 TIMELY. SO WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR EYE ON THAT. AND SO, THAT'S
10 SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE'LL BE TRACKING ON AN ONGOING
11 BASIS. I'M ACTUALLY HOPEFUL THAT WITH ALL THE ATTENTION AND
12 THE FOCUS THAT WE PUT ON THIS, WHICH I DON'T KNOW THAT'S
13 HAPPENED BEFORE, THAT THAT 20% COULD ACTUALLY BE LOWER SO THAT
14 WE DON'T LOSE AS MANY FOLKS AS WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY.

15
16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AUDITS ARE POINTS IN TIME
17 YOU LOOK IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M
18 INTERESTED IN. I'M INTERESTED IN REAL-TIME ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE
19 SURE WE CAN DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP PEOPLE WHO ARE ENROLLED
20 ENROLLED. THE COST TO GOVERNMENT FOR THE CHURN, WHEN PEOPLE
21 FALL OFF, REAPPLY, GET BACK ON, IT IS JUST SUNK BUSINESS
22 COSTS, NOT TO MENTION WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY LOSE
23 CONTINUITY OF THEIR COVERAGE. SO, TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
24 ENROLL PEOPLE, TO EXPAND THE POPULATIONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, HAS
25 ALL BEEN GREAT NEWS FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN IN HEALTH



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1 ADVOCACY, AND I DON'T WANT TO LOSE GROUND. IT'S TAKEN TOO LONG
2 TO GET WHERE WE ARE, SO AT ANY POINT THAT WE NEED TO ENGAGE AS
3 A BOARD IN REAL-TIME, I WOULD INVITE YOU BOTH TO COME BACK AND
4 LET US KNOW BECAUSE WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE PEOPLE WHO WE
5 KNOW ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS VITAL LIFE SUSTAINING AND SAVING
6 PROGRAM.

7
8 **DR. CONTRERAS:** I WILL SAY ONE OTHER THING THAT I DID NOT
9 MENTION IN TERMS OF THE PARTNERSHIPS ARE VERY DYNAMIC. SO WE
10 GET REAL-TIME FEEDBACK ABOUT WHAT'S WORKING AND WHAT'S NOT
11 WORKING, WHERE WE WE NEED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS, AND SO THAT'S
12 SOMETHING ELSE WE'RE PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO. THE OTHER
13 THING WITH MEDI-CAL IS MEDI-CAL IS A VERY COMPLEX PROGRAM.
14 AND SO, WE RECOGNIZE THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO
15 INVEST IN COMPLETING THEIR RENEWAL. SO THERE'S ADVOCACY ALWAYS
16 THAT IS APPRECIATED AROUND SIMPLIFYING THAT PROCESS BECAUSE
17 OTHERWISE IT GETS -- IT JUST -- WE MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
18 PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THE BENEFITS.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY YEARS OF MY LIFE I
21 HAVE SPENT TRYING TO SIMPLY IDENTIFY THAT PROCESS, BUT THERE
22 IS STILL MORE WORK TO BE DONE. DR. GHALY, YOU WANTED TO
23 COMMENT?

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1 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR DRAWING
2 ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND DR. CONTRERAS, THANKS
3 FOR ALL YOUR TEAM'S WORK ON THIS. I THINK IN PART ANSWER TO
4 YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS WE LOOK AT THIS, WHAT
5 WE WANT IS PEOPLE NOT TO FOLLOW OFF MEDI-CAL AND THEN COME
6 INTO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY HAVE AN ACCIDENT OR
7 THEIR DIABETES IS OUT OF CONTROL OR THEY'RE HAVING A STROKE OR
8 A HEART ATTACK OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY'RE COMING IN FOR, AND
9 THEM WHEN THEY COME INTO THE E.R., WE WILL START THE PROCESS
10 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH D.P.S.S. TO PUT THEM BACK ON MEDI-CAL, BUT
11 THAT'S NOT WHAT IS BEST FOR THEIR HEALTH, AND IT'S NOT WHAT'S
12 BEST FOR THE STATE OVERALL, FOR THE COUNTY OVERALL, FOR THE
13 FINANCES, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT'S BEST FOR THEIR HEALTH. AND WHAT
14 WE NEED PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND -- AND SO MUCH OF THAT IS THE
15 PROACTIVE MESSAGING THAT GETS TO GET OUT OF THERE -- IS ABOUT
16 AHEAD OF TIME, IN THE REDETERMINATION PROCESS, FILLING OUT THE
17 PAPERWORK SO PEOPLE CAN ENGAGE IN CONTINUITY OF CARE, AS YOU
18 MENTIONED, IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PRIMARY CARE
19 PROVIDERS AND SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS WHEN NEEDED SO THAT
20 THEY AREN'T JUST GOING INTO CARE IN THAT EMERGENCY AND IN THAT
21 URGENT ACUTE SITUATION BUT WORKING MORE LONGITUDINALLY,
22 ONGOING MANNER OVER TIME. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN
23 LOOK AT AND MONITOR AND WILL WORKING CLOSELY WITH D.P.S.S.
24 THERE IS HOW MUCH ARE WE GETTING PEOPLE AT THE POINT OF THEIR



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1 REDETERMINATION TIMELINE VERSUS PUTTING THEM BACK ONTO MEDI-
2 CAL WHEN THEY COME INTO THE E.R.

3
4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SO, AGAIN, THAT ENTIRE POPULATION, YOU HAVE GOT
5 TO RENEW IN ONE YEAR, ONE 12-MONTH PERIOD.

6
7 **DR. CONTRERAS:** YES, THE RENEWALS ARE DUE YEARLY.

8
9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. APPRECIATE
10 IT.

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

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THE ITEM, SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL. I THINK IT'S TIMELY, AND IT'S SOMEWHAT SCARY BECAUSE
17 REPORTS I GET NOW SITTING ON L.A. CARE -- AND THANK YOU,
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE WE REALLY DO HAVE TO WATCH THIS.
19 WE CAN LOSE POTENTIALLY SO MUCH, MILLIONS AND PROBABLY
20 BILLIONS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE HEALTHCARE AND LOOKING
21 AHEAD, HOW CAN WE PREACH THOSE GROUPS THAT ARE REALLY HARD TO
22 REACH? I'M WONDERING, WE MENTIONED SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS
23 THAT WERE WORKING HERE IN THE COUNTY. THEY'RE NATURAL, THE
24 NATURAL ONES THAT WE'LL DEAL WITH, BUT WHAT ABOUT INCLUDING
25 PARKS AND RECREATION AND DEPARTMENT OF AGING WHO ARE DEALING

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1 WITH THESE POPULATIONS AND REALLY SCOUR SOME OF THE OTHER
2 DEPARTMENTS THAT MAY TOUCH THOSE VERY, VERY FRAGILE
3 POPULATIONS, AS WELL AS I EVEN WANT TO SUGGEST WORKING WITH
4 METRO BECAUSE WE HAVE THE LIFE PROGRAM. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE
5 THAT ARE PROBABLY CROSS POLLINATE HERE THAT WE CAN TOUCH AS
6 WELL. I THINK THERE HAS TO BE AN EFFORT TO DO MORE
7 ADVERTISING, AND I KNOW THAT'S IN YOUR PRESENTATION ABOUT
8 DOING SOME MORE MICRO-ETHNIC TARGETING, BUT I WANT TO SAY WE
9 HAVE TO GET THE COUNTY REALLY ENGAGED. WE HAVE A LOT TO LOSE.
10 I WOULD HATE TO SEE EVERYBODY HAVING TO RUSH TO L.A.C.+U.S.C.
11 OR ANY OF OUR HOSPITALS BECAUSE THEY'RE EXPERIENCING SOME
12 STROKE OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE AND THEN FIND THAT THEY ARE NOT
13 ENROLLED, FOR SOME REASON. AND TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S POINT
14 ABOUT THE NEW ENROLLEES, THERE'S THIS WHOLE INITIATIVE OF
15 GETTING PEOPLE 55 AND OLDER, A WHOLE IMMIGRANT POPULATION OUT
16 THERE, THEY'VE NEVER BEEN TOUCHED BEFORE. SO WHAT IS YOUR
17 STRATEGY TO GET TO THEM? IT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. SO, CAN YOU
18 ANSWER THAT? HOW DO WE GO ABOUT DOING THAT?

19
20 **DR. CONTRERAS:** SO, OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH MY HEALTH L.A. HAS ONE
21 OF THE PRIMARY PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP US CONNECT TO IMMIGRANT
22 COMMUNITIES. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO
23 BUILD ON AND SEE WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO EXPAND
24 IN THAT REGARD. WE HAVE A LONGER TERM STRATEGY TO GET, AS I
25 SAID BEFORE, MORE CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY. SO WE DON'T EVEN

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1 KNOW NECESSARILY ALL OF THE PARTNERS OUT THERE THAT COULD HELP
2 US TO REACH THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THAT
3 IS WORK THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO, AS WELL. WE DO KNOW THAT,
4 COME JANUARY 1ST, A NEW POPULATION WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE. SO
5 UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE, I BELIEVE IT'S 26-49, WILL
6 NOW BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL, AS WELL. THE STATE NUMBERS -
7 - PROJECTIONS ARE ABOUT 700,000 STATEWIDE. IF YOU TAKE THE
8 THIRD, IT WOULD BE 210,000 POTENTIALLY FOR US HERE IN L.A.
9 COUNTY. SO THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE'RE MONITORING.
10 THEY'RE NOT ON FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL NOW, SO THEY WOULD MOVE TO
11 FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL. THAT'S WHAT THAT CHANGE WOULD ENTAIL. SO,
12 THEY ARE SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS, BUT WE DEFINITELY
13 WANT TO ENGAGE THEM MORE FULLY.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, I'M JUST THINKING, SOMETHING WE DID WHEN WE
16 WERE GATHERING PEOPLE TO JOINING OUR INITIATIVE ON THE
17 HOMELESS INITIATIVE, THAT WAS A COUPLE YEARS BACK, IS HAVING
18 THOSE KINDS OF FORUMS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT BRING ALL OF
19 THE STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER, EVEN FAITH. FAITH-BASED ALSO HAS TO
20 BE A BIG PART OF THIS. SO, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A
21 PLAN. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'LL PAY FOR IT, BUT I THINK IT'S
22 WORTHWHILE TO DO BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO MISS
23 OUT ON A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND THIS IS WHAT I'M HEARING SITTING
24 NOW AT L.A. CARE, THAT I'M ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS TO THAT
25 PROVIDER AS WELL, WHICH IS ENORMOUS. AND IN-HOME HEALTHCARE

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1 SERVICES, WE NEED TO GET THE UNIONS INVOLVED SO THEY ARE ALSO
2 ON THE SAME PLAIN WITH US. SO WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO THIS IN
3 A COORDINATED FASHION, AND YOU MAY HAVE TO BREAK IT UP BY
4 SEGMENTS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT BACK TOO THAT
5 TELLS US WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE. SO, WHEN YOU DECIDE WHICH
6 POINT IN TIME TO DO THAT, I WOULD SAY HURRY UP AND DO IT.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **DR. CONTRERAS:** IF I COULD ADD, REGARDING BENEFITS CAL, THAT IS
10 ANOTHER AREA WE'RE TRYING TO FOCUS ON TO IMPROVE THAT ACCESS
11 POINT FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. WE ARE ARGUING TO HAVE MORE TRAINING
12 AVAILABLE. A RECENT TRAINING THAT OCCURRED, WHICH IS KIND OF A
13 COME ONE COME ALL APPROACH, WE HAD LIKE 480 INDIVIDUALS
14 PARTICIPATING. SO, WE WANT TO DOUBLE OUR EFFORTS IN THAT
15 REGARD. SO I THINK THAT'S ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REACH
16 POTENTIALLY OTHER COMMUNITIES.

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** SUPERVISORS, JUST ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, ONE OF
19 THE THINGS WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT IS THE PLAYBOOK WE USE FOR
20 THE CENSUS. SO IT WAS BROAD, WIDE, DEEP, MULTI-SECTORIAL. AND
21 I THINK WE HAVE THAT PLAYBOOK WITH THE FOLKS THAT WE PARTNER
22 WITH THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH D.P.S.S.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD IDEA. YES, MS. BARGER.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE THIS, AND WE TALKED -
2 - I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT PEOPLE THAT WILL BE FALLING OFF
3 CALFRESH. I THINK THAT ACROSS THE BOARD, THERE ARE A LOT OF
4 MOVING PARTS, BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS. WE TALK ABOUT EXPANDING IT
5 TO PARKS AND REC. ARE WE LOOKING AT AFTER HOURS, AS WELL, LIKE
6 WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS WHERE WE'VE GOT CLINICS WHERE PEOPLE CAN
7 COME IF THEY NEED SUPPORT OR HELP BECAUSE NOT EVERYONE WORKS 9
8 TO 5? SO, I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S JUST SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
9 IN TERMS OF, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY
10 TO HAVE CLINICS OR EVEN WORK WITH NONPROFITS TO PUT SOMETHING
11 TOGETHER. IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL, AND EVEN THE FAIR, QUITE
12 FRANKLY, THAT WE HAVE COMING. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS
13 THE BOARD. BUT DR. GHALY, I HAVE A QUESTION. WE TALK ABOUT
14 INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE PRESENTING THEMSELVES, AND THEY DON'T
15 HAVE MEDI-CAL, OR THEY DIDN'T GET SIGNED UP, BUT THEY ONCE
16 WERE THEY, BUT THEY WERE ONE OF THE ONES WHO FELL THROUGH THE
17 CRACKS. WE CAN ENROLL THEM WHILE THEY'RE IN THE HOSPITAL,
18 CORRECT?

19
20 **DR. GHALY:** YES. YES, WE HAVE A PROCESS TO START THAT
21 ELIGIBILITY PROCESS. IT'S COMPLETED, ULTIMATELY, THROUGH
22 D.P.S.S., BUT WE START IT IN ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS AND DO THE
23 SCREENING, DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE
24 FOR MEDI-CAL, AND THEN START THAT PAPERWORK PROCESS.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT IF THEY'RE ONE OF THESE ONES THAT SLIPPED
2 THROUGH THE CRACKS THAT WERE ELIGIBLE BUT DIDN'T GET IT IN IN
3 TIME, OR DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER UPDATES THAT WERE NEEDED, WE
4 HAVE ELIGIBILITY WORKERS ON CAMPUSES THAT CAN --

5
6 **DR. GHALY:** YES. ABSOLUTELY.

7
8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S STILL IN
9 EXISTENCE. AND THEN, FOR BOTH OF YOU ACTUALLY, BECAUSE
10 ELIGIBILITY IS IMPORTANT ON YOUR SIDE, BUT ALSO WORKERS ON
11 YOUR SIDE, WHAT IS YOUR VACANCY RATE AND HOW ARE YOU DOING IN
12 TERMS OF STAFFING UP ON THIS ISSUE?

13
14 **DR. CONTRERAS:** SO, I CAN START. IN TERMS OF -- RIGHT NOW, WE
15 HAVE 450 VACANCIES. 167 OF THOSE VACANCIES ARE SPECIFIC FOR
16 MEDI-CAL. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH A UNION RIGHT NOW TO DO SOME
17 SURVEYING OF FOLKS TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE GIVEN THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE INTO CERTAIN POSITIONS. WE ARE PROJECTING
19 WE'LL HAVE THEM ALL OF THOSE POSITIONS FILLED BY MAY. SO,
20 APRIL/MAY, WE'RE CONTINUING. IT'S BEEN AN ONGOING CHALLENGE
21 DEFINITELY. WE'VE HAD QUITE A BIT OF ATTRITION. IT SEEMS TO
22 HAVE SLOWED, AND WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF STABILITY. WE DO KNOW
23 THAT BY JUNE, DUE TO ATTRITION, WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER SET OF
24 VACANCIES. SO WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO GET TO THAT POINT WHERE
25 WE CAN GET AHEAD OF OUR ATTRITION.



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2 **DR. GHALY:** I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS OFFHAND, SUPERVISORS, BUT
3 WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN BOTH THE P.F.S. SERIES AND
4 THE P.R.W./P.R.R. SERIES, WHICH ARE THE TWO CLASSIFICATIONS
5 THAT WE USE FOR A VARIETY OF PROCESSES RELATED ELIGIBILITY.
6 AND IT'S AN AREA WHERE WE WOULD LOVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
7 COUNTY, BROADLY, TO BE ABLE TO EXPEDITE AND FILL THOSE
8 VACANCIES.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE BOTH OF THOSE ARE [INDISERNIBLE],
11 CORRECT? FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY, ON THOSE SALARIES, ON
12 THOSE POSITIONS?

13

14 **DR. GHALY:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
17 US TO BE UP TO DATE ON THIS BECAUSE THE IMPACT IT DOES HAVE,
18 NOT ONLY FOR OUR COUNTY FACILITIES, BUT JUST OUR RESIDENTS
19 ACROSS THE BOARD THAT ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AND DON'T
20 UNDERSTAND WHAT IS LOOMING AND MAY ASSUME THAT THEY'RE
21 COVERED, AND THEY'RE NOT. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
22 KEEP THIS FRONT AND CENTER AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT. SO
23 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS.

24

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



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. TWO QUESTIONS. FIRST, WE'VE BEEN
3 HEARING ISSUES WITH THE ONLINE PLATFORM, BENEFITS CAL, AND
4 THAT SOME ARE REALLY HAVING ISSUES USING THAT WEBSITE TO
5 ADDRESS THE CONCERNS THAT THEY HAVE. DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR
6 RESOLVING THE ISSUES WITH BENEFITS CAL, INCLUDING THE
7 TIMEFRAME FOR HOW PEOPLE ARE RESPONDED TO?

8

9 **DR. CONTRERAS:** SO WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY THROUGH THE
10 CONSORTIUM TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES WITH BENEFITS CAL AS WE
11 LEARN ABOUT THEM. THIS IS DEFINITELY A PART OF WHERE OUR
12 PARTNERSHIPS ARE VERY HELPFUL TO GETTING THAT INFORMATION TO
13 US. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO
14 MAKE TO STREAMLINE THAT PROCESS AND MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT.
15 ONE OF OUR CHALLENGES RIGHT NOW IS THAT, VERY OFTEN WHEN
16 INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED THROUGH BENEFITS CAL, THERE IS STILL
17 WORK BEHIND IT THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN THAT OUR STAFF NEED TO
18 ATTEND TO TO MAKE SURE TO PROCESS THAT TIMELY AND EFFECTIVELY.
19 SO, PART OF IT IS A TRAINING ISSUE, MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE
20 THE INFORMATION SO THEY CAN UTILIZE IT, PART OF IT IS AN
21 OUTREACH ISSUE, AND THEN PART OF IT IS DEFINITELY
22 TROUBLESHOOTING VERY REAL CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING
23 WITH THE SYSTEM.

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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE'VE HEARD THAT PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY HAVE
2 SUBMITTED THINGS IN A COMPREHENSIVE, COMPLETE WAY, BUT THEY
3 GET NO CONFIRMATION. AND IT'S ONLY AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME THAT
4 THEY REALIZE THEY DIDN'T ACTUALLY ENROLL. AND SO, MAKING SURE
5 THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT YOU
6 JUST DESCRIBED WOULD BE HELPFUL. THE SECOND QUESTION I HAVE
7 RELATES TO CONCERNS WE HAVE HEARD FROM COMMUNITY CLINICS AND
8 THE LONG WAIT TIMES INTO THE CALL CENTER. SO, I'M WONDERING
9 WHETHER WE HAVE CREATED A DEDICATED LINE FOR PROVIDERS SO THEY
10 HAVE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESS TO APPLICATIONS.

11
12 **DR. CONTRERAS:** THIS IS A CHALLENGING QUESTION. I WANT TO BE
13 REALLY TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT. OUR WAIT TIMES IN FEBRUARY,
14 AVERAGE WAIT TIME WAS 34 MINUTES, TO A HIGH OF 43 MINUTES IN
15 JANUARY. I DO EXPECT THAT THAT THE MARCH WAIT TIMES, THE
16 AVERAGE, WILL BE HIGHER. THAT MEANS THAT SOMEONE CAN ARGUABLY
17 WAIT AN HOUR, AN HOUR AND A HALF, JUST DEPENDING ON THE TIME
18 OF DAY.

19
20 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND THESE ARE PROVIDERS THAT ARE WAITING AN
21 HOUR. SO, THAT MEANS THAT ENTIRE TIME, THEY ARE NOT PROVIDING
22 A SERVICE TO SOMEONE ELSE, YES?

23
24 **DR. CONTRERAS:** IT IS PROVIDERS. IT IS ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS,
25 WHO ARE TRYING TO ACCESS THE SYSTEM. I MENTIONED BEFORE, WE



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1 HAVE THE FOUR ACCESS POINTS THAT WE HAVE TO ATTEND TO.
2 CREATING ANOTHER ACCESS POINT IS GOING TO TAKE THE SAME NUMBER
3 OF STAFF AND DIVIDE THEM DIFFERENTLY. SO, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
4 DO IS REALLY SIT DOWN WITH THESE PROVIDERS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
5 THE ISSUES ARE THAT THEY HAVE TO CALL IN BECAUSE THE PACKETS
6 CAN BE MAILED IN. A PROVIDER CAN HELP SOMEONE TO COMPLETE
7 THEIR PACKET AND MAIL THEM IN. SO, I REALLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND
8 WHERE THE CHALLENGES ARE BEFORE WE WOULD CONSIDER SORT OF
9 BASICALLY CREATING A NEW ACCESS POINT THAT WILL TAKE THE SAME
10 NUMBER OF STAFF AND DIVIDE THEM EVEN FURTHER. AND INDIVIDUALS
11 WHO DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A PROVIDER WHO ARE CALLING IN
12 THEN FEEL THE IMPACT OF THAT LENGTHENED WAIT TIME IF WE TAKE
13 AWAY RESOURCES.

14
15 **SUP. HORVATH:** UNDERSTOOD. I KNOW THAT WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE A
16 VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ISSUES, BUT I KNOW THAT'S ONE THAT'S COME
17 UP. SO I'LL MAKE SURE MY STAFF FOLLOWS UP WITH YOU DIRECTLY
18 ON THE CONCERNS THAT WE'VE HEARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19
20 **DR. CONTRERAS:** IF I CAN ADD ONE OTHER POINT, AND I THINK IT
21 CUTS ACROSS SEVERAL OF YOUR QUESTIONS. THE STATE HAS INDICATED
22 THEY ARE GOING TO ALLOCATE \$34 MILLION FOR US TO SUPPORT THE
23 RENEWALS, SO THIS IS ONE TIME MONEY OVER THE -- YEAH, I
24 NEGLECTED TO MENTION THAT, HUH? [LAUGHTER] THAT WILL ALLOW US
25 TO HIRE MORE STAFF. AND SO ONCE WE GET THAT LETTER FROM THEM,

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1 THE OFFICIAL ALLOCATION, WE'LL WORK WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE
2 TO IDENTIFY POSITIONS TO BE ABLE TO HIRE. THAT SAID, IF WE
3 DON'T GET THAT -- IF WE DON'T HIRE ON ALL THE POSITIONS THAT
4 WE HAVE NOW, AND WE DON'T GET AHEAD OF OUR ATTRITION, HAVING
5 MORE POSITIONS ISN'T GOING TO HELP TO MOVE US. AND SO, THE
6 HIRING PROCESS IS SOMETHING ELSE WE'VE BEEN FOCUSED ON. AND
7 D.H.R. HAS BEEN FANTASTIC IN HELPING US STREAMLINE OUR HIRING
8 PROCESS, MOVE PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROCESS MORE EFFECTIVELY. WE
9 ALSO OPENED UP THE ELIGIBILITY WORKER 1 POSITION, WHICH HAD
10 NOT BEEN OPEN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND SO, WE'RE SEEING A
11 MUCH MORE ROBUST APPLICANT POOL COMING THROUGH. SO I AM
12 HOPEFUL THAT, COME JULY ONE, WHEN WE HAVE THOSE DOLLARS
13 ALLOCATED, WE'LL BE ABLE TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF. IT'S NOT
14 ENOUGH TO ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE RAISING, BUT IT
15 CERTAINLY HELPS TO MOVE US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. MS. MITCHELL.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I CELEBRATED, AND THEN I THOUGHT SHE SAID ONE-
20 TIME DOLLARS. TO OUR C.E.O., DOES THAT GIVE YOU PAUSE? A) IT'S
21 ONE TIME DOLLARS, BUT THEN REMEMBERING, WE HAVE EXPANDED
22 ELIGIBILITY, I WON'T SAY MILLIONS, PERHAPS HUNDREDS OF
23 THOUSANDS OF NEW ANGELENOS, BECAUSE IT'S 55 AND OLDER AND 19-
24 27, IT'S MULTIPLE AGE GROUPINGS, WHO HAVE TO BE RENEWED
25 ANNUALLY INDEFINITELY. SO, HOW WILL WE MANAGE THIS ONE TIME



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1 LARGESSE FROM THE STATE WITH AN ONGOING NEED FOR THESE
2 RENEWALS?

3
4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. SO,
5 HAPPY THAT WE'RE RECEIVING FUNDING. IT IS NOT GOING TO HELP ME
6 SLEEP ANY BETTER AT NIGHT THAT IT'S ONE TIME. I REALIZE,
7 THOUGH, THAT WE HAVE TO MEET THE MOMENT AND THAT WE HAVE TO
8 ADDRESS THIS DELUGE OF NEED. AND SO, WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK
9 WITH THE DEPARTMENT. LET'S GET THE FUNDS. MAYBE WE HIRE FOLKS
10 ON A TEMPORARY ITEM SO THAT THEY KNOW AT THE OUTSET THAT THIS
11 POTENTIALLY WILL END. BUT WHILE WE ARE WORKING TO MEET THE
12 NEED, WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK WITH D.P.S.S. TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
13 THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IS. AND THAT COULD TAKE A NUMBER OF
14 FORMS. IT COULD BE D.P.S.S. SELF-FUNDING SOME OF THE ITEMS. IT
15 COULD BE AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR N.C.C. SO EVERYTHING WOULD
16 BE ON THE TABLE, BUT WHAT WE WOULDN'T DO IS NOT ALLOW THEM TO
17 HIRE UNTIL WE WORKED OUT ALL THE DETAILS.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU, FOR
20 BEING HERE. JACKIE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. I HEARD RAVE
21 REVIEWS ABOUT YOUR TENURE SO FAR IN YOUR POSITION. SO THANK
22 YOU FOR THAT. I'M JUST GOING TO TRY TO REPEAT SOME OF THE
23 THINGS THAT YOU SAID. IF I'M WRONG, LET ME KNOW. JUST FOR
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL HERE, WHO ARE STILL LISTENING, PEOPLE
25 THAT MAY WATCH IT TONIGHT AT 11 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT BECAUSE THEY



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1 CAN'T FIND THE REMOTE TO CHANGE THE CHANNEL, AND THERE IT IS,
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. SO, DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE
3 RECEIVED INCREASED FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO KEEP
4 PEOPLE ON MEDI-CAL FOR AS LONG AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
5 WAS IN EFFECT. AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE LIFTED OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
6 EMERGENCY MARCH 31ST. SO APRIL 1ST, MEDI-CAL STARTED ITS
7 NORMAL RENEWAL PROCESS. SO THAT MEANS IF YOU HAVE MEDI-CAL AND
8 YOUR HOME ADDRESS HAS NOT CHANGED, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ON
9 THE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR ANNUAL RENEWAL PAPERWORK AND COMPLETE
10 THOSE NECESSARY FORMS SO YOUR BENEFITS CONTINUE, AND YOU CAN
11 MAIL THOSE BACK IN. IS THAT CORRECT? IF YOUR HOME ADDRESS HAS
12 CHANGED, THEN YOU SHOULD BE CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL D.P.S.S.
13 OFFICE. IF YOU CAN ACCESS THE INTERNET, THEN YOU CAN GO
14 THROUGH THAT ONLINE PORTAL, CALLED BENEFITS CAL, TO UPDATE
15 YOUR HOME ADDRESS. BUT AS WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD, AND I ALSO
16 HAVE HEARD THROUGH MY STAFF, THAT IT'S NOT AS USER FRIENDLY AS
17 WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE. I THINK YOU HAVE HEARD THAT FROM US.
18 AND THEN FOR THE UNHOUSED POPULATION, YOUR MAIL WILL BE
19 WAITING FOR YOU AT YOUR LOCAL D.P.S.S. OFFICE AND OUR
20 WONDERFUL D.P.S.S. STAFF WILL HELP YOU COMPLETE YOUR
21 PAPERWORK. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR
22 MEDI-CAL BECAUSE LET'S SAY YOUR INCOME HAS INCREASED, IT WILL
23 BE IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET CONNECTED WITH COVERED CALIFORNIA.
24 BUT THAT'S KIND OF WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. AND AS YOU



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1 SAID, IT'S A YEAR. WE GOT TO GET EVERYBODY IN ONE OF THOSE
2 CATEGORIES.

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4 **DR. CONTRERAS:** YES, I WOULD JUST ADD ONE POINT. IF YOU HAVE
5 HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, YOU CAN ALSO UPDATE
6 THAT WITH YOUR MANAGED CARE PLAN. SO WHEN YOU GO IN FOR YOUR
7 NEXT REGULAR VISIT, YOU CAN LET THEM KNOW THAT. AND WE SHARE
8 INFORMATION BETWEEN --

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S A GOOD PIECE OF INFORMATION TO KNOW.
11 BUT I DO KNOW THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL WANT TO CALL. RIGHT?
12 THEY WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY. AND I RELATE TO THOSE PEOPLE.
13 AND -- I THINK YOU HAVE HEARD IT. NOW, MY STAFF TOLD ME THAT
14 THEY ARE HEARING IT IS SOMETIMES UP TO TWO HOURS TO GET
15 THROUGH TO A LIVE PERSON AT THE CALL SERVICE CENTER. SO YOU
16 ARE AWARE OF THIS. YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE THIS UNDER CONTROL?
17 IS THIS STILL ABOUT HIRING FILLING VACANCIES FOR THE CALL
18 SERVICE CENTER, AS WELL?

19

20 **DR. CONTRERAS:** IT IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE. AND SO, I DO THINK
21 WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO GET IT UNDER CONTROL. WHEN
22 SOMEBODY WAITS TWO HOURS, IF YOU LOOK UP THE WAIT TIMES ACROSS
23 THE BOARD, THEY ARE NOT TWO HOURS. THAT'S JUST NOT -- BUT IT
24 DOES HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M.,
25 WHICH IS OUR BUSIEST TIME. SO I WOULD INVITE PEOPLE TO CALL



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1 BEFORE 11:00 A.M., TO CALL AFTER 2:00 P.M. I HAVE A FANTASY OF
2 MAKING OUR WAIT TIMES PUBLIC. THE D.M.V. DOES THIS. AND BEFORE
3 I GO, I CAN CHECK ONLINE, AND I CAN SEE WHAT THE WAIT TIME IS
4 AND DECIDE WHETHER I WANT TO GO IN.

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU GET THAT RECORDING SOMETIMES -- YOU
7 KNOW, THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENT IS X AMOUNT OF MINUTES, HOURS.

8
9 **DR. CONTRERAS:** RIGHT. SO WE KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF WORK WE NEED
10 TO DO TO MAKE SURE WE ARE UTILIZING ALL OF OUR RESOURCES
11 EFFECTIVELY ACROSS THE BOARD. SOME OF THAT IS NOT PREDICTABLE.
12 WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT WHENEVER THERE'S NEW INFORMATION FROM
13 THE STATE, OR NEW NOTICES THAT GO OUT, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
14 CALL.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

17
18 **DR. CONTRERAS:** SOMETIMES BEFORE THEY EVEN READ THE NOTICE. I
19 AM GUILTY OF THAT.

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

22
23 **DR. CONTRERAS:** LET ME JUST FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING, WHAT'S
24 GOING ON. SO WE KNOW, AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
25 ACCOMMODATE THAT MORE RELIABLY AND MORE CONSISTENTLY.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD. WELL, AGAIN, I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THAT'S
3 THE FIRST LEVEL. THERE'S A LOT OF PORTALS, BUT THAT FIRST
4 THING IS PEOPLE PICKING UP THE PHONE AND CALLING. THAT'S JUST
5 HOW A LOT OF OUR POPULATION DEALS WITH THINGS AND FEELS MORE
6 COMFORTABLE AND REALLY WANTS TO TALK TO A LIVE PERSON. THAT'S
7 JUST SUCH A BASIC FUNDAMENTAL NEED, AS MUCH AS WE TRY TO PUSH
8 THEM INTO OTHER WAYS TO GET THEIR INFORMATION CHANGED OR GET
9 THE RENEWALS, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAFF UP THIS CALL
10 CENTER. I THINK, RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING NOW, I THINK THAT
11 WOULD BE IMPORTANT. I WOULD SUPPORT HIRING PEOPLE, REALLY, FOR
12 THAT -- AS WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO GET THIS OFF THE GROUND. I
13 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A
14 PARTNERSHIP WITH 211, OR THAT'S ALSO A POSSIBILITY. FESIA,
15 WERE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING?

16

17 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU ARE LIKE NO COMMENT ON 211. OKAY. ALL
20 RIGHT, THANK YOU, ANY OTHER COLLEAGUES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY
21 SOMETHING? THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. GHALY AND DR. CONTRERAS.
22 NOW, DO WE HAVE PEOPLE ON THE PHONES? I HOPE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN
23 WAITING THAT LONG AND IN-PERSON THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
24 THIS ITEM?

25



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1 **OPERATOR:** YES, WOULD DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY AND RED CHIEF HUNT
2 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY
3 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

4
5 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DENA DEMUGIAN. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7
8 **DENA DEMUGIAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS DENA DEMUGIAN,
9 AND I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER. OUR HOPE IS
11 THAT NO ONE IS TERMINATED PREMATURELY, BUT THAT IS ONLY
12 POSSIBLE IF D.P.S.S. HAS BUSINESS PROCESSES IN PLACE TO HANDLE
13 THE UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME OF REDETERMINATIONS. IN THE PAST,
14 D.P.S.S. HAS EXPERIENCED BACKLOGS OF DOCUMENTS WAITING TO BE
15 SCANNED, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN IMPROPER TERMINATIONS. FOR
16 DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA BENEFITS CAL, THERE ARE REPORTS
17 THAT ELIGIBILITY WORKERS ARE NOT ALWAYS TIMELY PROCESSING
18 THOSE SUBMISSIONS. THUS, WE WOULD LIKE REDETERMINATION PROCESS
19 DOCUMENTS TO BE SCREENED AND PRIORITIZED BY D.P.S.S. IF THE
20 SYSTEM IS NOT IN PLACE ALREADY. FINALLY, BENEFICIARIES HAVE A
21 LEGAL RIGHT TO COMPLETE A MEDI-CAL REDETERMINATION BY PHONE.
22 THE COUNTY IS NOT PROMOTING PHONE ACCESS IN ITS OUTREACH
23 MATERIALS, AS YOU CAN SEE ON SLIDE SEVEN OF THE REPORT, WHICH
24 IS WORRISOME. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE RELINE WILL BE
25 HELPING COMPLETING RENEWALS, BUT EVEN BEFORE THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 [INDISCERNIBLE], THE WAIT TIMES HAVE AVERAGED OVER ONE AND A
2 HALF HOURS. WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S ATTENTION IN THIS
3 IMPORTANT MATTER. THANK YOU.

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

6
7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KAREN LADERBACH. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9
10 **KAREN LADERBACH:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KAREN
11 LADERBACH, REPRESENTING VENICE FAMILY CLINIC, A COMMUNITY
12 HEALTH CENTER, SERVING 45,000 LONG TERM COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM
13 SANTA MONICA TO THE SOUTH BAY. WE HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP
14 WITH THE COUNTY SINCE 1999 PROVIDING OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT
15 SERVICES UNDER D.P.H.'S C.H.O.I. PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE RESTART OF THE REDETERMINATION
17 PROCESS. AND ADDITIONALLY, WE APPRECIATE D.P.S.S.'S
18 PRESENTATION TODAY AND ARE ENCOURAGED BY THEIR COLLABORATION.
19 HOWEVER, WE REMAIN CONCERNED BY BOTH THE LONG WAIT TIMES AT
20 THE D.P.S.S. CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER, AND THE AGENTS ABILITY
21 TO RESOLVE ISSUES. PEOPLE ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO USE BENEFITS
22 CAL, BUT THE SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING THE WAY IT SHOULD, NOT
23 RECOGNIZING REDETERMINATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN UPLOADED OR EVEN
24 SIMPLE ADDRESS CHANGES. THE CALL INTO THE CUSTOMER SERVICE
25 CENTER IS THE ONLY WAY TO REMEDY IT. AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY,



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1 WE EXPERIENCED WAIT TIMES OF AN HOUR AND 20 MINUTES, AND STAFF
2 HOPES THAT, ONCE ITS ANSWERED, YOU ARE DISCONNECTED OR TOLD TO
3 CALL BACK LATER BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO HELP WITH THIS
4 PERSON'S PARTICULAR MEDI-CAL ISSUE. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE
5 EXPERIENCING WITH TODAY'S WORK ON WRONGFUL TERMINATIONS,
6 INCORRECT --

7

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

10

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

12

13 **DAVID CANE:** HI. THIS IS DAVID CANE, ATTORNEY AT WESTERN CENTER
14 ON POVERTY, WHERE WE WORK TO KEEP AS MANY PEOPLE COVERED AS
15 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR THIS IMPORTANT
16 DISCUSSION. WE ARE CONCERNED. HOUSTON, THERE'S ALREADY A
17 PROBLEM AT THE COUNTY. 1) PEOPLE ARE SUBMITTING THEIR RENEWAL
18 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT VIA THE MAIL, WALKING INTO AN
19 OFFICE, BUT IF THERE AREN'T ENOUGH STAFF WORKING AT THE
20 DEPARTMENT WITH THOSE 167 VACANCIES, THAT MEANS THEIR
21 INFORMATION WON'T BE PROCESSED AND THEIR MEDI-CAL MAY BE CUT
22 OFF. SECOND, THE CALL CENTER IS CRITICAL, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN
23 REVEALED HERE. LAST YEAR, ON AVERAGE, OVER 78,000 PEOPLE
24 CALLED EVERY MONTH AND GOT A CALL BACK LATER MESSAGE. OVER
25 178,000 EVERY MONTH GAVE UP BECAUSE THE WAIT TIMES WERE TOO



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1 LONG. THESE ARE ALL PROBLEMS BECAUSE, WHEN RENEWALS CAN'T BE
2 PROCESSED, MEDI-CAL AUTOMATICALLY GETS CUT OFF. WE URGE THE
3 COUNTY TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS NOW, BEFORE PEOPLE SUFFER
4 UNNECESSARY COVERAGE CUTOFFS.

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7
8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LYNN KRISSI. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9
10 **LYNN KRISSI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM LYNN KRISSI, THE
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ACCESS. WE ARE
12 VERY PROUD -- MEMBERS OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH OUTREACH
13 INITIATIVE. WE'RE CONTRACTORS OF STATE FUNDS THAT COME THROUGH
14 THE COUNTY. I APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
15 GIVEN AND WANTED TO JUST HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT OUR
16 ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED RENEWALS, BECAUSE THEY WERE BOTH A
17 CONTRACT REQUIREMENT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE SCARED TO
18 DEATH GETTING LETTERS THAT SAID YOU HAVE TO REDETERMINE. THE
19 STATE DID NOT SUPPRESS THOSE LETTERS. AND SO, I WONDER WHAT
20 HAS HAPPENED WITH THOSE PILES OF MAILED IN REDETERMINATIONS.
21 IS THERE ANYTHING BEING DONE WITH THEM TO CHECK FOR NEW
22 ADDRESSES? OR DID WE DO THAT WORK IN VAIN? SECOND, I WOULD
23 ECHO ISSUES ABOUT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE. I UNDERSTAND
24 THERE'S A SEPARATE LINE FOR RENEWALS. WHY ISN'T THIS C.S.C.
25 CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE POINTING OUT THAT OTHER LINE OR SAYING



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1 PUSH HERE, PRESS HERE TO GO TO THAT OTHER LINE, IF THERE'S
2 LESS OF A WAIT ON IT? THIRD, BENEFITS CAL REQUIRES AN EMAIL
3 ADDRESS --

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING
6 IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7
8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROLANDO CHAVEZ. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10
11 **ROLANDO CHAVEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROLANDO CHAVEZ,
12 REPRESENTING ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICE, THE LARGEST F.Q.H.C. IN
13 THE NATION, WHICH SERVICES OVER 500,000 INDIVIDUALS ACROSS
14 L.A. COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY. WE RECOGNIZE D.P.S.S. AS AN
15 INTEGRAL IN MEDI-CAL PROGRAM IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR
16 COMMUNITY. I AM ALSO VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE COUNTY IS
17 AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING AS COMMUNITY HEALTH --
18 CURRENTLY, WE ARE PREPARING INTERNALLY, BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED
19 TO MAKE IT EASIER AND CREATE POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES
20 WHO ARE LOW ON RENEW. I DO WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO HIGHLIGHT
21 A FEW SYSTEM ISSUES THAT ADD ADDITIONAL COMPLEXITY TO
22 CHALLENGES. THESE ARE THE LONG WAIT TIMES FOR PHONE SUPPORT
23 FROM D.P.S.S., WHICH TAKE HEALTH CENTER STAFF AWAY FROM OUR
24 PATIENT SERVICES. ONLINE PLATFORMS THAT DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE
25 FUNCTIONALITY TO SUPPORT MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES OR THE ENTITY



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1 WORKING TO ASSIST THEM. IN ADDITION, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
2 AND OTHER PARTNERS ARE ADVOCATING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
3 BENEFITS CAL SYSTEM, MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT
4 C.B.O.S CAN BETTER UTILIZE THE SYSTEM THEMSELVES AND SO THEY
5 CAN BEST SUPPORT PATIENTS --

6
7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.
8 THANK YOU FOR CALL IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9
10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILY DORM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11
12 **LILY DORM:** HI THERE. LILY DORM WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC
13 ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE THANK SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL AND THE BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN REQUESTING THIS
15 REPORT AND INVITING DR. CONTRERAS TO HIGHLIGHT D.P.S.S.'S PLAN
16 HERE. 64% OF THE 1.8 MILLION HEALTH CENTER PATIENTS IN L.A.
17 ARE COVERED BY MEDI-CAL. HEALTH CENTERS EMPLOY HUNDREDS OF
18 ENROLLMENT COUNSELORS TO ASSIST PATIENTS WITH APPLICATIONS AND
19 RENEWALS FOR MEDI-CAL. D.P.S.S. IS A TRULY INTEGRAL PARTNER,
20 AND WE APPRECIATE THE REPORT PRESENTED HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR
21 A MULTI-PRONGED OUTREACH STRATEGY THAT ENCOMPASSES TESTING AND
22 PHONING MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES WITH REMINDERS. AS ELEVATED BY
23 THE BOARD, THE BENEFITS CAL SYSTEM IS NOT LIVING UP TO ITS
24 POTENTIAL AS A VITAL ACCESS POINT. WE ENCOURAGE AN INDEPENDENT
25 ANALYSIS OF WHAT FUNCTIONALITIES WORK APPROPRIATELY AND THOSE



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT DON'T SO THAT WE CAN FIX THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES
2 IMPACTING PROCESSING FOR RENEWALS. OUTREACH MATERIALS
3 CIRCULATED BY D.P.S.S. MUST INCLUDE NOT JUST THE WEBSITE BUT
4 ALSO THE PHONE NUMBER FOR THE C.S.C. LINE. I WILL UNDERSCORE
5 THE PHONE MUST BE MESSAGED AS A VIABLE RESOURCE FOR MEDI-CAL
6 MEMBERS TO REPORT CHANGES AND ENGAGE WITH D.P.S.S. THROUGH
7 IMPLEMENTING TELEHEALTH THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, HEALTH
8 CENTERS EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE BARRIERS THEIR PATIENTS FACE
9 WITH ACCESSING THE INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY.

10
11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. DID YOU WANT TO -- AT
12 THE END OF IT. OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OCTAVIA MCCLAIN. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16
17 **OCTAVIA MCCLAIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS OCTAVIA MCCLAIN,
18 D.P.S.S. EMPLOYEE. I AM EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE
19 PROCESSES AND LATERAL CAPABILITIES OF D.P.S.S. IN THE MEDI-CAL
20 REDETERMINATION. I AM THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY DOES THE WORK.
21 WHAT THEY ARE TELLING AND WHAT THEY PRESENTED IN THE
22 PRESENTATION TODAY WAS NOT TRANSPARENT. THE EMPLOYEES THAT DO
23 THE WORK HAVE BECOME LITTLE TRAMP WORKERS AND WORK IN AN
24 ASSEMBLY FASHION LIKE CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN THE FILM "MODERN
25 TIMES." WE ARE BEING MICROMANAGED AND SUFFERING GREATLY DUE TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE STRESS AND PACE OF THE REPETITIVE WORK. STOP MAKING
2 COLLEGE- EDUCATED EMPLOYEES CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES.
3 THE CALL CENTER IS INADEQUATE. WE ARE SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS,
4 AND WE SHOULD PROVIDE CARING AND EFFECTIVE SERVICES TO
5 D.P.S.S. RECIPIENTS. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS IVETTE ALE FERLITO. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** IVETTE, GO HEAD, PLEASE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE CAN'T HEAR HER.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** YOU MIGHT BE MUTED ON YOUR SIDE. IVETTE?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I HATE TO LOSE IVETTE BECAUSE SHE'S PROBABLY
21 BEEN HANGING ON THE PHONE.

22

23 **IVETTE ALE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, NOW WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.



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1

2 **IVETTE ALE:** HI. THIS IS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THIS IS ITEM 35.

5

6 **IVETTE ALE:** OKAY, I AM WAITING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU. NEXT SPEAKER
9 ON ITEM 35.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT QUEUED UP IS FRANCISCA HUBERT.
12 YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **FRANCISCA HUBERT:** HI, HOW YOU DOING? I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
15 YOU. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THE MEDI-CAL SERVICES, BUT WE
16 NEED MORE FOOD STAMPS. THE FOOD IS GOING SKY HIGH IN THESE
17 STORES. IT IS HARD TO PURCHASE FOOD WITH CASH. SO, I THINK
18 THAT WE NEED MORE FOOD STAMPS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD FOR THE KIDS.
19 AND, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO HAVE MORE FRESH FRUITS AND
20 VEGETABLES IN THESE STORES, BUT WE DO NEED MORE FOOD STAMPS
21 FOR THE HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE YOU GUYS TAKING THE EMERGENCY
22 ALLOWANCE, AND \$95 IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A HOUSEHOLD. FOOD IS SKY
23 HIGH JUST LIKE GAS. IT IS SKY HIGH. THAT'S ALL I HAD TO SAY.
24 THANK YOU.

25



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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTIAN TIEROS. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **CHRISIAN TIEROS:** HI. I WAS CALLING BECAUSE I AM -- I HAVEN'T
7 HEARD FROM THE SPONSORSHIP DIRECTOR FOR THE ARCH DIOCESE EVENT
8 FOR THE [INDISCERNIBLE]. AND BASICALLY, I WANT TO SHARE THE
9 POSSIBILITY OF NETWORKING WITH OUR POPULATION. I THINK IT
10 WOULD BE GOOD TO WORK TOGETHER, AS FAR AS NETWORKING TO GET
11 MORE REGISTRATIONS OR HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE IMMIGRANT
12 COMMUNITY. SO BASICALLY, BY WORKING WITH US, YOU WILL BE ABLE
13 TO ACCESS THE EACH PARISH, JUST GET AN IDEA OF HOW WE COULD
14 WORK TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT CONNECTING WITH THAT POPULATION
15 THAT YOU GUYS WANT TO REACH OUT TO AS FAR AS MEDI-CAL SERVICES
16 AND STUFF. AND ALSO, TOO, WITH THE BASEBALL NEEDS LIKE IN
17 EVERY CITY, YOU KNOW WORKING WITH THOSE --

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CLARA SOLIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **CLARA SOLIS:** YES, I JUST WAS LOOKING AT YOUR JOB OPENINGS
25 WEBSITE, AND MAYBE YOU COULD GET MORE APPLICANTS IF YOU HAD A



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1 BETTER WEBSITE BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO FIND OKAY, WHERE'S
2 THESE JOBS THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT, AND I STILL -- I'M ON LIKE
3 PAGE 21, AND I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THEM. ADDITIONALLY, I WOULD
4 LIKE TO SAY YOU HAVE A POPULATION THAT OFTEN HAS DIFFICULTY
5 FILLING OUT THESE FORMS AND DOING THESE FORMS, ESPECIALLY WHEN
6 YOU HAVE S.S.I. ELDERLY. SO YOU NEED TO PROVIDE A LITTLE MORE
7 HELP, SERVICES, COPY MACHINES. PERHAPS THE LIBRARY SHOULD
8 PROVIDE FREE COPYING FOR THESE RESIDENTS. I HAVE HAD FRIENDS
9 WHO HAVE ASKED ME TO HELP THEM WITH SOME OF THE STUFF, AND IT
10 IS VERY CONFUSING. SO I THINK YOU NEED TO DO BETTER AS FAR AS
11 IF YOU HAVE JOBS THAT YOU NEED IMMEDIATE OPENINGS, MAYBE YOU
12 NEED TO BOOST THEM ON YOUR WEBSITE.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THOSE ARE GOOD SUGGESTIONS. NEXT
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE. ARE WE GOING IN-PERSON?

16
17 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHERS IN QUEUE TO
18 ADDRESS THE BOARD.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD. IN-PERSON.

21
22 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** DO YOU HEAR THAT? I HAVE BEEN ON THE
23 PHONE FOR AN HOUR. THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD ME TO TURN DOWN, BUT
24 THIS IS ACTUALLY D.P.S.S. THAT I AM ON THE PHONE WITH TO HELP
25 A CLIENT BE REDETERMINED. AGAIN, SOMEBODY MENTIONED IT BEFORE,

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1 YOU ARE ON THE PHONE FOR HOURS. THEY HANG UP. THEY TRANSFER
2 YOU TO THE WRONG PERSON. ANTONIA JIMENEZ WAS A NIGHTMARE. SO
3 WE THANK FOR MS. CONTRERAS TAKING OVER AND FIXING SOME STUFF,
4 BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO. THE HOMELESS POPULATION
5 STILL HAS A LONG LIST OF HOW TO HELP THEM EFFICIENTLY. SO IF
6 WE CAN STREAMLINE SERVICES, THERE IS PLENTY OF FEDERAL FUNDING
7 GOING INTO THIS PROGRAM. LET'S DO IT WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE.
8 TRAIN THE STAFF, AT LEAST GIVE US THE NAME OF THE STAFF THAT'S
9 OPENING, TOO. THINGS LIKE THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. SO I
10 HOPE THIS AGENDA CAN ACTUALLY STREAMLINE SERVICES AND MAKE IT
11 BETTER FOR THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

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

14
15 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO WHAT ABOUT D.P.S.S. SUCKS. AND THE REASON IS
16 BECAUSE AS YOU CALLING IN, AS YOU HEARD IN THE DISCUSSION,
17 EVEN LIKE CALLING HILDA SOLIS'S OFFICE AT 974-4111 EVERY DAY,
18 NO [EXPLETIVE] ANSWERS THE PHONE. NO ONE ANSWERS THE PHONE. SO
19 I HAVE TO CALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS, OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
20 AND THEY SAY YOU NEED TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRICT. I SAYS YEAH,
21 [EXPLETIVE] D.P.S.S. DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE ME INSURANCE. WHERE
22 AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE A [EXPLETIVE], IN THE STREET? THAT'S A
23 FACT. THAT'S WHY THE REASON WHY PEOPLE ARE ABUSED BECAUSE THE
24 SYSTEM IS SO [EXPLETIVE] UP. AND THE REASON BEHIND THAT, AS I
25 SAID OVER AND OVER, BRANDONBERG V. OHIO, WHEN THE PEOPLE OF



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1 CUDAHY, AND THE CITY OF CUDAHY OFF OF ALONIC, SPECIFICALLY
2 TOLD ME I CAN'T PUT MY MAIL IN THEIR MAILBOX, AND I SAID, YOU
3 DIRTY [EXPLETIVE].

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, BOY. ARE THERE OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE
6 QUEUE THAT WILL ADDRESS US WITH RESPECT? OKAY, NONE. OKAY SO,
7 THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. MS. MITCHELL, I KNEW I WAS
8 GOING TO CALL ON YOU.

9
10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IT'S ALRIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WAS
11 HOPING -- I KNOW THAT DR. CONTRERAS WAS SPEAKING TO A MEMBER
12 OF THE PUBLIC. I HOPE SHE HEARD OR SOME OF HER STAFF HEARD
13 SOME OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU KNOW -- A MATERNAL HEALTH
14 ACCESS ASKED A SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE
15 CONTINUED TO RECEIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO
16 THAT. SO I THINK THERE'S SOME REALLY VALID QUESTIONS RAISED.
17 AND I'M REALLY HOPING THAT MY FORMER COLLEAGUES IN LEGAL
18 SERVICES COMMUNITY ARE PROACTIVE IN JOINING THE WORKGROUP TO
19 HELP US COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS. WE'RE CLEAR THAT THE PHONES
20 ARE A PROBLEM. THOSE VERY SAME GROUPS HAVE SUED THE COUNTY IN
21 THE PAST FOR WAIT TIMES. I GET THAT. WHAT I WOULD HOPE IS THAT
22 AN AUDIT OR A LAWSUIT AFTER THE FACT ISN'T HELPFUL, SO IF THEY
23 WOULD COME TO THE TABLE TO HELP US BE CREATIVE AND COME UP
24 WITH SOLUTIONS TO FIX IT TO PREVENT THEIR CLIENTS AND OUR
25 CONSTITUENTS FROM LOSING THEIR BENEFITS. AND SO, I AM REALLY



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1 HOPING THOSE FOLKS WHO CALLED IN ARE FIGURING OUT A WAY TO BE
2 ON A WORKGROUP THAT DR. CONTRERAS WOULD BE OPEN TO TO COME UP
3 CREATIVE SOLUTIONS SO WE CAN ALL GET TO THE END RESULT THAT WE
4 KNOW MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES DESERVE AND ARE ENTITLED TO. THANK
5 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
8 IT DOES FEEL LIKE THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A DISCONNECT ON
9 THE WAIT TIMES. WE WERE HEARING MUCH LONGER THAN WHAT OUR
10 DEPARTMENT HEAD WAS ALLUDING TO. SO I FEEL LIKE THAT'S A BIG
11 DISCONNECT, BUT WHAT WE ARE HEARING IS ONE HOUR, TWO HOURS
12 SOMETIMES. YEAH, BUT WE NEED TO FIX THAT. BUT YOU ARE RIGHT.
13 WE NEED TO FIX THAT, AND WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP US COME UP
14 WITH CREATIVE SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ADD. THE MONEY WE WILL BE
17 RECEIVING FROM THE STATE, COULDN'T WE CARVE OUT A PORTION FOR
18 C.B.O.S OR GROUPS LIKE THAT CAN BE NOT JUST TELLING US WHAT
19 THE ISSUES ARE BUT BEING A PART OF THE SOLUTION, TOO? I KNOW
20 WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT IN THE PAST WITH SOME OF OUR
21 A.R.P. MONEY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, GOOD IDEA.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE CAN INCLUDE IN OUR REPORT.



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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. AND ARE WE GETTING -- THIS REPORT IS
3 JUST RECEIVED AND FILED, BUT I THINK WHAT WE WOULD ALL
4 APPRECIATE IS SOME UPDATES ONGOING FROM DR. CONTRERAS. THAT
5 WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER. OKAY, HEARING NO
6 OBJECTIONS TO RECEIVING AND FILING THIS REPORT, THAT WILL BE
7 THE ORDER. WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING
8 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY
9 SUPERVISORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 NOW TO
11 COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM
12 NUMBERS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
13 IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME.
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
15 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL
16 PUBLIC COMMENT.

17

18 **OPERATOR:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE
19 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, TWO
21 MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL FOR GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY INDICATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY ONLY
24 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON



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1 SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE
2 TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

3

4 **OPERATOR:** WILL TERRY JACKSON, JANET ASANTE, AMBROSE BROOKS,
5 CHRISTINE SALTERS, WANDA SOLOMON, HERMAN HERMAN, PATRICIA
6 MACALLISTER, DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY, MIKE GREENSPAN, IAN
7 JAMISON, AND MANUEL ALEJANDRO POLANCO PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND
8 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
9 CALLER, PLEASE?

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ROSECEA HUBERT. PLEASE
12 STATE YOUR ITEM NUMBER YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
13 YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **ROSECEA HUBERT:** HI. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS
17 A ROSECEA HUBERT. I HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH D.C.F.S. FOR ABOUT
18 EIGHT YEARS NOW. I WAS NOT ADVISED OF MY RIGHTS. I DIDN'T GET
19 DUE PROCESS RIGHTS. THESE LAWYERS ARE RAILROADING US. THEY
20 ARE NOT LET US PUT UP A DEFENSE. THEY ARE NOT LETTING US PUT
21 UP EVIDENCE. I HAVE MY THREE CHILDREN FLOATING IN D.C.F.S.
22 CUSTODY. MY TWO-YEAR-OLD SON WAS JUST TAKEN FROM ME BASED ON
23 LIES FROM THE ABUSER THAT STRANGLED ME, RAPED ME, BROKE MY
24 LITTLE TWO-YEAR-OLD'S ARM. AND D.C.F.S. IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT
25 THAT. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SCRATCHES ON MY BABY'S LEG AND



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1 LOW WEIGHT THAT THE BABY HAD LOST THE WEIGHT AT THE FATHER'S
2 HOME. AND NOW, I AM BEING FRAMED, AND THEY ARE WEAPONIZING THE
3 HUB TO DO THESE THINGS. THEY HAVE NOT CONTACTED HIS PRIMARY
4 CARE DOCTOR, HIS SCHOOL, AND HE IS AROUND MANDATORY REPORTERS
5 EVERY DAY ALL DAY. D.C.F.S. IS NOT TRYING TO REUNIFY ME WITH
6 MY CHILDREN. I HAVE ASKED THEM WHAT IS IT I NEED TO DO TO GET
7 MY CHILDREN HOME. DO I NEED TO TURN MY HEAD ALL THE WAY
8 AROUND? DO I NEED TO CLICK MY HEELS THREE TIMES? DO I NEED TO
9 RUB MY BELLY? WHAT IS THERE I NEED TO DO? NO ONE CAN TELL ME -
10 -

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER,
13 PLEASE.

14
15 **ROSECEA HUBERT:** I NEED HELP.

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

20
21 **JENNIFER TRACY:** HI, I AM JENNIFER TRACY, ADDRESSING ITEM 35
22 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM THE CO-LEAD FOR THE CAL
23 [INDISCERNIBLE] ADVOCATES GROUP, WHICH REPRESENTS MORE THAN 70
24 ORGANIZATIONS. I HAVE BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT
25 OF BENEFITS CAL FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS. WE RECENTLY SHARED A

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1 LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE CAL [INDISCERNIBLE] PROJECT,
2 WHICH IS DEVELOPING BENEFITS CAL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
3 COUNTIES. NUMBER ONE, CUSTOMERS DO NOT HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO
4 TECH SUPPORT TO SET UP THEIR ACCOUNTS. THEY HAVE TO CALL IN TO
5 D.P.S.S., WAIT ON HOLD FOR HOWEVER LONG, AND THEN BE REFERRED
6 TO TECH SUPPORT. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH HOOPS TO
7 GET HELP WITH SETTLING UP THEIR ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE. NUMBER
8 TWO, CUSTOMERS USED TO BE ABLE TO USE PRIVATE PERSONAL
9 INFORMATION TO ACCESS A MEDI-CAL CASE, BUT NOW THEY HAVE TO
10 USE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. IF THEY DON'T HAVE ONE, THEY CAN'T GET
11 IN THERE. NUMBER THREE, BENEFITS CAL DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME
12 FUNCTIONALITY FOR C.B.O.S THAT THEY TO HELP PEOPLE. THEY CAN'T
13 HELP PEOPLE WITH THEIR RENEWALS THROUGH THEIR PORTAL. THIS IS
14 A BIG PROBLEM. L.A. COUNTY HAS A UNIQUE ROLE IN OVERSIGHT FOR
15 BENEFITS CAL. THEY HAVE THREE VOTES, THREE FULL VOTES, ON THE
16 BENEFITS CAL BOARD, AND EVERY OTHER COUNTY HAS LESS THAN ONE.
17 AND D.P.S.S.'S BUREAU DIRECTOR AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
18 IS THE CHAIR OF THE CAL [INDISCERNIBLE] PROJECT BOARD. AND WE
19 URGE D.P.S.S. AND L.A. COUNTY TO LEVERAGE THEIR POWER TO MAKE
20 THIS SYSTEM MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE AND TO PROVIDE ACCESS
21 FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE COUNTY AND
22 THE STATE HAVE BEEN INVESTING IN TO HELP PEOPLE USE THAT
23 SYSTEM TO ACCESS SERVICES. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT
24 D.P.S.S. IS DOING AND URGE THEM TO DO MORE TO MAKE SURE



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1 BENEFITS CAL CAN BE ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CLARA SOLIS. PLEASE STATE THE
7 ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE
8 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **CLARA SOLIS:** 71F AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OUR COMMUNITY
11 GROUP AT EAGLE SIDNEY HUMPHREY HAS LONG PUSHED FOR A PARK AT
12 THE PROPERTIES PROPOSED -- L.A. THE COMMUNITY WAS PROMISED AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INPUT ON WHAT GOES ON THIS PROPERTY. WE
14 ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF THIS PROPERTY USING A
15 C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN, WHEN 97% OF THE
16 PROPERTIES WITHIN A 4.5 RADIUS ARE TESTING AT UNSAFE LEVELS OF
17 LEAD. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED 2.2 MILES FROM EXIDE. WHILE
18 RAISED BEDS CAN REDUCE CONTAMINATION, WE ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE
19 THIS PROPERTY FLOODS AND WIND CAN BRING CONTAMINATION. WE URGE
20 TESTING OF THE PROPERTY AND THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES BEFORE
21 COMMITTING TO A COMMUNITY GARDEN. AS YOU KNOW, HALF THE
22 PROPERTIES -- BY D.T.S.C. ARE NOW TESTING AT MORE THAN 200
23 PARTS PER MILLION. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THESE PROPERTIES ARE
24 BEING RECONTAMINATED BY ADJACENT PROPERTIES. THE PROPOSED
25 PROJECT AND THE COMMUNITY AROUND IT ARE PARK POOR. THE AREA OF



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1 PROPERTY THAT IS SOUTH IS MORE THAN A HALF MILE TO THE
2 CLOSEST PARK. IDEAS THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONTEMPLATING
3 FOR A PARK INCLUDE A NATIVE PARK GARDEN, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL
4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN, A COMMUNITY GARDEN, A QUIET
5 PARK FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE DAILY BOMBARDED BY NOISE FROM THE
6 710 FREEWAY, WHICH IS LOCATED 350 FEET AWAY, OR A PARK WITH
7 AN AREA FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY AND ADULTS TO EXERCISE. PLEASE
8 TEST THIS PROPERTY FOR LEAD BEFORE TRANSFER. DO NOT DO A
9 C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION. ALLOW COMMUNITY RESIDENTS TO WEIGH IN ON
10 WHAT THEY WANT FOR THIS PROPERTY ON 71F. MY PUBLIC COMMENT IS
11 IF PEOPLE WEREN'T ALWAYS BE SAYING THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SO
12 AND SO, KISSING YOU KNOW WHAT, THIS MEETING WOULD BE AN HOUR
13 SHORTER.

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA COHOLAN. PLEASE STATE
18 YOUR ITEM NUMBER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL
19 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **LAURA COHOLAN:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS LAURA COHOLAN. I AM A
22 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, AND I AM CALLING IN TO ADDRESS GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION,
24 AND WE WERE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED
25 BY THIS BOARD, SPECIFICALLY THAT WOULD HAVE EXPANDED THE

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1 ELECTRONIC MONITORING. AND WE ARE ALSO TROUBLED BY THE LACK OF
2 COMMUNITY TRANSPARENCY WITH WHICH IT WAS CRAFTED. WHILE WE
3 APPRECIATE THAT THE BOARD WANTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO
4 DECARCERATE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WE ALSO KNOW THAT IT IS
5 IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD TAKE INPUT FROM COMMUNITY EXPERTS,
6 WHO CONTINUALLY REACHED OUT TO THIS BODY, AND IN PARTICULAR
7 FOR SOME BOARD OFFICES, WITH NO RESPONSE. WE ARE NOT ALIGNED
8 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT'S CRITIQUE OF THIS ISSUE. WE ABSOLUTELY, AS
9 A COALITION, AND AS A GENERAL BODY, BELIEVE IN DECARCERATING
10 PEOPLE WHO ARE LEGALLY INNOCENT. AND THIS MOTION HAS LED TO
11 THE REINCARCERATION OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS [DOG BARKING]
12 BECAUSE OF AN EXPANSION OF THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, WHICH WE
13 CANNOT, IN GOOD FAITH, SUPPORT BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAD TO MORE
14 FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE REINCARCERATION OF
15 VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AGAIN, WE WANT TO REITERATE THAT
16 IT IS IMPERATIVE TRANSPARENCY IN THE POLICY MAKING PROCESS. IT
17 IS SO IMPORTANT THAT FORMERLY INCARCERATED FOLKS, CURRENTLY
18 INCARCERATED FOLKS --

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN AND YOUR LITTLE DOG, TOO. NEXT
22 SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILY DORM. PLEASE STATE THE
2 ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4
5 **LILY DORM:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LILY DORM. I AM WITH THE
6 COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I AM
7 PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND ALSO PROVIDING COMMENTS
8 ON ITEM NUMBER 35. I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
9 AGAIN AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR REQUESTING THE REPORT
10 FROM DR. CONTRERAS TODAY. AND I JUST REALLY WANTED TO
11 HIGHLIGHT THAT THE FACT THAT THE BENEFITS CAL SYSTEM IS NOT
12 LIVING UP TO ITS POTENTIAL AS A VITAL ACCESS POINT, THAT WE
13 ARE ENCOURAGING AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF WHAT
14 FUNCTIONALITIES WORK APPROPRIATELY AND THOSE THAT DO NOT, SO
15 WE CAN FIX THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES IMPACTING PROCESSING
16 RENEWALS. OUTREACH MATERIALS CIRCULATED BY D.P.S.S. MUST
17 INCLUDE NOT JUST THIS WEBSITE BUT ALSO THE PHONE NUMBER FOR
18 THE C.S.C. LINE. I WILL UNDERSCORE THAT THE PHONE MUST BE
19 MESSAGED AS A VIABLE RESOURCE FOR MEDI-CAL MEMBERS TO REPORT
20 CHANGES AND ENGAGE WITH D.P.S.S. HEALTH CENTERS KNOW HOW VITAL
21 THE PHONE IS. WE MUST SUPPORT PATIENTS WHO LACK THE RESOURCES
22 OR CAPABILITY TO NAVIGATE A WEBSITE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT LACKS
23 KEY FUNCTIONALITY. FINALLY, WE APPRECIATE DATA BEING
24 EMPHASIZED IN THIS DISCUSSION. WE NEED TIMELY DATA REPORTING
25 AND OVERSIGHT OF THE RENEWALS PROCESS AND THE MONTHLY SHARING



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1 OF DATA WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS. WE NEED DATA DETAILING HOW
2 MANY CASES WERE TERMINATED AND FOR WHAT REASON, PROCESSING
3 TIME, C.S.C. WAIT TIMES, AND DROPPED CALLS DATA, AND THE
4 PERCENTAGE OF CASES THAT WERE SUCCESSFULLY AUTO-RENEWED.
5 IDENTIFYING ISSUES EARLY ON AND WORKING TOWARD TIMELY
6 SOLUTIONS TO MINIMIZE COVERAGE LOSS IS KEY. WE THANK THE BOARD
7 AND D.P.S.S. FOR YOUR CARE AND CONCERN ON THIS. AND WE LOOK
8 FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER ENGAGE. I'LL ALSO ADD
9 THAT C.C.A.L.A.C. IS READY AND WILLING TO COLLABORATE CLOSELY
10 WITH D.P.S.S. AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS VIA
11 WORKGROUPS. D.P.S.S. AND OTHER PARTNERS ARE KEY TO THIS WORK.
12 SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO IDENTIFYING AND ADVANCING SOLUTIONS TO
13 BEST SUPPORT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE IN KEEPING THEIR
14 COVERAGE. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LADY CAGE BAREAL. PLEASE
19 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
20 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

21
22 **LADY CAGE BAREAL:** THIS IS LADY CAGE BAREAL. I AM SPEAKING ON
23 ITEM NUMBER 22. THIS IS REGARDING PENAL CODE 1203.106 AND
24 1203.107. I OPPOSE IT. THIS IS NOT APPROVING PROTECTION FOR --
25 IT IS NOT IMPROVING PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS AND SOCIETY. IT



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1 MAKES IT BETTER FOR THE CRIMINALS. RELEASING A CRIMINAL, I
2 THINK YOU HAVE ENOUGH LENIENCY GIVEN TO THEM ALREADY.
3 L.A.S.D., L.A.S.C., O.D.C., THEY ARE NOT JUDGES. THEY ARE NOT
4 JURORS. VICTIMS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING
5 PUBLIC SAFETY. THEY ARE NOT. AND THAT'S WHAT THE -- POLICE
6 OFFICERS SAY THEY ARE -- THE PEOPLE, YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO
7 CREATE LAWS THAT HELP THE CITY ATTORNEY JUST RELEASE THEM BACK
8 OUT THERE TO RE-VICTIMIZE THE VICTIMS. AND SO, HOW ARE YOU
9 GOING TO PAY FOR THIS. WILL YOU -- OKAY, YOUR FAVORITE THING
10 IS TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. EVENTUALLY, PEOPLE WILL BE
11 HOMELESS BECAUSE YOU CONTINUALLY RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. AND
12 THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEIR OWN HOUSING. SO, I THINK
13 THAT --

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

16
17 **LADY CAGE BAREAL:** THERE'S MUCH.

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

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



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1 **JESSICA MCNEAL:** HI, THIS IS JESSICA MCNEAL. I AM COMMENTING
2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY, YOU KNOW, TWO
3 YEARS AFTER THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT CAME OUT, WE ARE STILL
4 WAITING FOR M.C.J. TO CLOSE. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
5 THE BOARD KNOWS THAT WE ARE NEVER GOING TO STOP ADVOCATING FOR
6 THE CLOSURE OF THIS DEADLY VIOLENT FACILITY. AND IT IS REALLY
7 IMPORTANT THAT YOU ALL IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATE \$237 MILLION
8 TOWARDS O.D.R. BEDS TO GET 3600 BEDS IN THERE SO THAT WE CAN
9 START TO DECARCERATE M.C.J. IMMEDIATELY. AND THAT NEEDS TO
10 BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE
15 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
16 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17
18 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, FOLKS. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT NUMBER 50
19 AND 22 AND ALSO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND EXCUSE ME, NUMBER
20 23. NUMBER 23, I FIND IT JUST OBNOXIOUSLY RUDE AND SO
21 OBJECTIONAL THAT WE ARE FUNDING ANYTHING FOR ILLEGAL
22 IMMIGRANTS. AND JUST FOR YOUR BOARD MEMBERS AND THE GOVERNOR
23 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE SUPREME COURT IS LOOKING
24 AT THOSE WHO AID AND ABET THE SUBVERSION OF THE CONSTITUTION
25 OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE LAWS WHICH PROHIBIT THOSE WHO



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1 WANT TO ASSIST IN VIOLATING THE CROSS BORDER LAWS. ALSO NUMBER
2 50, ON THE GRAFFITI THING, UNTIL YOU HAVE GRAFFITI TRACKER
3 GOING AND GET THESE PEOPLE AND PUT THEM IN JAIL AS THEY HAVE
4 DONE IN THE PAST. WE DID IT WITH JUST REMARKABLE IMPACT ON THE
5 OVERALL GRAFFITI THING, AND WE COULD BRING THAT COST DOWN
6 SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS. AND ALSO IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC
7 COMMENT, WE HAVE SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, WHICH HAVE
8 PERPETUATED A BLIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS BY
9 REFUSING TO HAVE THEIR STAFF, AND NOW IT IS RYAN SERRANO, TO
10 GET THE HOUSES, THE MARTINEZ HOUSES ON OTTERBEIN, DEMOLISHED
11 AND TAKEN DOWN AS THEY SHOULD. AND NOW WE HAVE WHAT IS CALLED
12 ILLEGAL DUMPING. AND WE HAVE TO THANK OUR SUPERVISORS FOR
13 THEIR NEGLIGENCE IN RESPECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THIS
14 COMMUNITY. PLEASE, I SEE YOU CAN STILL HAVE THAT STUPID TIME
15 CLOCK IN THERE, WHICH HAS NO RELATIONSHIP TO ANYTHING, AND IT
16 JUST MAKES YOU LOOK STRAIGHT UP STUPID. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MISSY. PLEASE STATE YOUR
21 ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU ARE
22 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **MISSY:** THANK YOU. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 22, 60, AND
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ITEM 22, THE PRIOR SPEAKER HAD SAID

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1 THIS, PUBLIC SPEAKER HAD SAID THAT 22 BASICALLY CIRCUMVENTS
2 THE DECISION OF JUDGES AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND STATE LAWS,
3 INCLUDING THE PENAL CODE, AND PUTS THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES IN
4 THE LAP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OTHER TEAMS LIKE
5 ANYONE THEY CHOOSE TO DELEGATE IT TO. IT IS INAPPROPRIATE. YOU
6 DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY. EVEN THE AGENDA ITEM ON THAT, WE
7 DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO THIS. I AM GLAD YOU TOOK IT OFF
8 THE AGENDA TODAY, BUT PLEASE DON'T BRING IT BACK BECAUSE IT IS
9 SIMPLY PUTTING THE PUBLIC MORE AT RISK. AND WE ARE ALREADY
10 ENOUGH AT RISK WITH THE D.A. NOT ENFORCING LAWS. ITEM 60, ALL
11 ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR INMATE TRANSPARENCY BUSES. PLEASE VOTE
12 NO ON THIS. THE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION FOR A
13 QUANTITY OF TWO ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGING STATIONS. WHY?
14 BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A HIGH PRIORITY COST IN AN ECONOMY THAT IS
15 MOVING INTO A RECESSION. THE DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT IDENTIFY
16 THE COST OF A CHARGING STATION. IT MAKES AN ESTIMATE ON THE
17 BUSES, BUT DOES NOT BASICALLY SAYS WE HAVE TO DO SOME REVIEW
18 OF THIS. I THINK ENOUGH CITIES HAVE ELECTRIC BUSES YOU CAN KEY
19 INTO INFORMATION AND DATA FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND
20 COUNTIES BEFORE YOU SPEND SOME OF THE NEARLY \$3 MILLION ON
21 SOME STUDIES. SO IT IS JUST -- IT SAYS THAT IT IS NO COST TO
22 THE COUNTY, BUT AGAIN, THERE'S NO LIMIT ON THIS, AND IT SEEMS
23 TO BE A PIECEMEAL APPROACH WITHOUT A COMPREHENSIVE AND TOTAL
24 PROJECT IDENTIFIED. IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL JUST
25 MENTION, IN RELATION TO MY OTHER TWO ITEMS OF 22 AND 60,



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1 CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS RANKING LOWER AND
2 LOWER IN TERMS OF COUNTIES AND IN TERMS OF STATES BECAUSE OF
3 CRIME, EXCESSIVE CRIME, SAFETY ISSUES, AND QUESTIONABLE
4 POLICIES. ALL THESE CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTE TO A MASS EXODUS, AS
5 HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE PRESS IN NUMEROUS ARTICLES OVER THE
6 PAST TWO YEARS OF A MASS EXODUS OF POPULATION LEAVING
7 CALIFORNIA BECAUSE OF CRIME, BECAUSE OF BAD POLICIES, ETC. SO
8 I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPECTFULLY, PLEASE, PLEASE,
9 FOCUS ON POLICY THAT CAN TURN THE TIDE OF PEOPLE FLEEING OUT
10 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MORE SO THAN IN THE HISTORY OF THE
11 STATE. IT IS -- IT MADE THE PAPERS, TOO, AT LEAST A YEAR AND A
12 HALF AGO ABOUT SOMEONE IN L.A. COUNTY SAYING DO NOT TRAVEL, DO
13 NOT VACATION IN L.A. COUNTY, PERHAPS EVEN ALL OF CALIFORNIA,
14 BECAUSE IT IS TOO DANGEROUS.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE, PLEASE STATE
19 THE -- EXCUSE ME -- THE ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
21 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

22
23 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BYRON JOSE, SPEAKING ON
24 AGENDA ITEM 22, 60, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE BEEN A
25 RESIDENT OF S.D.2 MY WHOLE LIFE, WELL MOST OF MY LIFE, SINCE I

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1 WAS 10 YEARS OLD, AND I AM A PART OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE]
2 COALITION AND REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. THE TIME FOR A REPORT
3 BACK, THE TIME FOR THE PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE AND ALL
4 THAT HAS COME AND GONE FOR YOU TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
5 FOR YOU TO DECARCERATE THIS POPULATION, FOR YOU TO FULLY FUND
6 O.D.R., THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, A.T.I. YOU HAVE
7 ALL THIS DATA IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU HAVE ALL THIS WORK. YOU
8 HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL OR THE POLITICAL POWER OR INFLUENCE.
9 YOU DON'T HAVE THE WILL, AND WE NEED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
10 CHAIR, WE LOOK TO DIRECTOR HAHN TO STEP UP AND BE A LEADER IN
11 THIS. SO THE CHAIR WILL LOOK TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO TRULY
12 INTRODUCE A MOTION THAT SEEKS TO DECARCERATE AND FUND A CARE
13 FIRST BUDGET AND NOT JUST TALK ABOUT IT, BUT ACTUALLY SEE IT
14 THROUGH MOTIONS AND ACTIONS IN YOUR AGENDA. WE LOOK TO
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AGAIN, TO TRULY STAND TO YOUR GROUND AND
16 REALLY INTRODUCE THESE MOTIONS. YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO
17 IT. LET'S DO IT. AND BARGER, WE DO NOT NEED THE SHERIFF'S
18 INPUT IN THIS. YOU COULDN'T EVEN CONTROL THE PERSON RUNNING
19 THAT DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR. RIGHT, SO NOW YOU WANT THEIR INPUT
20 INTO WHAT THIS MAY LOOK LIKE. YOU NEED TO STOP FUNDING THE
21 CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR PEOPLE. YOU NEED TO TRULY FUND CARE
22 FIRST. FOR 60, YES, YOU ARE RIGHT. WE DO NOT NEED GREEN BUSES
23 TO TRANSPORT OUR PEOPLE TO MOBILE CAGES. WE DO NOT NEED TO
24 CONTINUE FUNDING AND CREATING INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NEED TO
25 DECONSTRUCT AND REFUND, RIGHT? THE REASON WHY PEOPLE ARE



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1 TALKING ABOUT VICTIMS BEING CRIMINALIZED IS BECAUSE THERE'S NO
2 HOUSING AND BECAUSE THERE'S NO RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.
3 AND NO ONE IS LEAVING CALIFORNIA BECAUSE OF THE CRIME. PEOPLE
4 ARE LEAVING HERE BECAUSE THERE'S NO HOUSING. THERE'S NO
5 RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE
6 LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE MOST IMPACTED BY YOUR POLICIES AND NOT
7 JUST BY THIRD PARTY PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST IMPLYING SOME CRIME
8 WAVE THAT DOES NOT EXIST. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. PLEASE
13 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS WITH THE JUSTICE
17 L.A. COALITION AND RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. I JUST WANT TO
18 REITERATE SOME OF WHAT OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE NEED
19 TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IT IS NOW A MATTER OF LIFE OR
20 DEATH, AND WE KNOW THAT THREE PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A. COUNTY
21 IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. AND THE BOARD IS CONTINUING WITH
22 BUREAUCRACY AS USUAL. AND SINCE MARCH 2021, ALREADY 90 PEOPLE
23 HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE IN SHERIFF'S CUSTODY, AND IT'S
24 BEEN ALMOST THREE YEARS SINCE THE BOARD COMMITTED TO THE
25 CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE



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1 STILL STUCK IN JAIL BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY
2 FUNDED COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT IS FOR
3 EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
4 PROGRAMS. THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS 12 DIFFERENT REPORTS THAT ALL
5 OUTLINE PATHWAYS TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, YET THE
6 SUPERVISORS, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND
7 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, THOSE WITH THE POWER TO ACTUALLY
8 BRING ABOUT JAIL CLOSURE, CONTINUE TO STALL BY ASKING FOR MORE
9 REPORT BACKS AND WITHOUT TAKING REAL ACTIONS. AND MARCH 30TH,
10 2023, JUST LAST THURSDAY, MARKED THE TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
11 THE PUBLICATION --

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PERSON -- PARDON ME, PARTICIPANT IS IVETTE
17 ALE FERLITO. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
18 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20
21 **IVETTE ALE FERLITO:** IVETTE ALE FERLITO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
22 LA DEFENSA IN SUPPORT OF 7, 24, 28, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. I WANT TO FIRST COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
24 REFERRING HER DECARCERATION MOTION BACK TO HER OFFICE. IT
25 TAKES COURAGE TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND LISTEN TO COMMUNITY

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1 FEEDBACK. LET ME BE CLEAR, THIS MOTION WAS NOT THE MASSIVE
2 DECARCERATION MOTION THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT PAINTED IT OUT TO
3 BE. LA DEFENSA IS A SURVIVOR LED ORGANIZATION. WE ADAMANTLY
4 BELIEVE THAT INCARCERATION DOES NOT KEEP SURVIVORS LIKE US
5 SAFE AND THAT M.C.J. MUST BE CLOSED. SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
6 HORVATH ACTED WITH URGENCY TO DECARCERATE M.C.J., WHICH IS
7 WHAT THIS MOMENT CALLS FOR. HOWEVER, WHAT THE PROCESS LACKS IS
8 MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND WHAT WE NEED TO SEE FROM
9 THE COUNTY IS BOTH URGENCY AND SUBSTANTIVE ACTION. THERE WERE
10 SEVERAL DIRECTIVES I STRONGLY SUPPORTED IN THE MOTION,
11 INCLUDING ADVOCATING FOR THE EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE, BUT
12 THERE ARE ACTIONS THAT THE COUNTY CAN TAKE INDEPENDENT OF THE
13 STATE AND THE JUDICIARY THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY FUTURE
14 MOTIONS THAT THE ADDRESS PRETRIAL POPULATION. REDUCING THE
15 COUNTY'S PRETRIAL POPULATION OF 5700 PEOPLE WILL REQUIRE A
16 DEEP INVESTMENT IN SERVICES LIKE TRANSPORTATION TO COURT, TEXT
17 REMINDERS, CHILD CARE, CASEWORKERS WHO ARE CREDIBLE
18 MESSENGERS. A SHERIFF LED PRETRIAL RELEASE PILOT THAT HINGES
19 ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING WILL BARELY MAKE A DENT IN THE
20 PRETRIAL POPULATION, WHILE ENTRENCHING A MODEL OF SUPERVISION
21 THAT IS SIMPLY INEFFECTIVE AND RUNS COUNTER TO THE CARE FIRST
22 VISION, WHICH YOU ALL SUPPORT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
23 YOUR OFFICES TO DESIGN A MOTION THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN
24 STRONGLY GET BEHIND. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I REALLY HOPE I HEAR
25 BACK FROM YOUR OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH OUR

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1 COALITION, WITH OUT ORGANIZATIONS TO REALLY SUPPORT THE WORK
2 THAT YOU ARE DOING. SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, SOLIS, AND HAHN,
3 AND BARGER TODAY, PUT FORWARD MOTIONS THAT SUBSTANTIVELY
4 ADDRESS THE URGENT NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE,
5 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, AND GUARANTEED AND BASIC INCOME. THESE ARE
6 THE TYPES OF MOTIONS THAT GET TO THE HEART OF THE CARE FIRST
7 INITIATIVES. THESE ARE MOTIONS WE CAN SUPPORT AND GET BEHIND.
8 YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. LIKE PREVIOUS COMMENTERS SAID,
9 YOU HAVE THE REPORTS. YOU HAVE THE DATA IN FRONT OF YOU. IT IS
10 REALLY TIME TO STOP WITH MINIMAL MOTIONS THAT ONLY ADDRESS
11 MINIMALLY THE POPULATION WITHIN THE JAIL AND MAKE SUBSTANTIVE,
12 STRONG MOTIONS THAT GET TO THE HEART OF WHAT WE NEED IN THIS
13 MOMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE START PRIORITIZING THE CARE OF
14 OUR COMMUNITIES AND TAKE ACTION WHERE THE COUNTY DOES HAVE
15 POWER. THE COUNTY WILL NAME THAT THEY DON'T HAVE POWER OVER
16 THE JUDICIARY. THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT YOU HAVE POWER OVER
17 SERVICES. YOU HAVE POWER OVER DOLLARS. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO
18 INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT IS BEING GIVEN THIS YEAR FOR C.F.C.I.
19 WE ARE BEING SHORTCHANGED FOR THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE KNOW WORK.
20 AND I HOPE THAT THIS BODY LEVERAGES YOUR POWER OF THE PURSE TO
21 ACTUALLY MAKE THE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO CLOSE DOWN
22 M.C.J. THANK YOU.

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



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES NELSON. PLEASE STATE
2 THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4
5 **JAMES NELSON:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I AM JAMES NELSON WITH D.P.N.
6 AND JUSTICE L.A. I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO SPEAK ON GENERAL
7 COMMENTS AROUND THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J. AGAIN, WE HAVE BEEN HERE
8 FOR YEARS TALKING ABOUT WHY M.C.J. SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED. AS
9 WE SIT HERE AND STILL TALK ABOUT IT, WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT,
10 FOLKS ARE DYING IN THERE AT AN ALARMING RATE. AND I'D LIKE TO
11 UP RAISE SOMEBODY THAT'S IN THE PROGRAM I DO FOR FORMERLY
12 INCARCERATED PEOPLE. SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH
13 O.D.R., AND O.D.R. CHANGED HER LIFE. AND SHE GOES AROUND NOW
14 GIVING HER TESTIMONY. THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS WE WANT TO
15 AMPLIFY TO SHOW HOW THE SERVICES REALLY CAN HELP OUR
16 COMMUNITY. AND M.C.J. NEEDS TO BE CLOSED BECAUSE WE -- ALSO IT
17 IS NOT IN LINE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AROUND ELECTRONIC
18 MONITORING NEITHER BECAUSE THAT'S ANOTHER PRETRIAL GIMMICK
19 THAT THEY DO TO PEOPLE IN THERE. WHEN YOU ARE BEING HELD
20 PRETRIAL, YOU ARE GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT BECAUSE YOU SIT
21 THERE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T AFFORD BAIL, AND THEN YOU ARE FORCED
22 TO TAKE A DEAL BECAUSE WHO WOULD NOT WANT TO COME HOME IF ALL
23 THEY HAD TO DO WAS PUT ON AN ANKLE MONITOR, BUT THAT'S JUST
24 ANOTHER WAY OF SUPPORTING A SYSTEM THAT IS JUST INCARCERATING
25 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE TRIED INCARCERATION. LET'S GO



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1 WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND GIVE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION A FAIR
2 TRY. IT IS LIKE -- IT'S DIFFERENT IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT --

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WE ARE
5 GOING TO HAVE ONE MORE CALLER ON THE PHONE. OKAY.

6
7 **MODERATOR:** AND OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA QUINONES. PLEASE
8 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU
9 WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

10
11 **SOFIA QUINONES:** YES. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM 71F, 8, AND
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I SUBMITTED A
13 LETTER TO YOU. I THINK WHAT I SUBMITTED IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT
14 HAS TO DO WITH GARDENS. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ITEM ON THE
15 AGENDA, AND AS I WAS LISTENING IN, I ACTUALLY WENT TO THE
16 NEIGHBORHOOD, KNOCKED ON THE DOORS. TODAY, AS YOU GUYS WERE IN
17 THE MEETING, AND NONE OF THE NEIGHBORS KNEW OF THE AGENDA ITEM
18 TODAY, WITHIN 500 FEET. NOW, WE HAVEN'T HAD A PUBLIC MEETING
19 IN LIKE FOUR YEARS. SO WE REALLY WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THIS
20 BECAUSE SOMEBODY WANTS TO PUT A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN OUR
21 COMMUNITY, IT SHOULD BE THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE
22 ALREADY DOING THOSE GARDENS. SO RIGHT AFTER I WENT THERE, I
23 WENT OVER AND TALKED TO THE GENTLEMEN THAT DO OUR LOCAL
24 GARDENING. THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT. SO IT IS ABOUT
25 TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION. AND ONE BLOCK AWAY IS A

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1 FREEWAY EXIT. SO WE HAVE NOX. WE HAVE EXIDE, AND THERE ARE A
2 LOT OF OTHER TOXIC ELEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE GOING
3 TO BUILD GARDENS, PLEASE REVIEW THE GUIDELINES I SUBMITTED TO
4 THE BOARD. MAKE SURE THE SOIL WAS TESTED. AND WE SUPPORT
5 COMMUNITY GARDENS, BUT IN AN AREA WHERE IT IS TOXIC, IT SHOULD
6 BE ABOVE GROUND AND INDOORS TO PROTECT US. LADIES, DO YOU WANT
7 TO POISON US? CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT? I THINK NOT.
8 I THINK THESE GUIDELINES ARE IMPORTANT. I ASK THAT EACH AND
9 EVERY ONE OF YOU REVIEW THEM SO THEY COMPLY WITH STATE
10 GUIDELINES. WHEN I REVIEWED WHO THE CONTRACT WAS GOING TO, WE
11 AS A COMMUNITY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO THIS CONTRACT
12 BECAUSE WHEN I TALKED TO THE GARDENERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, THEY
13 SAID WELL WE DON'T LIKE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY BECAUSE ALL OF
14 A SUDDEN THEY WILL JUST KICK US OUT WHENEVER THEY WANT. I WENT
15 THERE THIS MORNING, DURING THE CALL, DURING YOUR MEETING. SO I
16 ASK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THIS IS THE REFLECTION OF YOUR STAFF.
17 AND WE WANT TO HAVE A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR STAFF,
18 BUT THEY HAVE TO INFORM US AND INCLUDE US. SO I WANT TO THANK
19 THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU DO. I WANT YOU TO
20 THINK ABOUT OUR COMMENTS AND REALLY LOOK AT THE RULES AND
21 REGULATIONS. WE DON'T ONLY LOOK AT THE SOIL; WE LOOK AT THE
22 WATER. AND THAT, TOO, HAS TO DO WITH CULTIVATION. EVEN THOUGH
23 PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN POVERTY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DISSEMINATE
24 FRUIT AND VEGETABLES THAT, FOR US, WE WANT THEM TO BE ORGANIC.
25 WE DON'T WANT THEM TO BE G.M.O., AND WE DON'T WANT THEM TO BE



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1 CONTAMINATED. THERE'S A WHOLE PROCESS OF GARDENS AND WHAT
2 HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN ALSO YOU PASS FRUIT AND WHAT IT CAN DO TO
3 YOUR LIVER. IT CAN BE WORSE THAN A BOTTLE OF TEQUILA. SO THOSE
4 ARE THINGS WE WANT TO LOOK AT AND HAVE THE CHANCE TO HAVE A
5 DIALOGUE ABOUT THE GARDENS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE GARDENS ARE
6 IMPORTANT, BUT IF THEY ARE DONE IN THE WRONG WAY, WITH GROUPS
7 THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY RELATIONSHIP BE WITH -- WE HAVE NO
8 BACKGROUND ON THEM. WE'RE NOT SAYING THEIR BAD, BUT --

9

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

11

12 **SOFIA QUINONES:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE WE GOING IN PERSON?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAIT, BEFORE YOU START. I AM JUST GOING TO
17 SAY SOMETHING, AND YOU PROBABLY ARE NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO ME,
18 BUT REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU SPOKE TO US WITH RESPECT.
19 WE LISTEN TO YOU EVERY TIME. YOU'RE ARE ALLOWED TO SAY SOME OF
20 THOSE WORDS, BUT I WILL TELL YOU TODAY IN THE AUDITORIUM, WE
21 HAD SOME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THERE WAS A CHURCH PASTOR AND
22 HIS WIFE THAT WERE HERE. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO
23 HEAR THOSE WORDS. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE THOSE WORDS. YOU
24 CAN SPEAK TO US ARTICULately AND MAKE YOUR CASE FOR THE THREE
25 MINUTES THAT YOU HAVE, BUT WE'D REALLY APPRECIATE, HERMAN, NOT



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1 TO USE THE WORDS THAT YOU KNOW I AM TALKING ABOUT. ALL RIGHT,
2 HERE WE GO. THREE MINUTES.

3

4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YES, THE POLITICAL ARENA AT TIMES IS VENOUS AND
5 VULGAR, BUT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND 42 U.S.C. 1983, MY 14TH
6 AMENDMENT, MY 4TH AMENDMENT, MY 2ND AMENDMENT, AND EVERY OTHER
7 [EXPLETIVE] AMENDMENT THAT PROTECTS ME THE RIGHT TO FREE
8 SPEECH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, MADAM CITY ATTORNEY -- OOH. MADAM
11 COUNTY COUNSEL.

12

13 **ATTORNEY:** MR. HERMAN, THAT IS YOUR SECOND WARNING. PLEASE NOTE
14 THAT FOR THE RECORD.

15

16 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO ON ITEM NUMBER 22 IN WHICH I WILL RELATE IT
17 TO THE AUTHORITIES, JUST LIKE WHAT THEY DID IN TORRANCE, WHERE
18 JANET HAHN AND MS. HOLLY MITCHELL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT, THEY
19 SHARE IT, POLICE OFFICERS THERE DID SOMETHING VERY OUT OF
20 TOPIC. AND THAT IS LIKE HERE ON 22 BECAUSE I WANT TO KEEP IT
21 CLEAN, P.G., FOR PRINCESS UP THERE. YEAH, NOD YOUR HEAD,
22 PRINCESS. SO 22 TALKS ABOUT SAFETY. ALL DELIVER SPEED ON
23 MEANINGFUL SOLUTIONS, WHILE CITY POLICE PAINTED A SWASTIKA ON
24 A MAN'S CAR. THAT'S SAFETY? AND YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT
25 CHILDREN IN JAILS AND PEOPLE IN JAIL ARE SAFE? NO. YOU KNOW



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1 WHY? YOU KNOW WHY, MS. ATTORNEY, BECAUSE STRAIGHT OUT OF
2 COMPTON, [EXPLETIVE] THE POLICE.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, HERMAN. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS
5 UP.

6
7 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YEAH, [EXPLETIVE] THE POLICE, AND [EXPLETIVE]
8 YOU.

9
10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. TURN HIS MICROPHONE OFF.

11
12 **ATTORNEY:** THAT IS YOUR LAST WARNING.

13
14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** NO ONE LISTENS TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT ANY MORE
15 BECAUSE YOU ARE A BUNCH OF [EXPLETIVE]

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'D ASK YOU TO -- OKAY, FINE.
18 YEAH, WE DID. THANK YOU, YOU COULD HAVE HAD THE WHOLE TIME IF
19 YOU WOULD HAVE JUST RESPECTED US. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO
20 AHEAD.

21
22 **MANUEL POLANCO:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] HELLO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
23 I WILL START MY SPEECH, AND I WILL SPEAK IN SPANISH. AND I DO
24 BELIEVE IN THE DEMOCRACY THAT IS HAPPENING HERE AND ALL THE
25 RULES. MY NAME IS MANUEL POLANCO. I AM AN ATTORNEY AND A



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1 POLITICAL SCIENTIST AND ALSO A PROFESSOR IN VENEZUELA.
2 GREETINGS, YOUR LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC
3 EMPLOYEES, AND CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES. THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON
4 WHAT WE DECIDE TO DO TODAY. AND A DAY LIKE TODAY, I WAS PART
5 OF THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS, REPRESENTING THE CIVIL SOCIETY
6 OF MY COUNTRY AND VENEZUELA. IT WAS IN JUNE 2020. AT THIS
7 TIME, I AM IN PROCESS OF ASYLUM. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONSULATE
8 SERVICES OR EMBASSY IN MY COUNTRY BECAUSE MY COUNTRY IS A
9 DICTATORSHIP, BUT I DO BELIEVE IN THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND
10 ALL OF WHAT TAKES PART IN THE UNITED STATES. LIKE ME, I KNOW
11 THERE ARE A LOT OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE THAT DON'T GET THE RIGHTS
12 IN THIS WORLD, BUT I DO KNOW THIS STATE WILL DO RIGHT BY THEM.
13 THAT IS WHY THE DECLARATION OF LOS ANGELES WAS CREATED IN JUNE
14 10TH, 2022, RATIFIED BY UNITED STATES AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES
15 PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AND
16 ASYLUM SEEKERS JUST LIKE MYSELF, SUCH AS CUBANS, UKRANIANS,
17 HAITIANS. WITH ALL THIS BEING SAID, I DO ASK THE ESTEEMED
18 BOARD TO GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU AT A FUTURE
19 MEETING, AND THESE POLICIES ARE JUST NOT ADAPTED TO THOSE LIKE
20 ME IN THIS CITY IN THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME AND
21 THE OPPORTUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE CONTINUE
22 TO GATHER AND TO KEEP GOING FORWARD WITH THE DEMOCRACY OF THIS
23 CITY AND THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TODAY AND YOU
2 ARE WELCOME ANY TIME TO COME AND SPEAK WITH US.

3
4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE WAIT AND
5 GET SOMEONE FROM O.I.A. TO COME SPEAK TO HIM, IMMIGRATION.

6
7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, OKAY, GREAT. WE WILL HAVE SOMEBODY TO
8 COME FROM OUR OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND WORK WITH YOU.

9
10 **MANUEL POLANCO:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HERMAN, KNOCK IT OFF. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **PATRICIA MACALLISTER:** PATRICIA MACALLISTER, 11, 1D, AND PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. HERE, NUMBER 11, FAIR HOUSING MONTH, YOU'RE
17 PROCLAIMING THAT FOR APRIL, 2023. THE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES
18 ARE UNDER THIS LEADERSHIP HERE, THE COUNTY. THIS IS HOW THE
19 AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE GETTING ON SKID ROW. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
20 BLACK PEOPLE WORKING IN THOSE AGENCIES. YOU MAY HAVE ONE. YOU
21 HAVE THE LATINOS. YOU HAVE THE HISPANICS, AND YOU HAVE THE
22 ASIANS AND FILIPINOS WORKING THERE. SO WHEN THEIR PEOPLE COME
23 IN OF THEIR ETHNICITY, THEY GIVE THEM HOUSING. I HAVE TALKED
24 TO SOME LATINOS. THE LADY SAYS SHE GOT A PLACE IN A WEEK. YOU
25 HAVE HOUSING OUT THERE. THEY ARE PURPOSELY SENDING BLACKS

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1 THERE FROM THESE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES. ANYONE WHO GOES IN
2 THERE, AND YOU SEE THOSE WORKERS, YOU WILL NOT SEE ANY BLACK
3 PEOPLE. AND I TALKED TO A BLACK MAN WHO WORKS FOR ONE OF THE
4 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, AND HE TOLD ME THE REASON WHY BLACKS
5 ARE BEING SENT TO SKID ROW BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY WORKERS.
6 SO, WE WANT THAT CHAINED. NOW, 1D, THIS IS THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. I HAVE GOTTEN
8 SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT THEM. WHEN PEOPLE'S WAGES ARE REDUCED OR
9 THEIR INCOME IS REDUCED, THIS AGENCY IS NOT REDUCING THEIR
10 RENT. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING OVER THERE. YOU NEED
11 TO CHECK THEM OUT. THEY ARE GOING INTO PEOPLE'S UNITS,
12 VIOLATING RENTER'S RIGHTS WITH NO NOTICE OR NOTHING LIKE THAT.
13 SO YOU NEED TO CHECK THEM OUT. THEY ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB
14 PROPERLY, AND YOU WILL PROBABLY SEE SOME LAWSUITS COMING
15 THROUGH. LET ME SAY THAT AGAIN, THEY ARE GETTING PROOF THAT
16 PEOPLE'S WAGES HAVE BEEN REDUCED, AND THEY ARE NOT REDUCING
17 THEIR RENT. THEY ARE THROWING AWAY THE PAPERWORK. SO LET'S
18 LOOK INTO THAT. NOW, MY PUBLIC COMMENT IS ABOUT I TAUGHT AT
19 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN FOR SEVEN YEARS. I
20 TAUGHT IN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS, THE CAMPS, THE HALLS,
21 AND THE SCHOOL. NOW, ONE PUBLIC SCHOOL I WENT INTO, AND THIS
22 IS COMMON, THEY HAVE A BOYS DRESSED LIKE GIRLS DAY, GIRLS
23 DRESSED LIKE BOYS. THEY ARE TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO BE
24 TRANSGENDER IN THE SCHOOLS. AND AM GOING TO TELL ON L.A.U.S.D.
25 I AM. I AM NOT WORKING WITH THEM ANY MORE. THEY ARE TEACHING



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1 THEM TO BE TRANSGENDER. TALK ABOUT THEFT. THEY ARE NOT BORN.
2 THEY ARE COMING IN -- THEY SAY THIS IS THE DAY THE BOYS ARE
3 GOING TO DRESS LIKE GIRLS, GIRLS DRESS LIKE BOYS BECAUSE I
4 CAME INTO TEACH ONE DAY, AND I SAW THE BIG BULLETIN BOARD IN
5 THE OFFICE. SO I ASKED ONE OF THE STUDENTS LATER. I SAID, "IS
6 THAT TRUE?" HE SAID "YES, WE HAVE THAT." SO, WE ARE GOING TO
7 FIGHT THIS. THE PARENTS MUST FIGHT THIS. CALIFORNIA IS THE
8 PEDOPHILE STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU ARE DOING ALL KINDS
9 OF THINGS TO DESTROY THESE CHILDREN, AND NOTHING WILL COME
10 GOOD FOR CALIFORNIA. YOU DON'T MESS WITH GOD'S CHILDREN AND
11 THINK NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU. SO LET'S LOOK INTO
12 THESE SCHOOLS TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO BE TRANSGENDER,
13 HOMOSEXUALS, AND PEDOPHILES.

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

16
17 **WANDA SOLOMON:** BEFORE YOU START MY TIME, I HAVE SOMETHING TO
18 SHARE WITH THE BOARD. MADAM CHAIR, HAHN.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

21
22 **WANDA SOLOMON:** THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I HAVE ONE FOR MY
23 REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL. AND I HAVE ONE FOR LINDSEY HORVATH
24 AND KATHRYN BARGER AND HILDA SOLIS, AND FESIA DAVENPORT. I
25 DON'T SEE HER, BUT I WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO GET ONE.



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1

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

3

4 **WANDA SOLOMON:** BEFORE I START --

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, GO AHEAD AND SPEAK.

7

8 **WANDA SOLOMON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S BEEN -- I HAVE BEEN
9 VERY PATIENT TODAY IN TRYING TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL. MY NAME IS
10 WANDA SOLOMON. AND I AM WITH THE SINGLE PARENTS OF AMERICA AND
11 SAVING OUR SENIORS. HOLLY MITCHELL, I LOVE YOU SO. AND I JUST
12 APPRECIATE MY BOARD MEMBERS. I AM A SINGLE PARENT, I AM AN
13 ONLY CHILD. AND I STAND HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY VERY RESILIENT
14 BECAUSE MY WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN WRAPPED AROUND THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF SOCIAL SERVICES. AND I'M ON THE VERGE OF JUST ABOUT LOSING
16 EVERYTHING. AND MADAM CHAIR AND MS. HOLLY, I HOPE THAT YOU
17 WILL HAVE SOMEONE TALK TO ME ABOUT IT. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY
18 HOUSING. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY MEDI-CAL, AND I AM SHARING
19 WITH YOU THE INFORMATION THAT I DON'T WANT TO DISCLOSE, BUT IF
20 YOU READ IT, PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE TALK TO ME. IT IS VERY
21 URGENT. SO THANK YOU FOR TODAY. I SPOKE ON A LOT OF ISSUES,
22 AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

23

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

25

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1 **JANET ASANTE:** HI, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 7, 24, AND
2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I MENTIONED
3 BEFORE THAT I WORK FOR DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND I'M A MEMBER
4 OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION
5 IS MADE UP OF A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE
6 BEEN ESSENTIAL IN MOVING US TOWARD A CARE FIRST/ JAILS NEVER
7 VISION. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN A PART OF
8 THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUPS AND MEN'S CENTRAL
9 JAIL CLOSURE WORKGROUPS THAT HAVE PRODUCED A ROBUST NUMBER OF
10 VERY EVIDENCE-BASED AND COMMUNITY- INFORMED RECOMMENDATIONS
11 THAT ARE OFTENTIMES IGNORED, AND WE HAVE HAD TO FIGHT TO HAVE
12 THOSE BE PUT OUT AND BE PUT THROUGH MONTHS AND YEARS OF
13 BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE ONLY TO HAVE MOTIONS LIKE THE ONE THAT
14 WAS PULLED BE PUT OUT LAST MINUTE, VERY LAST MINUTE, BEFORE A
15 BOARD MEETING WITH NO INPUT FROM THESE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SO,
16 I REALLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, IF YOU DO CARE ABOUT COMMUNITY
17 INPUT, AND YOU CARE ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS,
18 FOLKS NEED TO BE LISTENED TO AND REACHED OUT TO. AND THEIR
19 REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO. SO I WANT TO
20 SAY THAT'S AT THE TOP. AND MARCH 30TH WAS JOHN HORTON'S ANGEL-
21 VERSARY. HE WAS KILLED IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BY DEPUTIES IN
22 2009. AND ONE MORE DAY OF DELAY IS ANOTHER LIFE POSSIBLY LOST.
23 ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS A REAL PLAGUE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE
24 OPPOSE ANY MEASURE THAT WILL GIVE MORE FUNDING OR AUTHORITY TO
25 L.A.S.D. AND PROBATION, AND INSTEAD CALL ON THE BOARD TO

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1 IMPLEMENT THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT. AND SINCE
2 THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL BE REALLY WILLING TO LISTEN TO
3 WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY, OUR POLICY AND OUR NARRATIVE AROUND THESE
4 ISSUES HAVE MADE WAVES. I KNOW JUST YESTERDAY, WE GAVE
5 INTERVIEWS ON FOX AND C.B.S. AND ON A.B.C. AND A NUMBER OF
6 OTHER STATIONS. THAT'S JUST YESTERDAY. JUST CENTERED AROUND
7 MARCH 30TH AND MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WE HAVE HAD OVER 15 PRESS
8 HITS WE HAVE COORDINATED, AND THEY ALL COULD HAVE BEEN IN
9 SUPPORT OF A MOTION THAT YOU PUT FORTH. IF YOU HAD COORDINATED
10 WITH THE COMMUNITY, ALL OF THESE STORIES AND ALL OF THIS
11 COORDINATED PRESS THAT I KNOW THAT IT REALLY AFFECTS THAT YOU
12 REALLY DO CARE ABOUT THOSE THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN BEHIND YOU.
13 WE COULD HAVE BEEN FEEDING A STORY OF SUCCESS THAT THE L.A.
14 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IN THE SPAN OF TWO YEARS,
15 IMPLEMENTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY CALLED FOR FROM THE
16 COMMUNITY, THAT THEY CALLED FOR FROM EXPERTS, AND INSTEAD, TWO
17 YEARS LATER, THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVEN'T BEEN IMPLEMENTED.
18 THEY HAVEN'T BEEN FUNDED, AND THEN WE GET A LAST MINUTE MOTION
19 WITH A TON OF DIRECTIVES AND NO TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY TO GIVE
20 INPUT. I AM HERE BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE BLESSING OF A
21 JOB THAT ALLOWS ME TO BE HERE IN-PERSON, BUT I KNOW THAT THERE
22 ARE FOLKS INSIDE THAT ARE NOT ONLY DYING BUT HAVE DIED, ARE
23 STILL IN THE HANDS OF L.A.S.D. GANGS. THEY'RE NOT RECEIVING
24 MEDICAL CARE, NOT RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTHCARE, AND THERE'S NO
25 MOVEMENT ON THAT FROM OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ARE REACHING



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1 OUT TO US EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMEMBER
2 THAT IT IS LIFE OR DEATH. THANK YOU.

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

5
6 **SPEAKER:** HI, YES. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE LOCKED
7 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS MOTION TODAY. I REALLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD
8 -- OH, YEAH, TO LOOK TOWARDS EXPANDING O.D.R. THIS IS AN
9 ACTION-ORIENTED POLICY, AND IT SCALES UP THE EXISTING
10 STRUCTURES THAT WE KNOW WORK. EXPANDING THE OFFICE OF
11 DIVERSION AND REENTRY WILL HELP US CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
12 THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE A PUBLIC NARRATIVE PUSH RIGHT NOW
13 RELATED TO SOME OF THE PRETRIAL DIRECTIVES IN AGENDA ITEM
14 NUMBER 22, THE MOTION FROM SOLIS AND HORVATH THAT WAS PULLED.
15 LET ME SAY IT LOUD AND CLEAR. A RETURN TO THE EMERGENCY BAIL
16 SCHEDULE IS WHAT THIS COUNTY NEEDS TO DECARCERATE THE JAILS.
17 WE HAVE SEEN FROM MULTIPLE DATA-BASED REPORTS, THAT THE
18 EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE DID NOT RESULT IN A CORRESPONDING RISE
19 IN CRIME. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY IS NEEDED TO BRING ABOUT TRUE
20 BAIL REFORM AND DIRECT MUCH NEEDED FUNDING TO L.A. TO EXPAND
21 PRETRIAL SERVICES. FURTHER, MANY CALLERS TODAY SEEM TO
22 MISUNDERSTAND THE PENAL CODE RELEASE MECHANISM CITED IN THE
23 MOTION. THEY MAY BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT THESE CODES ARE
24 ALREADY BEING USED TO RELEASE PEOPLE VIA THE SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT. UTILIZING SITE AND RELEASE POLICIES HAS NOT CAUSED
2 ANY RISE IN CRIME OR A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5
6 **SPEAKER:** OH, I THOUGHT I HAD THREE MINUTES. I AM SORRY. I AM
7 HERE TO COMMENT ON 7, 24, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

8
9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO YOU WERE -- YOU WERE ADDRESSING
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND ITEM -- SO YOU DO GET -- SHE GETS
11 ANOTHER MINUTE.

12
13 **SPEAKER:** AND I ACTUALLY USE THEY AND THEM PRONOUNS. I'M SORRY
14 FOR NOT SAYING THAT BEFOREHAND.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** IT IS OKAY. I ALSO THINK IT IS VERY CRITICAL THAT THE
19 BOARD NOT BACKTRACK IN THE FACE OF OUTRIGHT LIES COMING FROM
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED TO PRETRIAL. WE
21 HAVE SEEN IT ON THE MEDIA IN THE LAST 48 HOURS. NOW IS THE
22 TIME TO PUT FORTH ACTION- ORIENTED MOTIONS WITH FUNDING AND
23 PLANS WE KNOW WILL WORK. COMMUNITY-BASED MODELS FOR PRETRIAL
24 RELEASE WITH SUPPORT ARE THE CARE FIRST MODEL FOR PRETRIAL
25 SERVICES. THE COUNTY MUST ELIMINATE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT



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1 FROM PRETRIAL SERVICES AND PRIORITIZE CARE OVER SUPERVISION.
2 LET ME ALSO BE CLEAR, WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS'S OFFICE COUNTLESS TIMES TO MEET TO DISCUSS WHAT
4 ACTIONABLE PLANS WE CAN PUT FORTH THAT WILL BRING ABOUT MEN'S
5 CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE, SUCH AS SETTING A CONCRETE TIMELINE WITH
6 BENCHMARKS FOR CLOSURE BY MARCH 2025, AND METHODS TO CUT THE
7 PRETRIAL POPULATION TO LESS THAN 1,000 PEOPLE USING A
8 DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF CARE WITHOUT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
9 AND WITHOUT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING. PLEASE MEET WITH
10 US. LET'S CLOSE THIS JAIL TOGETHER IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE AND
11 EFFECTIVE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

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

14
15 **IAN JAMESON:** HI, IAN JAMESON, CALIFORNIA LEFTISTS FOR FREEDOM.
16 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 32, 74, AND GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL GIVE ME THREE MINUTES. IS
18 THAT CORRECT?

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21
22 **IAN JAMESON:** AWESOME. A MONTH AGO, I ORGANIZED AN ACTION AT
23 THIS BODY IN WHICH WE WERE SPEAKING AGAINST THE VACCINE
24 MANDATE. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS ABOUT TO BE TERMINATED,
25 AND WE HAD DOZENS OF PEOPLE QUEUED UP ON THE PHONE LINES TO

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SUPERVISORS

1 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF TERMINATING THE MANDATE. CHAIR HAHN, YOU
2 ALLOWED ABOUT THREE PEOPLE TO SPEAK, AND THEN YOU SAID,
3 FALSELY, THAT THAT WAS ALL THE PEOPLE YOU HAD ON THE PHONE
4 LINES. THIS WAS A VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND THE
5 1953 WEALTH AND BROWN ACT. DON'T EVER [EXPLETIVE] DO THAT
6 AGAIN. TO YOU, MS. BARGER, YOU HAVE YOUR REPUBLICAN
7 CONSTITUENTS DITCHING YOU ON MASS. YOU HAVE REPUBLICANS
8 CALLING INTO YOUR DISTRICT OFFICES SAYING KATHRYN BARGER
9 SUPPORTED A COUNTY VACCINE MANDATE, KATHRYN BARGER VOTED FOR
10 TWO STATES OF EMERGENCY, AND NOW ALL THIS TIME AFTER COVID,
11 ALL THIS TIME, AFTER WE KNOW THAT THE VACCINES DO NOT WORK,
12 THAT THIS WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, IT WAS ILLEGAL, AND THAT WE
13 HEMORRHAGED VALUABLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, YOU STILL REFUSE TO
14 COME OUT AGAINST THE VACCINE MANDATE. SO, I WISH YOU THE BEST
15 OF LUCK RUNNING AGAINST PHARMA FASCIST DAN CHRIS HOLDEN, IN
16 2024 IN POSITIONING YOURSELF AS SOME KIND OF CONSTITUTION
17 UPHOLDING REPUBLICAN, WHEN IT IS SO EVIDENCE SINCE THE ADVENT
18 OF COVID THAT YOU ARE A RHINO FASCIST. SO YOU WANT TO TALK
19 ABOUT TERMINATING THE COUNTY CONTRACTOR VACCINE MANDATE,
20 PHENOMENAL. [EXPLETIVE] PHENOMENAL, BUT THAT NEEDS TO BE THE
21 TIP OF THE ICEBERG. AFTER YOU DO THAT, YOU NEED TO REHIRE ALL
22 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ILLEGALLY, UNCONSTITUTIONALITY
23 TERMINATED. AND THEN AFTER YOU DO THAT, EACH OF YOU FASCISTS
24 NEED TO RESIGN. AND, YES, MS. MITCHELL, YES, THE BIG EYES.



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOU'RE SO EXASPERATED BECAUSE I DARE TO CALL YOU ON YOUR
2 CONSTITUTION VIOLATING CRIMES. ALL OF YOU RESIGN, NOW.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5
6 **MIKE GREENSPAN:** MIKE GREENSPAN. I AM GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON
7 13, 15, 16 -- [DISRUPTION FROM THE AUDIENCE] 17, 18, AND 76 --

8
9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE. YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE --
10 PLEASE LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM. [OUTBURST FROM AUDIENCE]

11
12 **MIKE GREENSPAN:** OKAY, YOU HAVE GOT THE ONES I AM SPEAKING ON.
13 OKAY, I AM GOING FROM THE BACK FIRST. 76, AFTER THIS THING I
14 AM GOING TO GO GET SOME ICE CREAM, A DOUBLE DIP, JUST LIKE
15 JAMES MCGHEE THE LIBRARIAN. HE IS RETIRED, BUT HE IS COMING
16 BACK FOR 24 FULL TIME WEEKS AT 40 HOURS. HE IS A DOUBLE
17 DIPPER. YES. THAT'S 76. SO THAT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO BE
18 RETIRED, GETTING YOUR RETIREMENT PAY, AND THEN GOING BACK TO
19 WORK FULL TIME FOR 24 WEEKS OF THE YEAR. NOW, APRIL 2023,
20 NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. EVERYBODY GET AS
21 HERITAGE MONTH EXCEPT US SOUTHERNERS. IN APRIL IN THE SOUTH,
22 WE USED TO HAVE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY. I HAD TO GO TO
23 SCHOOL, BUT MY DAD DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO WORK BECAUSE THE BANKS
24 WEREN'T OPEN. SO, HE DIDN'T HAVE TO APPRAISE. SO EVERYBODY
25 GETS SOMETHING BUT US SOUTHERNERS. NOW, THE ARMENIAN CHECK BOX

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1 FOR THE 2030 CENSUS, DON'T WE GET A SOUTHERN ONE? I GUESS NOT.
2 WE ARE JUST HEY, WE'RE ONE OF THE BIGGEST GROUPS IN THE
3 COUNTRY. WE SERVE IN IN THE MILITARY IN BIGGER NUMBERS THAN
4 ANYWHERE ELSE. ISRAEL'S BEST FRIEND, AND GUESS WHAT, WE GET
5 TREATED LIKE [EXPLETIVE], TYPICAL SOUTHERN PREJUDICE. NOW, I
6 WANT TO GO TO SOMETHING ABOUT ARMENIAN HISTORY MONTH. WELL,
7 LET ME WAIT FOR THAT ONE IF I GET BACK. 17, EXTEND THE REWARD
8 OFFER IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE SUSPICIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF
9 MONIQUE FIGUEROA. THAT THING IS EIGHT YEARS OLD. AND YOU GUYS
10 ARE CHEAPSKATES ONLY OFFERING \$20,000. THE CITY OF L.A. OFFERS
11 50,000. IS IT LIKE JOHN WALL SAID, SNITCHES GET STITCHES?
12 WELL, THE REWARDS ARE NEVER PAID. I THINK THE LAST TIME A
13 REWARD WAS PAID BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, JANET HAHN
14 WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF L.A. AND I THINK WHAT HAPPENED WAS
15 PAUL KARETTE, THAT BIG, BIG, FAT PIG, DID THE IN YOUR FACE
16 JOHN WALSH, BUT THAT'S ABOUT THE LAST TIME SOMETHING GOT PAID,
17 THAT FAR BACK. THEY DON'T GET PAID. IT IS A DOG AND PONY SHOW.
18 IT WOULD BE LIKE HAVING WHAT'S HIS NAME, CARUSO, ON THE POLICE
19 COMMISSION AND NOT SHOWING UP 40% OF THE TIME BECAUSE SOME
20 IDIOT MAYOR APPOINTED HIM, SOME IDIOT ONE- TERMER. ANYWAY --
21 WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY? OH, WE GOT WHAT'S HIS NAME IS GOING TO
22 PRISON. YEAH, CURLY. AFTER ALL, HE THOUGHT HE WAS DOING SO
23 GREAT. YEAH, I REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS HERE AND NOT HOLLY. WELL,
24 IT IS GOING TO BE FUN TO WATCH HIM IN PRISON. I ONLY GOT A
25 CHANCE TO GO TO ONE DAY OF HIS PRELIMINARY BECAUSE THE TRIAL



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1 WAS OVER SO FAST, BUT I HOPE TO BE THERE AT HIS SENTENCING. IT
2 WILL BE FUN TO SEE HIM IN PRISON. I AM NOT PREJUDICE. I DON'T
3 CARE IF HE GOES TO TERMINAL ISLAND, LEAVENWORTH, ATLANTA
4 FEDERAL PRISON. IT WILL BE NICE. GOOD OLD JOSE WILL HAVE A FUN
5 TIME HOSING THEM. HE IS TIRED OF WHITE MEAT ANYWAY. HE WANTS
6 SOME DARK MEAT.

7

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

9

10 **CHRISTIE WILLIAMS:** HI.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HI.

13

14 **CHRISTIE WILLIAMS:** ORIGINALLY -- MY NAME IS CHRISTIE WILLIAMS.
15 I GOT MARRIED, AND I TURNED IT TO CHRISTIE SAUCERS. I'M HERE
16 TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENTS.

17

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

19

20 **CHRISTIE WILLIAMS:** I AM NOT HERE TO DISRESPECT YOU ALL OR NONE
21 OF THAT OR GET LOUD OR STUFF. I AM FRESH OFF WORK, AND I JUST
22 WANTED TO SPEAK ON YOU ALL ARE LOOKING INTO THE D.P.S.S. I AM
23 ORIGINALLY A FOSTER YOUTH. I EMANCIPATED AT 18, AND I JUST
24 REFUSED TO LET THEM TAKE 30 MORE YEARS OF MY LIFE FROM
25 FIGHTING DEALING WITH THEM MYSELF ON ONE SIDE OF THE FIELD. AS



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1 A CHILD IN THE SYSTEM, WE DON'T HAVE NO VOICE. I.O.P. NEVER
2 CAME THROUGH, NONE OF THAT, WHATEVER, AND NOW I AM FIGHTING
3 FOR MY KIDS IN THE SYSTEM, AND I AM WORKING UP THE CHAIN OF
4 COMMAND. SO THEY TOLD ME TO COME HERE. I ALREADY HAD A BIG
5 MEETING WITH THE -- WHAT'S THEIR NAME? THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
6 EMANUEL JEFFERY. I ALREADY TALKED TO THE A.R.A. STAFF,
7 JEFFREY. AND NOBODY IS HEARING ME. AND YOU ALL ARE GIVING
8 CHILDREN TOO MUCH -- YOU ALL ARE GIVING CHILDREN TOO MUCH, YOU
9 KNOW, THESE TEENAGERS ARE LASHING OUT NOWADAYS. AND I AM
10 TELLING YOU SHE IS LASHING OUT, BUT YOU DON'T HEAR ME. THAT'S
11 IT.

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

14
15 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** WELL, STORY OF MY LIFE. RIGHT. TAKING
16 CARE OF OUR HOMELESS FOSTER YOUTH BUT NO FUNDING. NO CARE.
17 MARCH 18TH, YOU HAD 180 BLACK FAMILIES THAT CAME OUT FOR
18 HOUSING. L.A.C.D.A. WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THERE, L.A.H.S.A., AND
19 SORRY, AGENDA NUMBER 1, 2, 3, 28, 58, AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE REMAINING.

22
23 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** HOW SO, I ONLY SPOKE FOUR TIMES. SO, I
24 SHOULD HAVE TWO MINUTES.



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, YOU SPOKE FIVE TIMES. I HAVE THEM
2 HERE. ITEMS 5, 7, 21 --

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** STOP HER TIME WHILE WE'RE -

5

6 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** YEAH, STOP MY TIME. YOU CALL ME
7 SOMETIMES, BUT I DIDN'T SPEAK ON ALL OF THEM. SO, THAT'S WHAT
8 I AM SAYING. I ONLY SPOKE FOUR TIMES. I SHOULD HAVE TWO
9 MINUTES LEFT, IF NOT --

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE KEEP A GOOD RECORD HERE. SO YOU
12 HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT.

13

14 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** DO YOU KEEP A GOOD RECORD? OKAY.

15

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

17

18 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE WILL GIVE HER FIVE MORE
21 SECONDS THAT WE TOOK AWAY. PUT IT BACK TO 30.

22

23 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** OKAY SO, I STAND HERE FOR BLACK
24 FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY CARLA CUNNINGHAM, SHARONIQUE ACRES,
25 NIKITA WALKER, WHO ACTUALLY CAME HERE FEBRUARY 14TH. THESE ARE



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1 ALL SINGLE MOTHERS IN SHELTERS RIGHT NOW, BLACK WOMEN IN
2 SHELTERS. WE ASKED KAREN BASS TO COME SPEAK TO THEM. WE ASKED
3 YOU GUYS TO COME SPEAK TO THEM, YOUR HOMELESS DEPUTIES, ISELLA
4 GRASIAN. I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GOT IT FROM, BUT HEY, AMY
5 PERKINS, IVAN SOULIC, AND WE ALREADY MENTIONED LILY SOFIANI
6 AND TYLER CASH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ART DEGREE HOMELESS DEPUTIES
7 THAT YOU HAVE, BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF YES. OKAY, SO
8 WE ASK YOU PLEASE TO DO YOUR JOB, HOUSE THESE BLACK FAMILIES.

9

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

11

12 **DR. KRIDIKEL TRUTHBEY:** I KNOW MANUEL IS GOING TO GET HOUSING
13 AND BENEFITS RIGHT HERE. THIS ONE THAT JUST CAME SEEKING
14 ASYLUM. LET'S DO THE SAME FOR BLACK FAMILIES.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE TIMER? THANK YOU.
17 SHOULD WE START -- OKAY, HELLO. WELCOME.

18

19 **ERNEST MOORE:** MY NAME IS ERNEST MOORE. I AM HERE TO COMMENT ON
20 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 22 AND PUBLIC COMMENTS.

21

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

23

24 **ERNEST MOORE:** IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE PRESENTED TO
25 THIS BOARD. IF YOU REMEMBER, I STARTED COMING HERE SINCE 2017

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1 COMPLAINING ABOUT THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM AND WHAT WAS GOING
2 ON WITH ME. IN REGARD TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 22, YOU DO NOT
3 NEED TO RELEASE CRIMINALS OUT OF JAIL. YOU NEED TO PUT MORE
4 PEOPLE IN JAIL LIKE MARK RIDLEY THOMAS AND ALL THE JUDGES AT
5 THE STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE. PLEASE SEE MY PETITION ON
6 [CHANGE.ORG/JAILDIRTYJUDGES](https://change.org/jaildirtyjudges). YOU CAN ALSO SEE ALL OF THE MEDIA
7 I HAVE CREATED AND PUBLISHED ON MY JUSTICE CHANNEL WEBSITE AT
8 [TJCLA.COM](https://tjcla.com). I AM HERE TODAY TO DEMAND THE PROSECUTION OF ALL
9 THE JUDGES IN THE STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE. I HAVE PRESENTED
10 CRIMINAL EVIDENCE AGAINST THESE CRIMINAL SO-CALLED JUDICIAL
11 OFFICERS TO THIS BOARD SINCE 2017. I AM HERE TO JAIL AND
12 PROSECUTE JUDGES ANAMARIA LUNA AND JUDGE BRENDA PENNY. SINCE
13 MY COMPLAINTS, SEVERAL HIGH PROFILE CORRUPT PROBATE CASES AT
14 STANLEY MOSK HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, INCLUDING THE BRITNEY SPEARS
15 CASE AND THE NICHELLE NICOLE'S CASE. I HAVE SET UP A
16 SPECIALIZED SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VICTIMS OF YOUR PROBATE
17 COURTS CALLED DOMATA. I WILL BE BRINGING IN OTHER VICTIMS AND
18 WILL BE DEMANDING TO ACTUALLY SET UP A SPECIALIZED LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. YOUR SHERIFF DEPUTIES CONTINUE TO SAY THEY
20 DO NOT HAVE ANY JURISDICTIONS IN THE COURTS WHEN I DEMAND A
21 CITIZEN'S ARREST. AND I'LL ALSO BE DEMANDING FUNDING FOR MY
22 SUPPORT GROUP.

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



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1 **TERRY JACKSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS TERRY DARNELL
2 JACKSON, SR. I'M HERE TO COMMISSION THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
3 COURT AT THE HABEAS CORPUS STATEMENT. AND EVERYTHING I'M
4 STATING IS IS A STIPULATION. FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE GOING BACK
5 TO YOU, MRS. HAHN, LAST TIME I WAS IN THIS OFFICE YOU HAD A
6 HAGGLER IN HERE. SO, WE'RE GOING TO USE ARTICLE 2 AND
7 DECERTIFY YOU FROM BEING A BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEMBER. MRS.
8 BURGESS, YOU SAID NOBODY IN THIS COUNTY WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM
9 WITH COVID. IF I DIDN'T TELL THE NURSE, I WAS GOING TO GET IT,
10 GOING TO JAIL FOR FIGHTING FOR IT. I WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN
11 ASSASSINATED. SO, MRS. BURGESS, YOU ARE DECERTIFIED ON ARTICLE
12 3 OF S.B. 1555. SOMEONE NAMED PATRICIA RUSS, A LAW
13 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, HITTING FOR 128, 126
14 FOOD STAMPS.

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

17
18 **TERRY JACKSON:** JUST LIKE THAT LADY RIGHT THERE IS SPEAKING,
19 YOU JUST GOT FINED. WHOEVER IS RUNNING THAT CLOCK, AS SOON AS
20 IT HIT 0, YOU ARE DECERTIFIED. AND YOU ARE FINED. I'VE GOT TO
21 GET MY TIME BACK.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, HOLD HIS TIME.

24
25 **TERRY JACKSON:** I NEED MY WHOLE THREE MINUTES BACK.



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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND GIVE HIM --

3

4 **TERRY JACKSON:** THREE MINUTES OR YOU ARE DECERTIFIED. YOU HAVE
5 NO REASON TO BE SPEAKING.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GIVE HIM A FEW MINUTES BACK. THAT'S A LOT OF
8 MINUTES BACK.

9

10 **TERRY JACKSON:** NO, YOU ARE GIVING ME YOUR THREE MINUTES.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THIS IS GOOD. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **TERRY JACKSON:** NO, THREE MINUTES.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, GO AHEAD. WE WERE LISTENING.

17

18 **TERRY JACKSON:** OKAY, WE ARE GOING BACK BACK TO PATRICIA
19 RUSSIAN AND THE LAW ADMINISTRATOR OF L.A. COUNTY. DECERTIFIED,
20 ARTICLE 2. I'M GOING TO GO TO SOCIAL SECURITY. WE ARE GOING TO
21 LEAN ON SOCIAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES \$1.5 ZILLION.
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SAME AMOUNT, \$1.5 ZILLION BOARD OF
23 LEGISLATURE, [INDISERNIBLE] DIVISION, \$1.5 ZILLION.YOUR
24 HOUSING AUTHORITY IS [EXPLETIVE] UP LIKE THE PEOPLE ARE
25 TELLING YOU. I HAVE A GUY THAT CAME OUT OF [INDISCERNIBLE]

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1 THAT IS LASERING ME. I HAVE LASER MARKS ALL ON MY THUMB, MY
2 [EXPLETIVE], AND MY THROAT. HE HACKED INTO MY PHONE SYSTEM. HE
3 EVEN PUT A DEVICE ON MY 6 YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER'S PHONE IN
4 ANOTHER STATE. HE CHANGED HER MEDICAL RECORDS. HE WENT DOWN TO
5 THE COUNTY MEDICAL FOR EMERGENCY. I GOT ARRESTED FOR BEING
6 MENTALLY ILL. SAID I'M DELUSIONAL -- [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT YOU
7 HAVE ON YOUR FOOD STAMP, ABOUT FOUR DIFFERENT LASER
8 VIOLATIONS. YOUR [INAUDIBLE] IS [EXPLETIVE] UP. IF WE TALK
9 ABOUT THIS -- I HAD TO TRIED TO SOMEBODY GET A VACCINATION.
10 WHEN IT GOT UP TO LIKE 4.5 BILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD, IT
11 IS GOING TO START COSTING ME LIKE \$38 MILLION --

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. YEAH, YOUR TIME HAS
14 EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE WE WILL GO TO THE
15 TELEPHONES, IS THAT CORRECT? TWO PEOPLE ON THE PHONES. OKAY,
16 GO AHEAD. MR. MODERATOR.

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAULETTE DAWN SANDERS.
19 PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER
20 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **PAULETTE DAWN SANDERS:** HI, MY NAME IS PAULETTE DAWN SANDERS.
23 I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 22 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I STAND IN FAVOR
24 FOR THE MOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE. I THANK
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS FORTH,

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1 AND I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY GIVE IT A YES. I'M A NONPROFIT FOUNDER,
2 COMMUNITY LEADER, AND MOTHER RESIDING IN DISTRICT 5, WHO WAS
3 CONTACTED BY YOUTH WHO WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED BY GEORGE
4 FLOYD'S DEATH AND SOUGHT MY HELP. SO I PUT TOGETHER A PEACEFUL
5 PROTEST FOR YOUTH TO ALLOW THEM TO RELEASE THEIR ANGER. I
6 CONTACTED THE SHERIFF'S STATION, WHO ASSISTED WITH CROWD
7 CONTROL AND REACHED OUT TO CITY OFFICIALS FOR ADDITIONAL
8 SUPPORT. I WAS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
9 SAFETY, COUNCILMEMBER, PARKS AND RECREATION NOT TO DO THE
10 PROTEST. ON JUNE 7, 2020, THE PROTEST BEGAN ON CHALLENGER WAY
11 AND LANCASTER BOULEVARD WITH A TOTAL OF EIGHT PROTESTERS. A
12 MAN APPROACHED MY HUSBAND AND WARNED HIM NOT TO PROTEST
13 [INDISCERNIBLE] AT THE ADDRESS WHICH IS 501 WEST LANCASTER
14 BOULEVARD IN FRONT OF THE SHERIFF'S STATION. SO WE STOPPED ON
15 THE CORNER SIERRA HIGHWAY AND LANCASTER BOULEVARD, WHERE YOUTH
16 WERE ABLE TO WRAP SARAN WRAP AROUND PORCELAIN PLATES AND PUT
17 THEIR ANGER ON THEIR PLATE AND BREAK THEM ON THE GROUND. ON
18 NOVEMBER 2020, I JUST HAPPENED TO LOG INTO MY EMPLOYEE ACCOUNT
19 AND NOTICE THAT I WAS WRONGFULLY TERMINATED WITHOUT NOTICE OR
20 WARNING. I WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY OF LANCASTER PARKS AND
21 RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND MAINTENANCE A1 SINCE JUNE 2019. I
22 FEEL I HAVE BEEN RETALIATED AGAINST BY NOT ONLY PUBLIC SAFETY
23 OFFICIALS BUT CITY OFFICIALS, AS WELL. ON MAY 2022, I JUST
24 HAPPENED TO GO INTO 7-ELEVEN AND PURCHASE AN L.A. TIMES
25 NEWSPAPER WITH THE CLIP OF SHERIFF VILLANUEVA THE COMMENTING



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1 ON THE PROTEST BEING HELD BY [INDISCERNIBLE], AND WE KNEW WHAT
2 WAS WAITING ON US IF WE CROSSED THE GROUNDS OF THE POLICE
3 STATION. AND THAT'S IN THE L.A. TIMES. I HAVE SINCE HAD MY CAR
4 HAS BEEN REPOSSESSED AND BACK ON MY UTILITIES. NOW, I HAPPENED
5 TO CHECK MY EMAIL AND SAW THAT THERE WAS A FAIR CHANCE --

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS.
11 PLEASE STATE THE ITEMS NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY
12 AND WHETHER YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
13 YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** I'M GOING TO ADDRESS 22, AND I'M ALSO
16 GOING TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENT. I AGREE, THERE IS NO NEED TO
17 CURSE AT ANY OF YOU. THAT'S NOT PRODUCTIVE. I WANT TO SAY THAT
18 I REPRESENT A TASTE FOR JUSTICE, AND FOR THE LAST THREE
19 DECADES, WE, THE ACTIVISTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON ANTELOPE
20 VALLEY PLANTATION, HAVE HAD TO FEND FOR OURSELVES. THE PERSON
21 WHO HAS SAT IN THAT CHAIR, SUPERVISOR BARGER, BEFORE YOU HAD
22 HIS HEAD IN THE GROUND. WE WENT AND GOT THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 JUSTICE TO HANDLE RACISM, SECTION 8 VIOLATIONS BY REX PARRIS
24 PUSHING THE HOMELESS AND THE SECTION 8 PEOPLE OUT OF THE
25 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE ADDRESSED WHAT HAS GONE ON IN THE COURT



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1 SYSTEM, WHERE I CAN NAME THE JUDGES THAT WERE CONTROLLED BY
2 REX PARRIS. WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS TODAY I'M TALKING ABOUT
3 HEALTH. AND I'M NOT PLAYING, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THERE IS A
4 HEALTH ISSUE UP HERE. YOU CONCENTRATE ON GLENDALE AND THE
5 ARMENIAN POPULATION. WE ARE UP HERE, AND WE HAVE WAITED FOR
6 THREE DECADES FOR THE PERSON IN YOUR SEAT TO DO MORE THAN
7 PLACATE US AND HAVE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES. SO, A TASTE OF
8 JUSTICE WILL BE COMING EVERY MEETING TO EDUCATE THIS BOARD TO
9 WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BECAUSE IF
10 THE F.B.I. CAN COME TO ME NOW, NOW, SINCE 1997, YET THEY
11 HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING, IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE THEY'RE KEEPING
12 THEIR FINGER ON US, AS OPPOSED TO POINTING THE FINGER AT THE
13 MEN WHO GOTTEN RICH FROM THE SPOILS OF THIS VALLEY. THANK YOU,
14 AND GOD BLESS YOU.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT'S IT?

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SURE BECAUSE WE WANT TO HEAR MORE?
21 NO. OKAY. LET'S SEE, SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO MORE SPEAKERS,
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH
23 WE WILL BE VOTING.



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 1
2 THROUGH 3, 6, 8, 10-20, 23, 25-27, 28 WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH
3 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, 29, 31-34, 36-70, 71A AND 71B,
4 71D-71L, 74-76, 1D AND 2D.

5

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

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

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S NOW APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM
13 SUPERVISORS ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR
14 REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. IT'S MY
15 UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAVE SOME SPECIALS.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I DO, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN
18 FACT, I HAVE TWO. I'VE GOT A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO PLACE ON
19 THE BOARD AGENDA FOR MAY 2ND. AS WE HEARD EARLIER, IN JUNE OF
20 2020, THE BOARD COMMITTED TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND
21 WE TASKED THE WORKGROUP WITH DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS
22 MOTION WOULD IMPLEMENT A FEW OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS BY
23 ASKING THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 120 DAYS WITH
24 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
25 REENTRY HOUSING PROGRAM. THIS INVESTMENT WOULD MAKE A

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1 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FAILED BY
2 NUMEROUS SYSTEMS. WE HAVE HAD ROBUST CONVERSATION TODAY ABOUT
3 THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, AND LET ME JUST CLARIFY WHAT
4 THIS MOTION DOES AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT DIFFERS FROM ITEM 24.
5 ITEM 24 WE HEARD REALLY FOCUSES ON PEOPLE WITH P3/P4
6 CLASSIFICATION AND FOR SEVERELY MENTAL HEALTH IN LOCKED
7 FACILITIES. WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR WITH O.D.R., AGAIN, ARE
8 COMMUNITY-LEVEL UNLOCKED MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, SO IT'S TO SERVE
9 A DIFFERENT POPULATION WHO ARE IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND I'M
10 CLEAR THAT THIS WON'T ADDRESS THE CRISIS AT THE MOMENT THAT WE
11 KNOW EXISTS, BUT IT WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO START FIGURING
12 OUT HOW TO FUND LONG TERM BEDS SO THAT WE'RE READY TO SERVE
13 THESE INDIVIDUALS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE CLEAR THAT WE
14 ARE EXPERIENCING NOT ONLY A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR JAILS
15 BUT SOCIETALLY, AND WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN WITH OUR DEPARTMENT
16 OF MENTAL HEALTH TO STAFF UP TO CREATE SERVICES PEOPLE NEED.
17 O.D.R. HOUSING ADDRESSES MANY CRITICAL CHALLENGES AND HAS
18 BROAD SUPPORT FROM NOT JUST THOSE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BUT HEALTH
19 PROFESSIONALS, DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, AND PROSECUTORS. THE PROGRAM
20 PROVIDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING HOUSING, WRAPAROUND
21 SERVICES, AND TREATMENT FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. THEY'VE
22 GOT A GREAT TRACK RECORD. 90% OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED
23 INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY O.D.R. REMAIN HOUSED AFTER SIX MONTHS. I
24 THINK THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. AND SO, I REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE
25 THAT WE EXPAND COMMUNITY-BASED, UNLOCKED FACILITY BEDS, AS

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1 WELL. SO THE ACTUAL READ-IN LANGUAGE IS AS FOLLOWS: WE
2 INSTRUCT THE C.E.O., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERIM
3 DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER RELEVANT
5 STAKEHOLDERS TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 120 DAYS WITH
6 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANDING O.D.R. HOUSING AND
7 EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTHCARE, INCLUDING A
8 DISCUSSION OF WHAT FUNDING SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE. THE REPORT
9 SHOULD INCLUDE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANDING O.D.R.
10 HOUSING BY 1,000 ADDITIONAL BEDS IN FISCAL YEAR '24-'25 AND
11 INCREASING BED CAPACITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTHCARE
12 FOR SERIOUS MEDICAL, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AND/OR HOUSING
13 NEEDS WITH THE GOAL OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH THE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT ENTITLED "DEVELOPING A PLAN
15 FOR CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS L.A. REDUCES ITS
16 RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION." THE REPORT WAS ISSUED MARCH 30TH,
17 2021. MY SECOND READ-IN, MADAM CHAIR, FOCUSES ON AND ISSUE I
18 RAISED EARLIER TODAY REGARD TO OUR BUDGETING. AGAIN, I KNOW
19 THAT WE HAVE ALREADY GOT MORE THAN A DOZEN MOTIONS AS WELL AS
20 OTHER IMPENDING COSTS TO THE COUNTY THAT WE HAVE NOT
21 IDENTIFIED RESOURCES TO COVER. AND SO, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE
22 CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS SUGGEST THAT THERE WILL BE IMPACTS
23 THAT WILL CREATE FUTURE LIMITATIONS FOR COUNTY BUDGET. TWO
24 WEEKS AGO, WE HAD THE TREASURY TAX COLLECTOR COME TO OUR BOARD
25 TO TALK ABOUT THE FACTORS THAT LED TO THE COLLAPSE OF FOUR

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1 BANKS WITH A COMBINED ASSET VALUE OF \$1.1 TRILLION AND THE
2 POTENTIAL IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON OUR VERY OWN COUNTY. WE ALSO
3 SEE COMPANIES IN SILICON VALLEY AND OTHER INDUSTRIES REDUCING
4 THEIR WORKFORCE. WE KNOW THAT INTEREST RATES ARE INCREASING
5 EACH TIME THE FEDERAL RESERVE MEETS AND ARE PROJECTED TO
6 INCREASE AGAIN. WE KNOW THAT HOME SALES ARE DOWN FOR THE 2021
7 YEAR PEAK. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP OUR EYE ON
8 THE TRENDS TO HAVE A REAL SENSE OF WHAT OUR FUTURE BUDGET
9 FORECAST, HOW IT COULD BE IMPACTED. THIS BOARD, OVER THE LAST
10 SEVERAL YEARS FRANKLY, HAS ENDEAVORED TO CREATE BOLD POLICIES
11 TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AND WE HAVE
12 TAKEN ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FROM RECENTLY PASSED STATE LAWS,
13 AND WE'RE ACTUALLY SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING STATE BILLS THAT
14 MAY RESULT IN MORE EXPENDITURES FOR US, WHICH WON'T BE
15 ACCOMPANIED WITH COMMENSURATE STATE DOLLARS. SO, I BELIEVE WE
16 SHOULD CONSIDER THE LEVEL AT WHICH WE ARE IMPOSING MANDATES ON
17 OURSELVES IF WE CANNOT SUSTAIN THEM OVER TIME. IN MY OPINION,
18 THERE IS NO WORSE POLICY OUTCOME THAN TO CREATE A GOOD SOLID
19 PROGRAM THAT COUNTY RESIDENTS NEED THAT WE THEN HAVE TO SCALE
20 BACK OR ELIMINATE LATER BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. SO I THINK
21 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO CONSIDER WAYS THAT WE CAN BE
22 RESILIENT AND PUT US IN THE POSITION TO FUND PROGRAMS LONG
23 TERM SUSTAINABLY. SO, THIS READ-IN MOTION I ASK THAT IT BE
24 CONSIDERED ON THE DAY THE C.E.O. PROPOSES THE COUNTY'S
25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AND, AGAIN, IT'S DESIGNED TO HELP IMPROVE



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1 OUR PROCESS AND DELIBERATIONS OVER KEY COUNTY RESOURCES. AND
2 THE MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS, MADAM CHAIR: 1) THAT WE ADOPT A
3 PROCESS FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE ITS BUDGETARY
4 PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR '24-'25 BUDGET WITHIN THE CONTEXT
5 OF EXISTING RESOURCES FOR MOTIONS THAT FINANCIALLY IMPACT THE
6 COUNTY THROUGH AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC BUDGET PRIORITY REVIEW
7 MEETINGS. THE FIRST REVIEW WILL OCCUR AT AN OPEN BOARD MEETING
8 IN FEBRUARY BEFORE THE C.E.O. PRESENTS THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET,
9 AND THE SECOND REVIEW WILL BE HELD DURING THE DELIBERATIONS
10 MEETING IN MAY. DURING THE REVIEW, THE BOARD MUST CONSIDER
11 EQUITY, SOCIAL ECONOMIC POLICY, AND POLITICAL FACTORS
12 AFFECTING ITS ABILITY TO FUND THESE MOTIONS AND CONSIDER
13 PUBLIC INPUT. THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED THROUGH THESE REVIEWS
14 WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BOARD THROUGH THE
15 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. AND 2) THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O.,
16 STARTING WITH THE '03/'04 FINAL CHANGES, TO PROVIDE A
17 COMPREHENSIVE LIST TO THE BOARD IN A FORMAT THAT'S EASILY
18 UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE PUBLIC OF UNFUNDED MOTIONS WITH THEIR
19 ESTIMATED COSTS. THIS LIST SHOULD BE PRESENTED AT AN OPEN
20 SESSION OF THE BOARD EACH QUARTER. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS
24 THAT HAVE SPECIALS? SEEING NONE, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE



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1 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH
2 SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

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4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT
5 TODAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONSTANCE ANN MARTINSON. RENOWNED
7 LITERARY FIGURE, CONNIE MARTINSON, DIED ON MARCH 9TH. SHE WAS
8 90. IF YOU TUNED INTO PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION ANYWHERE IN THE
9 UNITED STATES AND CANADA BETWEEN 1979 AND 2015, YOU KNOW
10 CONNIE MARTINSON. AS THE HOST OF CONNIE MARTINSON TALKS BOOKS,
11 SHE DELIGHTED VIEWERS WITH HER PASSION FOR LITERATURE AND
12 ENTHRALLING CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST
13 IMPACTFUL AUTHORS. CONNIE HOSTED FRIEND RAY BRADBURY 14 TIMES.
14 SIDNEY SHELDON WAS ON HER PROGRAM 10 TIMES. DURING THE
15 PROGRAM'S OVER THREE DECADES ON THE AIR, MAYA ANGELOU, ALAN
16 DERSHOWITZ, AND NORMAN MAILER WERE AMONG HER GUESTS. IN 1995,
17 FORMER PRESIDENT, BARACK OBAMA, JOINED TO DISCUSS "DREAMS FROM
18 MY FATHER." BEYOND HER WILDLY SUCCESSFUL AND BELOVED PROGRAM,
19 CONNIE WAS CENTRAL TO THE LITERARY AND CULTURAL ZEITGEIST OF
20 LOS ANGELES. A PROUD GRADUATE OF WELLESLEY COLLEGE, CONNIE
21 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HER HUSBAND, FILM DIRECTOR LESLIE
22 MARTINSON, IN THE 1950S. SHE WORKED FOR THE CORO FOUNDATION IN
23 THE 1970S, WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE TO HOST A RADIO SHOW. HER
24 PASSION FOR BLENDING HER LOVE OF BOOKS, IN-DEPTH
25 CONVERSATIONS, AND ENTERTAINMENT WAS BORN. LOS ANGELES IS A



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1 BETTER PLACE THANKS TO CONNIE'S LONGTIME DEDICATION TO
2 UPLIFTING THE LITERARY ARTS AND ADVOCATING FOR SUPPORT FOR
3 LOCAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS. A RESIDENT OF BEVERLY HILLS, MARTINSON
4 IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, JULIANNA CARNER, SON-IN-LAW,
5 DOUGLAS CARNER, GRANDSON, RICHARD CARNER, AND GRANDSON-IN-LAW,
6 MICHAEL CARNER. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT
9 WHEN ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JEFFREY WINDLE, WHO
10 WAS A FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST, FIRE STATION 56 IN ROLLING
11 HILLS, UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 27TH HE WAS A 22 YEAR
12 VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS
13 HIRED AS A FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE IN 2000 AS PART OF RECRUIT
14 CLASS 103. AS A FIREFIGHTER, HE WAS FIRST ASSIGNED TO STATION
15 94 IN LAKEWOOD, WHERE HE SERVED THE COMMUNITIES OF EAST LOS
16 ANGELES AND LAKEWOOD UNTIL PROMOTING TO THE RANK OF
17 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST IN 2006. HE WENT ON TO WORK FOR
18 STATION 85 IN GLENDORA AND FINALLY STATION 56 IN ROLLING HILLS
19 AND SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, TAYLOR, AND SON, TRISIN. AND I
20 BELIEVE OUR CHIEF TONY MARRONE HAD SENT EACH OF US THE
21 NOTIFICATION OF THE FLAG CEREMONY THAT WILL BE HELD AT STATION
22 94 IN HIS -- AND THERE'S ALSO GOING TO BE A PADDLE OUT. SO, DO
23 YOU THINK IT WOULD BE ALL MEMBERS? WOULD THAT BE ALL RIGHT
24 WITH EVERYBODY, ONE OF OUR COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS? THANK YOU. I
25 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE'LL ADJOURN IN MEMORY

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1 OF LORRAINE CLEARY, WHO WAS BORN IN SAN PEDRO. SHE PASSED AWAY
2 AT THE AGE OF 92, AND SHE LEFT THIS WORLD ON ST. PATRICK'S
3 DAY. AND HER FAMILY SAID THAT'S THE PROUD AND CLASSY
4 IRISHWOMAN THAT SHE WAS. LORRAINE WAS THE TRUE MATRIARCH OF
5 HER FAMILY. HER GOAL IN LIFE WAS TO BE AN EXCELLENT MOTHER
6 AND HOMEMAKER, AND HER CHILDREN AGREE THAT SHE EARNED AN A+ AT
7 THAT. SHE WAS A GIFTED PAINTER AND MUSICIAN, WHO STUDIED ART
8 AT HARVARD COLLEGE AND BEGAN PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS AT THE AGE
9 OF 65. I ALSO READ WHERE SHE TOOK UP TAP DANCING. LORRAINE WAS
10 A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF WAYFARERS METHODIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE
11 TOOK BIBLE CLASS AND ENJOYED COOKING CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE
12 ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION. LORRAINE WAS
13 PREDECEASED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, BILL, AND SON, GARY.
14 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, KATHLEEN, AND HER SON, WHO IS
15 A LOMITA CITY COUNCILMEMBER, JAMES GAZELEY, FIVE
16 GRANDCHILDREN, AND NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT
17 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD
18 COLBARY, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF LOMITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
19 AGE OF 87. HE ENJOYED A LONG AND PROSPEROUS CAREER IN THE
20 PRINTING INDUSTRY, RISING TO THE RANK OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
21 GRAPHIC ARTS TRAINING COUNCIL IN LOS ANGELES. HE TRAVELED THE
22 COUNTRY INSTRUCTING OTHERS IN HIS TRADE AND EVEN WROTE A BOOK
23 CALLED "CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY." RICHARD
24 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY, SERVED ON MULTIPLE
25 COMMISSIONS FOR THE CITY OF LOMITA, INCLUDING PARKS AND

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1 RECREATION, PUBLIC SAFETY. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION AND WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH THE
3 FRIENDS OF THE LOMITA LIBRARY, WHERE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE
4 BUILDING OF THE DON KNABE COMMUNITY ROOM. RICHARD WAS A
5 CHAMPION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P.
6 AND A MEMBER OF THE LOMITA HARBOR CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB. HE
7 WAS PRECEDED BY HIS WIFE, ENID. RICHARD IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
8 DAUGHTERS, CHERYL AND DIANE, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, EIGHT GREAT
9 GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE
10 STEPCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOHN "JACK" O'BRIAN, A
14 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 6TH, 2023.
15 JACK WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 15TH, 1946 IN PHILADELPHIA,
16 PENNSYLVANIA. AFTER A CHILDHOOD THERE, JACK SERVED IN THE NAVY
17 FOR FOUR YEARS. HE AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN 1973,
18 WHERE HE WAS HEAD BARBER AT A COLLEGE. JACK RETIRED AS AN
19 ARMED SECURITY GUARD IN 2013 TO CARE FOR HIS INFANT GRANDSON.
20 HE LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HIS
21 GRANDSON. JACK LOVED HISTORY, STUDYING STOCK MARKET TRENDS,
22 AND GOING TO CASINOS WITH HIS WIFE, MARIANNE. HE'LL BE DEEPLY
23 MISSED. JOHN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARIANNE, HIS DAUGHTER,
24 ALISHA, AND HIS GRANDSON, DEVIN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARIA AVILA
3 DOMINGUEZ. MARIA AVILA DOMINGUEZ WAS BORN IN TEQUILA JALISCO,
4 MEXICO ON JUNE 22ND, 1940. VERY EARLY IN HER LIFE, SHE LEARNED
5 THE VALUE OF HARD WORK AND GENEROSITY OF THE EARTH'S VAST LAND
6 FROM WORKING IN THE FIELDS OF JALISCO AND BAJA, CALIFORNIA AS
7 A MIGRANT FARMWORKER. AT THE AGE OF SIX, SHE WOULD ACCOMPANY
8 HER FATHER PICKING COTTON FOLLOWING LA PESCA THROUGHOUT THE
9 RICH LAND OF MEXICO, LEAVING HER MOTHER AT 4:00 A.M. EACH
10 MORNING AND RETURNING AT DINNER TIME FOR A WARM TORTILLA AND
11 BEANS HER MOTHER HAD WAITING FOR THEM. SHE LIVED A VERY HUMBLE
12 LIFE BUT HAPPY LIFE AS AN ONLY CHILD UNTIL THE AGE OF 15, WHEN
13 HER FAMILY WAS BLESSED WITH FIVE MORE SIBLINGS TO WHOM SHE
14 BECAME A SECOND MOTHER. SOON THEREAFTER, SHE GOT THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH HER FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES AND FOUND
16 THAT HER ADVENTURES WOULD SOON BRING HER TO BECOME A
17 BREADWINNER FOR HER FAMILY AFTER AFAR, [SPEAKING SPANISH].
18 MARIA WAS A 65 YEAR RESIDENT OF CITY TERRACE IN THE 1ST
19 DISTRICT. SHE MET HER HUSBAND HERE AND EMIGRATED HER PARENTS
20 AND FAMILY TO THE U.S. IN CITY TERRACE FOR A BETTER LIFE.
21 MARIA AND HER HUSBAND WELCOMED THREE CHILDREN THAT WERE THE
22 LOVES OF HER LIFE. SHE DEDICATED HERSELF IN HEART AND SOUL TO
23 THEIR SAFE UPBRINGING AND EDUCATION AT SACRED HEART IN SANTA
24 LUCIA PARISHES. MARIA WAS OFTEN THE PARENT WHO WAS CHOSEN TO
25 ACCOMPANY HER CHILDREN TO THEIR SCHOOL, THE BOY SCOUT TRIPS,

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1 AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AND IT WAS ALMOST ALWAYS SIGNED HERSELF
2 UP TO COOK FOR THE YOUTH, THE CONGREGATIONS, AND RETREATS AT
3 HER BELOVED CHURCH. MOM MARIA, AS MANY CALLED HER, WAS A
4 MOTHER TO TO SO MANY WHO DID NOT HAVE A LIVING MOTHER OR WHOSE
5 MOTHERS WERE FAR AWAY. HER HOME WAS OFTEN THE PLACE HER
6 COMMUNITY VISITED WHEN THEY NEEDED SOME RESPITE FROM THEIR
7 LIFE TROUBLES. SHE ALWAYS HAD A BURRITO OR A TACO TO SHARE
8 WITH ANYONE WHO CAME TO VISIT. HER LOVE OF FOOD AND FEEDING
9 CHILDREN LED HER TO HER LAST JOB WORKING AS A FOOD SERVICE
10 WORKER AT L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. MARIA WAS A VALIANT
11 HEALTH WARRIOR. SHE SURVIVED MANY YEARS OF HEALTH
12 DIFFICULTIES, CONSEQUENCES OF DIABETES, AND ONE BATTLE WITH
13 BREAST CANCER. SHE WAS ALWAYS A WOMAN TO REMIND HER FAMILY
14 THAT GOD'S WILL WOULD ALWAYS GUIDE HER, SO THERE WAS NO REASON
15 TO BE AFRAID. MARIA PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 21ST, 2023. SHE'S
16 SURVIVED BY HER INCREDIBLY LOVING FAMILY, HER HUSBAND,
17 ENRIQUE, HER CHILDREN, GUADALUPE, GABRIELA, OSVALDO, AND HER
18 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, OSSIE, KATHERYN, AURORA, AND ISAIAS. SHE
19 IS ALSO DEEPLY MISSED BY HER SIBLINGS, ALVIRA, LETICIA,
20 ALEJANDRO, LOUIS, AND ANDRES, AND THEIR 10 CHILDREN AND THE
21 COMMUNITY SHE SO DEEPLY LOVED. MARIA EXEMPLIFIES WHAT IT MEANS
22 TO BE A [SPEAKING SPANISH] IN THE 1ST DISTRICT, AND I'D LIKE
23 TO RECOGNIZE HER FAMILY HERE IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU FOR
24 COMING. AND ROSA SAURA, WHO SOME OF YOU KNOW FROM THE WELLNESS
25 CENTER AND HER FAMILY AND HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN. SECONDLY,



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1 MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE
2 MEMORY OF PABLO HURTADO GONZALEZ. PABLO WAS BORN IN JALISCO,
3 MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 6TH, 1923 AND PASSED AWAY MARCH 26TH, 2023
4 AT THE AGE OF 100. IN 1948, AT THE AGE OF 25, PABLO IMMIGRATED
5 TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA TO PURSUE A MUSICAL CAREER AS
6 A MARIACHI. A LONGTIME MUSICIAN AND SINGER, PABLO WAS A
7 SKILLED VIHUELA PLAYER. HE WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
8 IN MANY POPULAR NIGHTCLUBS IN THE '40S AND THE '50S. PABLO'S
9 GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT WAS PLAYING AT THE MILLION DOLLAR THEATER
10 WITH HIS GROUP MARIACHI POPULAR DE JALISCO. HE WAS A PROUD
11 MEMBER OF THE LATIN AMERICAN MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 47
12 FOR 63 YEARS. HE LATER MOVED TO EAST LOS ANGELES IN 1962,
13 WHERE HE RESIDED FOR 61 YEARS. PABLO IS DESCRIBED BY HIS
14 FAMILY AS A GOOD HUMBLE MAN, WHO LOVED ICE CREAM AND ALWAYS
15 ADVOCATED FOR PEACE. HE WAS A HARD WORKING FATHER OF 20
16 CHILDREN. PABLO IS SURVIVED BY HIS SIBLINGS, MARIA DE JESUS,
17 LUZ, MARCELINA, MIGUEL, AND DOZENS OF GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT
18 GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE
19 DEARLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, THE EAST L.A. AREA NEIGHBORHOODS,
20 AND MANY FRIENDS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

25 UNFORTUNATELY, TODAY I HAVE QUITE A FEW. I'M GOING TO START

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1 WITH A LONG TERM MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. AND SO, I HOPE
2 THAT ALL OF YOU WILL BE WILLING TO JOIN ME IN THIS
3 ADJOURNMENT, AND THAT IS AGAIN WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK
4 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. QUEEN E. JONES. DR. JONES WAS
5 BORN AUGUST 19, 1950 IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA AND PASSED AWAY
6 ON MARCH 11TH AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE WAS A BELOVED AND
7 DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 45 YEARS AND SERVED AS DIVISION
8 CHIEF FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES BEFORE HER
9 RETIREMENT. SHE RECEIVED A DOCTORATE DEGREE FROM PROVIDENCE
10 COLLEGE IN 2018. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH WHERE SHE
11 SERVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT PEACE APOSTOLIC
12 CHURCH AND ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE EKKLESIA OF CHRIST
13 APOSTOLIC CHURCH. SHE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY, WHERE
14 SHE SERVED AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE N.A.A.C.P. CARSON
15 BRANCH. IN 2018, SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
16 BLACK COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS, WHERE SHE OVERSAW TRAININGS,
17 MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS, TEST PREPARATIONS CLASSES, CAREER
18 GUIDANCE, AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP MEMBERS ADVANCE IN THEIR
19 CAREERS AT THE COUNTY. DR. JONES WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN
20 EXTRAORDINARY LEADER AND MENTOR. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
21 HUSBAND OF 41 YEARS, IRA, FOUR CHILDREN, CHARLES, LEE, IRA,
22 JR., AND KANISE, ONE SISTER, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, ONE DAUGHTER-
23 IN-LAW, TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW, TWO BROTHERS-IN-LAW, AND ONE GOD
24 SON, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND
25 STAFF HERE AT THE COUNTY, WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DEFINITELY ALL MEMBERS.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** ALL JOIN WITH ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH. APPRECIATE
5 IT. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 LAFAYETTE R. DORSEY, SR. PASTOR DORSEY WAS BORN JULY 1967 IN
7 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE AND PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 31ST SURROUNDED BY
8 HIS FAMILY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 55. WHEN HE WAS SEVEN, HIS
9 FAMILY TOOK A GREYHOUND BUS AND RELOCATED TO THE COMMUNITY OF
10 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HE ATTENDED DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE
11 WAS AN ALL CITY GUARD FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAM IN 1986. HE
12 ATTENDED PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY ON A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP AND
13 LATER TRANSFERRED TO ST. MARTINS COLLEGE IN WASHINGTON STATE.
14 AFTER COLLEGE, HE PLAYED PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL OVERSEAS AND
15 ON NUMEROUS TRAVELING TEAMS BEFORE RECEIVING HIS CALL TO
16 MINISTRY IN 1991. IN 1993, HE HAPPILY MARRIED HIS COLLEGE
17 SWEETHEART, CHELESA, AND TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEIR
18 LOVING UNION. HE SERVED AS A YOUTH PASTOR AT WEST L.A. CHURCH
19 OF GOD AND CHRIST. AND 2009, HE FOUNDED LOVE AND LIVE AGAIN
20 MINISTRIES. IN ADDITION TO MINISTRY, PASTOR DORSEY VOLUNTEERED
21 AT THE Y.M.C.A., CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY, AND OTHER
22 JUVENILE CAMPS. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON,
23 LAFAYETTE, JR., WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2020. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
24 AS A FAITHFUL MAN OF GOD, WHO HAD A HEART FOR COMMUNITY AND
25 SERVICE. HE IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE MISSED BY HIS WIFE, HIS

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1 DAUGHTER, ADORIAH, HIS CHURCH CONGREGATION, AND A HOST OF
2 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT
3 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KENNETH BROWN, BORN AUGUST 31ST, 1968
4 RIGHT HERE IN CARSON AND PASSED AWAY MARCH 23RD AT THE AGE OF
5 54. MR. BROWN HAD A PASSION FOR EDUCATION. HE GRADUATED WITH
6 TWO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES FROM MOREHOUSE COLLEGE IN
7 ATLANTA, ONE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND THE OTHER IN PHYSICS. HE
8 ALSO HAD A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN APPLIED PHYSICS FROM
9 CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, HE
10 RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES AND BEGAN WORKING AS A SENIOR ENGINEER
11 AND PROJECT CONTROLS LIAISON AT N.A.S.A.'S JET PROPULSION LAB.
12 AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS AT N.A.S.A., HE JOINED NORTHROP
13 GRUMMAN SPACE SYSTEMS IN REDONDO BEACH, SERVING AS AN
14 OPERATIONS MANAGER. HOWEVER HE NEVER LOST HIS PASSION FOR
15 EDUCATION. MR. BROWN WAS THE PROUD PRESIDENT OF THE EL CAMINO
16 COLLEGE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, A BOARD HE HAPPILY
17 SERVED ON FOR 10 YEARS. HE WAS ALSO AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF
18 PHYSICS AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS. IN 2016, HE
19 WAS ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES BOARD
20 AND WAS A RECOGNIZED AS THE BLACK ENGINEER OF THE YEAR UNDER
21 THE CATEGORY OF MODERN DAY TECHNOLOGY LEADER. HE ALSO SERVED
22 AS A CONTENT REVIEW PANEL EXPERT FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
23 OF EDUCATION AND HELPED TO AUTHOR THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE
24 STANDARDS THAT ARE BEING USED IN CLASSROOMS TODAY IN MORE THAN
25 40 STATES. HE LOVED PODCASTING S.T.E.M. RELATED TOPICS AND

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1 USING VARIOUS PLATFORMS TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE
2 COMMUNITY. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS AN ACCOMPLISHED ENGINEER AND
3 AS A BELOVED, COMMITTED, AND TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS
4 SUCCESS, EQUITY, AND EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
5 FOR ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE OF 25 YEARS, DR.
6 KARLA HARNESS BROWN, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, KENNETH, II AND
7 KALEB, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS,
8 COLLEAGUES, AND STUDENTS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HIM DEARLY. WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE
10 WILHELMINA WESTBY BROWN. MISS WESTBY BROWN WAS BORN JANUARY
11 1939 IN STANN CREEK TOWN, BELIZE AND PASSED AWAY ON HER 84TH
12 BIRTHDAY SURROUNDED BY HER CLOSEST FAMILY MEMBERS RIGHT HERE
13 IN CULVER CITY. SHE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1980
14 AND WORKED IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY AT THE BEVERLY WILSHIRE
15 HOTEL AND THE BEVERLY HILTON FOR 15 YEARS. MISS WESTBY BROWN
16 HAD A BEAUTIFUL VOICE AND ENJOYED SINGING HYMNS, GOING TO
17 CHURCH, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY. SHE PLAYED SOFTBALL
18 IN BELIZE AND LOVED ALL SPORTS. HER FAVORITE LOS ANGELES
19 TEAMS? YOUR LOS ANGELES LAKERS, DODGERS, AND CLIPPERS. SHE
20 TOOK PRIDE IN BEING ASKED TO NAME THE NEWBORNS IN HER FAMILY
21 AND TRACKING THE BIRTH DATES OF HER FAMILY MEMBERS. SHE WAS
22 KNOWN FOR BEING OUTSPOKEN AND OPINIONATED. MISS WESTBY BROWN
23 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND
24 SISTER. SHE'LL ALSO BE REMEMBERED AS A HARD WORKER, WHO WAS
25 GENEROUS AND KIND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY AND WILL BE DEEPLY

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1 MISSED BY HER DAUGHTERS, SHARON AND YOLANDA, SISTERS, MERLENE
2 AND JUDITH, 16 GRANDCHILDREN, 18 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND A
3 HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BOTH IN BELIZE AND HERE
4 IN THE U.S. AND FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK THAT WHEN WE
5 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VIRGIL W. HILL, JR. MR.
6 HILL WAS BORN OCTOBER 1941 AND PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 15TH,
7 AT THE AGE OF 81, HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE PROUDLY SERVED HIS
8 COMMUNITY FOR 50 YEARS IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES, INCLUDING AS A
9 CASE MANAGER FOR YOUTH BUILD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
10 Y.M.C.A., THE CRENSHAW BALDWIN HILLS FACILITY, AND AS A
11 SALESPERSON FOR NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. HE ALSO
12 SERVED THE GUIDANCE OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE IN HYDE PARK FOR OVER
13 A DECADE AND WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF OMEGA PSI PHI
14 FRATERNITY, INC. HE ENJOYED RECYCLING AND PLAYING JENGA. HE'LL
15 BE REMEMBERED AS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE
16 TO HELPING OTHERS AND MENTORING YOUNG BLACK MEN. HE'S SURVIVED
17 BY HIS LOVING WIFE, TRUDI, AND DAUGHTERS, ALLEGRA AND
18 CHRISTINA, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
19 MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WILL -- WE WILL TAKE ALL OF
22 THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A
23 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
24 AND THE COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION, AND
25 WHILE WE'RE IN CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL BE SHOWING VIDEO



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1 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION
2 RECOGNIZING OCEAN LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST GEVORG AKOPYAN AND THE
3 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF RENEWABLE
4 ENERGY. SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING
5 THE TIERRA DEL SOL FOUNDATION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A
6 PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING CESAR CHAVEZ DAY, AND SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL AND I, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER US LIKE WE WERE.
8 OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

9
10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
11 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
13 C.S.1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
14 LITIGATION, ITEM C.S.1, DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE HEAD
15 EVALUATION, AND ITEM C.S.3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR,
16 FESIA DAVENPORT, AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 POSTED AGENDA.

18
19 **[RECORDING] SUP. HORVATH:** I'M HERE WITH THE LEADERS OF THE
20 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE TO CELEBRATE FIVE YEARS DELIVERING
21 RENEWABLE CLEAN ENERGY AT COMPETITIVE RATES TO TO MORE THAN
22 THREE MILLION PEOPLE. AS C.P.A. MARKS THIS MILESTONE, IT'S
23 CRITICAL TO THANK OUR CUSTOMERS FOR CHOOSING 100% CLEAN POWER
24 AND HIGHLY RENEWABLE OPTIONS FOR THEIR ELECTRICITY SERVICES.
25 IT'S BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF LOCAL CITIES



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1 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND VENTURA COUNTY THAT C.P.A. IS
2 NOW THE LARGEST FOURTH LARGEST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER IN THE
3 STATE. I'M PROUD TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE C.P.A. BOARD
4 AND TO HAVE C.E.O. TED BARDACKE HERE TO CELEBRATE THIS
5 MILESTONE.

6
7 **TED BARDACKE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR YOUR
8 LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLEANER
9 AND MORE SUSTAINABLE. YOU'VE BEEN ACTIVE SINCE THE BEGINNING,
10 AND WE'RE GLAD THAT CONTINUES IN YOUR ROLE AS VICE CHAIR.
11 C.P.A. IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP
12 WORKS. THE COUNTY LED OUR CREATION AND THEN PROVIDED SPACE FOR
13 LOCAL CITIES TO BRING FORWARD THEIR VALUES AND SUSTAINABILITY
14 NEEDS -- [SKIP IN AUDIO] PARTNERSHIP WORKS. THE COUNTY LED OUR
15 CREATION AND THEN PROVIDED SPACE FOR LOCAL CITIES TO BRING
16 FORWARD THEIR VALUES AND SUSTAINABILITY NEEDS. SINCE 2018, OUR
17 CUSTOMERS HAVE COLLECTIVELY AVOIDED 6.8 BILLION POUNDS OF
18 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. WE'RE PROVIDING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO
19 CLEAN ENERGY SO LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE
20 TRANSITION TO A GREENER FUTURE. AND OUR INVESTMENTS IN SKILLS
21 TRAINING WITH OUR BUILDING TRADES AND SCHOLARSHIPS WITH OUR
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF
23 WORKERS FOR GREEN JOBS. A C.P.A. HALLMARK IS LISTENING TO THE
24 COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THEIR COMMUNITY
25 NEEDS. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO NEIL FROMER, GENARO



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1 BUGARIN, AND KRISTIE HERNANDEZ FROM OUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE FOR BEING HERE TO CELEBRATE OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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4 **SUP. HORVATH:** CONGRATULATIONS ON FIVE YEARS, CLEAN POWER
5 ALLIANCE.

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7 **[RECORDING] SUP. HORVATH:** I'M HERE WITH FIRE CHIEF TONY
8 MARRONE AND FIRE LEADERSHIP TO RECOGNIZE THE HEROISM OF OCEAN
9 LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST GEVORG AKOPYAN. ON FEBRUARY 7TH,
10 LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST AKOPYAN WAS ON HIS AFTERNOON WORKOUT
11 ALONG SANTA MONICA BEACH WHEN HE NOTICED A WOMAN ACTING
12 UNUSUALLY. IT WAS IN THIS MOMENT THAT THE WOMAN SUDDENLY
13 CHARGED TWO BEACH PATRONS KNOCKING A MOTHER TO THE SAND AND
14 GRABBING HER 2-YEAR-OLD SON. LIFEGUARD AKOPYAN JUMPED INTO
15 ACTION AND WAS ABLE TO SECURE THE TODDLER, GETTING HIM AND HIS
16 MOTHER TO A SAFE DISTANCE, WHILE EXTRA SUPPORT ARRIVED. I CAN
17 ONLY IMAGINE THE PANIC THIS MOTHER EXPERIENCED AND THE RELIEF
18 KNOWING A LIFEGUARD WAS RIGHT THERE TO HELP. THANK YOU TO OUR
19 LIFEGUARD SPECIALIST AKOPYAN FOR YOUR HEROISM ON THIS MOTHER'S
20 DARKEST DAY. I'M HONORED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL AND
21 OFFER MY DEEPEST THANKS FOR THE SERVICE YOU AND YOUR
22 COLLEAGUES PROVIDE DAY IN AND DAY OUT. L.A. COUNTY IS
23 FORTUNATE TO HAVE A HIGHLY SKILLED AND COMMITTED LIFEGUARD
24 TEAM. WE APPRECIATE YOU.



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1 **CHIEF MARRONE:** SO, O.L.S. AKOPYAN, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TAKE
2 THIS OPPORTUNITY ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE WOMEN AND MEN OF THE
3 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEROISM AND
4 YOUR QUICK ACTION THAT DAY. YOU EXEMPLIFY EVERYTHING THAT OUR
5 WORLD FAMOUS LIFEGUARD DIVISION STANDS FOR, AND WE APPRECIATE
6 YOUR SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE.

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8 **GEVORG AKOPYAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY
10 TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR FOR
11 HAVING ME HERE, CHIEF MARRONE, CHIEF MAYFIELD, LIFEGUARD CHIEF
12 BOITEA, SECTION CHIEF MURPHY, AND CAPTAIN SPENCER PARKER FOR
13 BEING HERE AND BEING VERY SUPPORTIVE OF LIFEGUARD DIVISION.
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND WE'RE THRILLED TO HAVE MOMMA AKOPYAN HERE,
17 TOO.

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19 **GEVORG AKOPYAN:** I'D LIKE TO THANK MY MOTHER ALSO. SHE'S ALWAYS
20 BEEN THERE BY MY SIDE. SO, THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE ARE SO GRATEFUL. ANYONE INTERESTED IN A
23 CAREER WITH THE L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARDS SHOULD VISIT
24 FIRE.LACOUNTY.GOV.

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1 **[RECORDING] SUP. BARGER:** ART MAKES LIFE BRIGHTER FOR ARTISTS
2 AND FOR AUDIENCES. I'M PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE TIERRA DEL
3 SOL FOUNDATION TO DISPLAY SOME INCREDIBLE ART HERE AT THE HALL
4 OF ADMINISTRATION. MARCH IS NATIONAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
5 MONTH, WHICH IS WHY I'M SO EXCITED TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT
6 WORK UNDERWAY AT TIERRA DEL SOL. THROUGH THEIR PROGRAM, ADULTS
7 WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ARE GIVEN THE RESOURCES AND
8 ENCOURAGEMENT TO PURSUE THEIR PASSION AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES.
9 FOR 30 YEARS, THEIR ART GALLERY HAS SHINED A LIGHT ON THE
10 TALENT OF THEIR ARTISTS AND REMIND US THAT ART AND CREATIVITY
11 ARE FOR EVERYONE. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, I HAVE PROUDLY
12 DISPLAYED THE WORK OF 15 ARTISTS IN THE HALLWAY AND LOBBY FOR
13 STAFF AND VISITORS TO ENJOY. IT'S TRULY BROUGHT SO MUCH
14 BEAUTY, JOY, COLOR AND PERSONALITY TO OUR WORKPLACE. SO
15 WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I'D LOVE FOR YOU TO MEET THE ARTISTS.

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17 **DOUGLAS ALAN:** HI. I'M DOUGLAS ALAN. I DRAW TRUCKS. HOW ARE
18 YOU?

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20 **RUBEN VALSAID:** HI. I'M RUBEN VALSAID. I LOVE TO DRAW AND
21 PAINT, AND I'M SO REALLY PROUD OF IT AND VERY HAPPY FOR
22 EVERYTHING.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS -- AND I LIKE TO DRAW PEOPLE.



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1 **AYANA SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS AYANA SANCHEZ. [INDISCERNIBLE] SO,
2 THANK YOU.

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4 **BENSON:** MY NAME IS BENSON. AND I LIKE THE PROGRAM WHAT WE HAVE
5 NOW AT TIERRA DEL SOL.

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7 **DAVID:** MY NAME IS DAVID MAYA. ELVIS PRESLEY. THIS IS MY
8 DRAWING.

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10 **SPEAKER:** WE JUST WANT TO THANK KATHRYN BARGER'S OFFICE FOR ALL
11 THE SUPPORT, NOT ONLY FOR THE ART ON THE WALLS, BUT JUST YOUR
12 ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION FOR ALL THESE YEARS. YOU
13 HAVE JUST BEEN SUCH A CHAMPION FOR US, AND I KNOW WHEN YOU SAY
14 THAT YOU REALLY SUPPORT FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES, I KNOW THAT
15 YOU BELIEVE THAT IN YOUR HEART. SO WE JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK
16 YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO BECAUSE
19 THERE'S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND, WHEN I LOOK AT THIS ARTWORK,
20 YOU HAVE SOME INCREDIBLY TALENTED PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY
21 EXPRESSING THEIR EMOTIONS AND REALLY JUST THEIR AMAZING GIFT
22 IN PAINTING. SO, THANK YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY. IT IS REMARKABLE TO HAVE THEM FIND THEIR
25 VOICES. YOU CAN SEE IT WITH EACH ONE OF THEM. IT'S SO UNIQUE,



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1 AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT TIERRA IS ABOUT IS REALLY TO HELP EACH
2 OF THE 800 PEOPLE THAT WE SUPPORT TO FIND THEIR VOICE IN THIS
3 WORLD AND TO REALLY BE CHAMPIONS OF INCLUSION. SO, THANK YOU.

4
5 **SUP. BARGER:** I LOVE IT. THANK YOU. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ANY
6 OF THEIR ARTWORK, IT'S AVAILABLE FOR SALE. ALL FUNDS GO TO THE
7 ARTIST AND TO FURTHER TIERRA DEL SOL'S RESOURCES, STUDIO
8 SPACE, AND CAREER PROGRAMS. YOU CAN LEARN MORE AT
9 TIERRADELSOLGALLERY.ORG. AGAIN, TIERRADELSOLGALLERY.ORG. THANK
10 YOU TO TIERRA FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND FOR ONGOING SUPPORT
11 FOR OUR COMMUNITY WITH DISABILITIES. [SINGING]

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13 **[RECORDING] SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
14 BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER TO REFLECT ON CESAR CHAVEZ'S LIFE AND
15 LEGACY.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY
18 THIS DAY AND REALLY REMEMBER THE THINGS THAT HE FOUGHT FOR,
19 EVERYTHING THAT HE FOUGHT FOR, BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE DAY WE
20 HAVE TO BE REMINDED WHAT THAT MEANS. THE COUNTY TOOK A LONG
21 TIME TO MAKE THIS A HOLIDAY, A PAID HOLIDAY. I WANT TO SAY
22 THAT BECAUSE SOMETIMES YOU COULD TAKE THE DAY OFF AND NOT GET
23 PAID, BUT WE MADE A DECISION. AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF MANY OF
24 YOU IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE YOU HELPED TO SAY GUESS WHAT, IT IS
25 OUR TIME. HE GREW UP WITH FAMILIA. HE GREW UP WITH STRUGGLE,



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1 KNOWING CHALLENGES, KNOWING [SPEAKING SPANISH] BUT ALSO BEING
2 VERY PROUD AND RESPECTFUL. AND THAT'S THE SAME THING THAT I
3 LEARNED FROM DOLORES HUERTA. THEY NEVER LOOKED AT WHAT THEY
4 NEEDED AROUND THEM MATERIALLY. THEY LOOKED AT THE SUBSTANCE OF
5 PEOPLE, AND IT DIDN'T MATTER IF YOU WERE A FARMWORKER. IT
6 DIDN'T MATTER IF YOU HAD TO STAY HOME AND TAKE CARE OF THE
7 KIDS BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A FORMAL EDUCATION TO GO OUT AND
8 HAVE A CAREER. EVERYBODY MATTERED. NO MATTER HOW INCREMENTAL
9 YOU MIGHT THINK THAT WAS, EVERYBODY MATTERED. AND THAT, TO ME,
10 IS A PHILOSOPHY OF CESAR CHAVEZ AND THE WHOLE FARMWORKER
11 MOVEMENT. [APPLAUSE]



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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

9
10 People of the State of California v. Juul Labs, Inc. et al.,
11 Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG19043543. (23-
12 1315)

13
14 **No reportable action was taken.**

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

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20 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

21
22 **No reportable action was taken.**

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25 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
26 **(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

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

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31 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: All
32 individual member unions of the Coalition of County Unions,
33 AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU; All affiliated member unions of
34 AFSCME Council 36; Association of Deputy District Attorneys;
35 Los Angeles County Association of Environmental Health
36 Specialists; Los Angeles County Public Defenders; and
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Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.



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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

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

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 21st day of April 2023, for the County records to be used only
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