

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, JUNE 6, 2023, ON PAGE 340]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2023, AND 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 NOW BEGIN OUR BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS-- PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING-- AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND

SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY FATHER VASILE SAUCIUR, OF THE ST. VOLODYMYR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, FROM EAST HOLLYWOOD, IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY ATHENA FLEMING, FORMER E-4 OPERATIONS SPECIALIST THIRD CLASS, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, FROM LOS ANGELES, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

FATHER VASILE SAUCIUR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. IF CLOSING YOUR EYES, OR CERTAIN TECHNIQUES OF BREATHING, STANDING, OR SITTING HELPS YOU BETTER CONCENTRATE DURING THE PRAYERS OR MEETINGS, LET US USE THEM. PROPHET MICAH SAYS, "ALL I ASK OF YOU IS THIS: ACT JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD." LET US PRAY. LORD, IT'S NOT ALWAYS CLEAR TO US WHAT ARE THE JUST AND LOVING ACTIONS WE SHOULD TAKE, SO WE PRAY THAT IN THE DISCUSSIONS, OR IN OUR INTERACTIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER OR WITH THOSE WE SERVE, LORD, SHOW US AND TEACH US WHAT IT MEANS TO ACT JUSTLY AND LOVE TENDERLY, BY BLESSING OUR MEETING WITH

YOUR MYSTICAL PRESENCE. DEAR LORD, AS WE MEET THIS NEW DAY, PLEASE LET US BE FILLED WITH YOUR SPIRIT. TAKE WHAT WE HAVE PREPARED, AND MULTIPLY OUR EFFORTS AS ONLY YOU CAN. STEER OUR INTENTIONS, AND ALIGN THEM WITH YOUR WILL. COVER US WITH YOUR PEACE TODAY. KEEP US SAFE, AND GUARD OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FROM SELFISHNESS. KEEP YOUR LOVE AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS TODAY, AND THE GUIDING LIGHT FOR ALL WE SET OUT TO DO. WHATEVER WE DO TODAY, LET US DO IT IN LOVE, JOY, PEACE, GOODNESS, AND FAITHFULNESS. LET US DESIRE TO BECOME MORE LIKE YOU, AND THUS GLORIFY YOUR HOLY NAME IN ALL WE DO. AMEN. THANK YOU.

ATHENA FLEMING: I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I FEEL I LEFT SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR TITLE WHEN I INTRODUCED THE PLEDGE. I SEE YOU'RE MISS AMERICA, AND YOU'RE WEARING A TIARA. SO, HOPEFULLY, WE'LL GET BETTER, BUT I LEFT THAT OUT OF THE INTRODUCTION. OKAY.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. VERY PROUD THIS MORNING TO HAVE FATHER VASILE SAUCIUR TO BE WITH US TODAY, REPRESENTING EAST HOLLYWOOD. THIS IS A PART OF MY NEW DISTRICT, AND IT'S

JUST BEEN A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU, TO WORK WITH THE CHURCH, AND TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND HOW INSPIRED I AM TO SEE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU AND THE CONGREGATION AND OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE DONE TO HELP THOSE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES. WE TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT THAT, BUT I'VE BEEN TO SEVERAL OF YOUR FESTIVITIES AND OCCASIONS THERE TO MEET THE FAMILIES AND MEMBERS, AND KNOW THAT OUR COUNTY IS STANDING STRONG WITH YOU, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP THOSE REFUGEES THAT ARE FINDING A NEW HOME HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, FOR YOUR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE, YOUR MOTIVATION AND LOVE IS VERY, VERY HEARTFELT AND WARM FOR ALL OF US TO HEAR, ESPECIALLY ON THESE DAYS WHEN WE'RE SEEING REFLECTED IN THE MEDIA ALL THESE HORRIBLE ATROCITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD, BUT ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE. SO WE ARE IN SOLIDARITY, AND I AM VERY, VERY PROUD TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO YOU, FATHER, FOR YOUR SERVICE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE ENTIRE BOARD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

FATHER VASILE SAUCIUR: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PIN.

FATHER VASILE SAUCIUR: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. SOLIS: YOU'RE WELCOME. GOD BLESS YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, WE CAN'T PULL THE WOOL OVER YOUR EYES, WHEN WE COME WEARING MAGNIFICENT TIARAS. I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A TIARA, ONCE IN THEIR LIFE. I'VE NEVER HAD ONE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I SECOND THAT MOTION.

SUP. MITCHELL: I'M WITH YOU, SO LET ME START WITH THERE. IN 2020, SHE WON THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT, REPRESENTING THE WEST COAST. ISN'T THAT EXCITING? WE WANT TO THANK ATHENA FLEMING FOR BRINGING FORWARD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR US TODAY. SHE SERVED IN THE U.S. COAST GUARD FROM JUNE '09 TO MARCH 2013, AND OBTAINED THE RANK OF OPERATIONS SPECIALIST THIRD CLASS. SHE LAST SERVED AT THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA MASTER STATION ATLANTIC, IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA. MS. FLEMING GRADUATED FROM BIOLA UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND SHE LATER EARNED A MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE WORKED AS AN INFORMATION OFFICER WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, WHERE SHE SUPPORTED THE VETERANS HOME PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS LONG-TERM CARE TO OUR ELDERLY AND DISABLED VETERANS.

MORE RECENTLY, SHE RETURNED TO HER ALMA MATER, AND IS NOW WORKING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AS A SENIOR PUBLICATIONS EDITOR AND MEDIA RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, MS. FLEMING WAS PROUDLY RAISED BY TWO MOTHERS, ONE OF WHOM IS A DISTINGUISHED VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. SHE LOVES BASKETBALL AND VOLUNTEERING, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS, ALONGSIDE HER TWIN BROTHER, WHO HAS DOWN SYNDROME. WE WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR COUNTY, AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE. AND IT'S MY HONOR, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD, SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS, TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

ATHENA FLEMING: THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

ATHENA FLEMING: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. MITCHELL: APPRECIATE YOU. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW IT'S TIME TO HAVE A PET PRESENTATION.

SUP. BARGER: I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MERRY AND PIPPIN, TWO LITTLE KITTENS WHO ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY... WHICH ONE IS THIS?

SPEAKER: MERRY.

SUP. BARGER: MERRY? THIS IS MERRY, AND MERRY IS A 2-MONTH-OLD GRAY TABBY. AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO OPEN YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME, YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898. KITTY-KITTY! AND THERE'S A LOT OF KITTENS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION, AND FOR FOSTER. AND THIS ONE IS GOING TO GET AWAY IN ABOUT A MINUTE. SO THIS IS MERRY, AND NOW WE'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO PIPPIN. OH, THESE ARE BROTHERS. THESE ARE BROTHERS, AND THIS IS PIPPIN. AND AGAIN, YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898. MERRY AND PIPPIN. YOU CAN ADOPT BOTH, OR YOU CAN FOSTER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF KITTENS. IS THIS THE SEASON?

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM.

SUP. BARGER: THIS IS THE SEASON WHERE THEY HAVE A LOT OF KITTENS AVAILABLE IN ALL OF OUR SHELTERS, AND SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ADOPT, YOU CAN FOSTER. HI, KITTY-KITTY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT PRECIOUS PRESENTATION, WE WILL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ON THE FUNDING STREAMS FOR CONTINUUM-OF-CARE BEDS. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 2 THROUGH 39. ON ITEM 4, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 9, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 12, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 34,

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 40 THROUGH 124. ON ITEM 56, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 59, SUPERVISOR HAHN DECLARED A CONFLICT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, AND WILL RECUSE HERSELF FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 61, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER DECLARE A CONFLICT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, AND WILL RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 63, SUPERVISOR BARGER DECLARED A CONFLICT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, AND WILL RECUSE HERSELF FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 65, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 67, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ALSO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS WITH THE SUCCESSES OF THE VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK DURING THE INITIAL THREE-YEAR PILOT, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING INCREASED COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, TO ALIGN THE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOME OF THE V.P.A.N. AND THE AGENCIES OVERSEEING AND OPERATING THE V.P.A.N. CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY'S VETERANS IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD, AND ITS APPROVAL OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION DURING THE FEBRUARY 7TH, 2023, MEETING. ON ITEM 83, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 105, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 27, 2023, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 92, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO

THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 93, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 125 THROUGH 127. ON ITEM 125, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 27, 2023, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 127, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 95, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27, AND THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. ON PAGE 96, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 101, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 102, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH CS-4, ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. HOW ABOUT MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

SPEAKER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD

HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEMS 28 AND 30, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 10. THEN WE WILL TAKE UP SET MATTER 1 AT 11:00 A.M., AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 11, 15, 16, 32, 56, 65, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 83 AND ITS RELATED ITEM, 127, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

SPEAKER: FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND UP TO A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR A TOTAL OF 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR, AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED, ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR

DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU ARE HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 28 AND 30, WHICH WE'RE GOING TO HOLD TOGETHER. ITEM 28, CARE WITH PRIDE: SUPPORTING GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND CARE MANAGEMENT OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, INCLUDING TRANSGENDER, GENDER-NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX T.G.I. PEOPLE, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 30: CREATING AND ESTABLISHING AN L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMISSION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. COLLEAGUES, YOU MAY ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR REMARKS. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HELD BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO KICK IT OFF WITH REMARKS?

SUP. SOLIS: SURE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND THEN, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THESE ITEMS, AS CO-AUTHOR? OKAY.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND ALSO YOURSELF, MADAM CHAIR, AND REALLY THE ENTIRE BOARD, BECAUSE I KNOW THIS IS A CELEBRATION, I THINK, FOR US HERE AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I JUST WANT TO KICK IT OFF BY SAYING WHAT A FABULOUS TIME I, AND I BELIEVE THE CHAIR HAD, ACTUALLY COMING BACK TO THE WEHO PRIDE PARADE AFTER 3, 2 AND A HALF YEARS. AND WHAT AN EVENTFUL PARADE, TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE COME OUT FROM ALL OVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I THINK FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE. I HEARD PEOPLE FLEW IN FROM AS FAR AS SAN FRANCISCO AND OTHER PLACES. BUT TO SEE THE JOY-- AND TO BE SURE, THE PRIDE-- OF ALL OF US IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK EVERYONE HAS TO KIND OF REALLY FEEL AND UNDERSTAND HOW POWERFUL THIS MOVEMENT IS. AND WE ARE ALL CELEBRATING. AS YOU KNOW, JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH. AND I KEPT HEARING, "PRIDE, PRIDE, PRIDE" THROUGHOUT THE PARADE, AND HEARING IT FROM NOT JUST OURSELVES, BUT FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND HOW GLEEFUL AND IMPORTANT THIS IS. THAT PRIDE PARADE, I THINK, GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1969, THE STONEWALL UPRISING IN MANHATTAN, IN NEW YORK. IT REALLY GAVE BIRTH TO THIS MOVEMENT. AND HERE ACROSS

OUR COUNTY, THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS ARE UPLIFTING THE WHOLE MONTH BY HAVING ACTIVITIES ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY. I WAS PLEASED LAST WEEK TO BE A PART OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ROUNDTABLE L.G.B.T.Q.+ GROUP THAT PUT TOGETHER, AND ARE PUTTING TOGETHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING ALTADENA, PASADENA, BUT AS FAR AS POMONA AND MANY PLACES THAT, TYPICALLY, YOU HAVE TO LOOK TO THE WEST SIDE OR SANTA MONICA TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND EVENTS. AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE CONTINUING THIS EFFORT, HOPEFULLY, EVERY SINGLE YEAR, BUT EVERY DAY, WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING PRIDE. AND I'M HAPPY THAT, TODAY, THESE TWO MOTIONS THAT ARE BEFORE US, I THINK, ARE GOING TO BE VERY ESSENTIAL, IN PART BECAUSE WHAT WE SEE HAPPENING NOW. AND I WANT TO STATE THAT OVER THIS LAST YEAR, WE HAVE SEEN OVER 500 ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ BILLS THAT WERE EITHER CONSIDERED, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO CENSOR CURRICULA AND BOOKS, AND BANNING TRANSGENDER STUDENT ATHLETES FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS THAT MATCH THEIR GENDER IDENTITY, TO CRIMINALIZING FAMILIES AND DOCTORS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH GENDER-AFFIRMING MEDICAL CARE. THESE BILLS, YOU MAY KNOW, ARE ABSOLUTELY, IN MY OPINION, UNCONSCIONABLE, AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE SHOULD NOT STAND FOR ANY OF THAT. WE SHOULD STAND WITH OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, AND REJECT THOSE EFFORTS WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AND WORK HAND-IN-HAND TO HELP UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITIES. L.A. COUNTY, AS SOME MAY KNOW, IS REPRESENTED BY OVER HALF A MILLION L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, REPRESENTING ALL

RACES, ETHNICITIES, AND RELIGIONS. WE ALSO HAVE OVER 30 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OVER 30 COUNTY COMMISSIONS, AND I BELIEVE THAT IT'S VITAL THAT WE TAKE A STAND WITH OUR L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, AND NOT JUST WITH OUR WORDS, BUT WITH ACTIONS, THROUGH THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION. THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH, MADAM CHAIR, IS WITH MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY TO ACT AS AN ADVISORY TO NOT ONLY THIS BOARD, BUT ALSO TO OUR DEPARTMENTS, BUT ALSO TO HELP BETTER IMPROVE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT ON THIS BOARD, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO OUR YOUTH: THE THINGS THAT THEY'RE FACING IN OUR CARE, THOSE THAT ARE TRANSITIONING OUT OF D.C.F.S., THOSE THAT ARE COMING OUT OF PROBATION, THOSE THAT ARE JUST BEING TOUCHED BY SO MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS. YET, HOW ARE WE REALLY IMPROVING, STRATEGICALLY, IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE? SO WE NEED TO HAVE A BODY THAT CAN REVIEW OUR POLICIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE YEARS TO COME. THIS MOTION, ITEM 30, WILL ALSO CREATE THE FIRST-EVER L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMISSION THAT WILL ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN MANDATORY TRAINING ON HOW WE ENGAGE WITH L.G.B.T.Q.+ COLLEAGUES AND CONSTITUENTS. IT'S EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE A BIG PART OF THE SOLUTION HERE. ADDITIONALLY, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR OUR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-NONCONFORMING AND INTERSEX OR T.G.I. RESIDENTS. STUDIES HAVE

DEMONSTRATED THAT ACCESS TO GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE RESULTS IN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR T.G.I. RESIDENTS, AND RECEIVING GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE HAS BEEN LINKED TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCED RATES OF SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND IMPROVED H.I.V. MEDICATION ADHERENCE. THAT IS WHY, IN JUNE OF 2021, I INTRODUCED THE ORIGINAL CARE WITH PRIDE MOTION, TO HAVE D.H.S., D.C.F.S., AND D.M.H. WORK DIRECTLY WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND EXPERTS TO PUT TOGETHER BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDANCE TO BETTER SERVE OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS. AND LAST JUNE, I INTRODUCED THE SECOND CARE WITH PRIDE MOTION, TAKING THOSE BEST PRACTICES AND CREATING THE GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM WITHIN D.H.S. THE GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM, AS YOU MAY KNOW, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PARTNERING AMONG D.H.S., D.M.H., AND D.C.F.S., PROVIDING MEDICAL, SURGICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND CARE COORDINATION TO PROVIDE THE BEST GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE. THROUGH THE PROGRAM, STAFF HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WHO SPECIALIZE IN GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE. GENDER-AFFIRMING MEDICATIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO D.H.S., AND D.H.S. ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS NOW INCLUDE A PATIENT'S PREFERRED PRONOUNS. AND TODAY, I'M INTRODUCING ANOTHER MOTION TO HELP BUILD UPON THAT MOMENTUM, AND THAT PROGRAM WILL EXPAND IT FURTHER. ITEM 28 INSTRUCTS D.H.S., D.M.H., AND D.C.F.S. TO FURTHER EXPAND AND INCLUDE D.P.H., DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ALSO BRING IN THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF THE C.E.O., A.R.D.I., AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, WHO

HAVE DONE SIGNIFICANT WORK COMBATING BIASES RELATED TO GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE. THE DEPARTMENTS WILL WORK TOGETHER TO FURTHER ADVANCE THE PROGRAM, CREATING A PUBLIC-FACING COUNTY WEBSITE OFFERING RESOURCES AND REFERRALS TO GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE SERVICES, SO T.G.I. RESIDENTS HAVE A ONE-STOP SHOP TO ACCESS THE VAST SERVICES THAT WE OFFER. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO DATA REPORTING, ANALYZE CLINICAL STANDARDS OF THE PROGRAM, AND ASSESS IF FURTHER TRAINING AND STAFFING IS NECESSARY. IT WILL INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH STRATEGY TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE PROGRAM, AND I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT RESIDENTS KNOW THE SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. THAT IS REALLY GOING TO BE IMPORTANT, AND THE EFFORTS THAT THE COUNTY MUST EXPAND TO INCLUDE THAT CARE. THIS PRIDE MONTH LETS US REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING GENDER-AFFIRMING AND INCLUSIVE CARE. SO LET'S STAND FIRM AND MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T GO IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND ALLOW FOR HATEFUL POLICIES TO BE EXPANDED, AND LET US CELEBRATE AND UPLIFT OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS. I WANT TO THANK THE CO-AUTHORS, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR CO-AUTHORING THESE MOTIONS, AND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YES, IT WAS FUN TO HAVE YOU BOTH WITH US IN THE PRIDE PARADE THIS PAST WEEKEND, AND IT WAS JUST, TO ME, A TESTAMENT OF WHAT IT CAN FEEL LIKE WHEN WE CHOOSE INCLUSION, WHEN WE CHOOSE TO BE EQUITY-FOCUSED, WHEN WE CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT WAS A WONDERFUL FEELING TO BE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD THIS WEEKEND, AND I'M GLAD THAT L.A. COUNTY GETS TO CELEBRATE PRIDE IN SO MANY LOCATIONS. I KNOW LOS ANGELES PRIDE HAS THEIR CELEBRATION COMING UP THIS WEEKEND. SO MANY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ARE CELEBRATING PRIDE, AND IT'S NICE TO SEE OUR FLAGS DISPLAYED AT OUR COUNTY FACILITIES, AND TO HAVE HAD OUR CELEBRATION HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION LAST WEEK, AS WELL. MUCH MORE WORK TO BE DONE, CERTAINLY, AND I THINK THESE ITEMS REALLY FOCUS ON DOING THAT WORK. FIRST, ITEM 28. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN IN THIS MOTION, TO STAND ALONGSIDE AND UPLIFT OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY BY EXPANDING GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE AND RESOURCES IN OUR COUNTY DURING PRIDE MONTH. WE KNOW THAT IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE FACT THAT L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE THE SOCIAL, MEDICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MENTAL HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF DISCRIMINATION, FAMILY REJECTION, AND TRAUMA, AND I AM PROUD THAT OUR COUNTY IS CONTINUING TO INVEST AND BUILD UPON THE LEGACY OF THE GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM THAT STRENGTHENS L.G.B.T.Q.+ SERVICES FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PATIENTS, TO PROVIDE GENDER-AFFIRMING MEDICAL

HEALTHCARE AND CARE COORDINATION, THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN D.H.S., D.M.H., AND D.C.F.S. GENDER-AFFIRMATION SERVICES-- BECAUSE WE GET ASKED ABOUT THIS-- TO BE VERY CLEAR, INCLUDE: HORMONES FOR TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY PEOPLE; PR.E.P. AND P.E.P. FOR PREVENTION OF H.I.V. INFECTION; AFFIRMING SPACE FOR ROUTINE SCREENINGS; PUBERTY SUPPRESSION FOR TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY YOUTH; COORDINATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS; AS WELL AS SURGICAL OPTIONS. OUR TRANSGENDER, GENDER-NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX NUMBER OF PATIENTS AT D.H.S. HAS GROWN TO MORE THAN 800 INDIVIDUALS, RECEIVING MORE THAN 2800 VISITS RELATED TO GENDER-AFFIRMING SERVICES. THIS MOTION WILL EXPAND ON THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO ENHANCE SERVICES FOR OUR T.G.I. COMMUNITY BY BRINGING IN MORE COUNTY PARTNERS, SUCH AS D.P.H., A.R.D.I., AND THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, TO LOOK AT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN IMPROVE DATA AND REPORTING, CLINICAL STANDARDS, TRAINING COUNTY STAFF, AND TO DEVELOP COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POTENTIAL WEBSITE DEDICATED TO GENDER HEALTH PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES. THIS MOTION INCLUDES A LOT THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO AFFIRMING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE DIGNITY, OF OUR T.G.I. COMMUNITY, OUR GENDER-EXPANSIVE COMMUNITY, AND OUR L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY AT LARGE. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INCLUDING ME IN IT. I AM VERY EXCITED TO ALSO SUPPORT THE MOTION BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE

CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL, TO CREATE THIS NEW COMMISSION. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S AN AMENDMENT THAT YOU ARE BRINGING FORWARD, AS WELL, IN TERMS OF HOW WE WILL CONSTITUTE THAT COMMISSION. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WHEN WE SEE, ACCORDING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN'S 2023 ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-DATE SNAPSHOT, OVER 520 ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q. BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN STATE LEGISLATURES THIS YEAR ALONE, WHICH IS A RECORD; OVER 220 BILLS SPECIFICALLY TARGETING TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY PEOPLE, ALSO A RECORD; AND A RECORD 74 ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q. LAWS THAT HAVE BEEN ENACTED SO FAR THIS YEAR, BANNING, IN OTHER PLACES, GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE FOR TRANSGENDER YOUTH; LAWS REQUIRING OR ALLOWING MISGENDERING OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS; TARGETING DRAG PERFORMANCES, CREATING A LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE-- TRULY, A LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE; AND CENSORING SCHOOL CURRICULUM, INCLUDING BOOKS. THINK ABOUT THAT. WE'RE FAILING TO EFFECTIVELY TEACH OUR CHILDREN, IN THE NAME OF HATE. ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THE YEARS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF PROP 8, WE SAW A SOCIETAL SHIFT IN ATTITUDES TOWARDS VITAL SUPPORT FOR OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY. ORGANIZING AND VISIBILITY LED TO GREATER ACCEPTANCE, CELEBRATION, AND INCLUSION, AS WELL AS HARD-FOUGHT LEGISLATIVE GAINS, INCLUDING MARRIAGE EQUALITY, AND WORKPLACE AND HOUSING PROTECTIONS. AND I WILL ALSO NOTE, MOTION 14 SHOWS THE WAY CALIFORNIA IS CONTINUING TO LEAD THE WAY ON L.G.B.T.Q.+ FOSTER YOUTH

PROTECTIONS, AND I'M GLAD OUR BOARD WILL BE SUPPORTING THAT. SADLY, THOUGH, WE KNOW, EVEN THOUGH WE CELEBRATE THIS PRIDE MONTH, AS WE HEARD, THERE'S SO MUCH THAT IS HAPPENING TO ATTACK OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, AND IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. SO WE MUST REDEDICATE OURSELVES, AS AN ENTIRE COUNTY, AND KNOW THAT THIS IS A RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL HAVE. THIS IS NOT A RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS PLACED ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY TO FIGHT BY THEMSELVES. WE MUST ALL STAND STRONG AND FIRM AND CLEAR IN OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKING TOGETHER, TO TAKING THIS RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY, AND I'M GLAD THAT WE WILL HAVE A COMMISSION THAT IS DOING EXACTLY THAT. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS, AND I THANK OUR SUPERVISORS FOR LEADING THE WAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK AS THE CO-AUTHOR OF 30, AND THEN I'LL THROW IT TO YOU, MS. MITCHELL. BUT I THINK WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS TODAY IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE, WHILE WE CERTAINLY EMBRACED THE SYMBOLISM OF RAISING THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER OUR COUNTY BUILDINGS, AND WHILE WE ALL HAVE MINIATURE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAGS ON OUR DESK, SYMBOLS ARE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THEY SEND A MESSAGE. BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TODAY, WITH THESE TWO MOTIONS, IS ACTUALLY DOING MORE THAN JUST SOMETHING SYMBOLIC. WE ARE ACTUALLY

PUTTING INTO ACTION TWO THINGS THAT WILL CLEARLY IMPACT FOR THE GOOD, FOR OUR L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. AND I REALLY APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH, JUST FOR YOUR WORDS THIS MORNING. AND MAY I ALSO SAY, THANK YOU FOR INVITING MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO RIDE ON YOUR FLOAT IN THE WEHO PRIDE PARADE. AND WE SAW A.H.F. OUT THERE. THEY ALSO HAD A BIG FLOAT, AND THEY TOLD US THEY WERE GOING TO BE HERE TODAY, TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUES THAT THEY CONTINUALLY ADVOCATE FOR. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR ADVOCACY. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY INCLUSIVE OF YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, TO INVITE US. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T SHARE THEIR FLOATS. IT'S KIND OF A BIG THING TO SHARE YOUR FLOAT, BECAUSE YOU'RE KIND OF THE STAR OF YOUR OWN FLOAT, ALTHOUGH WE HAD ANOTHER STAR OF YOUR FLOAT, AND LINDSEY HORVATH HAS A DRAG LINDSEY. RIGHT? SHE HAS A DRAG LINDSEY HORVATH THAT SAT ATOP THIS FLOAT, THAT LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE HER, EVEN CARRIED A LITTLE WHITE DOG. SO I THINK YOU REALLY HAVE ARRIVED IN LIFE, WHEN YOU ACTUALLY HAVE YOUR OWN DRAG QUEEN THAT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND ACTS LIKE YOU. THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. BUT WE HAD A LOT OF FUN, AND THERE WAS SO MUCH LOVE AT THE PRIDE PARADE, ALMOST DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER PARADE THAT WE PARTICIPATE IN. THERE IS SO MUCH LOVE. THERE'S SO MUCH GOODWILL. THERE IS SO MUCH, YOU KNOW, REALLY FEELING OF INCLUSION AND SUPPORT, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY. 28 IS SUCH A GREAT MOTION. I REALLY CAN'T ADD TO WHAT BOTH OF YOU HAVE SAID. 30, I WAS GOING TO JUST SAY, AGAIN, THANK YOU,

SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS A GREAT IDEA. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT CREATING A COMMISSION FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR SO MANY DECADES. THOSE VOICES HAVE BEEN OUT THERE FIGHTING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS, FIGHTING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE DIGNITY AND RESPECT, WHETHER IT'S HEALTHCARE OR HOUSING. BUT WE'VE NEVER REALLY HAD A COUNTY COMMISSION WHERE WE COULD BRING EVERYBODY TOGETHER, BRING ALL THOSE STAKEHOLDERS, ALL THOSE VOICES TOGETHER, TO ADVISE THIS BOARD ABOUT THE POLICIES THAT WE MAKE. I THINK OUR COMMISSIONS IN THE COUNTY ARE SO IMPORTANT AND IMPACTFUL, AND I'M GIVING THIS MESSAGE TO EVERY COMMISSION OUT THERE. WE REALLY WANT YOU TO BE EMPOWERED TO ADVISE THIS BOARD ON ISSUES THAT YOU THINK CAN MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, WE KNOW THAT THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY DON'T HAVE ACCESS, SOMETIMES, TO BASIC SERVICES. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THEY'RE MORE LIKELY TO BE UNINSURED, LIVING IN POVERTY, AND TO HAVE DISABILITIES THAT IMPACT THEIR ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. SO, HOPEFULLY, THIS COMMISSION WILL BE A POWERFUL COMMISSION THAT CAN CLOSE THAT GAP BY, AGAIN, BRINGING THOSE ISSUES TO OUR ATTENTION, HELPING US CRAFT POLICIES, GOING FORWARD, THAT FOREVER CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I GOT A CALL THIS MORNING FROM ASSESSOR JEFF PRANG, WHO IS OF COURSE OUR HIGHEST-RANKING MEMBER OF THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY TO BE ELECTED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND HE SUGGESTED

THAT WE EXPAND THIS. I KNOW EACH OF US GET AN APPOINTMENT, AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INVITE ALL THREE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTY TO APPOINT SOMEONE ON THIS COMMISSION. SO MY AMENDMENT WOULD BE, EACH COUNTY-ELECTED OFFICIAL-- COUNTYWIDE ELECTED OFFICIAL-- WILL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMISSION, AND THUS REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THE AT-LARGE APPOINTEES BY TWO. SO, I THINK IT'S BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHOR, AND I THINK THIS WILL MAKE IT AN EVEN BETTER COMMISSION. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MS. MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS OF BOTH MOTIONS, ITEMS 28 AND 30. AND IN READING BOTH OF THEM, IN LISTENING TO ALL OF YOU, I'M REMINDED OF A CONCEPT THAT LAW PROFESSOR KIMBERLE CRENSHAW INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO: THE CONCEPT OF INTERSECTIONALITY, AND RECOGNIZING KIND OF THE OVERLAPPING REALITY OF SYSTEMS OF DISCRIMINATION AND DISADVANTAGE BASED ON PEOPLE'S RACE, CLASS, GENDER, SEXUAL IDENTIFICATION, AND SO WE CAN'T SEPARATE THOSE ITEMS, AND HOW WE, AS A COUNTY, BREAK DOWN SYSTEMS THAT, THROUGH INTERSECTIONALITY, LEAVE PEOPLE BEHIND, AND OUT, AND UNSEEN. AND SO ON ITEM 28, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT MOTION, AND I APPRECIATE YOU ACCEPTING MY AMENDMENT, THAT'S ALSO SUPPORTED BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE INCLUDING OUR A.R.D.I. STAFF, TO ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' NEW FOCUS

AROUND EQUITY, DIVERSION, INCLUSION, AND ANTI-RACISM IS MOVING IN LOCKSTEP WITH THE COUNTY'S OVERALL EFFORTS TO BECOME A MORE DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, AND INCLUSIVE COUNTY. JUST A REMINDER OF HOW WE GOT HERE WITH A.R.D.I.: IT WAS PASSED BY THE BOARD, UNANIMOUSLY, IN JULY OF 2020, AND THE MANDATE WAS TO ADDRESS-- AND I WILL QUOTE DIRECTLY FROM THAT ORIGINAL MOTION-- "GENERATIONAL INEQUALITY AND SYSTEMIC ANTI-BLACK RACISM, PARTICULARLY RACISM AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THAT HAVE RESULTED IN LARGE DISPARITIES IN FAMILY STABILITY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND HOUSING." AGAIN, RECOGNIZING THE INTERSECTIONAL ROLE OF ALL OF THESE SYSTEMS ON PEOPLE OVER TIME. SO, CREATING THESE PROGRAMS, AGAIN, REALLY TAKES A SPECIAL EXPERTISE, TRAINING, AND FOCUS AND EXPERIENCE, AND SO I APPRECIATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE EXPANDING ITS EFFORTS TO INCLUDE A.R.D.I.'S SKILLED GUIDANCE, SO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THAT AMENDMENT. WITH REGARD TO ITEM 30, LIKE ALL OF YOU HAVE STATED, IT IS ALSO MY DESIRE TO SERVE A COUNTY AND REPRESENT A DISTRICT THAT IS WELCOMING, THAT IS SAFE, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU ARE, HOW YOU IDENTIFY, OR WHO YOU LOVE. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE DURING PRIDE MONTH TO NOT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE SYMBOLIC SYMBOLS OF EQUALITY AND PRIDE, BUT TO MAKE IT MEANINGFUL IN TERMS OF HOW WE OPERATIONALIZE OUR WORK. AND AGAIN, THIS WORK IS OF PARTICULAR NOTE THIS YEAR, AS

WE LOOK AT OUR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-NONCONFORMING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WHO ARE FACING HORRIFIC ATTACKS FROM POLICYMAKERS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. AND SO THIS COMMISSION AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT IS FORMED, AND WHO WILL COMPRISE IT, IS IMPORTANT. SO I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CENTERING AND ELEVATING THE LEADERSHIP OF L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE, WHO FACE THE GREATEST INEQUITIES, AND WHO ARE OFTEN MARGINALIZED IN THOSE VERY CONVERSATIONS. THAT INCLUDES YOUTH, TRANSGENDER, GENDER-NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SO IT'S MY EXPECTATION THAT THE APPOINTMENTS WILL INCLUDE PEOPLE FROM THESE DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, AS WELL: AGAIN, YOUTH, TRANSGENDER, NONBINARY, AND PANSEXUAL APPOINTEES. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT, TO ADD AN ITEM UNDER 2-C, AS FOLLOWS, AND I QUOTE: "TO ADVANCE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CENTERING AND ADDRESSING THE DISPROPORTIONATE INEQUITIES FACING TRANSGENDER, GENDER-NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX PEOPLE, BUILDING ON THE UPCOMING REPORT-BACK FROM THE BOARD'S NOVEMBER 2022 MOTION" THAT I PROUDLY AUTHORED. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO CASTING MY AYE VOTE, AND HOPE THAT THAT AMENDMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YES, WE BOTH ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT, AND LET ME-- IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT MY MATH IS A LITTLE OFF THIS MORNING, SO LET ME REPHRASE THE AMENDMENT. EACH COUNTYWIDE ELECTED OFFICIAL WILL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMISSION, AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF

AT-LARGE APPOINTEES TO 2. I SAID, "BY 2," AND THIS IS "TO TWO." TUTU. I WORE A TUTU AT THE PARADE. YES. YES, GOT IT.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, IS IT BY THREE? BECAUSE THERE'S THREE COUNTYWIDE ELECTED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: RIGHT, SO I'M SAYING, WE'RE REDUCING IT TO TWO.

SUP. MITCHELL: AT LARGE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: TWO AT LARGE.

SUP. BARGER: ALL RIGHT. OKAY. GOT IT. GOT IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: FROM THREE TO TWO.

SUP. BARGER: GOT IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. RIGHT, THANK YOU. OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ADRI DE LUNA, CAM ALVARENA, CAMILA CAMALEON, HECTOR PLASCENCIA, HERMAN HERMAN, JESSICA MARTINEZ, AND LUIS VASQUEZ. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE? BONJOUR?

MODERATOR: DR. CLAVREUL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE. YOU MIGHT BE MUTED ON YOUR SIDE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU THERE? LET'S KEEP HER ON THERE, IF SHE'S ON THERE. MAYBE GO TO THE NEXT CALLER.

MODERATOR: OKAY, ONE MOMENT. WE'LL GET HER BACK. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HER. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NORMA RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE BEGIN.

NORMA RODRIGUEZ: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NORMA RODRIGUEZ. I USE SHE/HER PRONOUNS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. PLANNED PARENTHOOD PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PROVIDES VITAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES, SUCH AS GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE, P.E.P. AND

PR.E.P., CONTRACEPTION, S.T.I. TESTING, CANCER SCREENINGS, ABORTIONS, MAMMOGRAMS, AND MOST RECENTLY, MENTAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 60,000 PATIENTS EACH YEAR, THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES. I'M CALLING IN TODAY IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 28, CARE WITH PRIDE, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR LINDSEY HORVATH FOR THEIR MOTION TO CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH BY EXPANDING GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND CARE MANAGEMENT FOR L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS. AT A TIME WHERE, ACROSS THE NATION, WE ARE SEEING LEGISLATURES PASS DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION TARGETING L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, L.A. COUNTY MUST SEND A MESSAGE--

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

NORMA RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, FROM STUDIO CITY, AND LET ME JUST SAY, DEEPLY MOVING AND VERY, VERY POWERFUL THAT SO MANY SUPERVISORS CAME OUT ON PRIDE DAY, OR PRIDE WEEK.

I MEAN, THIS IS REALLY-- THIS IS SOMETHING ALSO HISTORIC. I'M VERY TOUCHED, AND I DIDN'T-- THERE WAS NOT-- IT HASN'T BEEN FORMALIZED, BUT I'M REALLY IMPRESSED, AND I THINK THAT THIS BOARD HAS DONE SO MUCH TO MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE, AND I THINK PLANNED PARENTHOOD COMING ON IS A PERFECT KIND OF AN EXAMPLE. I THINK WE DO HAVE TO. IN MY COMMUNITY-- I LIVE IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD-- THIS IS WHERE THERE'S BEEN A LITTLE TUMULT, AND I THINK THERE'S BEEN ASPERSIONS CAST AT BOTH SIDES. AND I THINK MANY OF US WHO DO SUPPORT L.G.B.T.Q. RIGHTS, AND CERTAINLY EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION, AND THE SPECTRUM OF GOOD STUFF, ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE FAMILIES AND KIDS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WHO ARE-- THEY DON'T UNDER-- SO, WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS A BETTER JOB OF GETTING EVERYBODY TO--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REMARKS, ERIC. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ERIC ADAMIAN. I USE HE/HIM PRONOUNS, AND I'M WITH G.A.L.A.S. L.G.B.T.Q.+ ARMENIAN SOCIETY, WHICH IS THE LEADING VOICE OF L.G.B.T.Q. ARMENIANS AND THE MOVEMENT SINCE 1998. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR MOTIONS TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR

L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 8, 28, AND 30, AND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS MOTION AND STAND WITH THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO MAKING L.A. COUNTY AND OUR COMMUNITY SAFE FOR ALL INTERSECTIONAL COMMUNITIES. ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY AND THE L.G.B.T.Q. ARMENIANS, I AM VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT THESE MOTIONS, AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S TREMENDOUS POWER WHEN THEY ALL STAND TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF DISCRIMINATIONS THAT WE ARE FACING TODAY, ESPECIALLY IN PLACES SUCH AS GLENDALE UNIFIED, AND IN L.A. UNIFIED. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALMA LEVA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS ALMA LEVA. I'M THE HEAD OF PROGRAMS WITH [INAUDIBLE] CONSULTING. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED AGAIN, AS WELL, FOR THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS FOR L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING TARGETED WITH A LOT OF HATEFUL AND DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION NATIONWIDE, AND I'M EXCITED FOR THESE MOTIONS TO BE SET. L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO OVER HALF A MILLION L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS, AND NOW MORE THAN EVER, L.A. CAN

REALLY SET THE TONE FOR WHAT IT IS TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. SO, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THESE MOTIONS AND STAND WITH THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM TWO SPIRITS. I AM [INAUDIBLE] AND MEXICAN. HAPPY PRIDE MONTH. I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS SUCH A DIVERSE AND LARGE COMMUNITY, SO WE HAVE THE LARGEST GROUP OF NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKA NATIVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTRY. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE THE LARGEST TWO-SPIRIT POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE RESOURCES OR EVEN MUCH TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY, AND THIS WOULD REALLY BEGIN THE PROCESS TO REALLY PROVIDE SOME EQUITABLE AND SAFE SPACES FOR ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. I ATTENDED PRIDE AT THE WEST HOLLYWOOD EVENT THIS WEEKEND, AND IT WAS JUST FANTASTIC TO SEE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY [INAUDIBLE] REALLY COMING TOGETHER. AND SO I REALLY WANT TO, AGAIN, COMMEND, AND I REALLY SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, AND HOPE THAT YOU WOULD INCLUDE TWO

SPIRITS IN THERE, AS WELL, JUST SO THAT WE ARE ALSO RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JASON LYON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JASON LYON: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS COUNCILMEMBER JASON LYON, FROM PASADENA. JUST WANTED TO CALL IN. I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOUR DISCUSSION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS AFFIRMING AND SUPPORTING THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. IT SOUNDS AS IF YOU'RE ALL IN SUPPORT OF BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU, PARTICULARLY ON DELIVERING HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, AND IN PARTICULAR MENTAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES, IN THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER HERE IN PASADENA. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

MODERATOR: WE'LL TRY, AGAIN, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE?

MODERATOR: GENEVIEVE, CAN YOU CHECK AND SEE IF YOU'RE MUTED ON YOUR SIDE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET GENEVIEVE. OKAY. ARE WE GOING TO IN-PERSON NOW? OKAY. WELL, IF GENEVIEVE CALLS BACK, WE'LL PUT HER ON. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO IN-PERSON--

MODERATOR: WE DO HAVE ONE MORE ON THE PHONE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, WE HAVE ONE MORE ON THE PHONE. OKAY.

MODERATOR: YEAH. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION THERE. WE'RE GOING TO CELESTIAL MANALU. I'M NOT SURE OF THE PRONUNCIATION, BUT YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI THERE. MY NAME IS CELESTIAL MANALU, [INAUDIBLE], AND I'M THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF [INAUDIBLE] L.A., AN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE OF COLOR AND THEIR COMMUNITIES SINCE 1992. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS, LINDSEY HORVATH, AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTIONS TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS FOR OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING THE TARGET OF HATEFUL AND DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION NATIONWIDE. L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS HOME TO OVER A HALF A MILLION L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, NEEDS TO DO MORE THAN JUST SAYING THAT IT STANDS WITH US. WE NEED

ACTION. CREATING A COMMISSION THAT UPLIFTS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND EXPANDS THOSE SERVICES THAT ARE HOLISTIC, ADDRESSING HEALTH/WELLNESS, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, CREATIVE ARTS, AND ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES FOR T.G.I. RESIDENTS IS CRITICAL, EXPANDING ON GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE AND CREATING A QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE SUPPORT THAT HELPS THE COUNTY BETTER UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY WE NEED THE MOST, AND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MOTION FOR ITEMS 28 AND 30. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO IN-PERSON. WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR MY VOICE, AND I HOPE YOU GUYS PASS-- I HOPE YOU GUYS MAKE SURE THE PLACES THAT ARE BEING CHARGED TO GIVE THE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DO THE RIGHT THING, BECAUSE I'M NOT FROM THE GROUP, BUT MY DAUGHTER, SHE IS, AND I'M FIGHTING FOR HER RIGHTS, TOO, BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN DISCRIMINATED, EVEN FROM ALL THE AUTHORITIES, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH. AND THEN, I JUST WISH YOU GUYS TO MAKE SURE THIS PASSES, TO MAKE SURE ANY AGENCY GOING TO BE IN CHARGE GIVES THE RIGHT SERVICES TO THEIR SPECIAL GROUP, BECAUSE THEY REALLY NEED TO BE PROTECTED, BECAUSE PEOPLE DISCRIMINATE THEM ONLY BECAUSE THEY LIKE PREFERENCE, AND IT'S NOT RIGHT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: THE BOOK OF ROMANS, CHAPTER 1, VERSE 26 AND 27. IN REGARDS TO SNYDER VERSUS PHELPS, TO NO OFFENSE, WOMAN ATTORNEY, BUT IN THE CONTENT OF THE COURT'S OPINION, I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD, YOU'RE GOING TO HELL. GOD HATES YOU. NOW, WHETHER OR NOT IT'S A STATEMENT TRUE OR NOT, LET THE COURTS DECIDE, AND LET GOD, ON HIS SIDE, DECIDE WHAT IS THE TRUTH: WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE A CHOICE TO BE A [EXPLETIVE], OR [INAUDIBLE] [EXPLETIVE].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, PLEASE WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE.

HERMAN HERMAN: BEING AN L.G.B.T.Q., IT'S A CHOICE. IT'S A CHOICE. I'M NOT CONDONING IT. I'M NOT CONDEMNING IT. BUT NO ONE IN THIS WORLD SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE INFLUENCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR ANY OFFICIAL, SAYING THAT IT'S OKAY TO BE A [EXPLETIVE] [EXPLETIVE].

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU'VE ALREADY HAD ONE WARNING UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. THIS IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THAT'S YOUR FIRST WARNING. YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SECOND WARNING, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SECOND WARNING. THANK YOU. AND JUST TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU DISAGREE WITH SOMEONE, JUST DO THUMBS DOWN, AND IF YOU AGREE WITH SOMEBODY, PUT YOUR HANDS UP. WE'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP THE NOISE IN THE AUDITORIUM TO A LIMIT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LUIS VASQUEZ: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LUIS VASQUEZ. I'M THE FOUNDING MANAGING DIRECTOR AT RAINBOW LABS. FIRST OFF, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING THOSE FLAGS UP. I SERVED 12 YEARS IN THE NAVY, AND IT WAS A "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY AT THE TIME, AND NOW THAT SAME GOVERNMENT GETS TO RAISE A FLAG IN MY BEHALF. MAKES ME REALLY, REALLY PROUD. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS, LINDSEY HORVATH, AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTIONS TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, YOU HAVE GRANTED FUNDS THROUGH OUR YOUTH COUNCIL, TO CONTINUE TO GROW, AND THIS IS HOW WE CREATE ADVOCACY. CREATING THE

COMMISSION THAT FOCUSES ON THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, EXPANDING SERVICES AND OUTREACH TO OUR RESIDENTS, WILL HELP COUNTY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES WHO NEED IT MOST. WE CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK FOR OUR STUDENTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE THE YOUTH COUNCIL, AND THIS IS HOW WE CONTINUE TO CREATE COMMUNITIES WHERE FOLKS CAN SEE THEMSELVES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEED IS TODAY. IT IS URGENT. WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF L.A., AND TODAY OUR STUDENTS ARE SEEING IT. THEY'RE WATCHING IT, AND SO I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MOVING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THOSE WORDS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CAMILA CAMALEON, AND I AM THE BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY L.G.B.T.Q. CENTER. OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ORIENTATIONS AND GENDER IDENTITIES. WE, AS AN ORGANIZATION, VOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORLD WE LIVE IN, AND TO TAKE A STAND WHEREVER IT IS. TODAY IS AN EMPOWERING MOMENT. WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR MANY YEARS, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS, LINDSEY HORVATH, AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTIONS TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO OVER HALF A MILLION L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS, WITH OVER 100,000

ESTIMATED TO LIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING TARGETS OF HATEFUL RHETORIC AND LEGISLATION NATIONWIDE, ON OUR BODIES, OUR MINDS, AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR FULL POTENTIAL. CREATING A COMMISSION AND EXPANDING GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE, FOCUSED ON THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND EXPANDING OUTREACH AND SERVICES FOR T.G.I. RESIDENTS, WILL HELP THE COUNTY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND, AND TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS THE MOST. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS CAM, AND I'M WITH RAINBOW LABS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS, LINDSEY HORVATH, AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTIONS TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR L.G.B.T. RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING TARGETED BY HATEFUL AND DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION, NATIONWIDE. I AM 21 YEARS OLD, A TRANS-MASCULINE NONBINARY PERSON, AND I AM SCARED, NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR OUR YOUTH. AND IT IS JUST VITAL AND LIFE-SAVING FOR THEM TO HAVE THOSE SPACES; NOT ONLY HAVE SPACES, BUT FOR THEM TO TAKE UP SPACE, JUST SIMPLY EXPRESSING THEMSELVES AND HAVING THE GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE THAT THEY NEED. CREATING A COMMISSION THAT FOCUSES ON THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND EXPANDING SERVICES AND OUTREACH FOR OUR T.G.I. RESIDENTS, WILL

HELP THE COUNTY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND US AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES OUR COMMUNITIES NEED THE MOST. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD TO APPROVE THESE MOTIONS AND STAND WITH THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, AND HAPPY PRIDE.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ADRI, AND I AM ALSO WITH RAINBOW LABS. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS, LINDSEY HORVATH, AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTIONS TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. WE WORK WITH A LOT OF L.G.B.T.Q.+ YOUTH, SPECIFICALLY TRANS AND GENDER-NONCONFORMING YOUTH. EVERY DAY, THEY HAVE TO GO HOME. THEY HAVE TO BE MISGENDERED. THEY CAN'T BE A PART OF THEMSELVES THAT THEY WISH THAT THEY CAN BE. SCHOOLS AREN'T NECESSARILY THE SAFEST PLACES FOR THEM, SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE FUNDING PROGRAMS LIKE RAINBOW LABS, PROGRAMS THAT ARE HERE TODAY, SO STUDENTS CAN HAVE AT LEAST AN HOUR OF SAFETY. GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE SAVES LIVES. IT IS REALLY TRUE. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US FOR-- PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

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

HECTOR PLASCENCIA: HOLA. BUENOS DIAS. HECTOR PLASCENCIA, WITH PLASCENCIA CONSULTING AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PRIDE ROUNDTABLE, A COLLECTIVE OF CITY MAYORS, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS LEADING QUEER AND TRANS INITIATIVES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. GRACIAS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING BOTH MOTIONS. WE'RE IN STRONG SUPPORT. REGA.R.D.I.NG THE EXPANDED SERVICES, WE WERE RAISED IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, AND EXPERIENCED PERSONALLY THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AS A SERVICE DESERT FOR GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE. THERE ARE OVER 115,000 QUEER AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND WE WELCOME THIS MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE IN THE REGION. REGA.R.D.I.NG THE COMMISSION, AS L.A. COUNTY TRANSITIONS TOWARDS EQUITY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT QUEER AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE OFFER A GUIDING VOICE TOWARDS DECISIONS AND INITIATIVES THAT IMPACT OUR LIVES. WE SEE THE COUNTRY BREAKING RECORDS TOWARD HATE. WE VALUE L.A. COUNTY SEEKING TO BREAK RECORDS TOWARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, PROTECTIONS, AND ACCEPTANCE OF OUR UNDENIABLE REALITY: THAT QUEER AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE ARE EVERYWHERE. WE'VE ALWAYS EXISTED, AND WE WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO EXIST. GRACIAS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE WE HAVE GOT A COUPLE MORE PEOPLE ON THE PHONE, SO LET'S GO TO THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EMILY LARIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. AM I ON?

MODERATOR:. YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: OKAY. YES, HI. EMILY LARIS, AND I AM A CONSTITUENT OF SOUTH EL MONTE, IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA, AND I WAS CALLING IN BECAUSE I AM HIGHLY CONCERNED, LISTENING IN TO EVERYBODY SPEAKING. I AM A CHRISTIAN WOMAN. I AM A [INAUDIBLE] WOMAN. I SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR FAMILY. I SUPPORT EVERYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH WHAT GOD PUT TOGETHER, AS A MAN AND A WOMAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS FOR EVERYBODY, SO I'M NOT HERE TO BASH ANYBODY. I'M NOT HERE TO SAY SOMEBODY CAN'T LOVE SOMEBODY ELSE. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M HERE FOR. WHAT I'M HERE FOR IS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A COMMISSION FOR L.G.B.T.Q., YOU BETTER LOOK OUT, BECAUSE THERE SHOULD BE A COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIANS, WHERE FAMILIES CAN GO AND SUPPORT COMMUNITIES, ANYWHERE THEY NEED TO GO TO HAVE THOSE SERVICES THAT BELIEVE IN GOD, THAT BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR REMARKS. OKAY, IS THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE? NO? ANYBODY ELSE IN PERSON?

MODERATOR: WE DO HAVE A FEW MORE SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, YOU DO? OKAY.

MODERATOR: WE DO HAVE A FEW MORE SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. WE'LL GO BACK TO ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THOUGHT-- ERIC PREVEN'S ALREADY SPOKEN.

ERIC PREVEN: YEAH, ON THIS ITEM, I BELIEVE I ALREADY SPOKE. IS THIS THE PRIDE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH. WE'RE STILL ON 28 AND 30, WHICH I BELIEVE YOU HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN ON.

ERIC PREVEN: YEAH, NO, I ALREADY HAVE, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS GREAT, AND I THINK--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SO... I MEAN, I LIKE WHAT YOU SAY, AND I'D GIVE YOU ANOTHER MINUTE, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT. ANYBODY ELSE ON THE PHONE THAT HASN'T ALREADY SPOKEN?

MODERATOR: OKAY, WE'LL GO NEXT TO RENATO LIRA. YOU MAY BEGIN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

RENATO LIRA: HELLO. MY NAME IS RENATO LIRA. I AM THE DIRECTOR FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY L.G.B.T.Q. CENTER. I WOULD LIKE TO

SAY THAT IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO SEE THE SUPPORT THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING. THANK YOU TO LINDSEY FOR REPRESENTING THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, FOR SUPPORTING THIS, SOLIS, JANICE HAHN, ESPECIALLY WHAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD, THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALING. THIS IS A BIG MOVE FOR US. THIS IS A BIG SUPPORT FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STANDING FOR US, AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING THOSE. I HOPE YOU GUYS APPROVE THIS, AND MAKE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED ALL THE SUPPORT THAT WE CAN, ESPECIALLY HERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THANK YOU. LINDSEY, YOU ROCK THE HOUSE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SHE DOES ROCK THE HOUSE.

MODERATOR: AND OUR LAST PARTICIPANT IS VANESSA RAMOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

MODERATOR: WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: OKAY, AWESOME. THANK YOU SO MUCH. HELLO. MY NAME IS VANESSA RAMOS. I'M A BISEXUAL, BIRACIAL CONSTITUENT OF THE

THIRD DISTRICT. I ASK THE BOARD AND COMMEND THE BOARD FOR MOTION 30. I DO ASK THAT MEMBERS OF THE QUEER UNHOUSED COMMUNITY, PEOPLE ENGAGING WITH SEX WORKERS AND OTHER MARGINALIZED MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR IN THE CONVERSATIONS THAT ARE HELD. I'M SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR A FOCUS ON PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING OUTDOORS TO BE ENGAGED, BECAUSE AS WE HEARD TODAY, OFTENTIMES, PEOPLE COME FROM FAMILIES THAT HAVE VERY STRINGENT VIEWS, AND I RESPECT ALL VIEWS. HOWEVER, SOME PEOPLE ARE MARGINALIZED AND PUSHED OUT ON THE STREET, WHERE THEY ARE FURTHER TRAUMATIZED. AND OFTENTIMES, HELP DOESN'T COME THEIR WAY, AND THEIR VOICES AREN'T HEARD, BECAUSE THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THESE THINGS EXIST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN.

SPEAKER: OF COURSE. YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. ANYBODY ELSE? ANYWHERE?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SO, HEARING NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 28 IS NOW BEFORE US. WE WILL TAKE BOTH OF THEM-- EVEN THOUGH WE TOOK THEM UP TOGETHER, WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON BOTH OF THEM SEPARATELY. ITEM 28 IS BEFORE US. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, ITEM 30, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND IT TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 30, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GREAT. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 10, SILICOSIS PREVENTION AND CARE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO AGREED TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, WHICH I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT TO, IN A MORE SOMBER NOTE, DECLARE JUNE AS SILICOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO BOTH RAISE AWARENESS OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SILICA, AND TO TAKE ACTION. SILICOSIS IS AN INCURABLE LUNG

DISEASE CAUSED BY BREATHING IN TINY BITS OF SILICA DUST, WHICH CAN LEAD TO LUNG CANCER, KIDNEY AND AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, OTHER DISABILITIES, AND EVEN DEATH. SILICA IS A COMMON MATERIAL FOUND IN SAND, STONE, CONCRETE, ARTIFICIAL STONE, AND OTHER MATERIALS, BUT HUMAN-MADE SILICA STONE, ALSO KNOWN AS ENGINEERED OR FABRICATED STONE, CONTAINS MORE THAN 90% OF SILICA BOUND TOGETHER BY A RESIN, WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO SILICOSIS. SILICOSIS MAINLY AFFECTS WORKERS IN STONE FABRICATION OCCUPATIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE GRINDING AND CUTTING OF THE QUARTZ. THAT CAN BE DANGEROUS, AS SILICA DUST IS RELEASED INTO THE AIR, AND WORKERS CAN BECOME EXPOSED. CAL/O.S.H.A. REGULATES THE STONE FABRICATION INDUSTRY TO ENSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES ARE FOLLOWED, TO PREVENT EXPOSURE TO SILICA DUST. WHILE PREVENTION EFFORTS CAN HELP REDUCE EXPOSURE, THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS 100% EFFECTIVE. CAL/O.S.H.A. FURTHER REQUIRES THAT EMPLOYERS MAKE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES EXPOSED TO HIGH LEVELS OF SILICA, AND THIS IS BECAUSE SILICOSIS TYPICALLY OCCURS AFTER 15-20 YEARS OF OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE, AND SYMPTOMS MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS UNTIL THE DISEASE HAS PROGRESSED. SINCE JANUARY 2016, THERE HAVE BEEN 69 CASES OF SILICOSIS ATTRIBUTED TO ENGINEERED STONE ACROSS THE STATE. TRAGICALLY, 10 INDIVIDUALS HAVE DIED, AND THERE HAS BEEN AN UPWARD TREND, MORE RECENTLY. 48 OUT OF THOSE 69 CASES HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MOST OF WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED AT L.A. COUNTY OLIVE

VIEW-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF SILICOSIS CASES IN THE STATE, AND IN THE NATION. IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS TEND TO BE YOUNG LATINO IMMIGRANT MEN WORKING IN THIS FIELD. THERE MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE UNDIAGNOSED AND MISDIAGNOSED CASES OF SILICOSIS, MAKING THIS A MORE SEVERE PROBLEM THAN WE EVEN KNOW ABOUT TODAY. WE CANNOT SIT IDLY BY AND WAIT AS MORE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BECOME SICK. WE MUST CONDUCT OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ENGINEERED STONE TARGETING, STONE FABRICATORS, EMPLOYEES IN THE INDUSTRY, IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AND CONSUMERS. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT EMPLOYEES EXPOSED TO ENGINEERED STONE ARE GETTING APPROPRIATELY SCREENED, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE CAN PARTNER WITH STONE MANUFACTURERS TO ENSURE THAT HEALTH BENEFITS, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCES ARE MADE AVAILABLE IN CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY SENSITIVE WAYS. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR REPORT-BACK WITH OUR PARTNERS IN LABOR AND OTHER GROUPS, THAT WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE MATERIALS TO LEARN BEST PRACTICES AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE IMPACTS OF STRICTER REGULATION, AS WELL AS OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAME TO MY ATTENTION AFTER I WAS ELECTED, AND EXPANDED MY REPRESENTATION IN MY DISTRICT. LEARNING THAT THIS NUMBER OF CASES HAS COME FORWARD WAS ABSOLUTELY DISTURBING. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK OUR SENIOR HEALTH DEPUTY, ANGELICA AYALA, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY ON THIS TO TRULY UNDERSTAND ALL

THE WAYS THAT IT IS TOUCHING OUR COUNTY, AND THE WAYS THAT WE CAN TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT IT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS DEVASTATING TO LEARN ABOUT, BUT ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE, IF WE EDUCATE PEOPLE, IF WE PROVIDE THEM WITH THE RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE P.P.E. TO PROTECT THEMSELVES WHILE THEY ARE CONDUCTING THIS WORK. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER LEADERSHIP, AND ALL OF OUR PARTNERS, WHO WILL HELP TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE. WE KNOW THAT, OFTEN, PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THIS INDUSTRY ARE AT RISK IN SO MANY WAYS, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SPEAKING TO THEM IN THEIR LANGUAGE. WE'RE NOT MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE, WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED AND DESERVE WHILE DOING THIS WORK. AND SO I'M GLAD TO SEE L.A. COUNTY TAKING THIS ACTION. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIP OF OUR FRIENDS IN LABOR TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE REACHING EVERYONE WHO IS IMPACTED, AND WHO IS AT RISK, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WILL SEE A REDUCTION IN THESE CASES, AND HOPEFULLY AN ELIMINATION OF SILICOSIS, OVERALL. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: I DIDN'T CLICK, BECAUSE I'M CO-AUTHOR. I'M SORRY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'M SORRY. CO-AUTHORS DON'T NEED TO CLICK. GO AHEAD, MS. MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE IT, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR INVITING ME TO WORK WITH HER ON THIS PROJECT. AND YOU REALLY SAID IT ALL, IN TERMS OF LAYING OUT THE CHALLENGE THAT WE SEE IN THE INDUSTRY. BUT I WANT TO, AGAIN, GIVE PARTICULAR CREDIT TO THE DEDICATED DOCTORS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER. THEY ARE THE EXPERTS AT IDENTIFYING AND TREATING THIS HORRIBLE DISEASE, AND THEIR CONTINUOUS CARE MODEL ASSIGNS A PATIENT TO ONE EXPERT PHYSICIAN, WHO CAN CAREFULLY TRACK THE PATIENT'S PROGRESS. SO, OLIVE VIEW DOCTORS BEGAN TO NOTICE THAT PATIENTS PRESENTING WITH SILICOSIS WERE ALL WORKING IN THIS INDUSTRY, AS STONE CUTTERS. AND WORKPLACE PREVENTION IS CRITICAL, AND YET IT IS EXPENSIVE. SOPHISTICATED, PROTECTIVE MEASURES MAY BE FINANCIALLY OUT OF REACH FOR SMALLER OPERATORS, AND THE FABRICATORS THAT DO THEIR BEST TO FOLLOW SAFETY PRACTICES STRUGGLE TO COMPETE WITH LOWER PRICES OFFERED BY FABRICATORS THAT DON'T FOLLOW SAFETY PROTOCOLS. SO, I'M VERY PLEASED THAT OUR TEAMS WERE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY DEVELOP THIS MULTIPRONGED, SCIENCE-INFORMED, AND COMMUNITY-INFORMING APPROACH THAT INVOLVES MEDICAL EXPERTS, OUR BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS, LEGAL ADVOCATES, AND ENFORCEMENT

AGENCIES, AS WELL AS WORKERS AND CONSUMERS. AS CONSUMERS, WE HAVE A CHOICE. WE CAN SPEND MORE ON GRANITE OR MARBLE COUNTERTOPS, AND REDUCE-- PERHAPS NOT ELIMINATE, BUT AT LEAST REDUCE-- THE RISK TO WORKERS WHO CUT THE STONE, AND WE CAN ALSO CONSIDER COUNTERTOPS MADE OF OTHER SUBSTANCES. SO, THERE'S A ROLE FOR CONSUMERS TO PLAY, AS WELL, TO REALLY ASK THE QUESTION. AND DON'T-- YOU KNOW, MY MOTHER USED TO SAY, "SOMETIMES, FIRST CLASS IS CHEAPER." AND SO WHEN YOU UNDERCUT THE INDUSTRY, YOU ARE PROBABLY CREATING MORE UNSAFE WORK CONDITIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK. SO, I'M GLAD THE COUNTY OF L.A. IS MAKING A CHOICE; I HOPE THAT CONSUMERS WILL CONSIDER DOING THE SAME. AND THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE'RE GOING TO WORK TO BETTER PROTECT WORKERS, AND CREATE A SAFER WORK ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR, AND I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU TOUCHED ON WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY, AND THAT IS THAT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE THOSE-- I MEAN, CAL/O.S.H.A. HAS REQUIREMENTS, BUT THERE IS NO ENFORCEMENT FOR THE MOM-AND-POPS, AND THEY CAN BID A LOWER PRICE, AND THE CONSUMER IS NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPACT IT'S GOING TO HAVE ON ONE'S

HEALTH. SO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE INCLUDING THE BUILDING TRADES, BECAUSE WHEN I'VE TALKED TO THEM, THEY WANT ENFORCEMENT. THEY RECOGNIZE CAL/O.S.H.A.'S REQUIREMENTS, IN TERMS OF HOW YOU CUT, WHAT GEAR YOU PROVIDE TO EMPLOYEES, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S BEING ENFORCED ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, I'M EXCITED TO SEE HOW THIS MOVES FORWARD, AND HOW WE CAN BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM BEFORE US. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I, AS FORMER SECRETARY OF LABOR, HAD TO DEAL WITH, CONSTANTLY. AND WE KNOW THERE ARE VIOLATIONS IN THE INDUSTRY, AND WE DO KNOW THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPACTFUL AREA, ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, AND THE FACT THAT IT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS MEN OF COLOR, TYPICALLY LATINO MEN. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO RAISE AWARENESS, SO I REALLY APPLAUD THE WORK THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING HERE, MOVING FORWARD, AND WORKING ALSO WITH OUR FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONTACTS, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE CAN WORK IN TANDEM WITH THEM. WHEN CALIFORNIA SNEEZES, OR THE COUNTY SNEEZES, SOMETIMES PEOPLE PAY ATTENTION. SO, I INTEND ON

SUPPORTING THIS, AND KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE DISEASES THAT REALLY HAS DEVASTATING IMPACT LIFELONG, IF IT ISN'T ADDRESSED EARLY ON. AND BY THE WAY, THIS MONTH, I UNDERSTAND, IS ALSO SILICOSIS AWARENESS MONTH, SO IT JUST BEGS THE QUESTION FOR US TO DO SOMETHING. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WILL SUPPORT THIS ITEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 10.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ERNESTO PANTOJA, AND LUIS CARRILLO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. THIS IS DRY. THIS IS NOT AN EARLY-IN-A-MEETING ITEM. IF YOU ASK ME, IT COMES A LITTLE LATER, BUT THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND TO ALSO BRING UP, WHICH I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS NOTING, THAT IT IS SILICOSIS AWARENESS MONTH. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW IT IS REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH, AND REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT HERITAGE AWARENESS MONTH, BOTH. ALSO, ARTS AND

HEALTH WEEK IS COMING UP, WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY, AND OBVIOUSLY PLAY DAY IS JUNE 24TH. SO, GREAT WORK, AND THANKS. LET'S MOVE IT ALONG. THANK YOU.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO IN PERSON. WELCOME.

ERNESTO PANTOJA: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERNESTO PANTOJA, HERE ON BEHALF OF SERGIO RASCON, BUSINESS MANAGER OF LABORERS' LOCAL 300, HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, OUR MEMBERS ARE THE ONES THAT ARE DAILY, ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIDE, EXPOSED TO SILICA WHEN WE ABATE AND DEMOLISH. THAT'S WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO US, AND ESPECIALLY WHAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE TRYING TO DO. WE'RE NOT ASKING ABOUT BLANKET BANS RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THAT'S A LITTLE PREMATURE, BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE REGULATE, AND WE HAVE PARTNERSHIPS LIKE WE HAD WITH OUR CONTRACTORS, WHO ALSO SUBMITTED-- OUR ASSOCIATION SUBMITTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT, ASKING FOR THESE TYPES OF REGULATIONS, BECAUSE WHEN WE HAVE REGULATIONS, CONTRACTORS AND EVERYBODY WORKING TOGETHER, GUESS WHAT? YOU DON'T HAVE THESE CASES. AND

THAT'S THE THING THAT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR OUR MEMBERS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS, THE CONTRACTORS, AND GOVERNMENT. SO, WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

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

LUIS CARRILLO: GOOD MORNING. HOW ARE YOU GUYS?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MORNING.

LUIS CARRILLO: MY NAME IS LUIS CARRILLO, WITH LABORERS' LOCAL 300. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH IS REALLY CONCERNING. I CAME UP THROUGH THE LABORERS, AS A LABORER, MYSELF. COMING UP THROUGH THAT FIELD, I HAVE SEEN HOW THIS HAS EVOLVED THROUGH CAL/O.S.H.A., AND HOW THEY TEND TO REGULATE, HOW THEY PUT UP SIGNS: "IF YOU SEE DUST, CALL THIS NUMBER." THE MEMBERS THAT WE REPRESENT HERE AT LABORERS' LOCAL 300, AND THE CONTRACTORS, HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR GAME WHEN IT COMES TO RESPIRATORY SYSTEMS. YOU ARE NO LONGER SEEING THE DUST MASK. IT'S A FULL, HALF-FACE RESPIRATOR THAT PROTECTS THESE WORKERS TO A HIGHER STANDARD. SO, WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROBLEMS OF HAVING THESE MOM-AND-POP SHOPS OR CONTRACTORS WHO UNDERCUT, JUST FOR PAYING FOR CHEAP LABOR AND SNEAKING IN WORKERS THAT ARE NOT CERTIFIED, OR CAN'T DO THIS TYPE OF SYSTEMS, THIS IS

WHERE THE PROBLEM IS. SO, IF THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO ON OUR SIDE TO HELP PUSH THIS FORWARD, SPREAD THE WORD, AND ADVERTISE THROUGHOUT THE INDUSTRY, WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? NO MORE. I SAW CHIEF RED HUNT. DOES HE NOT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS?

SPEAKER: CHANGED HIS MIND.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CHANGED YOUR MIND? WHY DON'T YOU COME SPEAK, BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY-- WE'RE TRYING TO--

SUP. HORVATH: WELL, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE LABORERS FOR COMING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: COME ON DOWN. WE GOT 5 MINUTES TO 11.

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES, YES. GOOD MORNING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

RED CHIEF HUNT: I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS, YES. RED CHIEF HUNT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: KEEP TALKING.

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, COME ON. YOU GOT A MINUTE.

RED CHIEF HUNT: HEY, I'M IN FAVOR OF IT, YOU KNOW?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

RED CHIEF HUNT: LET'S DO THIS, MAN. LET'S MAKE THIS PASS RIGHT AWAY. RED CHIEF GIVES IT AN AYE. RED CHIEF GIVES IT ONE AYE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TIE IT ALL TOGETHER?

SUP. HORVATH: I WOULD LOVE TO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS, AND LABORERS' LOCAL 300, ESPECIALLY, FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I KNOW THAT MANY OF THEIR MEMBERS ARE GETTING EDUCATED BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN A LOCAL 300. I KNOW THAT THEIR UNION HAS DONE A LOT TO EDUCATE THEIR WORKERS, TO PROTECT THEIR WORKERS, AND THE MORE THEY REPRESENT WORKERS, I KNOW MORE PEOPLE WILL BE PROTECTED. SO, WE APPRECIATE THEIR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS ITEM, AND IN THIS WORK, AND ALL THE WAYS THAT THEY'RE FIGHTING TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE, TO DO EXACTLY WHAT WE OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION: TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SILICOSIS

PREVENTION MONTH, TO PUT IT INTO ACTION, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT L.A. COUNTY IS LEADING THE WAY IN PROTECTING OUR WORKERS. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR EXAMPLE, AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR CONSIDERING THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I, TOO, WANT TO ADD MY THANKS TO THE AUTHORS OF THIS MOTION, PARTICULARLY, AS YOU SAID, FOR BRINGING AWARENESS, BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE, I THINK, ARE NOT AWARE OF SILICOSIS, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF MANY OF OUR CONSTRUCTION TRADES. WE TALK SO MUCH ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING, BUILDING, BUILDING, BUT WE FORGET THAT THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY DOING THE WORK ARE EXPOSED TO HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC MATERIALS ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND SO RAISING MORE AWARENESS ABOUT THESE PARTICULAR DANGERS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM, I THINK WE'RE SENDING A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE THAT IT MATTERS THAT WE BUILD, BUT IT MATTERS THAT WE BUILD SAFE, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE OUT THERE DAILY, EXPOSING THEM. OKAY, SO, ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? GO AHEAD, MS. MITCHELL. GO AHEAD.

SUP. MITCHELL: I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD THE ROLES CONSUMERS SHOULD PLAY; THAT WE SHOULD ASK THE QUESTIONS AND PAY ATTENTION, AND MAKE DIFFERENT CHOICES IN TERMS OF THE PRODUCTS THAT WE ARE CHOOSING TO HAVE IN OUR HOMES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. ANYBODY ELSE? OKAY. I THINK WE'VE SAID IT ALL. WHY DON'T WE CALL FOR THE VOTE? ITEM 10 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SLOW THE ROLL. [LAUGHTER]

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND IT IS 10:59. THAT WAS VERY GOOD. AND THE REASON WE WERE DOING THAT, EVERYBODY, IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A SET ITEM THAT WE CANNOT HEAR BEFORE 11 A.M., AND WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT TOO MUCH AFTER 11 A.M. SO, IT IS 10:59. WE WILL JUST TAKE A BREATHER.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A MINUTE TO BRING UP THE POWERPOINT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OOH, EXCELLENT. OKAY. LET'S BRING IN ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO SPEAK ON SET ITEM. TAKE YOUR TIME. OOH, IT'S 11:00. OKAY, WE ARE NOW ON SET MATTER 1, THE REPORT ON CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BEDS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON SET MATTER 1. AND WE HAVE CHERI TODOROFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, THAT WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION. LET ME-- SHOULD WE HAVE THE PRESENTATION FIRST? LET'S HAVE THE PRESENTATION

FIRST, BEFORE REMARKS. DOES THAT SOUND GOOD TO EVERYBODY? OKAY. CHERI, YOU'VE GOT THE FLOOR.

CHERI TODOROFF: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY, TO TALK ABOUT THE BED STATUS FOR THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THIS SLIDE-- THIS PRESENTATION IS GOING TO BUILD OFF THE PRIOR TWO PRESENTATIONS THAT WERE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON THE BED STATUS. AND SO, TO JUST RECAP THOSE REALLY QUICKLY: IN THE LAST TWO PRESENTATIONS, WE SHARED AN OVERVIEW OF THE BED CONTINUUM FRAMEWORK, AND THE TYPES OF BED AVAILABLE IN THE L.A. COUNTY SYSTEM. WE LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OF BEDS AND THE FUNDING DETAILS FOR THE BEDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE CHALLENGES DRIVING THE BED SHORTAGES, INCLUDING FUNDING LIMITATIONS AND COORDINATION GAPS. AND SO TODAY, I'M GOING TO FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON THOSE BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH DOLLARS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND ALSO DISCUSS SOME CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY RELATED TO BUILDING OUT THAT BED INVENTORY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, DURING THE MAY 16TH PRESENTATION, THE THREE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS PRESENTED ON BOTH TREATMENT AND HOUSING BEDS. TODAY, I'M GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE HOUSING BEDS, AS THIS IS THE BED TYPE THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDS. THESE BED TYPES INCLUDE

LICENSED BOARD-AND-CARES, INTERIM HOUSING, AND PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, AS IT RELATES TO THIS GRAPHIC THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US, I WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE HOUSING BEDS THAT ARE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE GRAPHIC. WITHIN THIS CATEGORY, I AM SPECIFICALLY GOING TO GO OVER THE BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH DOLLARS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THESE FUNDS INCLUDE MEASURE H, WHICH IS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF FUNDS; ALSO H.H.A.P., WHICH STANDS FOR HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION FUNDING, WHICH IS A STATE SOURCE OF FUNDING; H.H.I.P., SOMETIMES CALLED H-HIP, WHICH STANDS FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING, WHICH IS MEDI-CAL DOLLARS THAT WE RECEIVE THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PARTNERS, SO L.A. CARE AND HEALTH NET; H.P.I., OR HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE, FUNDING; A.R.P.A. FUNDING; AND HOMEKEY FUNDING. SOME OF THE BEDS THAT I AM COVERING TODAY WERE INCLUDED IN THE MAY 16TH PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD, AS SOME D.H.S. AND D.P.H. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL BEDS ARE FUNDED BY THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. A COMMON THEME FOR THE BEDS THAT I AM DISCUSSING TODAY IS THAT THEY SERVE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR WHO HAVE HOUSING INSTABILITY, BUT THE CLIENTS BEING SERVED MAY ALSO BE JUSTICE INVOLVED. THEY MAY HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS. THEY ARE LIKELY SERVED BY MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SO, THE BEDS THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT TODAY ARE A CONTINUUM OF COUNTY-FUNDED BEDS THAT SERVE CLIENTS AS THEIR

NEEDS AND ACUITY LEVELS CHANGE, AND WE SERVE THEM OVER TIME. SO, AS WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE D.H.S. HOUSING BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING. THE BEDS ON THIS SLIDE ARE A SUBSET OF THE BEDS THAT D.H.S. INCLUDED ON THEIR MAY 16TH PRESENTATION. D.H.S. HAS A NUMBER OF FUNDING STREAMS, AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS ONE OF THEM. SO, ON THIS SLIDE, WE CAN SEE THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS FUNDING 185 LICENSED BOARD-AND-CARE BEDS. THERE ARE 56 IN DEVELOPMENT, AND THE RATE PER DAY, BASED ON CLIENT NEED, IS BETWEEN $100 AND $140 PER CLIENT PER DAY. NEXT, WE WILL LOOK AT THE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. WITHIN D.H.S., THESE ARE CALLED "STABILIZATION HOUSING" OR "RECUPERATIVE CARE." WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THEY ARE LARGELY SERVING CLIENTS WITH MID- TO HIGHER-ACUITY NEEDS; SO, WITH COMPLEX HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL CONDITIONS, AND THAT'S WHO THESE BEDS ARE INTENDED TO SERVE. SO, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS FUNDING 1,322 STABILIZATION BEDS, WHICH IS ABOUT 84% OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH, D.H.S.'S STABILIZATION BEDS. AND WE ARE FUNDING 335 OF THE RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS, WHICH IS ABOUT 55% OF THOSE RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS THAT D.H.S. HAS. THERE ARE 747 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS IN DEVELOPMENT, AND WE CAN SEE THE PRICE RANGE FOR THOSE BEDS IS BETWEEN $75 AND $100 FOR STABILIZATION, AND $150 TO $200 FOR RECUPERATIVE CARE. ONCE AGAIN, THESE ARE CLIENTS WITH MORE COMPLEX HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS. THEY HAVE ON-SITE CLINICAL SUPPORTS

AND LICENSED STAFF TO SUPPORT THOSE CLIENTS. NEXT, I'LL GO TO THE PERMANENT HOUSING BEDS. HERE, WE'RE FOCUSING ON PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THERE ARE TWO NUMBERS THAT WE SEE HERE, ONE WITHIN PARENTHESES AND ONE WITHOUT. THE 1,030 BEDS THAT WE SEE HERE FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING REFLECT RENTAL SUBSIDES. WE'RE ACTUALLY FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING CLIENTS WITH PAYING THE RENTS, USING THE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL. THE OTHER NUMBER THAT WE SEE, WHICH IS THE 13,145, ARE ALL OF THE CLIENTS THAT ARE BEING SUPPORTED IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SO, THAT INCLUDES THOSE 1,030 WHO HAVE A FLEXIBLE RENTAL SUBSIDY, AND THE BULK OF THE OTHER CLIENTS THERE ARE BEING SERVED WITH FEDERAL RENTAL SUBSIDIES. NOW, AS WE LOOK-- OH, IF YOU CAN GO BACK FOR JUST ONE MINUTE, PLEASE? A LITTLE BIT MORE ON THIS SLIDE. ON THE PERMANENT HOUSING SIDE HERE, WE HAVE 4,650 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SLOTS IN DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE NEW HOUSING UNITS THAT ARE IN RENTAL SUBSIDIES, THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME AVAILABLE IN FISCAL YEAR '23-'24. SO THAT IS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH, AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST GROWTH YEARS THAT WE'LL BE HAVING IN THE EXPANSION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE WILL BE FUNDING THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR ALL OF THAT GROWTH. THE SUPPORT HERE, FROM THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING FOR PERMANENT HOUSING, REFLECTS ABOUT-- WE ARE FUNDING ABOUT 76% OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH'S PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. I JUST WANT TO TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THIS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SIDE. WE ARE FUNDING AND PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, COUNTYWIDE. THESE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO ANY CITY THAT SITES PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THEIR CITY, AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WHILE WE PROVIDE THE SERVICES COUNTYWIDE, THE MAJORITY OF THE OVER 13,000 P.S.H. UNITS THAT ARE RECEIVING COUNTY-FUNDED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ARE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS 60% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE WITHIN THAT CITY. WE HAVE A SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO PARTNER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, IN WHICH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES INVESTS THE CAPITAL, AND THEY HAVE DONE THAT LARGELY THROUGH PROPOSITION H.H.H., TO DEVELOP THE HOUSING UNITS. THEIR HOUSING AUTHORITY, H.A.C.L.A., BRINGS IN THE FEDERAL VOUCHERS FOR THE OPERATING FOR THOSE HOUSING UNITS, AND THEN THE COUNTY PROVIDES THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN THOSE HOUSING UNITS. THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT INCLUDES A CASE MANAGER FOR EVERY CLIENT. THAT DOES NOT HAVE A TIME LIMIT ON IT, BECAUSE THESE ARE CLIENTS WITH COMPLEX ISSUES, WHO MAY NEED TO BE SUPPORTED FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OR EVEN A LIFETIME. SO THEY RECEIVE THOSE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. THEY ARE ALSO RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING IS FUNDING THE LOCAL SHARE OF COST, TO DRAW DOWN THE MEDI-CAL DOLLARS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WHAT WE

COMMONLY KNOW AS FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIP SERVICES TO CLIENTS IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE ARE ALSO FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, FOR THOSE SUBSTANCE-USE ASSESSMENT AND LINKAGE SERVICES FOR CLIENTS IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. ONE THING THAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND THESE DOLLARS IS THAT THIS IS CUMULATIVE EACH YEAR. WE ARE ADDING MORE CLIENTS THAT WE ARE SERVING EACH YEAR, BECAUSE THESE ARE CLIENTS WHO ARE SERVED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, AND PERHAPS A LIFETIME. SO THIS IS THE AREA OF GROWTH THAT WE ARE SEEING WITH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE DOLLARS. EACH YEAR, A GREATER DOLLAR AMOUNT AND A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF OUR FUNDING IS GOING TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. OKAY, NEXT, WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL HOUSING BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING. THESE BEDS WERE ALSO ON THE MAY 16TH PRESENTATION. THESE ARE A SUBSET OF THOSE BEDS. THESE ARE JUST THE ONES THAT ARE HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING. SO, THESE ARE RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS, AND WE'RE FUNDING 550 OF THOSE. RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING IS AN ABSTINENCE-BASED INTERIM HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR UNSTABLY HOUSED, AND WHO ARE CONCURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROGRAM. SO, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS FUNDING ABOUT 50% OF S.A.P.C.'S

RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS. WITH THE NEXT SLIDE, WE'LL LOOK AT D.P.S.S. SO, STARTING WITH THIS SLIDE, WE ARE MOVING ON TO HOUSING BEDS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRIOR PRESENTATION. THESE D.P.S.S. HOUSING BEDS ARE RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR AT RISK FOR BECOMING HOMELESS, AND ARE PURSUING S.S.I. OR VETERANS' BENEFITS. I HAVE A QUICK CORRECTION TO THIS SLIDE. IT SAYS THAT 942 ARE EXISTING, AND 59 ARE IN DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE ALL ACTUALLY EXISTING, SO WE DO HAVE 1,001 EXISTING BEDS. WE WILL MAKE A CORRECTION FOR FUTURE PRESENTATIONS. THE 59 IS IN THE "IN DEVELOPMENT" CATEGORY HERE, BECAUSE THESE ARE VACANT SLOTS RIGHT NOW, THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING NEW CLIENTS GET MATCHED TO THEM. SO, AS CLIENTS MOVE OFF, WE MATCH NEW CLIENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ON THIS SLIDE, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE HOMELESS-INITIATIVE-FUNDED BEDS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY. THESE INCLUDE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS AND PERMANENT HOUSING IN THE FORM OF TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES. WE ALSO OFTEN REFER TO TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES BY THE TERM "RAPID REHOUSING." SO, ON THIS SLIDE, WE CAN SEE THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS CURRENTLY FUNDING 2600 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. ALSO, THERE ARE 222 IN DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE WINTER SHELTER BEDS HERE. WE DID WANT TO INCLUDE THEM ON THE SLIDE, AS THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE INTERIM HOUSING PORTFOLIO. WE HAD 114 WINTER SHELTER BEDS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER SHELTER SEASON.

ON TOP OF THAT, WE HAD OVER 3,000 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD MOTEL VOUCHER STAYS DURING AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER ACTIVATION. I AM GOING TO COME BACK AND TALK ABOUT THAT FOR JUST A MOMENT, BUT FIRST, I'LL FINISH UP WITH THE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES HERE, OF WHICH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS FUNDING ALMOST 2500 OF THOSE, AND THERE ARE 138 IN DEVELOPMENT. I WILL DIG IN A LITTLE BIT MORE ON THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM AND THOSE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES. SO, WINTER SHELTER-- WE HAD A REALLY UNIQUE PROGRAM THIS YEAR, WITH OUR EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS. THERE WERE 31 ACTIVATIONS OF AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER, AND THOSE ACTIVATIONS TOTALED 131 DAYS THIS WINTER. SOME ACTIVATIONS WERE FOR JUST ONE PORTION OF OUR COUNTY, WHILE OTHERS COVERED MULTIPLE SERVICE PLANNING AREAS. SERVICE PLANNING AREA ONE WAS THE MOST FREQUENTLY ACTIVATED REGION. THIS YEAR, DUE TO THE SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, WE DID NOT CAP THE NUMBER OF VOUCHERS PER ACTIVATION. THIS WAS AN INTENTIONAL DECISION, GIVEN THE SEVERE WEATHER. THIS WAS UNIQUE, AS IN PRIOR YEARS THERE HAD BEEN A FUNDING CAP ON THE NUMBER OF MOTEL VOUCHERS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVATION. WE WANTED TO BRING AS MANY PEOPLE INSIDE AS WE COULD, DURING THESE WEATHER EVENTS. THE LIMITATION THAT WE EXPERIENCED WAS NOT ON THE NUMBER OF VOUCHERS THAT WAS AVAILABLE; IT WAS ON THE NUMBER OF HOTEL ROOMS AND MOTEL OWNERS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS OF GRAVE CONCERN TO US, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR

WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. WE WILL BE DOING A DEBRIEF FOR THE BOARD OFFICES ON THAT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. I JUST WOULD COMMENT THAT THAT OVER 3,000 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SUPPORTED WITH MOTEL VOUCHERS DURING THE AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM WAS A SIXFOLD INCREASE OVER THE PRIOR YEAR. IT WAS JUST UNDER 500 PEOPLE. NOW, WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES, THIS INCLUDES RENTAL ASSISTANCE, MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE, AND CASE MANAGEMENT. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PERMANENT HOUSING THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT D.H.S., WHICH IS DOING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WITH THE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDY, CLIENTS ARE TYPICALLY SUPPORTED FOR UP TO TWO YEARS. THEY ARE SUPPORTED WITH MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE, AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND CASE MANAGEMENT. THEY ARE SUPPORTED WITH THE GOAL OF THEIR BEING ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME AND TAKE OVER THEIR OWN RENT. AND AS THEY MOVE OUT OF THE PROGRAM, THEN ANOTHER CLIENT CAN MOVE INTO IT. SO, THIS IS NOT ONE THAT IS CUMULATIVE EACH YEAR, THE SAME WAY THAT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS. HOWEVER, THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO GROW, BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES TO SUPPORT MORE PEOPLE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THIS SLIDE, WE ARE LOOKING AT OUR OTHER CONTINUUMS OF CARE. THERE ARE FOUR IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE FIRST ONE, WE JUST WENT OVER, WHICH IS L.A.H.S.A. THE THREE REMAINING ONES ARE PASADENA, GLENDALE, AND LONG BEACH. THESE C.O.C.S, INCLUDING

L.A.H.S.A., THEY HAVE SOME-- WELL, THEY RECEIVE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS, SO THEY DO RECEIVE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING, DIRECTLY. SO, WITH THESE THREE C.O.C.S, WITH THE MONEY THAT WE PROVIDE THEM, THEY HAVE SOME DISCRETION ON THE PROGRAMMING OF THOSE DOLLARS. THEY LOOK AT THEIR OVERALL FUNDING STREAMS, AND LOOK AT WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE. SO, THE AMOUNTS HERE ARE THE AMOUNTS THAT THEY ARE CHOOSING TO USE OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE DOLLARS FOR INTERIM HOUSING AND FOR PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, WITH THE FUNDING THAT THEY RECEIVE FROM US, THEY ARE FUNDING TEN INTERIM HOUSING BEDS AND 44 TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES. MUCH OF THEIR OTHER FUNDS THAT THEY'RE USING ARE GOING FOR PREVENTION AND OUTREACH, AS THEY ARE ABLE TO DRAW ON OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THEIR INTERIM AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PERMANENT HOUSING. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE BEDS IN THE C.O.C.S THAN WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS CHART. THESE ARE JUST THE BEDS THAT THE C.O.C.S ARE USING THE FUNDING THAT THEY GET FROM THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO FUND. SO, IN ADDITION TO THE FUNDING THEY RECEIVE FROM US, LIKE I MENTIONED, THEY RECEIVE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING, WHICH THEY ARE USING TO PROCURE BEDS. AND ALSO, THOSE COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND L.A.H.S.A. BEDS THAT I ALREADY WENT OVER, THOSE THOUSANDS OF BEDS THAT ARE SPREAD COUNTYWIDE, THOSE ARE ALSO LOCATED IN THE C.O.C.S, AND SUPPORT RESIDENTS COUNTYWIDE. AS WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE ARE LOOKING AT CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT. AND SO ON THIS SLIDE, WE CAN SEE THAT HOMELESS

INITIATIVE DOLLARS ARE CURRENTLY FUNDING JUST OVER 500 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS, AND THERE ARE 176 IN DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION, HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING IS SUPPORTING 46 SHALLOW SUBSIDIES. "SHALLOW SUBSIDIES" IS ALSO A NEW CATEGORY HERE. SO, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES. SHALLOW SUBSIDIES ARE... A SHALLOW SUBSIDY IS FOR SOMEBODY WHO ALREADY HAS SOME SORT OF INCOME OR RESOURCE TO PAY THEIR RENT, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO COVER THEIR FULL RENT, SO IT IS SORT OF COVERING THAT GAP. IT IS TYPICALLY IN THE AMOUNT OF A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CLIENT PER MONTH, TO HELP THEM BE ABLE TO STAY STABLE IN HOUSING. SO, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN MAKING FUNDING AVAILABLE TO CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND THEY HAVE USED THESE FUNDS FOR A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING THESE BEDS. SO, THE FUNDING THAT THE CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT ARE RECEIVING FROM THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ARE ALSO FUNDING OTHER ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS PREVENTION AND OUTREACH. MORE RECENTLY, THE BOARD ESTABLISHED THE CITY AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT INTERIM HOUSING FUND. SOMETIMES, WE HEAR IT REFERRED TO AS C.C.O.G.I.H.S. THIS IS A $15 MILLION FUND THAT WAS CREATED BY THE BOARD TO SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT CITIES AND COGS WITH OPERATING FUNDING FOR INTERIM HOUSING THAT IS SITED IN THEIR JURISDICTION. TO DATE, SEVEN CITIES HAVE BEEN AWARDED C.C.O.G.I.H.S. GRANTS FOR NEARLY 190

BEDS, AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR THESE FUNDS. ONCE AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE MORE BEDS IN CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT THAN ARE INCLUDED IN THIS CHART. THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS JUST THE BEDS THAT THEY ARE DIRECTING TO USE FOR INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, THERE ARE THOSE-- ONCE AGAIN, THOSE THOUSANDS OF BEDS THAT ARE BEING FUNDED AND ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. ARE LOCATED IN CITIES COUNTYWIDE, AND ARE SERVING RESIDENTS COUNTYWIDE. NEXT, WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH IS HOMEKEY. PROJECT HOMEKEY HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FASTEST, LARGEST, AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE ADDITIONS OF PERMANENT AND INTERIM HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE USED HOMEKEY TO ACQUIRE 24 PROPERTIES, MOSTLY HOTELS AND MOTELS, AND ARE CONVERTING THEM INTO INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 188 BEDS THAT ARE EXISTING IN INTERIM HOUSING, AND WE HAVE JUST UNDER 1200 THAT ARE FUNDED AND IN DEVELOPMENT. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 80 THAT ARE OPERATING AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND JUST OVER A THOUSAND THAT ARE FUNDED AND IN DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. THE FIRST THING IS THAT, IN TOTAL TO DATE, THROUGH HOMEKEY, WE HAVE ACQUIRED 1,567 UNITS. WE'LL SEE THAT THE NUMBER OF BEDS HERE IS HIGHER THAN THAT, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE FAMILY UNITS WITH MULTIPLE BEDS AND BEDROOMS. YOU CAN ALSO SEE THAT WE HAVE A LARGE PART OF OUR

HOMEKEY PORTFOLIO IN DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S BECAUSE THE HOMEKEY 1 PROPERTY STARTED OFF AS INTERIM HOUSING, AND WE USED THAT ESPECIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC, TO HAVE AS MUCH NON-CONGREGATE HOUSING AS POSSIBLE. AND NOW WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING THOSE PROPERTIES, SOME OF THEM TO PERMANENT HOUSING, SO THEY ARE IN THAT CONVERSION PHASE. AND THEN, WITH HOMEKEY 2, THOSE ONES WENT IMMEDIATELY INTO THE RENOVATION PHASE, ONCE THEY WERE ACQUIRED. SO THEY ARE IN THAT PHASE RIGHT NOW, AND THESE PROPERTIES WILL BE OPENING UP OVER THE COMING YEAR, AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE PEOPLE INSIDE. HOMEKEY 3-- VERY EXCITED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE RECENTLY APPLIED FOR SIX PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS AND FOUR YOUTH INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS UNDER HOMEKEY 3, AND WE WILL BE EAGERLY AWAITING THE STATE'S DECISION ON THOSE APPLICATIONS. ALL RIGHT, NEXT SLIDE. HERE, I AM JUST GOING TO TALK ABOUT OUR THROUGHPUT CHALLENGES FOR A MINUTE. THE BOARD HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN INTERIM HOUSING, WITH THE INTERIM HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDING POOL, WITH MEASURE H, WITH H.H.A.P. DOLLARS, A.R.P.A., THE CITIES AND C.O.G.S, INTERIM HOUSING SERVICES FUND, AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE MAKING NEW INVESTMENTS UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. SO, WHAT I AM GOING TO FOCUS ON RIGHT HERE IS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES RELATED TO PERMANENT HOUSING. THE 2021 AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS REPORT, WHICH WAS PRODUCED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING, FOUND THAT LOS

ANGELES COUNTY CURRENTLY FACES A SHORTFALL OF ALMOST 500,000 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES. ADDITIONALLY, THE REPORT INDICATED THAT HOUSEHOLDS NEED TO EARN ALMOST $40 PER HOUR, ROUGHLY TWO AND A HALF TIMES THE MINIMUM WAGE, TO AFFORD THE REGION'S AVERAGE RENT OF $2,000 PER MONTH. SO, WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS IS A MUCH LARGER ISSUE THAN PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS NOT THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS THAT ARE NEEDED SPECIFICALLY TO SERVE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY THAT HELPS PEOPLE STAY STABLE IN THE HOUSING THAT THEY ARE IN, AND KEEPS THEM FROM BECOMING HOMELESS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO LEASE UP IN HOUSING THAT THEY CAN AFFORD. ALSO, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE A VERY COMPETITIVE RENTAL HOUSING MARKET, WITH LOW VACANCY RATES AND HIGH RENTS, WHICH MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO LEASE UP IN OUR PRIVATE RENTAL MARKET. WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT GAP RELATED TO FEDERAL HOUSING VOUCHERS. NATIONALLY, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ONLY ABOUT ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE-- SOMETIMES WE KNOW THIS AS SECTION 8. THERE'S A VARIETY OF OTHER TERMS FOR IT. ABOUT ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE, NATIONALLY, WHO ARE ELIGIBLE RECEIVE IT. IN L.A. COUNTY, THE SITUATION IS MUCH MORE DIRE. WE ARE ESTIMATING THAT ONLY ABOUT 10% OF PEOPLE WHO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ARE ABLE TO GET THIS ASSISTANCE. WE ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE HIGH COST

AND TIMELINES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. HOWEVER, THIS CONTINUES TO BE AN AREA THAT WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS BEING ABLE TO FULLY UTILIZE THE EXISTING RENTAL MARKET. WE NEED THE NEW CONSTRUCTION TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THIS HOUSING GAP. THERE ARE STAFFING SHORTAGES IN THE HOMELESS SERVICES SECTOR THAT ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE HEARD, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AS IT RELATES TO RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. THIS DOES IMPACT OUR ABILITY, AT TIMES, TO FULLY UTILIZE THE RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN FUNDED. WE NEED HOUSING NAVIGATORS AND LOCATORS TO HELP CLIENTS WHO HAVE RENTAL SUBSIDIES FIND HOUSING WHERE THEY CAN LEASE UP. WE NEED CASE MANAGERS TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO CLIENTS, AND TO CONNECT THEM TO MAINSTREAM SERVICES THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR. WE ARE RESPONDING TO THESE CHALLENGES IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IS A COST ANALYSIS OF INTERIM HOUSING AND CASE MANAGEMENT THAT WE ARE PARTNERING WITH L.A.H.S.A. ON. THERE IS A CONTRACTOR WITH EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH ON THIS COST ANALYSIS. THIS ANALYSIS IS LOOKING AT WAGES AND THE ACTUAL COST OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, AND ALSO SEEKING TO IDENTIFY IF THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN THE RATES THAT ARE CURRENTLY PAID AND THE ACTUAL COSTS. WE WILL BE SHARING THIS INFORMATION WITH THE BOARD OFFICES WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN THE

COMING MONTHS. WE EXPECT THAT THE INTERIM HOUSING ANALYSIS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF SUMMER, AND THE CASE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS IN THE FALL. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THIS IS JUST A VISUAL OF WHAT SOME OF THIS THROUGHPUT CHALLENGE HAS CREATED FOR US. WE DO HAVE AN IMBALANCE IN OUR SYSTEM. SO, A HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM WORKS BEST WHEN WE HAVE FIVE PERMANENT HOUSING EXITS TO EVERY ONE INTERIM HOUSING BED. WHAT THAT MEANS IS, PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE EXTENDED STAYS IN INTERIM HOUSING. THEY ARE ABLE TO COME INSIDE VERY QUICKLY FROM UNSHELTERED SETTINGS, COME INTO INTERIM HOUSING, AND BE IN INTERIM HOUSING FOR AS SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE MOVING ON TO PERMANENT HOUSING. UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR SYSTEM, OUR RATIO IS CLOSER TO ONE-TO-ONE. THAT MEANS PEOPLE CAN STAY IN INTERIM HOUSING BEDS FOR A VERY LONG TIME BEFORE THEY'RE ABLE TO MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, WHICH MEANS THOSE BEDS ARE NOT FREED UP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED. IF WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING MORE QUICKLY, OUR 20,000-PLUS INTERIM HOUSING BEDS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNSHELTERED, AND WE'D BE ABLE TO GREATLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY. IF WE LOOK AT THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS IS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON TO ADDRESS THIS IMBALANCE, AND THAT IS ADDRESSING OR ACCESSING THE PRIVATE SECTOR RENTAL MARKET, AND EXPEDITING LEASE-UPS IN THE PRIVATE-SECTOR RENTAL MARKET. I

JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IN NO WAY IS MINIMIZING THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF NEW DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT IS AN AREA THAT WE ARE REALLY FOCUSING ON, SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE SOME SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS AREA. SO, IN THIS AREA, TO REALLY BE ABLE TO FULLY UTILIZE THE PRIVATE-SECTOR RENTAL MARKET, WE ARE DEEPENING THE INVESTMENT IN UNIT ACQUISITION. SOMETIMES, THIS GETS REFERRED TO AS "MASTER LEASING." I'M USING THAT AS A GENERAL TERM HERE. THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH THOSE AGREEMENTS CAN HAPPEN. BUT, BASICALLY, WE ARE WORKING WITH PRIVATE OWNERS WHO OWN RENTAL PROPERTY, AND ARE WORKING WITH THEM TO SECURE BLOCKS OF UNITS OR ENTIRE PROPERTIES THAT WE HAVE UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM, AND WE ARE THEN ABLE TO USE THOSE UNITS FOR OUR TENANT-BASED VOUCHER HOLDERS, SO THAT THEY CAN LEASE UP QUICKLY. ON ANY GIVEN DAY IN THIS COUNTY, WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF CLIENTS WHO HAVE A FEDERAL VOUCHER, OR WHO HAVE A TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDY THAT IS TENANT-BASED. THEY NEED TO FIND A UNIT IN THE PRIVATE-SECTOR RENTAL MARKET. THEY CAN SPEND MANY, MANY MONTHS, AND SOMETIMES OVER A YEAR, LOOKING FOR THAT UNIT. WHAT UNIT ACQUISITION ALLOWS US TO DO IS HAVE THOSE UNITS READY FOR THEM TO COME IN WITH THEIR VOUCHER AND LEASE UP. ESSENTIALLY, HOW THIS WORKS IS THAT WE ARE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PROPERTY OWNER, AND TYPICALLY, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS WE ARE FUNDING SOME OF THE GAP BETWEEN THE ACTUAL COST FOR OPERATING THAT PROPERTY, AND THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THE PROPERTY OWNER IS ABLE

TO BRING IN THROUGH THAT RENTAL SUBSIDY. THIS IS AN EFFORT THAT I WANT TO ELEVATE, AS WELL, BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF OUR BIG PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS WITH USING THE H.H.I.P. DOLLARS, OR THE HOMELESS AND HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING, THAT WE ARE PARTNERING ON WITH OUR MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PARTNERS. THEY HAVE INVESTED IN THIS, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BOTH HEALTH NET AND L.A. CARE. WE ARE ADMINISTERING THOSE DOLLARS TO THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND DIRECTING THEM TO L.A.H.S.A. AND TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' HOUSING FOR HEALTH, TO ENTER INTO THESE UNIT ACQUISITION AGREEMENTS. WE ARE SEEKING, UNDER OUR WORK WITH THESE HEALTH PLANS, TO ACQUIRE UP TO 1900 UNIQUE LEASES. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE TO INVEST AND BUILD OUT THIS PROGRAM. ANOTHER REALLY IMPORTANT AREA IS LANDLORD INCENTIVES. THIS IS, ONCE AGAIN, FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE LANDLORDS TO RENT TO OUR TENANT-BASED VOUCHER HOLDERS. IT INCLUDES SIGN-ON BONUSES, SECURITY AND UTILITY DEPOSITS, DAMAGE MITIGATION, VACANCY LOSS, ET CETERA. LANDLORD INCENTIVES ARE IMPORTANT UNDER THE UNIT ACQUISITION STRATEGY, IN WHICH WE'RE GETTING BLOCKS OF UNITS OR AN ENTIRE PROPERTY, BUT THEY'RE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT FOR THAT LANDLORD WHO MAYBE JUST HAS ONE UNIT OR TWO UNITS, SO WE USE THOSE LANDLORD INCENTIVES WITH THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ALL RIGHT, SO HERE IS OUR SUMMARY. THESE ARE THE BEDS THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT TODAY. THESE ARE THE HOMELESS-INITIATIVE-FUNDED BEDS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EXISTING BEDS HERE

IS 22,425. THAT INCLUDES THOSE BOARD-AND-CARE BEDS, INTERIM HOUSING, AND THOSE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT THESE DO NOT INCLUDE THOSE WINTER SHELTER BEDS, OR THOSE 3,000 UNIQUE STAYS IN MOTELS DURING THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM, SO THOSE ARE ON TOP OF THIS 22,425. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE 7,788 BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED AND IN DEVELOPMENT. AND AS WE LOOK TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE CAN PUT IT ALL TOGETHER WITH THE PRIOR PRESENTATION. THESE ARE THE NEW TOTALS. SO, THIS IS ADDING THOSE NEW BEDS THAT ARE HOMELESS-INITIATIVE-FUNDED FROM D.P.S.S., L.A.H.S.A., C.O.C.S, CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, AND HOMEKEY. WE ARE NOT DUPLICATING THOSE BEDS THAT I TALKED ABOUT, THAT D.H.S. AND D.P.H. PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED. THEY ARE ONLY COUNTED ONCE IN THIS SPREADSHEET. SO OUR TOTAL NOW, AT THIS POINT, IS 44,727 BEDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY EXISTING, THAT ARE FUNDED WITH COUNTY DOLLARS, JUST OVER 13,000 THAT ARE IN DEVELOPMENT. AND WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT BEFORE WE GO ON TO YOUR QUESTIONS: THAT THE NEXT REPORT TO THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, AND THAT WILL INCLUDE AN UPDATE, AS WELL AS ADDING IN THOSE BEDS UNDER- - THE J.C.O.D. BEDS, AS WELL, WILL BE COMING UP IN THAT REPORT. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MS. TODOROFF. I HAVE ON THE QUEUE SUPERVISOR BARGER, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND

THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND THEN I WILL MAKE SOME COMMENTS. IN THAT ORDER. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, CHERI, FOR A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF WHAT IS A VERY COMPLICATED SYSTEM, AS IT RELATES TO BEDS THAT ARE COMING ONLINE, EXISTING BEDS, HOW IT IS FUNDED. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET THIS PRESENTATION. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO PRESENTATIONS, DOWN THE LINE, THAT WILL REALLY GIVE US A DASHBOARD OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE. AND THE ONE THING THAT I NOTE IN THE LAST SLIDE-- AND I THINK THE CITY POINTED THIS OUT, THE CITY OF L.A.-- IS THAT WHILE WE HAVE 44,727 BEDS AVAILABLE IN THOSE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, I GUESS THE REAL QUESTION IS GOING TO BE, HOW ACCESSIBLE ARE THEY? AND I KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME CRITICISM UNFAIRLY, THE CITY OF L.A., FOR HAVING BEDS AVAILABLE, BUT PEOPLE WEREN'T BEING PLACED THERE, BECAUSE OF BARRIERS ON PAPERWORK, AND EVEN GETTING INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO THOSE BEDS. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS SOMETHING WE ARE COGNIZANT OF, BECAUSE I THINK THE NUMBER IS GOOD, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S ACCESS, AND WE ARE NOT CREATING BARRIERS TO ACCESS FOR THOSE BEDS. SO I JUST WANT TO KIND OF PUT THAT OUT AS A NOTE. AND THEN, I KNOW THAT YOUR TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECTIVES FROM THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT-BACK, WHICH ELEVATED THE IDEA OF TRANSPARENCY SURROUNDING MEASURE H FUNDING ACTIVITY. AND

AGAIN, THANK YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW MY CITIES AND THE FEEDBACK I HAVE GOTTEN IS THAT THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE AT THE TABLE. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT AT LEAST THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PART OF THE DIALOGUE, AS IT RELATES TO MEASURE H FUNDING. I AM THANKFUL, ALSO, THAT YOU HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING OUR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PIPELINE, LIKE HOMEKEY. AND I AM ANXIOUS, AND I THINK EVERYONE SAYS, "FIX IT." AND THEN, WHEN YOU SAY, "WE'RE GOING TO FIX IT," THEY SAY, "WELL, NOT HERE. GO OVER THERE." AND HOMEKEY, I THINK, IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHERE THAT COMPLICATION EXISTS, BUT I AM HOPEFUL, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HIGHLIGHT THE SUCCESS. BECAUSE EVERYONE FOCUSES ON THE NEGATIVE, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO HIGHLIGHT, WITH PROJECT HOMEKEY AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES, THAT IN FACT IT IS NOT INCREASING CRIME IN THAT COMMUNITY. IF ANYTHING, IT IS PROVIDING ACCESS TO SERVICES THAT WERE OTHERWISE NOT AVAILABLE. BUT WE ARE NOT MARKETING THAT. WE ARE NOT COMMUNICATING THAT TO OUR CITIES, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THAT, ESPECIALLY, IF WE HAVE THEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED-- I KNOW, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNER, AND THEY ACTUALLY WELCOMED PARTNERING WITH US ON PROJECT ROOMKEY, AND NOW WITH HOMEKEY. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HIGHLIGHT THE POSITIVE, BECAUSE THERE ARE POSITIVE STORIES FROM INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED AS A RESULT OF HAVING THAT BED. ON SLIDE 9, WHICH IS THE CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, I

SEE NO NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS LISTED IN THE PIPELINE. THAT IS DISHEARTENING, BUT I THINK WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS IT'S H.I.-FUNDED. CORRECT? THEY ARE IN THE PIPELINE, JUST NOT THROUGH OUR H FUNDS.

CHERI TODOROFF: SO, ON THAT PARTICULAR SLIDE, IT IS SHOWING THE DIRECT AGREEMENT THAT HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAS WITH CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT. AND IN THOSE DIRECT AGREEMENTS, THOSE ARE THE PRIORITY AREAS THAT THE CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT THAT DECIDED TO INVEST IN THE INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING, THAT WAS LARGELY THEIR PRIORITY THAT THEY DETERMINED. THERE ARE MANY MORE BEDS THAT ARE SITED AND OPERATING CURRENTLY OR IN DEVELOPMENT, THAT ARE IN THOSE CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.

SUP. BARGER: BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO ASK IF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS ONE OF THE BARRIERS TO INCREASING THAT NUMBER. BECAUSE IT SEEMS PRETTY LOW, AGAIN.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. SO, THAT ANALYSIS THAT'S UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW, LOOKING AT INTERIM HOUSING BEDS, AND IT IS ACTUALLY WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE OPERATORS OF INTERIM HOUSING, MEETING WITH THEM, GETTING INFORMATION FROM THEM, LOOKING AT THEIR REVENUES AND COSTS. AND THAT WILL BE REALLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR US TO CONSIDER WHEN IT COMES BACK, AND WE ARE

LOOKING AT THE BED RATES THAT WE ARE PAYING ACROSS ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT TYPES OF AGREEMENTS, AND ACROSS OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND L.A.H.S.A., TO HELP INFORM SOME DECISION-MAKING ON THE STEPS WE WANT TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THAT.

SUP. BARGER: SO I WOULD JUST ASK, AS YOUR MUNICIPAL RELATIONS BRANCH GOES OUT AND TALKS WITH OUR CITIES, I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO HEAR FROM OUR CITIES ON WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE, OR CHALLENGES ARE, TO INCREASING THE BEDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD HELP US PIVOT WHERE WE NEED TO, IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE PROVIDING THAT FUNDING. AND THEN, WHEN I LOOK AT THE PRESENTATION ON SLIDE 7, WHICH IS THE L.A.H.S.A.-FUNDED BEDS, THERE IS STILL A TO-BE-DETERMINED REGA.R.D.I.NG THE WINTER SHELTER AND AUGMENTED SHELTER BED CATEGORY. I HAVE TO WONDER IF YOUR TEAMS ARE CONSIDERING SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY, AS IT RELATES TO THE TYPICAL WINTER SHELTER FUNDING PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER UNTIL MARCH, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE ARE HEARING IT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN PARTICULAR. IT'S NO LONGER A WINTER SEASON. IT HAS BEEN EXTENDED, AND HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY COLD UP THERE. AND I KNOW THAT WE ACTUALLY EXTENDED THE PERIOD OF TIME, AND WE DIDN'T PUT A LIMIT ON THE VOUCHERS, BUT I HAVE TO WONDER IF WE MAY NEED TO RETHINK HOW WE ARE PROVIDING THAT, AS IT RELATES TO THE MONTH.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. AND SO THERE'S EXTENDED OR EXTREME WINTER OR RAINY SEASONS, AS WELL AS HEAT.

SUP. BARGER: HEAT.

CHERI TODOROFF: WEATHER EVENTS, IN GENERAL, ARE ONES THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUR SHELTER SYSTEM AS PART OF OUR CORE INTERIM HOUSING BEDS: HOW TO USE THOSE DURING THOSE EVENTS, AS WELL AS THAT ABILITY TO FLEX WHEN NEEDED. AND WE ALL KNOW YOUR OFFICES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, AND HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE, AND HAVE REALLY HELPED US IDENTIFY LOCATIONS, RECRUIT MOTEL AND HOTEL PROVIDERS. REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT OF YOU AND YOUR STAFF. AND WE HAVE FOUND SITING THAT AUGMENTED OR THAT FLEX NEED, WHEN THERE'S AN EXTREME EVENT, TO BE EXTREMELY CHALLENGING TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP A SITE THAT QUICKLY, AND TO HAVE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO CAN RAMP UP FOR A FEW WEEKS, RAMP DOWN. IT'S AN EXTREMELY CHALLENGING AREA, SO WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME NEW MODELS. WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REALLY APPRECIATE AND WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON THIS AS WE LOOK TO THE NEXT SEASON.

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, AND ON THAT NOTE, I KNOW THAT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE ARE GETTING CALLS FROM VENDORS WHO ARE SAYING THE COUNTY IS NOT PAYING THEM, WHEN IN FACT IT IS L.A.H.S.A. AND I KNOW THIS BOARD, PRIOR TO SOME OF US BEING

ON, HAD FRONTLOADED L.A.H.S.A. MONEY SO THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE THESE NONPROFITS, THAT ARE LITERALLY OPERATING ON A SHOESTRING, GETTING PAYMENTS LATE. SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD MAKE SURE THAT L.A.H.S.A., IF THEY ARE HAVING REVENUE ISSUES, LET US KNOW, BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING CALLS, AND THEY THINK IT IS THE COUNTY. AND IT IS THE COUNTY, INDIRECTLY, BECAUSE WE ARE PROVIDING THAT FUNDING, BUT THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS FALL UNDER L.A.H.S.A. AND IF THEY DON'T FEEL THAT THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY, THEN MAYBE IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING IN HOUSE. BECAUSE I KNOW, UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PRIOR TO THE NEW DIRECTOR COMING ON AT L.A.H.S.A., THEY FAILED TO PROVIDE PLANNING FOR AN EMERGENCY SHELTER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SO MY OFFICE HAD TO STEP IN. AND YOU HELPED, ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE. BUT I AM JUST CURIOUS, AND WANT TO KIND OF FOLLOW UP ON THAT. THE EMERGENCY SHELTER, WHILE NOT IDEAL, AS IT RELATES TO PROVIDING SHELTER-- I WOULD RATHER DO PERMANENT AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND INTERIM-- BUT EMERGENCY SHELTER DOES SERVE A PURPOSE, AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO BE READY. L.A.H.S.A. NEEDS TO BE READY ON THAT. SO I JUST WANT TO KIND OF PUT THAT ON YOUR RADAR, AS IT RELATES TO THAT. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION, AND THEN I WILL GIVE THE FLOOR BACK. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE CHALLENGES, ON THE FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT, THOSE ARE THE SECTION 8 VOUCHERS. CORRECT?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH.

SUP. BARGER: ARE WE WORKING WITH H.U.D.? BECAUSE PEOPLE THINK IT IS LITERALLY A VOUCHER. IT'S IN FACT A DOLLAR AMOUNT, AND THE COST OF HOUSING HERE IS HIGHER. THEREFORE, THE VOUCHERS DON'T TAKE US AS FAR. ARE WE WORKING OR ARE WE COORDINATING ON POSSIBLE LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE? BECAUSE IT IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE HIGH RENT, THAT PEOPLE THINK THAT WE ARE SENDING BACK 20 VOUCHERS, AND WE ARE NOT. WE ARE GIVING A FINITE AMOUNT OF MONEY, TIED TO A VOUCHER, BUT OUR HOUSING PRICES ARE MORE. HOW CAN WE REMEDY THAT, OR WHAT ARE WE DOING TO REMEDY THAT?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. SO, IT'S DEFINITELY THE CONTINUED ADVOCACY. IT HAS BEEN A PRIORITY ON THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. WE SPOKE ABOUT IT IN MULTIPLE DIFFERENT SETTINGS ON THE D.C. TRIP. AND ALSO, EMILIO SOLIS, IN L.A.C.D.A., IS VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THIS, AS WELL. I THINK, IN ADDITION TO WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, IN TERMS OF THE COST OF HOUSING HERE, THERE'S ANOTHER FACTOR THAT IS NOT AS VISIBLE TO PEOPLE. I HAVE TO GIVE TREMENDOUS CREDIT TO L.A.C.D.A.-- AND THE CITY, AS WELL-- BECAUSE A LARGE AMOUNT OF THOSE HOUSING VOUCHERS ARE BEING PROVIDED TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. HOWEVER, AS YOU SAY, IT IS A DOLLAR AMOUNT. THE TENANT TYPICALLY

CONTRIBUTES 30% OF THEIR INCOME TOWARD PAYING THE RENT, AND IT IS VERY DIFFERENT WHEN YOUR INCOME IS G.R., FOR EXAMPLE, AND YOU ARE PAYING 30% OF THAT, VERSUS WHEN YOU ARE A LOW-INCOME WAGE EARNER, AND YOU'RE PAYING 30% OF THAT. AND SO THAT FURTHER EATS INTO THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS THAT CAN BE SERVED WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT COMES TO L.A.

SUP. BARGER: WELL, AGAIN, THANK YOU, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT, AS A BOARD-- AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WERE NODDING YOUR HEAD. I BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTING. I WOULD LIKE US TO MAYBE THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN, AS A BOARD, WORK WITH OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND MAYBE IDENTIFY, THROUGH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, OTHER COUNTIES THAT ARE FACING THE SAME DILEMMA, LIKE WE ARE DOING ON MENTAL HEALTH, AND UTILIZE AND CAPITALIZE ON N.A.CO TO HELP US PUSH THAT ISSUE AND SEEK CHANGES WHERE WE CAN, AND EVEN COME UP WITH PILOTS THAT MIGHT BE WORTH LOOKING AT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. AT MY FIRST N.A.CO CONFERENCE-- WAS THAT LAST YEAR OR THE YEAR BEFORE?

I'VE LOST TRACK OF TIME. WENT TO A COUPLE OF WORKSHOPS ON THAT, HEARD FROM COUNTY SUPERVISORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND I KNOW THAT MAYOR BASS HAS LEANED HARD ON HER FORMER COLLEAGUE NOW, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING, ON BOTH FLEXIBILITY ON VOUCHERS, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE VALUE OF THE VOUCHER DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND SO I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. AND TO THAT POINT, ON SLIDE 13, WHICH WAS MORE OF THE GOOD NEWS THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT, HOW ARE LANDLORDS BEING NOTIFIED ABOUT THIS? AND I CERTAINLY HOPE OUR APARTMENT ASSOCIATION IS PARTNERING WITH US TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT THIS GREAT BENEFIT, FINANCIAL BENEFIT, TO GET THEM TO STEP UP.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. SO, THERE IS WORK WITH THE DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS. THERE IS GOING TO THEIR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS. THERE IS LOTS OF OUTREACH. THERE IS MARKETING MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATION HAPPENING, BOTH THROUGH THE L.A.H.S.A. PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THROUGH D.H.S., AND BRILLIANT CORNERS DOES A LOT OF THAT. IT'S VERY MUCH OUT THERE IN THE FIELD, ENGAGING LANDLORDS AND LANDLORD GROUPS. WE REALLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO LEAN ALL INTO THE PRIVATE-SECTOR RENTAL MARKET, SO WE HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD RESPONSE, SO FAR. WE ARE WELL UNDERWAY, IN TERMS OF HAVE HUNDREDS OF UNITS THAT ARE TEED UP OR ALREADY SECURED UNDER THIS EXPANSION THAT WE ARE DOING. WE LOOK LIKE WE ARE ON A GOOD PATH TO BEING ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL OF OUR GOALS WITH

THAT PROGRAM. AND SO, IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING THAT LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT PIECE, I AM VERY INTERESTED, AND I AM LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND IT, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE, SO WE CAN SECURE MORE UNITS.

SUP. MITCHELL: WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT, AND REALLY HOPE THAT, AS WE ARE OFFERING THESE INCENTIVES, THAT WE ALSO ARE MAKING SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, H.A.C.L.A., AND ON OUR SIDE, THAT THE PRIVATE LANDLORD MARKET-- BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT WE HEAR-- AREN'T EXPERIENCING BARRIERS TO GETTING THEIR PROPERTIES APPROVED TO BE VOUCHER-ELIGIBLE.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. AND THAT IS CRITICAL, BECAUSE A LANDLORD IS NOT ABLE TO KEEP THEIR UNIT VACANT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, WAITING FOR US TO GO THROUGH OUR PROCESS.

SUP. MITCHELL: WHILE THEY'RE WAITING FOR INSPECTION, OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. THAT'S GREAT NEWS, IN TERMS OF LANDLORD INCENTIVES. AND YOU SAID THE GOAL IS 1900 UNITS, AND SO I HOPE-- AND THAT'S BASED ON THE FUNDING THAT IS AVAILABLE?

CHERI TODOROFF: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL: OKAY, SO I HOPE THAT WE GET THAT 1900 AND DO MORE. THAT'S SOME MORE GOOD NEWS, AS SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID. THANK YOU, MS. TODOROFF, FOR THIS. I LIKE TO PULL OUT MY SLIDES. THIS IS THE SLIDE THAT I WILL BE CARRYING AROUND FOR THE NEXT WEEK, AS I LOOK AT THAT TOTAL NUMBER AND UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY ALL ARE, SO I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT GOES INVOLVED. I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE NOT DOUBLE-COUNTING BEDS, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I KNOW IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT. I ALSO APPRECIATE YOU CLARIFYING THE ROLE WE PLAY ON THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SIDE. I WAS DISHEARTENED TO READ AN L.A. TIMES ARTICLE WHERE WE HAD AN L.A. CITY COUNCILMEMBER WAGGING HIS FINGER AT US FOR NOT SHOWING UP TO PROVIDE THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. AND I THINK IT IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF NOT A FULL, COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE DO, WHERE WE ARE, AND HOW WE DO SHOW UP, SO I APPRECIATE YOU PROVIDING THAT CLARIFICATION. THE "IN DEVELOPMENT" THAT IS REFERENCED ON A NUMBER OF SLIDES, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? CAN YOU GIVE ME A TIME FRAME? IF THIS SAYS "IN DEVELOPMENT," SHOULD I EXPECT THAT THOSE NUMBERS WOULD MOVE OVER TO THE CURRENT EXISTING IN A YEAR, TWO YEARS? GIVE ME A GENERAL IDEA.

CHERI TODOROFF: I CAN ANSWER THAT FOR THE HOMELESS-INITIATIVE-FUNDED BEDS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY. THE IN-DEVELOPMENT ONES ARE ALL SLATED TO BE OPENED WITHIN '23-'24, EXCEPT FOR A

SMALLER NUMBER OF THE HOMEKEY BEDS, BECAUSE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES, WHICH WILL BE OPENING IN '24-'25. AND I CAN GET YOU THAT EXACT NUMBER.

SUP. MITCHELL: OKAY. THAT IS HELPFUL. SO, IN TERMS OF TRACKING THE BEDS, WE TALK ABOUT THAT ALL THE TIME. HOW DO WE TRACK THE BEDS-- THE NEED, AND THEN THE ASSESSMENT-- FOR ALLOCATION FOR FUNDING? SO, AND I AM CURIOUS ABOUT HOW WE TRACK WHERE THE BEDS ARE LOCATED, AND WHO IS GETTING ACCESS TO THE BEDS. YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT A LOT: THAT THERE ARE MORE BEDS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTY. AND SO HOW DO YOU TRACK THEM? BECAUSE I THINK TRACKING THEM IS GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ONBOA.R.D.I.NG, IF YOU WILL, BUILDING BEDS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. SO, THE INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING BEDS-- SO, INTERIM HOUSING IS PROJECT-BASED, LARGELY, RIGHT? UNLESS WE'RE USING A MOTEL VOUCHER, AND SO IT'S A FIXED SITE THAT IS OPERATING AS INTERIM HOUSING, YEAR ROUND. PROJECT-BASED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, ALSO A FIXED SITE THAT IS DEDICATED FOR THAT USE. AND THEN WE HAVE TENANT-BASED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; SO, A CLIENT WHO HAS A TENANT-BASED RENTAL SUBSIDIARY-- MOST OF THEM FEDERAL, BUT SOME ARE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES OR LOCALLY FUNDED-- AND THEY ARE LEASING UP IN THE PRIVATE-SECTOR RENTAL MARKET, AND THAT COULD

BE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO LEASE UP. THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION WHICH YOUR OFFICES AND THE COUNTY AND ALL OF US HAVE BEEN LARGELY TRYING TO ADDRESS IS THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS HOUSING ARE LARGELY HAPPENING WHERE THERE IS THE ABILITY TO SITE THEM. SO, IT'S IN COMMUNITIES WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO SITE THE INTERIM HOUSING. WE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WHAT WE NEED IS TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH ALL OF OUR CITIES, WITH ALL OF THE JURISDICTIONS, AND DO SITING ACROSS ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND TO PUT THE HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THAT HOUSING COUNTYWIDE. LIKE I SAID, WE HAVE THE LOCATIONS, AND WE'VE PERIODICALLY GEOMAPPED THEM. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING IT AGAIN FOR ALL OF OUR PROJECT-BASED. WE HAVE ADDRESSES, OBVIOUSLY, FOR THOSE PROJECT-BASED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THOSE INTERIM HOUSING. THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE PINPOINTED TO A CITY. WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE VISIBILITY AND SEE WHERE THEY ALL ARE. RIGHT NOW, IT DOES EXIST ON OUR WEBSITE. WE HAVE A GEOMAP THAT'S UP THERE. IT SHOWS ALL THE LOCATIONS OF ALL OF THE HOUSING. WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT IN A-- FOR ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GO THROUGH AND SPEND A LOT OF TIME PLAYING WITH SOME FUN CHARTS ON A WEBSITE, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO PUT IT INTO ANOTHER FORMAT THAT IS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYBODY. SLIGHTLY MORE CHALLENGING IS THAT TENANT-BASED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE

TO-- THEY LEASE UP, AND THAT COULD BE ANYWHERE, COUNTYWIDE, WHERE THEY'RE ABLE TO FIND A LANDLORD TO RENT TO THEM. THE ADDRESSES FOR THAT IS CONTAINED IN DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. THE BEST SOURCE OF THAT INFORMATION IS ACTUALLY OUR HOUSING AUTHORITY PARTNERS, BECAUSE THEY KNOW WHERE ALL OF THOSE LEASE-UPS HAPPEN, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE THAT AGREEMENT FOR THAT SITE AND THAT UNIT. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO VARIOUS REGULATIONS, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO GIVE US THAT INFORMATION, SO IT DOES CREATE A CERTAIN COMPLEXITY, IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO TIE THE CLIENTS THAT WE KNOW THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING FINANCIALLY WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, WITH THAT PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THAT VOUCHER. WE DEPEND ON OUR SUPPORTIVE-SERVICES PROVIDERS TO TELL US THAT. SO THEY HAVE TO DOCUMENT THAT, AS WELL, BUT THAT MEANS WE ARE PULLING THAT INFORMATION FROM DOZENS AND DOZENS OF NONPROFIT AGENCIES WHO ARE COLLECTING IT, BECAUSE THEY ARE PROVIDING THE CASE-MANAGEMENT SERVICE TO THE CLIENTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE DOING IT. WE ARE WORKING WITH ALL OF THEM. A LOT OF IT IS WITH D.H.S. AND WITH LASA. WE WILL PULL IT OUT OF THE C.H.A.M.P. SYSTEM AT H.M.I.S., AND WE'LL SEEK TO ALSO CODE ALL OF THOSE SCATTERED-SITE HOUSING, AS WELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO, GIVEN ALL OF THAT, IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN FOR OR PLOT WHERE HOUSING AND WHERE BEDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN AREAS THAT WE KNOW, CURRENTLY, ARE NOT?

CHERI TODOROFF: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL: OKAY.

CHERI TODOROFF: YES. SO, WE WILL HAVE THE INFORMATION ON WHERE ALL THE BEDS ARE. WE HAVE IT NOW. WE CAN MAP THAT TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND WE CAN LOOK AT WHICH COMMUNITIES MAY BE OVER- OR UNDER-REPRESENTED, IN TERMS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF BEDS. WE WILL ULTIMATELY FACE A CHALLENGE BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH MEASURE H, OUR REVENUE THERE IS WHAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SALES TAX, WHEN WE COLLECT IT. ALL OF THOSE DOLLARS ARE ALREADY IN CONTRACT. THEY ARE ALREADY SERVING SOMEBODY IN A BED. AND SO, TO LOOK AT THAT TYPE OF DISTRIBUTION THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME SORT OF POLICY AND STRATEGIC DECISIONS ABOUT, DO WE REDISTRIBUTE EXISTING RESOURCES? AND, OF COURSE, WE CAN ALWAYS HOPE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THAT EXPANSION, TO ACHIEVE THAT EQUITY. IN THE ABSENCE OF THAT, IF WE WERE TO MAKE THAT TYPE OF POLICY DECISION, WE WOULD LARGELY BE REDISTRIBUTING EXISTING RESOURCES.

SUP. MITCHELL: LAST QUESTION FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR. THERE'S A LARGE RANGE ON THE PER-DAY BED RATE THAT THE COUNTY PAYS. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER TALKED ABOUT, MAYBE, BEDS AREN'T IN CERTAIN AREAS BECAUSE PROVIDERS CAN'T AFFORD TO PROVIDE THEM

FOR WHAT WE REIMBURSE FOR. AND SO IT ALSO REMINDED ME OF OUR BOARD-AND-CARE SITUATION THAT I LEARNED WHEN I WAS STILL IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE: THAT WE WERE LOSING BOARD-AND-CARE FACILITIES BECAUSE THE REIMBURSEMENT JUST DIDN'T MAKE IT FEASIBLE FOR THEM TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN. SO, I HOPE THIS ISN'T AS COMPLEX AN ANSWER AS I PREDICT IT WILL BE, BUT HOW WAS THE PER-DAY BED RATE SET, AND HAS THE COUNTY DONE ANY KIND OF ASSESSMENT OF THE FULL COST OF PROVIDING QUALITY HOUSING AND SERVICES, IN ORDER TO INCREASE RETENTION? BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, LIKE THE BOARD-AND-CARE LIVED EXPERIENCE. I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO KEEP OUR EYE ON WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO RETAIN THOSE BEDS AS WE BUILD OUT MORE. AND DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN THAT THE RATE IS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN OUR ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT SUCCESSFULLY?

CHERI TODOROFF: AND ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THE LICENSED BOARD-AND-CARES?

SUP. MITCHELL: I AM JUST USING THEM AS AN EXAMPLE, IN TERMS OF THE RATE, THE SHRINKING RATE, LEADING TO THEIR DEMISE AS A SECTOR. AND SO THAT'S WHAT LED ME TO THE QUESTION, WHEN I LOOKED AT THE RANGE OF PER-DAY BED RATES. HOW DO WE SET IT, AND IS IT BASED ON REALITY?

CHERI TODOROFF: SO, AS YOU ARE SAYING, YES, WE HAVE SEEN THIS PLAY OUT IN THE BOARD-AND-CARE INDUSTRY, WHERE THOSE RATES THAT WERE SET AT THE STATE LEVEL STAYED VERY STAGNANT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, AND EVEN AT THAT LEVEL DIDN'T REALLY COVER COST. AND THEN WE SAW, OF COURSE, SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF BEDS IN THAT AREA. SO, YES, THAT IS ABSOLUTELY SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT, AS IT RELATES TO OUR INTERIM HOUSING PORTFOLIO. PART OF THAT IS ACTUALLY, LARGELY, WHAT IS DRIVING THE RATE ANALYSIS THAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW. OUR RATES, FOR THE MOST PART, THEY HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE THE START OF MEASURE H. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ADJUSTMENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN MODEST. THERE'S NOT PROGRAMMED INTO IT AN ANNUAL, FOR EXAMPLE, COST-OF-LIVING CONCEPT, AND SO THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT WILL COME OUT OF THE RATE ANALYSIS, THAT WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK TO LOOK AT HOW WE WANT TO RESPOND TO IT. YOU KNOW, SIMILAR TO WHAT I SAID BEFORE, WE WILL BE DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGE OF LIKELY FINDING THAT, TO FULLY COVER COSTS, AND TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE ARRAY OF SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR THE CLIENTS, OUR BEDS, THE BEDS THAT WE ARE CONTRACTING FOR, WE MAY NOT BE COVERING THEIR FULL COST. AND SO, AS WE LOOK AT THAT, WE WILL NEED TO MAKE OUR DECISIONS ABOUT HOW WE HANDLE THAT IN THE FACE OF LEVEL FUNDING, AND WHAT THAT MEANS IN TERMS OF BED RATES. AND INCREASING THOSE RATES IN THE ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING COULD MEAN FEWER BEDS THAT WE ARE FUNDING. BUT I WOULD ALSO

THINK THAT I WOULD PUT OUT, AND MANY EXPERTS IN THE AREA WOULD AGREE, THAT HAVING A BED THAT IS APPROPRIATELY FUNDED, WITH THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES WRAPPED AROUND IT, ACHIEVES BETTER CLIENT OUTCOMES, AND IS ULTIMATELY ABLE TO SERVE MORE CLIENTS OVER TIME. SO THERE MAY BE A TRADE-OFF THERE, BUT IT COULD RESULT IN BETTER OUTCOMES. THIS IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD ON, AND WE'LL BE GIVING YOU A FULL REPORT ON THAT ANALYSIS.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. ONE LAST...

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ONE LAST LAST?

SUP. MITCHELL: THE LAST LAST LAST, AND IT'S PIGGYBACKING OFF OF THE WINTER SHELTER UPDATE. HIGH HEAT IS ALSO AS DETRIMENTAL FOR OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS, AND SO CAN THE WINTER SHELTER UPDATE INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS FOR HIGH-HEAT DAYS, OR DO WE NEED TO DO A SEPARATE REPORT? I JUST DON'T WANT US-- I THINK THE INDUSTRY ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WE FOCUS ON WINTER SHELTER, BUT WHAT WE EXPERIENCED LAST YEAR, THOSE TEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WE EXPERIENCED ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, SUGGESTS TO ME THAT OUR HIGH-HEAT DAYS ALSO ARE GOING TO REQUIRE A FOCUS AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR POLICIES ARE IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW NORMAL AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEVERITY OF HEAT, PARTICULARLY AS WE ARE LOOKING AT

BEDS WHERE THEY ARE. IF WE ARE LOOKING AT OLDER PROPERTIES THAT DON'T HAVE, YOU KNOW, FORCED AIR OR ANY KIND OF UNIT, JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT HIGH-HEAT DAYS IS ON THE RADAR SCREEN, AS WELL, FOR OUR SHELTER SYSTEM.

CHERI TODOROFF: THANK YOU. JUST WROTE A NOTE TO INCLUDE IT.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ARE YOU SURE? THOSE ARE ACTUALLY REALLY GOOD QUESTIONS AND REALLY GOOD ANSWERS. I HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE GETTING THIS REPORT AGAIN, CHERI. IT IS VERY HELPFUL. AND I, TOO-- A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED, I HAVE BEEN PONDERING, AS WELL. AND I GUESS THE BIGGEST QUESTION FOR ME IS, WHEN I GO OUT TO MY COMMUNITY, MY CITIES, THEY ARE ALWAYS ASKING ME, "HOW IS OUR MONEY BEING SPENT? BECAUSE WE ARE NOT GETTING WHAT WE THINK WE SHOULD BE GETTING." SO, WHILE THIS IS HELPFUL FOR US, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHEN IT IS ON A MINUSCULE LEVEL, AND WE CAN ACTUALLY PINPOINT, "OH, THIS IS WHERE, IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THE CLUSTER OF CITIES THAT ARE GETTING SERVICES, OR HOW THEY ARE USING IT." AND I THINK, FOR ME, OUR COG, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COG, HAS DONE, I THINK, QUITE A BIT,

BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO PUSH THEM MORE. AND I ALSO THINK THAT IT IS HELPFUL TO HAVE PRESENTATIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM, WITH NOT JUST OUR PROVIDERS OR YOURSELF, PEOPLE WHO RUN THE PROGRAMS, BUT ACTUALLY PEOPLE WITH THE EXPERIENCE, THE LIVED EXPERIENCE, THAT COULD GIVE TESTIMONY AS TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED WHILE WE ENCOUNTERED THEM. SO, AS AN EXAMPLE, ROOMKEY. THAT WAS VERY SUCCESS-- ROOMKEY WAS VERY HELPFUL FOR US DURING C.O.V.I.D. A LOT OF SUCCESSES THERE, AND NOW WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO HOMEKEY. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE GETTING-- SOME OF US ARE GETTING SEVERELY ATTACKED BY OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA'S RESIDENTS, WHO DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS WERE IN EXISTENCE DURING C.O.V.I.D., PRECISELY FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BECOME ILL, END UP IN OUR HOSPITALS. AND I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT PART OF THE CHAPTER, THAT WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY REMIND THESE FOLKS HOW THIS HAPPENED, THE HISTORY, BUT ALSO WHAT THE PROS ARE, THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME OUT OF THIS; THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY ABLE TO SOMEHOW SHRINK THE SIZE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE, BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AS WELL, SINCE WE STARTED THIS EFFORT. BUT I WOULD IMPLORE US-- AND I KNOW I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE C.E.O. ABOUT THAT-- MAKING THESE VIGNETTES, OR WHATEVER, AVAILABLE, AND REALLY TARGET THEM TO THE AREAS THAT ARE PRESENTING DIFFICULTIES. BUT WE KNOW THAT THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IS LARGE, AND WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW CONNECT THE DOTS FOR THESE FOLKS. AND I WOULD

REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND MY STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING WITH YOU, CHERI, AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET OUR OTHER PROVIDERS, THAT ARE OUT THERE DOING SOME TREMENDOUS WORK, TO SEE THAT WE DO THAT. BUT THE MORE IMMEDIATE, I THINK, QUESTION FOR ME IS, HOW FAST CAN WE GET THAT GOING? BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT VERY, HOW COULD I SAY, HOT-HEADED INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE CONTACTING OTHER COMMUNITIES AND TRYING TO ARISE THIS FEAR AND HARM. AND TO BE HONEST, I CAN'T SEE THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY PROOF, EVEN FROM OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IN ONE AREA IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, PEOPLE ARE ALLEGING THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN CRIME, AND ACTUALLY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE AREA THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. AND I, TOO, HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WINTER SHELTER, BECAUSE THAT, TO ME, HAS JUST-- I REALLY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER IN OUR S.P.A. AREA, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WE ARE A DESERT. YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE THE COOPERATION, BUT WE'RE MAKING FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE CITIES AND THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. SO, WHAT IS IT THAT WE NEED TO DO HERE? WHAT IS WORKING IN SOME OTHER PLACE, THAT WE SHOULD BE MAYBE USING THAT AS A MODEL?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. FIRST, I JUST WANT TO COMMENT ON THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO. WE HAVE BEEN INCREASING OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM. WE ARE REALLY DEVELOPING

OUT A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES IN DIFFERENT MEDIA, AND WITH DIFFERENT AUDIENCES, AND ONE OF THEM, ACTUALLY, THAT WE HAVE STARTED WORKING ON-- AND THANK YOU FOR THE SUGGESTION-- IS SPECIFICALLY SOME OF THOSE VIGNETTES THAT REALLY SHOW THE EXPERIENCE OF A PERSON AS THEY ARE GOING THROUGH OUR SYSTEM, AND AS THEY HAVE MOVED THROUGH HOMEKEY, BUT ALSO WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THAT COMMUNITY, AS WELL. AND OFTEN, IT DOES BRING THESE PROJECTS AN INCREASED SORT OF STABILITY TO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, AS WELL, AS WE MOVE FROM SOMETHING THAT SOMETIMES, IN SOME COMMUNITIES, MAY HAVE BEEN MORE OF A NUISANCE MOTEL, TO SOMETHING THAT HAS VERY STABLE HOUSING WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE THEIR OWN LEASES, WHO'VE LIVED THERE FOR YEARS, WHO ARE PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PART OF THE COMMUNITY. AS FOR THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, IT WILL BE SOON THAT WE WILL BE COMING BACK. WE ARE FINISHING OUR ANALYSIS AND OUR DEBRIEF. WE'LL BE COMING BACK SOON WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT'S NOT JUST COLD AND RAIN EVENTS; IT'S HEAT EVENTS, AS WELL. AND, YOU KNOW, IF WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE FIXED SITES THAT WERE AVAILABLE WHEN WE NEEDED THEM, THAT DID NOT HAVE OTHER USES THAT HAD TO BE MOVED AROUND, AND IF WE HAD STAFFING THAT FLEXED IN THAT WAY, WHICH IS ALSO VERY CHALLENGING RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OUR WHOLE HOMELESS SERVICE SECTOR IS CHALLENGED FROM STAFFING, IN GENERAL. BUT IF WE HAD STAFFING THAT WAY, TO DO THAT FLEXING, THAT IS THE IDEAL SCENARIO. WE HAVE THE SPACE. WE HAVE THE

VENDORS UNDER CONTRACT. WE DO THAT FLEXING WHEN WE NEED TO DO IT. WE HAVE BEEN VERY CHALLENGED, AND ALL OF YOUR OFFICES HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN REALLY HELPING TO TROUBLESHOOT AND SOLVE WITH FINDING THOSE LOCATIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THAT WAY, AND OUR OPERATORS WHO HAVE SUFFICIENT STAFFING TO BE ABLE TO PULL STAFF FROM WHAT THEY ARE DOING, TO BE ABLE TO MAN THOSE SITES WHEN THEY COME UP. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEE WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE FOR SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THAT, BECAUSE THAT ULTIMATELY IS THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY THAT WE ARE CERTAIN TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT FLEXING WHEN WE NEED IT, BUT THEN ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT THE OTHER OPTIONS ARE, AS WELL. I THINK, ON THE HOTEL AND MOTEL SIDE, THERE IS PERHAPS A WAY TO PROCURE THOSE IN A DIFFERENT SORT OF WAY, SO THAT THE NUMBER THAT WE NEED ARE AVAILABLE WHEN WE NEED THEM. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT.

SUP. SOLIS: AND I THINK THAT JUST BEGS THE QUESTION OF REALLY WORKING WITH THE CITIES, SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM MAY-- WE TELL THEM ONCE IT BECOMES A PROBLEM, INSTEAD OF PROACTIVELY SAYING, "THIS IS WHAT IS COMING ON BOARD IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS." ARE THERE PLACES, CITY MANAGER, THAT WE COULD BE LOOKING AT WITH YOU IN CONCERT, AND THEN TRYING TO ALSO TELL THEM THAT THERE ARE OTHER FUNDING MECHANISMS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ALL OF THIS? IT ISN'T ALL JUST GOING TO BE DUMPED ON THEM. AND I HATE TO SAY IT THAT WAY, BUT SOME OF

THE CITIES ARE SO RELUCTANT TO GET ENGAGED, AND THAT JUST, FOR ME, HAS REALLY BEEN TERRIBLE. AND I WOULD JUST SAY, WHEN WE ARE WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER WE ARE DOING IS CULTURALLY COMPETENT, BECAUSE WITH RESPECT TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WE HAVE A VERY LARGE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, AND MUCH OF THE CONVERSATION HAS BEEN ONE WAY, ENGLISH ONLY, AND WE CAN'T DO THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ACTUALLY FROM THAT COMMUNITY, THAT GOT SERVICED, AND TO SHARE THOSE STORIES. SO, I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT PART.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. I ALSO JUST WANT TO ACTUALLY ADD ONE MORE THING, AND THANK YOU TO YOU ALL, SUPERVISORS. UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, AND THE ABILITY TO DO DEEPER INVESTMENT IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION WORK, THE THREE MISSIONS ARE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES. AND BY BEING ABLE TO DEEPEN OUR BENCH IN THAT AREA, BY JUST INCREASING OUR CAPACITY AND STAFFING TO DO THIS WORK, HAVING MORE STAFF DIRECTLY WORKING WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, NOT ONLY DOES THAT SUPPORT US UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON, IN TERMS OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, WE ARE ALSO DEEPENING THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE CITIES AND THOSE CITY MANAGERS, AND BEING ABLE TO LEVERAGE THAT, AS WELL, AS IT RELATES TO THINGS LIKE WORKING TOGETHER ON A SOLUTION FOR WINTER SHELTER, OR

AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTERS. SO I THINK THAT CAPACITY IS GOING TO HELP US IN THIS AREA.

SUP. SOLIS: YOU KNOW, AND SOMETHING THAT KEEPS LOOMING FOR ME IS FINITE RESOURCES, AND US HAVING TO GO BACK TO THE VOTERS AGAIN, AND ASKING THEM FOR PERMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUANCE OR POSSIBLY UPGRADING OUR INITIATIVES, SO WE CAN HAVE MORE FUNDING. AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE ARTICLE THAT WAS IN THE TIMES ABOUT STAFFING. OUR OWN FOLKS THAT ARE WORKING IN THE FIELD CAN'T EVEN AFFORD TO STAY SHELTERED. SO HOW CAN WE REMEDY THAT, GIVING THEM ASSISTANCE, NOT ALWAYS JUST THE WAGES, BUT WHAT ABOUT HOUSING OR REDUCING IT FOR THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN ALSO HAVE SPACE TO BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THEIR WORK? THESE ARE REALLY COMMITTED PEOPLE, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO THEM, BUT THE BURNOUT IS TREMENDOUS. IT IS REAL, AND I DON'T THINK THE PUBLIC FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS, AND HOW DO WE DO THAT. SO, IF YOU COULD JUST COMMENT ON MAYBE SOME IDEAS, OR MAYBE YOU'LL COME BACK WITH SOMETHING TO HELP US.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH, AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME RECENT RESEARCH AND FINDING; LOTS OF LISTENING WITH OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND WITH ACTUAL STAFF WHO ARE OUT THERE ON THE FRONT LINE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND OBVIOUSLY, OUR COST ANALYSIS IS A BIG PIECE OF IT, BUT IT'S MUCH MORE THAN THAT,

AS YOU ARE SAYING. I WOULD LOVE TO COME BACK AND TALK TO YOU MORE ABOUT THAT. AND ALSO, THIS CAN BE AN AGENDA ITEM, AS WELL, WITH THE HOMELESS DEPUTIES AT ONE OF THEIR MEETINGS, AS WELL. WE CAN ALSO DISCUSS IT THERE.

SUP. SOLIS: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, CHERI, FOR THIS GREAT PRESENTATION. I KNOW WHEN WE HAD OUR LAST ONE, THERE WAS AN ARMY OF PEOPLE UP HERE, SO YOU ARE THE LONE SOLDIER TODAY, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU. AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT WHEN YOU ARE HERE, YOU ARE NOT DOING OTHER WORK, AND SO WHEN ALL OF OUR OFFICES ARE ASKING YOU FOR INFORMATION ON TOP OF THE PRESENTATION THAT YOU ARE DOING HERE TODAY, THAT YOU WILL DO IN AUGUST, AND SO FORTH, WE KNOW IT TAKES YOU AWAY FROM OTHER THINGS. SO, JUST REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK THAT YOU DO, THAT YOUR ENTIRE TEAM DOES. WE KNOW WE ARE ASKING A LOT OF YOU, BUT IT'S BECAUSE WE ARE IN AN EMERGENCY, AND WE WANT TO BE AMBASSADORS AND PARTNERS WITH YOU IN THIS WORK, TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS JUST HOW MUCH IS GOING ON AT THE COUNTY. AND TO THAT END-- AND I KNOW ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SORT OF REFERENCED IT IN THEIR OWN WAY, ESPECIALLY AROUND MEASURE H DOLLARS, HOW THEY ARE BEING SPENT.

I AM CLEAR THAT THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR DELIVERY SERVICE, AND IF PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY ARE BEING SPENT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS MORE GENERALLY TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE GOING FORWARD, IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THEY CONTINUE TO BE A RESOURCE. AND SO I KNOW WE ARE ALL DIGGING IN AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE ARE ABLE TO TELL THAT STORY. I HAVE A COUPLE GENERAL QUESTIONS, AND THEN SOME SPECIFICS TO THE SLIDES THAT YOU SHARED. SO, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTERIM HOUSING BEDS THAT H.I. FUNDS THROUGH D.H.S. AT HOUSING FOR HEALTH, WHICH IS ON SLIDE 4, AND THE BEDS H.I. FUNDS THROUGH L.A.H.S.A.?

CHERI TODOROFF: IN GENERAL, THE BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED THROUGH L.A.H.S.A. ARE SERVING SORT OF LOWER- TO MODERATE-ACUITY PEOPLE. AND I WANT TO SAY "IN GENERAL," BECAUSE THESE ARE INTERIM HOUSING SITES. PEOPLE ARE COMING IN FROM A VARIETY OF REFERRAL SOURCES. THEY MAY BE SELF-PRESENTING. SO, IN GENERAL, THEY ARE SERVING THOSE CLIENTS. THE D.H.S. BEDS ARE SPECIFICALLY SEEKING OUT TO SERVE HIGHER-ACUITY CLIENTS, SO CLIENTS WITH MORE COMPLEX HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS. THEY TYPICALLY HAVE LICENSED STAFF ASSOCIATED WITH THEM ON THE PREMISES. THEY MAY, AT TIMES, HAVE HIGHER CASE-MANAGEMENT-TO-CLIENT RATIOS. SOME OF THEM, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT RECUPERATIVE CARE, HAVE CLINICAL MEDICAL STAFF, AS WELL, OR THERE MAY BE A COLLOCATED, FOR EXAMPLE, MEDICAL CLINIC OR

F.Q.H.C. ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE RECUPERATIVE CARE SITES. THE RECUPERATIVE CARE SITES, MANY OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE ONES THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE LOCATED ON OUR MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUSES. I USE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE ABOUT THAT SORT OF HIGH ACUITY. I WILL WANT TO MAKE A NOTE, THOUGH, THAT THE ONES-- I'VE MENTIONED THAT, BUT ALSO THAT THE ONES THAT ARE ON THE MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUSES ARE D.H.S.-FUNDED, SO THOSE ARE NOT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ONES, BUT WE ARE SERVING THE SAME TYPE OF CLIENT IN THOSE OTHER RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS.

SUP. HORVATH: GREAT. I KNOW THAT PEOPLE SEEM TO BE VERY FAVORABLE TOWARDS THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH BEDS, AND HOW THE EXPERIENCE IS FOR ALL INVOLVED, AND SO I AM JUST TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT SUCCESS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN EXPERIENCE SYSTEMWIDE.

CHERI TODOROFF YEAH. AND I THINK, ONCE AGAIN, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BED RATE ANALYSIS IS GOING TO COME BACK AND GIVE US SOME MORE INFORMATION TO CONSIDER, AS WE LOOK AT THE PORTFOLIO OF BEDS, THE TYPES OF BEDS, AND THE DIFFERENT RATES THAT WE ARE PAYING. ONE OF THE STRATEGIES HERE WAS TO HAVE A FULL RANGE OF BEDS THAT COULD SERVE CLIENTS OF ALL ACUITY LEVELS, AND TO USE THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE, WHICH IS UP TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT, IN THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY, TO GET THOSE RANGE OF BEDS. SO WE HAVE DO BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED THROUGH THAT WHOLE

CONTINUUM, IN ADDITION TO LOOKING AT THE RATE. SOMETHING ELSE TO LOOK AT IS THE NUMBER OF BEDS AT THE DIFFERENT LEVEL OF THAT CONTINUUM, AND DO WE NEED MORE, HIGHER OR LOWER? DO WE NEED TO SHIFT WHAT SOME OF THOSE BED TYPES ARE?

>>SUP. HORVATH: GREAT. I NOTICED THERE WASN'T A D.M.H. SLIDE, BUT I KNOW THAT THEY WERE PART OF OUR PRESENTATION LAST TIME. SO, DOES H.I. NOT FUND D.M.H. BEDS, OR WHAT IS THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN YOUR WORK AND D.M.H.?

SPEAKER: YEAH, AND SO THERE IS NOT, SPECIFICALLY, FUNDING THAT'S GOING THROUGH D.M.H., FOR D.M.H.-LICENSED INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. THE CLIENTS THAT ARE BEING SERVED THROUGH THOSE HOUSING FOR HEALTH BEDS ARE CLIENTS THAT INCLUDE CLIENTS THAT ARE D.M.H. CLIENTS AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED CLIENTS, AND A WHOLE RANGE OF CLIENTS. D.M.H. AND D.H.S. AND D.P.H., ACTUALLY, ARE SITTING TOGETHER, MANAGING THOSE BEDS. SO, CLIENTS FROM ALL OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS, OR EVEN CLIENTS WHO DON'T TOUCH THOSE DEPARTMENTS, ARE GETTING TRIAGED AND PLUGGED INTO THOSE BEDS. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH DEPARTMENT THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH. IT'S SORT OF BASED ON NEED. SO IT JUST HAPPENS FOR EFFICIENCY THAT THOSE DOLLARS ARE RUN THROUGH HOUSING FOR HEALTH, IN TERMS OF THE CONTRACTING. ONE LESS AGREEMENT FOR ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS. BUT D.M.H. CLIENTS ARE SERVED IN THOSE BEDS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU FOR THAT. ON THE D.H.S. BEDS, I AM INTERESTED TO HAVE CLARITY ON HOW PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE INTERIM BEDS. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S AN ASTERISK AFTER THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THAT COLUMN WHERE IT SAYS, "H.I. FUNDS ONGOING INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ALL 13,145 CURRENT UNITS, AND 4,650 FUTURE UNITS, AT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING." SO, IS ALL OF THIS MEASURE H FUNDING THAT FUNDS THIS WORK?

CHERI TODOROFF: THAT IS ALMOST ALL MEASURE H FUNDING, BUT WE HAVE HAD THE BENEFIT OF ALSO BEING ABLE TO INCLUDE SOME OF THE STATE H.H.A.P. FUNDING THAT WE'VE RECEIVED, TO SUPPORT THAT, AS WELL. THE MAJORITY IS MEASURE H.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND HOW DOES ONE ACCESS, SPECIFICALLY, A D.H.S. BED?

CHERI TODOROFF: SO, THE D.H.S., THOSE BEDS ARE-- ACCESSING THOSE-- SO, THOSE ARE ACTUALLY CENTRALLY MANAGED. SOME OF YOU, WHO MAY HAVE TALKED TO D.H.S., OR BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS BEFORE, MAY HAVE HEARD THE TERM "AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL." AND SO, BASICALLY, WE HAVE-- THEY ARE CENTRALLY MANAGED. WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THE TEAM-- IT'S D.H.S., D.M.H., AND D.P.H.-- THEY ALWAYS KNOW WHAT BEDS ARE AVAILABLE, AT WHAT LOCATION, AND IF THERE'S ANY SPECIALIZED SERVICES OR

TARGET POPULATIONS FOR THOSE BEDS. AND ALL OF THE REFERRALS FOR THOSE BEDS GO THROUGH THAT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TEAM. SO THEY'RE ABLE TO ASSESS ACUITY, PUT THE CLIENT IN THE RIGHT BED. THEY KNOW WHEN CLIENTS ARE EXITING, AND THEY CAN PUT CLIENTS IN THERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO IT'S A STRONG BED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, BECAUSE IT IS MANAGED SO WELL, IT HAS VERY HIGH BED OCCUPANCY. PART OF THAT IS, OF COURSE, A FUNCTION OF HAVING IT BEING DIFFICULT TO EXIT PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE SUPPLY OF PERMANENT HOUSING, BUT THEY HAVE VERY HIGH OCCUPANCY IN THOSE BEDS, BECAUSE THEY MANAGE THEM SO WELL. THE REFERRAL SOURCES ARE COMING IN FROM HOSPITALS, CLINICS, HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, OTHER INTERIM HOUSING SITES. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, L.A.H.S.A. IS A PART OF THIS, AS WELL. WHEN THEY HAVE CLIENTS IN THEIR BEDS, THAT NEED A HIGHER LEVEL, THEY ARE GETTING REFERRED IN TO THE D.H.S. BEDS. THE OUTREACH TEAMS, MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, ARE HEAVILY REFERRING IN TO THOSE BEDS AS WELL.

SUP. HORVATH: ON THE D.P.H. S.A.P.C. BEDS, THE CHART SAYS "ALL POPULATION." SO, ARE ANY OF THESE BEDS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR UNHOUSED PEOPLE?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. SO, THAT WAS USED, THAT TERMINOLOGY, IN THE ORIGINAL D.P.H. SLIDE. I ACTUALLY HAD A SIMILAR QUESTION, AND LOOKED INTO IT A LITTLE BIT. SO, WHAT THEY MEAN THERE IS

THAT THOSE BEDS ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR UNSTABLY HOUSED, AND THEY ARE ALSO CO-ENROLLED IN A SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROGRAM. AND OTHER THAN THAT, THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYBODY WHO MEETS THAT.

SUP. HORVATH: AND THESE BEDS ARE ALSO FUNDED BY MEASURE H, WHEN H.I. IS INVOLVED? GREAT. AND DO YOU REQUIRE THAT THE FUNDED PROVIDERS EMPLOY BEST PRACTICES, LIKE MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENT, HARM REDUCTION, ET CETERA, IN THESE BEDS THAT ARE FUNDED?

CHERI TODOROFF: YOU KNOW, THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH D.P.H. I KNOW THESE BEDS ARE LARGELY OPERATED BY THEIR SUBSTANCE USE PROVIDER NETWORK. THEY ARE ALIGNED WITH THE S.U.D. TREATMENT PROGRAMS, AND IN GENERAL, OUR INTERIM HOUSING PORTFOLIO IS LOW-BARRIER AND HARM-REDUCTION-FOCUSED, AND HOUSING FIRST. AND THERE IS-- PROBABLY, SLIGHTLY, THE SCOPE OF WORK I WOULD EXPECT LOOKS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IN THESE LOCATIONS, IN WHICH THEY ARE ABSTINENCE-BASED AND FOCUSED ON SERVING PEOPLE CO-ENROLLED IN TREATMENT PROGRAMS. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE NOT THERE TO SUPPORT CLIENTS IF THEY ARE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION, OR IF THEY HAD A RELAPSE. SO IT'S JUST SAYING THAT THEY ARE SEEKING TO GET THEM BACK INTO THEIR PROGRAM, AND THEIR GOAL IS TO KEEP THEM WITHIN HOUSING. BUT THE SPECIFIC-- I'LL NEED TO GO LOOK

MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN TERMS OF THE CONTRACT, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD FROM ALL OF US OUR CONCERNS AROUND OUR SMALLER, INDEPENDENT CITIES THAT ARE NOT LOS ANGELES GETTING CLARITY AROUND HOUSING SERVICES AS THEY ARE PROVIDED. SPECIFIC TO LOSS OF BEDS, DO THE NUMBERS, THE 2600 INTERIM AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS, DOES THAT INCLUDE BEDS THAT ARE PART OF THE ALLIANCE LAWSUIT JUDGE CARTER FREEWAY AGREEMENT THAT THE CITY HAS BUILT, OR THESE COUNTY BEDS THAT YOU'VE PRESENTED IN THIS SLIDE?

CHERI TODOROFF: SO, THOSE ARE HOMELESS-INITIATIVE-FUNDED BEDS, SO THEY ARE NOT EVEN ALL COUNTY-FUNDED BEDS. WE DO HAVE SOME COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT WILL GET FOLDED INTO THE NEXT PRESENTATION, AS WELL. THAT PROVIDES SOME FUNDING TO L.A.H.S.A. THAT IS NOT H.I. SO, WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT THERE ARE JUST HOMELESS-INITIATIVE-FUNDED BEDS. IT IS NOT CITY-FUNDED BEDS, AND IT IS NOT THE BEDS THAT THE COUNTY GIVES FUNDING TO THE CITY FOR, UNDER THE ALLIANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO THEN INCREASE THEIR INTERIM HOUSING BED PORTFOLIO. SO, THOSE ARE NOT IN THAT NUMBER.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, THAT'S ON TOP OF.

CHERI TODOROFF: THAT IS ON TOP OF.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. WE ARE TRYING TO GET GRANULAR ON THESE DETAILS, BECAUSE WE HEAR A LOT, AS WAS REFERENCED IN THE L.A. TIMES ARTICLE: THE MISUNDERSTANDING ACROSS THE STREET, AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN LOS ANGELES CITY HALL. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE COUNTY PAYS 50% OF THE OPERATING COSTS FOR ROADMAP SITES, AS PART OF THE M.O.U. WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IS THAT RIGHT?

CHERI TODOROFF: YES.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND ARE THE INTERIM AND TRANSITIONAL BEDS ONLY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THAT ARE ARE L.A.H.S.A. BEDS, OR ARE OTHER CITIES INCLUDED IN THAT, AS WELL?

CHERI TODOROFF: IF WE ARE LOOKING AT THE H.I.-FUNDED BEDS THAT I PRESENTED TODAY, THOSE ARE COUNTYWIDE. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THOSE ADDITIONAL BEDS THAT THE COUNTY IS PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE CITY TO, UNDER THE L.A. ALLIANCE AGREEMENT, THOSE ARE JUST IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

SUP. HORVATH: GREAT. AND I KNOW THERE WILL BE FUTURE PRESENTATIONS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THEM TODAY, WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE CURRENT OCCUPANCY RATES. YOU'VE HEARD QUESTIONS

AROUND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO ACTUALLY ACCESS BEDS THAT ARE BEING PAID FOR, THAT ARE SET ASIDE. ARE PEOPLE GETTING INTO THOSE BEDS, AND HOW MANY UNITS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MASTER-LEASED WITH COUNTY FUNDING? I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THAT PROGRAMMING AND THAT KIND OF A MODEL, BUT WE'VE HEARD TODAY, CLEARLY, SOME OF THE BARRIERS TO ACCESS, SO HOW ARE WE ACTUALLY GETTING PEOPLE INTO THOSE BEDS, WHETHER IT IS THROUGH MASTER-LEASING OR GENERAL PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN, CHERI, FOR BEING HERE AND ANSWERING, IN DEPTH, EVERYBODY'S QUESTIONS. JUST WANTED TO TAKE MY TIME TO COMMENT ON OUR LOCKING ARMS WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND DECLARING OUR OWN STATE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND TREATING THIS CRISIS WITH THE URGENCY IT DESERVES. SO, I WENT WITH MAYOR BASS'S TEAM AND MY FRIEND, THE NEW COUNCILMEMBER TIM MCOSKER, FROM THE 15TH DISTRICT, TO SPEND SOME TIME AT ONE OF THEIR INSIDE SAFE INITIATIVES AT AN ENCAMPMENT IN MY DISTRICT. AND THE GOOD NEWS IS, I BELIEVE-- I THINK THIS IS THE LAST COUNT, RIGHT?-- THERE WERE 64 PEOPLE, 13 DOGS, AND 12 CATS THAT WERE SUCCESSFULLY HOUSED ON THEIR THREE-DAY EFFORT IN THIS ONE ENCAMPMENT. WHEN I PICKED UP THE PHONE AND CALLED YOU, IT IS BECAUSE I AM STANDING THERE, AND THE CITY'S INSIDE SAFE HAD ALREADY PRETTY MUCH FIGURED OUT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO NEED ABOUT 25 UNITS TO MOVE PEOPLE. I

MEAN, THEY ARE-- I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE GONE TO ONE OF THOSE. THEY ARE QUITE A MASSIVE LOGISTICAL EFFORT, AND WE ARE THERE. RIGHT? THE COUNTY IS THERE. BUT THEY HAVE BUSES READY. LIKE, IF SOMEONE SAYS, "I AM READY TO COME INSIDE," THEY ARE LIKE, "WE HAVE A ROOM FOR YOU." WHAT HAPPENS IS, WHEN THEY DO THAT, THE WORD GETS OUT PRETTY QUICKLY TO OTHER FOLKS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO MAYBE WEREN'T IN THAT SPECIFIC ENCAMPMENT, BUT ARE KIND OF LIKE, "HEY, I AM READY TO COME INSIDE NOW, TOO. SOUNDS LIKE THIS IS WHERE ALL THE ACTION IS HAPPENING TODAY." AND I TALKED TO SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY, AND I ASKED THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION: "ARE YOU READY TO COME INSIDE?" AND EVERY ONE OF THEM THAT I TALKED TO SAID, RESOUNDINGLY, "YES, I AM READY TO COME." SOME OF THEM HAD-- "I GOT TWO DOGS, I GOT TWO CATS, BUT I AM READY TO COME INSIDE." WHAT HAPPENED THEN KIND OF THREW INSIDE SAFE A LITTLE BIT, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T REALLY CALCULATE OTHER PEOPLE COMING FROM OTHER AREAS. SO I CALLED YOU AND SAID, "DO WE HAVE SOME BEDS THAT WE CAN OFFER UP TO THIS PARTICULAR INSIDE SAFE EFFORT, KIND OF IN THE SPIRIT OF LOCKING ARMS? AND I KNOW WE PROVIDE SERVICES, BUT KNOWING THAT WE ARE SPENDING SO MUCH TIME TALKING ABOUT OUR BEDS, DO WE HAVE"-- AND WONDERED IF YOU COULD JUST COMMENT, BECAUSE I CAN'T EXACTLY REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU TOLD ME, BUT IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE, AT THAT MOMENT, WE HAD BEDS TO OFFER UP TO INSIDE SAFE. SO, AND I KNOW WE ARE DOING OUR OWN COUNTY INSIDE SAFE VERSION,

BUT, AGAIN, IN THIS SPIRIT, PARTICULARLY IN SOME OF OUR DISTRICTS THAT HAVE LOS ANGELES IN OUR DISTRICTS, CAN WE BRING SOMETHING TO THE TABLE THAT LOOKS LIKE A BED ON TOP OF SERVICES?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. SO, AS PART OF THE EFFORT WITH INSIDE SAFE-- AND IT IS OFTEN COUNTY-FUNDED, MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS THAT ARE THAT INITIAL SORT OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CLIENTS, WHILE THEY ARE UNSHELTERED AND IN THE ENCAMPMENTS. OFTEN, THOSE OUTREACH WORKERS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THOSE CLIENTS OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, NOT JUST THE COUPLE OF DAYS THAT THE INSIDE SAFE OPERATION IS GOING ON. AND DURING THE COURSE OF THAT ENCAMPMENT, AND DURING THE COURSE OF THAT TIME, THOSE OUTREACH WORKERS HAVE BEEN, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, MATCHING THOSE CLIENTS TO RESOURCES. THAT INCLUDES PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT INCLUDES THE COUNTY'S PORTFOLIO OF INTERIM HOUSING BEDS. AND ACTUALLY, THOSE M.D.T.S ARE ONE OF THE BIG REFERRAL SOURCES INTO THOSE COUNTY-FUNDED, ESPECIALLY THOSE HIGHER-ACUITY BEDS FOR CLIENTS WHO HAVE MORE COMPLEX HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. SO THAT IS ALWAYS HAPPENING IN THE BACKGROUND OF THESE EVENTS, AND IT'S HAPPENING DURING THE COURSE OF THE OPERATION ITSELF. INSIDE SAFE WITH THE CITY IS A MODEL THAT IS ALSO BUILT ON, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, NOT ENTIRELY, BUT LARGELY OFFERING NON-

CONGREGATE HOUSING, SUCH AS A JUST RECENTLY LEASED MOTEL OR HOTEL. AND SO...

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK THAT IS WHAT I WAS ASKING YOU THAT DAY, WAS DO WE HAVE SOME HOTELS OR MOTELS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY LEASING, THAT WE COULD SPARE SOME ROOMS FOR THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE READY, RIGHT NOW, TO COME INSIDE?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH, AND THAT WAS THE CHALLENGE ON THAT DAY, BECAUSE WE DID NOT. WE DO NOT ROUTINELY JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE IN PLACE, LIKE, LEASES WITH MOTELS. HOWEVER, THAT SITUATION IS EVOLVING, RIGHT, AS WITH THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WITH THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES TO BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS. WITH THE EXPANSION OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION COUNTYWIDE, INCLUDING THE COUNTY LEADING ON THAT REALLY BIG LOGISTICAL PART THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, WE'RE GOING TO BE STEPPING INTO THAT ROLE FOR A LOT OF THE REST OF THE COUNTY, AND SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING-- THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE COUNTY'S ASSET MANAGEMENT BRANCH AND REAL-ESTATE DIVISION, AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING US WITH DRAFTING THAT SORT OF STREAMLINED AGREEMENT THAT WE WILL WORK WITH MOTELS, THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE AS WE ADVANCE THIS WORK, AND ESPECIALLY THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK. SO WE ARE SEEKING TO HAVE OUR FIRST SORT OF MOTELS UNDER AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND WE WILL HAVE THAT TEMPLATE TOOL IN PLACE TO BE ABLE

TO USE AS WE GO FORWARD. WE ARE REALLY ALIGNING THAT RESOURCE WITH OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK, SO WE ARE LOOKING AT-- AND THIS IS WHERE THAT PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS COMES INTO PLAY, AND WITH CITIES. WE WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO PARTNER IN THAT LOCAL COMMUNITY WHERE WE'RE SEEKING TO PARTNER WITH THEM ON RESOLVING AN ENCAMPMENT, TO ALSO WORK WITH THEM ON, "HOW DO WE FIND PLACES FOR THESE PEOPLE TO COME IN?"

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CORRECT. RIGHT. YEAH, I THINK THE VERY FIRST TIME WE DID THAT-- AND I AM LOOKING AT IVAN STANDING OVER THERE-- WAS IN WHITTIER, AND THE CITY COMPLAINED OF A PARKWAY THAT HAD AN ENCAMPMENT. AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES-- THAT WAS HOW MANY YEARS AGO, IVAN? FOUR YEARS AGO. AND WE THOUGHT THE BEST SOLUTION WAS A MOTEL RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. THE COUNTY GOT INTO ACTION, LEASED IT, AND WE MOVED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY INTO THAT, AND IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL MODEL. NOW, YOU KNOW, THAT IS THE KIND OF MODEL I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. AND I DO BELIEVE THERE'S SO MANY OTHER UNHOUSED FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY. NOT ALL OF THEM ARE LIVING IN A SPECIFIC ENCAMPMENT, BUT I DO THINK THE PUBLIC SEES THE ENCAMPMENTS. AND AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO ONE-- I SPENT A LARGE PART OF THAT DAY AT ONE. I MEAN, THAT'S A DIFFICULT PLACE TO SURVIVE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. THE CONDITIONS ARE HARSH. THE SAFETY IS SKETCHY. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT IS NOT LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE FOR PEOPLE TO REMAIN IN

AN ENCAMPMENT. SO, I LIKE THAT WE ARE PUTTING EFFORT INTO ENCAMPMENTS. I JUST HOPE THAT, IN THE SPIRIT OF EMERGENCY-- I KNOW I WAS FEELING IT THAT DAY. HERE IS SOMEBODY THAT CAME FORWARD, READY TO COME INSIDE, AND WE HIT A WALL.

CHERI TODOROFF: THE GOOD NEWS ON THAT ONE IS ACTUALLY, EVERYBODY WAS OFFERED INTERIM HOUSING THERE, SO THAT DID WORK OUT, AND THAT HAPPENED WITHIN THAT DAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, OKAY. BECAUSE I MADE THAT PHONE CALL TO YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I DO THINK WE ALL ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR THIS URGENCY FEELING. WE CAN GET A SOUL READY TO COME INSIDE. WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS TO KIND OF SAY, "WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU TONIGHT," BECAUSE THEN WE MIGHT LOSE THEM AT THAT POINT. IT'S A VERY FRAGILE SITUATION WHEN PEOPLE ARE READY TO COME INSIDE. THE OTHER THING WAS ONE OF YOUR-- DURING THIS PRESENTATION, YOU TALKED ABOUT HAVING THIS SHORTAGE OF NEARLY HALF A MILLION UNITS, AND THE SEVERE NEED FOR STAFF. HOUSING NAVIGATORS-- THAT SHOCKED ME, RIGHT? THAT'S KIND OF THE FIRST TIME I THINK I HAVE SEEN YOU SPEAK TO THAT NUMBER. WHAT IS OUR PATHWAY FORWARD TO MEET THAT NEED?

CHERI TODOROFF: IT'S A BIG, MULTIPRONGED PATHWAY, OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, CERTAINLY WITH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES

CREATING THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE NEED TO HAVE, COUNTYWIDE. SO, IT'S A COMBINATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT. IT IS MOSTLY-- ACTUALLY, WHAT THAT IS ABOUT IS LARGELY NEW DEVELOPMENT. IT MAY BE RENOVATION OF EXISTING PROPERTIES, AND A CHANGE IN THE WAY THAT THEY ARE FINANCED, TO MAKE THEM AFFORDABLE. BUT THAT IS THE BIG THING THAT THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN DEALING WITH FOR A LONG TIME, NOT UNIQUE TO THIS COUNTY. IT HAPPENS ACROSS THE STATE, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AS WELL, WHERE WE HAVE A SEVERELY RENT-BURDENED POPULATION. WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LOWER-INCOME WAGE EARNERS, WHO ARE PAYING WAY TOO MUCH OF THEIR MONTHLY INCOME ON THEIR RENT, WHICH MAKES THEM SIGNIFICANTLY AND SEVERELY HOUSING-UNSTABLE, WHICH CREATES A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER HEALTH AND LIFE AND QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES, BUT ALSO IS PART OF THAT INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS THAT WE EXPERIENCE, RIGHT? BECAUSE IT IS JUST ONE THING-- ONE CRISIS, ONE CAR REPAIR, ONE THING-- THAT MAKES THAT PERSON LATE ON THEIR RENT, AND PUTS THEM AT RISK OF EVICTION OVER TIME. SO, THIS IS A MUCH-- THIS IS A BIG TOPIC, IN AND OF ITSELF, AND ONE THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER TALKING ABOUT MORE HERE. AND ALSO, THE NEXT SORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING REPORT WILL BE COMING OUT SHORTLY, SO THAT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK WITH THE MOST CURRENT DATA TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. ARE YOU ALL BACK ON? EVERYBODY FOR A SECOND TIME? I SEE THAT. OKAY. I SEE IN ORDER, BACK ON, MS. HORVATH, MS. BARGER, MS. MITCHELL, AND MS. SOLIS.

SUP. HORVATH: YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION, MADAM CHAIR. TWO CLARIFICATIONS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I WAS TRYING TO TAKE IT HOME.

SUP. HORVATH: ONE, I THINK WE COULD STAND TO HAVE A FOURTH PILLAR, IN TERMS OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE EMERGENCY. SO, THAT'S ONE. AND NUMBER TWO, I THINK OUR CHAIR HAS RIGHTLY IDENTIFIED HOW OUR MAYOR IN LOS ANGELES IS MODELING HOW TO BE A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY, LOCKING ARMS AND DRILLING DOWN INTO THE DETAILS, AS IT RELATES TO THE INSIDE SAFE PROGRAM. I WANT TO BE CLEAR, THOUGH: IT IS THE COUNTY PARTNERING. IT'S THE COUNTY TEAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE, WHO HAVE BEEN OUT THERE FOR MONTHS. IT IS COUNTY FUNDING, IN SOME CASES, MEASURE H DOLLARS, THAT ARE PAYING FOR THE ROOMS. SO, IF THE ROOMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, MEASURE H IS PROBABLY FUNDING SOME, IF NOT ALL, IN SOME CASES, OF THE HOUSING. THEY IDENTIFY THE HOUSING, BUT THE DOLLARS CAN STILL COME FROM THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY'S PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES IN SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THOSE LOCATIONS. SO, WHILE IT IS IDENTIFIED AS A CITY

PROGRAM, BECAUSE THE MAYOR IS DRILLING DOWN INTO THE DETAILS, AND WE LOVE HER FOR THAT, IT'S NOT THAT THE COUNTY ISN'T THERE OR INVOLVED. IN FACT, WE PLAY A VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN KEEPING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS, AND GETTING THEM THE HELP THAT THEY NEED THROUGH THAT PROGRAM.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. I WOULD ADD, ON THE HOUSING SIDE, THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MEASURE H RESOURCES THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE CLIENTS ON THAT PATH TO PERMANENT HOUSING. THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND THOSE TIME-LIMITED SUBSIDIES THAT ARE MEASURE-H-FUNDED ARE BEING MATCHED TO THOSE CLIENTS WHO ARE BEING SERVED THROUGH INSIDE SAFE. THE CITY IS PROCURING THE HOTEL ROOMS FOR THE CLIENTS THAT THEY ARE BRINGING INSIDE FROM THE ENCAMPMENTS. WE ARE SUPPORTING THOSE CLIENTS WITH COUNTY MAINSTREAM SERVICES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: RIGHT, BUT IT'S NOT OUR MONEY FOR THEIR HOTEL ROOMS, NECESSARILY, BUT WE PROVIDE THE SERVICES.

CHERI TODOROFF: THAT IS CORRECT, FOR THE HOTEL ROOMS. MEASURE H IS HEAVILY USED ON THE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, AND ON THE PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENTS, AND ON SERVICES THROUGH ALL OF THE OUTREACH, INTERIM HOUSING, AND PERMANENT HOUSING.

SUP. HORVATH: SO WE ARE NOT PAYING FOR ANY OF THE ROOMS?

CHERI TODOROFF: WE ARE NOT PAYING FOR THE MOTEL ROOMS THAT THE CITY IS ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS FOR, NO. THERE ARE SOME CLIENTS WHO WILL BE GOING INTO INTERIM HOUSING THAT ARE NOT THOSE MOTEL ROOMS, AND IT'S LIKELY THAT SOME OF THAT INTERIM HOUSING WOULD BE THE COUNTY-FUNDED INTERIM HOUSING.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: RIGHT. BUT YEAH, WE'RE THERE, WHICH IS WHAT I SAID. I'M LIKE, WE'RE THERE IN INSIDE SAFE, FOR SURE.

SUP. BARGER: SO, MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE, BECAUSE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE ENCAMPMENTS BEING DANGEROUS, WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB MARKETING, BECAUSE THE PREDATORS IN THOSE ENCAMPMENTS ARE NOT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ENCAMPMENTS; THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE CHARGING FEES FOR PROTECTION, THAT ARE COMING AND ROBBING THE INDIVIDUALS. THEY ARE NOT THE HOMELESS LIVING IN THAT ENCAMPMENT. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS REPRESENTS ALL OF SKID ROW NOW, AND YOU KNOW THAT DURING CERTAIN PERIODS, USUALLY, WHEN THEY GET THEIR G.R. AND THEIR CHECKS, YOU CAN TELL WHO IS DOWN THERE THAT'S NOT HOMELESS THROUGH THEIR TENNIS SHOES. AND THEY WALK THE STREET, AND THEY KNOW WHO TO GO TO, AND THEY ARE THE PREDATORS. SO, AGAIN, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HIGHLIGHT WHO WE ARE

HOUSING, BECAUSE WHEN THEY HEAR THAT, THEY THINK WE'RE MOVING THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE DANGEROUS OFF THE STREET, INTO A MOTEL, INTO THEIR COMMUNITY, AND NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. WE'RE ACTUALLY PUTTING THEM IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, BECAUSE ON THE STREET, TO YOUR POINT, IN THOSE ENCAMPMENTS, THEY ARE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION. AND I ALWAYS GET NERVOUS, BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE ALL FACING-- AND I KNOW I'M FACING IT IN SOMETHING THAT'S NOT EVEN A COUNTY-CONTROLLED PIECE OF PROPERTY, A BY-RIGHTS PROJECT. WHEN THE STATE TOOK AWAY LOCAL CONTROL, THEY DID BY-RIGHT, AND WE HAVE A NONPROFIT THAT WANTS TO BUILD 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND PRIVATE HOMEOWNER, BUT THERE IS THIS MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE, AS IT RELATES TO THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE MOVING FORWARD. UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AGAIN, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL. I DON'T THINK WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL EVERYWHERE, BUT I KNOW WHEN I GO OUT TO DO THE OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS, ONE OF THE COMMON THEMES IS, "I WILL NOT LEAVE UNLESS THERE IS BED NEAR WHERE I AM," BECAUSE THERE IS EITHER A FAMILY MEMBER OR A CONNECTION TO THAT COMMUNITY. AND NOT ALWAYS, BUT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, I THINK THE EXCEPTION PROBABLY WOULD BE DOWN IN THE SKID ROW AREA. BUT EVEN THEN, THAT IS NOW THEIR FAMILY, AND THAT IS WHERE THEIR CONNECTION IS. SO, I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF PROJECTING THE POSITIVE STORIES

OF SUCCESS, BECAUSE EVERYONE IS FOCUSED ON THE NEGATIVE. EVERYONE TURNS ON THE T.V., AND THEY HEAR ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THAT ATTACKS PEOPLE WALKING DOWN THE STREET. AND I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO ALSO TELL THE NARRATIVE ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE THAT ARE HOUSED, WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED, WHO ARE NOW OUTREACH WORKERS, WHICH IS WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH A LOT OF OUR PROGRAMS, AND THEIR SUCCESS STORIES TRULY ARE ENCOURAGING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO RESPOND TO YOUR COMMENT WITH REGARD TO THE ENCAMPMENTS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT SINCE WE ARE THE COUNTY, WHEN WE USE THE TERM "ENCAMPMENT," THAT WE ALSO ARE REMEMBERING OUR R.V. ENCAMPMENTS, BECAUSE IT'S OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ARE SUFFERING WITH THE R.V. ENCAMPMENTS THAT AREN'T, I THINK, A PART OF THE OPERATION INSIDE CITIES' FOCUS. BUT WE HAVE A PILOT THAT WE PASSED THROUGH AT THE COUNTY TO LOOK AT R.V.S, BECAUSE THAT IS AN EVEN ELEVATED CHALLENGE, TO ASK SOMEONE TO GIVE UP A SHELTER, IF YOU WILL, TO GO INTO, PERHAPS, A TEMPORARY SCENARIO. SO, YOU KNOW, I FULLY SUPPORT LOCKING ARMS WITH L.A. CITY AGAIN, AS ONE CITY OF 88 WE REPRESENT, PLUS OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, AND SO MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE

CONTINUING, AS THE COUNTY, TO FOCUS ON THOSE AREAS. AND SO WHEN I SAY "ENCAMPMENT," I ALSO MEAN R.V.S, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL STRATEGY THAT WE DON'T HAVE L.A. CITY LOCKING ARMS WITH US ON. AND WE HAVE SOME R.V. ENCAMPMENTS WHERE, BECAUSE OF A CITY POLICY, PEOPLE ARE FORCED INTO UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. SO WE NEED TO HELP OUR CITIES UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A PATH TO SUCCESS WITH R.V.S, IF THEY LOCK ARMS WITH US AND WE HAVE A JOINT STRATEGY. SO I JUST WANT TO REMIND US ABOUT THE R.V.S IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YEAN, THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S A CONUNDRUM FOR US RIGHT NOW. WHEN THE CITY TOOK MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION IN THE CITY OF L.A., EAST L.A. BECAME, IN A WAY, THE DUMPING AREA FOR R.V.S. AND WE CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE, AND WE SEE IT NOW PERMEATING EVEN BEYOND THAT, GOING TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THE WEST PUENTE VALLEY, VALINDA, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND COMMUNITIES THAT ARE REALLY UNSETTLED. AND I KNOW THAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS, HAVE BEEN-- NOW THEY'RE POSTING THINGS THAT SAY "YOU CAN'T PARK HERE" IN CERTAIN AREAS, BECAUSE MAYBE THEY WERE PARKING NEXT TO A SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THIS IS A FACT. SO WE DO NEED TO COLLABORATE, EVEN WITH OUR

OWN DEPARTMENTS ON THIS, I THINK, AND THERE REALLY HAS TO BE MORE OF AN ACTION PLAN. BUT THAT'S ONE THING. I WANTED TO RAISE SOMETHING WITH YOU THAT CAME OUT IN THE NEWS, CHERI, AND I JUST WANT TO-- MAYBE IT'S FOR NEXT TIME, OR WE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU ON THIS, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF THE CONTINUUM CARE, THE PROCESS, AND HOW, SOMEHOW, WE'RE BEING SPOTLIGHTED IN THE MEDIA THAT THIS IS A CUMBERSOME PROCESS, AND ONLY A FEW PEOPLE CAN GET THROUGH, AND IT'S NOT WORTH THE TIME, SO YOU CAN'T REALLY DEAL WITH THE PEOPLE THAT CHAIRWOMAN HAHN IS TALKING ABOUT, THAT DON'T HAVE THEIR PAPERWORK, DON'T HAVE ALL THE PROCESSES COMPLETED, AND THEREFORE ARE NOT SERVED. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF L.A. WANTS TO CHANGE THAT DYNAMIC AND CUT INTO IT, SO TO SPEAK, AND SAY THEY WANT TO CARVE OUT THEIR OWN SYSTEM, WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE OTHER 87 CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. SO, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS LOOKING AT HOW CLIENTS ARE REFERRED INTO THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT IS DEVELOPED, FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH H.H.H. AND THOSE TYPES OF PROJECTS, AND HOW THOSE CLIENTS GET MATCHED TO THAT HOUSING, AND LOOKING TO HAVE THAT BE AS EFFICIENT AND STREAMLINED AS POSSIBLE. SO THEY ARE EXPLORING AND HAVE PROPOSED SOME ADDITIONAL SORT OF REFERRAL PATHWAYS, SO THAT

ALL THE REFERRALS ARE NOT COMING DIRECTLY OUT OF THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH THE IDEA IS THAT THE CLIENTS CONTINUE TO HAVE THE ACUITY THAT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THAT HOUSING. SO, WE ARE INVOLVED IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS, SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THEM, ACTUALLY, AS YOU ARE, AS WELL, AND WE ARE SCHEDULING A PRESENTATION FOR THE HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES, SO THAT THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THAT, AS WELL. SO THAT IS COMING UP-- ACTUALLY, I THINK THAT'S THIS WEEK-- TO GET THAT INFORMATION BACK TO THE BOARD OFFICES. AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE INVOLVED, BECAUSE, CERTAINLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH-- AND MENTAL HEALTH HAS MADE TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN THESE PROPERTIES, AS WELL. A CERTAIN SUBSET OF THOSE UNITS NEED TO BE REFERRED IN THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THERE'LL BE CLIENTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. SO WE'RE LOOKING TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND AGREEMENTS CONTINUE TO BE UPHELD AND HONORED, AS WELL AS WE'RE ALSO DOING A LOT TO WORK WITH THE CITY AND THE DEVELOPERS, THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY'S SUPPORTIVE SERVICES COME TO SUPPORT CLIENTS IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHO HAVE THAT LEVEL OF NEED. AND SO THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ARE DIFFERENT FOR A CLIENT WHO IS LOWER-ACUITY, OR MAY ACTUALLY NOT HAVE SERVICE NEEDS, AND SO THAT PROPERTIES THAT NEED THOSE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, THEY NEED TO BE BRINGING IN TENANTS WHO HAVE THAT LEVEL OF NEED. SO,

LOTS OF CONVERSATION GOING ON ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW, AND WE'RE ALSO BRIEFING THE HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES ON THAT.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, CHERI, ON THAT, I JUST THINK THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO BE CLEAR THAT MUCH OF THE MONEY WE THAT WE DO GET FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS IS TIED TO A FORMULA, AND BASED ON THE ACUITY LEVEL. AND THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT FROM JUST SEEING SOMEONE ON THE STREET THAT, "OH, I, ALL OF A SUDDEN, WANT TO BE HOUSED." IT'S VERY DIFFERENT, AND I DON'T THINK THE PUBLIC FULLY APPRECIATES THAT, OR MAYBE EVEN OUR CITY COUNCIL FRIENDS. IT ISN'T AS THOUGH WE'RE DENYING PEOPLE. THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS, AND THEY'RE PLACED BY OUR LEGISLATURE, IN FACT, AND THE GOVERNOR, AND ALSO FEDERAL FUNDS. SO, I THINK PEOPLE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND. SO, IT IS CONFUSING WHEN YOU SEE THE MYRIAD OF FUNDING SOURCES AND BEDS, AND HOW THEY'RE TIED INTO CERTAIN THINGS, BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP TO EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC, SO WE'VE GOT TO DO A BETTER JOB IN MESSAGING THAT. OTHERWISE, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE-- THE FINGER'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE POINTED AT US.

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH, AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL COMPLEXITIES, AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, L.A.C.D.A., THEY HAVE SHARED-- AND WE'LL CERTAINLY LET THEM ADD TO THE CONVERSATION, BUT THEY HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED CHALLENGES WITH LEASING UP THAT ARE COMPARABLE TO THE ONES THAT ARE BEING EXPERIENCED WITHIN

THE CITY. SO I THINK THERE IS ALSO SOME SORT OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES, AS WELL, OR DIFFERENCES IN HOW THAT IS HAPPENING. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD ONE CLARIFYING COMMENT. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN TALKING SO LONG, BUT I JUST WANTED TO ADD TO SOMETHING THAT I SAID IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S QUESTION, IN TERMS OF PARTNERING WITH THE CITY ON HOTELS. THERE ARE SOME PROJECTS THAT HAVE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL, INCLUDING COUNTY AND CITY PROPERTIES, AND WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE CITY, AND THEY MAY FALL UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF INSIDE SAFE, THEY MAY FALL UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COUNTY, WHERE WE'RE LEADING, BUT THEY'RE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL. WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING TO BE PARTNERING ON THE INTERIM HOUSING AND THE MOTELS, WHEN WE'RE COMING TOGETHER IN THAT WAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK THAT'S GOOD. AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE DO OUR-- I KNOW ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN REALLY AGGRESSIVE ABOUT IS BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO BRING PEOPLE INSIDE. SO, HOPEFULLY, IN OUR VERSION OF INSIDE SAFE-- WHAT ARE WE CALLING IT?

CHERI TODOROFF: PATHWAY HOME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: PATHWAY HOME-- WE WILL REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT THE STORAGE ISSUE. THAT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS TO PEOPLE COMING INSIDE. AS YOU WERE SAYING, AS SUPERVISOR

BARGER-- I MEAN, THESE ARE COMMUNITIES, THEY ARE FAMILY, BUT THEY ARE ALSO-- ALL THE BELONGINGS THEY HAVE ON THIS EARTH ARE IN THESE ENCAMPMENTS, AND CITY OF L.A. ALLOWS TWO BAGS, I BELIEVE. I'M NOT SURE WHAT OUR REQUIREMENTS ARE GOING TO BE. BUT IF WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO, YOU KNOW, USE SOME MONEY FOR STORAGE UNITS, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO PRECLUDE A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM WANTING TO COME INSIDE. THEY'RE NOT COMFORTABLE LEAVING THEIR STUFF. AND EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT. WE ALL HAVE STUFF. AND IF SOMEBODY WAS TO TELL YOU, YOU KNOW, "YOU GET TWO BAGS. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TAKE FROM YOUR HOUSE?" YOU KNOW, YEAH, SAME WITH THE R.V.S. SO, I THINK WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY ON STORAGE, AND I HOPE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT.

CHERI TODOROFF: ABSOLUTELY AGREE, WITH CLIENTS AND THEIR PERSONAL ITEMS. WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO EVER BE A BARRIER FOR SOMEBODY COMING INSIDE, AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE STORAGE ISSUE IS A SIGNIFICANT ONE THAT WE'RE WORKING THROUGH RIGHT NOW, AS IT RELATES TO THE R.V. PROGRAM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, GOOD. MS. BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE BROUGHT IN THE MOTION ON THE R.V.S, AND ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED IS THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING AND PURCHASING R.V.S

THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE... WHAT IS THE WORD WHEN YOU DESTROY THEM? SALVAGED. THANK YOU. AND THEY'RE PAYING LIKE $1,000, AND THEN THEY'RE CHARGING A RENT OF LIKE $600 A MONTH. AND THEY ARE IN POOR CONDITION. SO I'M WONDERING WHAT ABILITY WE HAVE TO START TO REGULATE THAT INDUSTRY, AS IT RELATES TO THOSE BEING SOLD THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SALVAGED. I DON'T KNOW. AND THEN MY FOLLOW-UP TO THAT IS, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY CAN FUND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RENT, I HAVE TO WONDER HOW MANY ARE PAYING MORE TO LIVE IN AN R.V. THAT IS NOT FIT FOR HUMANS VERSUS US HELPING THEM SECURE HOUSING, AND USING PART OF THAT MONEY TO HELP OFFSET THE COST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MS. MITCHELL, YEAH, GO AHEAD.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TO REMIND US ALL, THE PILOT THAT WE PASSED HERE FOR THE COUNTY INCLUDES-- FOR THE PILOT, THE X NUMBER THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS INCLUDES, FIRST OF ALL, IDENTIFYING THE TRUE OWNER OF THE R.V.-- BECAUSE, LIKE YOU SAID, MANY OF THEM ARE RENTERS-- AND THEN SALVAGING THE R.V., IF IT'S INOPERABLE. THE PILOT CREATES A VARIETY OF OPTIONS. IF IT'S A CARBURETOR, THEN IT CAN MOVE; IF IT'S OLD TAGS THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED. SO, IF IT'S AN R.V. THAT CAN BE HABITABLE, THEN IT'S A MATTER OF FINDING R.V. PARKING SITES. THAT'S A PART OF THE PILOT. BUT A PART OF OUR PILOT IS TO SALVAGE THOSE.

SUP. BARGER: BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE GETTING-- BECAUSE WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT THERE IS A MARKET WHERE THEY TURN AROUND AND BUY THEM FOR LIKE $400. THEY'RE NOTHING, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT WORTH ANYTHING.

SUP. MITCHELL: WHICH IS WHY WE INCLUDED SALVAGING IN OUR MOTION, BECAUSE WE HEARD ABOUT THAT MARKET, AND THE MARKET WHERE PEOPLE-- MANY TIMES, WE SEE THE R.V.S THAT HAVE BEEN BURNED OUT. WE ARE LEARNING IT'S BECAUSE SOMEBODY DIDN'T PAY THEIR RENT, AND THEIR R.V. WAS INTENTIONALLY SET ON FIRE AS A THREAT TO HAVING NOT PAID AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT OF RENT TO LIVE IN A DILAPIDATED R.V. SO, I AGREE WITH YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WHAT DO YOU THINK, EVERYBODY? DID YOU ASK ALL YOUR QUESTIONS? WE DON'T NEED ANY APPLAUSE JUST BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SPEAKING ANYMORE, ALTHOUGH I WAS KIND OF FEELING THAT MYSELF. OKAY, WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE PUBLIC NOW? THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHERI, FOR STAYING HERE AND ANSWERING ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS. LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: AMBROSE BROOKS, ANTHONY ARENAS, ARNOLD SACHS, ASAEL ROBLERO, BYRON JOSE, CHERYL CANSON, DR. GLORIA SHELL MITCHELL, GEORGIA HORTON, GINA BURNS, HERMAN HERMAN, JANET ASANTE, KONSTANTINE

ANTHONY, MELISSA MATEO, M.J. KING, RED CHIEF HUNT, SHAWNA SMITH, STEPHANIE LUNA, TANELLE CROOK, AND YASMIN CUSTER. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CALVIN CHEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS AND MS. TODOROFF FOR YOUR EFFORTS. BUT, HOWEVER, I THINK EQUAL AMOUNT OF EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON THE LOCATIONS. AND HERE I WANT TO TELL YOU, THE LOCATION MOTEL 6 PROJECT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ON THE 7TH AVENUE, IT IS ONLY 700 STEPS AWAY FROM MOTEL 6. THERE IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND MANY SCHOOL PUPILS, THEY WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL BY THEMSELVES, WITHOUT PARENTS, AND THIS WILL BE A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR THE SMALL CHILDREN. AND I ALSO WANT TO DISAGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S STATEMENT EARLIER, SAYING THAT--

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

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

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT TOOK YOU AN HOUR AND 47 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. IT TOOK TIME TO REALLY LOSE US IN IT, BUT ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU ARE PUTTING SOME EMPHASIS ON THE MENTAL HEALTH, AND SO ON, AND TRYING TO CREATE MORE BEDS FOR THAT ISSUE. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD WEEK. SEE YOU LATER. BYE-BYE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VANESSA RAMOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, AND THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME AGAIN. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I AM HIGHLY CONCERNED AT THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND THE INEFFECTIVENESS THAT'S BEEN IN THESE PROGRAMS. I DO APPLAUD OUR L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY HEART IS SO FULL IN JUST HEARING SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS. I FEEL VERY HEARD, AND I KNOW THAT YOUR COMMENTS MATCH WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY. AS A PERSON IN RECOVERY THAT HAS NAVIGATED THESE SYSTEMS, I DO SEE CLEAR GAPS THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY DEVELOPING HOUSING PROGRAMS WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE TRAUMA, THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, AND ACCESS TO FOOD THAT ARE NEEDED. IN MY EXPERIENCE, PREVIOUSLY, HOUSING PROGRAMS WERE EASY TO ACCESS, AND THEY WERE A LITTLE MORE LONG-TERM. MY HOPES ARE

THAT WE, IN L.A. COUNTY, ARE ABLE TO DO A BETTER JOB AT OPENING UP THE R.F.P. PROCESS TO NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SEEM MORE--

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

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

SPEAKER: NOTE THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS HOMEKEY REBELLION CAMPAIGN TO RECALL SUPERVISOR SOLIS, [INAUDIBLE]. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S STAFF TOLD DAVID MALCOLM, "NO MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL HOMELESS HOUSING," ON ROWLAND HEIGHTS BUZZ. I HAVE TOLD YOU, AND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS TOLD YOU, CAMPSITES FOR TRANSIENT HOMELESS IS A COST-EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION, AND YOU MUST PROCEED WITH THAT WITH ALL DUE HASTE. WE NEED AN EMERGENCY COUNTY CODE RESTRICTING R.V. PARKING TO NO PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M., AS MANY CITIES DO, WITH RIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT, AND DISABLED VEHICLES TOWED AND IMPOUNDED, [INAUDIBLE]. I HAVE DEFENDED YOU AND CRITICIZED THOSE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THEIR INTERVENTION. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ENGLISH IS NOT A PROBLEM FOR THE CHINESE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS. YOU

DEMEAN THEM. CHINESE NEWSPAPERS DO A GREAT JOB. AND YOUR STAFF HAS KNOWN THAT THE FRAGMENTATION OF--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA LANDAU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, HI. GOOD EVENING, BOARD. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. WELL, I DO APPRECIATE A LOT OF THE COMMENTS THAT WAS MADE TODAY, ESPECIALLY MS. BARGER, FOR YOU TO ADMIT THAT THERE IS A LACK OF ACCESS. IT'S A GREAT PRESENTATION MS. CHERI TODOROFF MENTIONED, AS WELL. BUT THE REALITY IS, WHEN IT'S TIME TO LOCATE THE PLACES FOR THE CLIENTS THAT ARE UNHOUSED, IT'S LIKE A MAZE. L.A.H.S.A. ALREADY HAS ROADBLOCKS, AND H.O.P.I.C.S., VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, SALVATION ARMY, JUST TO NAME A FEW FIRST TO SERVE, BUT H.O.P.I.C.S. AND L.A.H.S.A. ARE THE PRIMARY ONES THAT ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO ACCESS THESE BEDS. SO WE ASK THAT OTHER NONPROFITS GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO FILL OUT THE R.F.P.S THAT ARE FILLED OUT, RESPECT THE MASTER AGREEMENTS SPECIFICALLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT

OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO THAT WAY PEOPLE CAN GAIN EASY ACCESS TO GET THESE BEDS AND PERMANENT HOUSING.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. MR. PREVEN, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD. ERIC, ERIC, WE GOT A LOT OF STATIC GOING ON. EARTH TO ERIC. COME IN.

ERIC PREVEN: SURE. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, NOW WE CAN HEAR YOU.

ERIC PREVEN: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES.

ERIC PREVEN: OKAY, I APOLOGIZE. SORRY. OKAY. SO... WELL, THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR PRESENTATION, AND MY LEAST-- THE PART WHERE I WAS MOST UPSET WAS WHEN I HEARD THE QUESTION ABOUT A HALF A MILLION NEEDED BEDS, AND THE RESPONSE WAS, "IT'S A MULTIPRONGED PATHWAY OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME." OF

COURSE, THAT IS A HEARTBREAKER IN A LITTLE HANDBASKET, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT, YOU KNOW, I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE EMERGENCY MALAISE, BECAUSE IT'S GREAT THAT WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY, BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE WE'RE REALLY ACTING AS-- IT'S VERY HARD. I MEAN, YOUR STORY WAS HARROWING, TO CALL AND SAY, "SUPERVISOR, CAN WE GET A ROOM?" AND THEY DID, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE SUPERVISOR, BUT YOU CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE, AND IT'S HARD, BECAUSE... I DON'T KNOW. I THINK WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE HAVEN OF HOPE, WHICH IS OUT IN TEXAS, WHERE THEY HAVE-- SOMEONE BUILDS. SOMEONE STEPS UP AND BUILDS THE HOUSING.

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

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

HECTOR RAMIREZ: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I'M A CONSUMER WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2. I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THIS GREAT PRESENTATION. I KNOW FIRSTHAND, AS A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY MEMBER, THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING UNDER THE MANY RESTRICTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, BUT I WANTED TO REALLY TOUCH BASE IN REGARDS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS COMMENT. OUR CONSUMERS, OVER AND OVER,

HAVE SAID THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY REALLY WOULD WANT TO HAVE IS TO HAVE COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING OPTIONS, WHETHER IT BE A REST BED, OR LONG-TERM CARE, OR A CARE-BASED TYPE OF HOUSING THAT COULD HELP PEOPLE BOTH RE-ESTABLISH AND BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT, OR FIND THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I SAW KIND OF REFLECTED IN THE REPORT: BOARD-AND-CARE HOMES IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT OUR PEERS HAVE SAID, OVER AND OVER, NO TO. AND SO I REALLY WANT TO AGAIN JUST ENCOURAGE TO UPLIFT. YOU KNOW, THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY IS PICKING UP, AND REALLY SUPPORT FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOMINIQUE GILMORE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS DOMINIQUE GILMORE. I WANT TO GIVE A THANKS TO MS. TRUTHBAY AND EVERYONE WHO'S TRIED TO HELP US WITH THE HOMELESS CRISIS THAT'S GOING ON. I'VE BEEN IN A PROGRAM FOR H.O.P.I.C.S. FOR OVER A YEAR, AND THEY JUST CALLED ME FRIDAY AND TOLD ME THAT THEY HAD A MATCH FOR ME AND MY TWO CHILDREN. WE'RE TAKING ANTIDEPRESSANTS AND ANXIETY MEDICATION, AND I GAVE THEM MY INCOME. THEY SAID THAT WE QUALIFY. IT TAKES 72 HOURS FOR AN E-MAIL TO GIVE US THE ADDRESS. AND THEN I

CALLED THEM TODAY. THEY CALLED ME BACK AND SAID THAT WE HAVE TO BE DISABLED. I TOLD THEM I APPLIED FOR MY DAUGHTER, WHO'S DISABLED, BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN ACCEPTED YET. SO, THAT'S WHAT IS HOLDING US UP AND MAKING UP JUMP THROUGH HOOPS, AND IT'S ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER. I'M COMPLYING, DOING EVERYTHING I'M SUPPOSED TO DO THAT THEY'RE ASKING ME TO DO, AND THEY'RE STILL COMING UP WITH DIFFERENT THINGS, AFTER THEY ALREADY TOLD US--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, WE'RE GOING TO GO IN PERSON? OKAY, IN PERSON.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, WE SEE THAT THE NUMBER-ONE PROBLEM TODAY IS THE HOLOCAUST ON HOMELESSNESS. AND FOR HOW MANY DECADES HAVE WE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM WHEN JOSE LUIS HUIZAR GENTRIFIED DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES WITH A BUNCH OF COHORTS OF DEVELOPERS THAT SWALLOWED UP ALL THE HOUSING, AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT PAID FOR IT? SO IT'S TIME THAT WE HAVE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CORRUPTION, WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE BY THIS LOCAL ENTITY, AND THIS ONE LADY HERE, WITH HER BABBLING [EXPLETIVE] OF NONSENSE ABOUT HOW WE PLAN TO RESUME A LIFE AS A HOMELESS PERSON. THIS IS AMERICA. THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A ONE-TIME GREAT COUNTRY THAT HAS GONE TO HELL. AND WE HAVE ALLOWED IT. WE'VE ALLOWED IT BECAUSE WE HAVE SPEARHEADED CORRUPTION IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, 42-C 1983. POLITELY, [EXPLETIVE].

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

JANET ASANTE: HI. MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE BOARD FUND THESE SERVICES, AND WE ARE DEFINITELY IN SUPPORT TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL, AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO RECEIVE CARE WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES. THESE UPDATES ARE HELPFUL, AND WE KNOW THAT UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE AT HIGH RISK OF CRIMINALIZATION AND INCARCERATION, AND OFTEN L.A. COUNTY THINKS OF JAILS AS HOUSING, AND JAILS AS MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, WHICH WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE DON'T GET WELL IN A CELL. WHILE THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, PEOPLE ARE DYING INSIDE OF THESE HORRIFIC JAILS. AS OF TODAY, THERE WAS ANOTHER DEATH INSIDE OF L.A.S.D. CUSTODY. WHEN I PREPARED LAST NIGHT TO COME HERE, IT WAS 18, AND NOW IT IS 19. FOR THIS YEAR, IN 2023, THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN 21 WEEKS OF THIS YEAR. THIS IS A CRISIS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED WITH SERIOUS, SERIOUS SHIFTS IN WHAT CARE NEEDS TO BE FUNDED. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS 10 TANELLE CROOK, AND I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS ITEM. WE NEED MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR EVERYONE. ON MAY 13, 2023, I LOST MY 19-YEAR-OLD SON. CAMERON LEE NETTLES PASSED IN

THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, DUE TO THE NEGLECT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. TODAY, I WISH MY SON WAS ALIVE. MY SON IS NOT THE FIRST TO DIE IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO BE THE LAST. WHEN IS SOMEONE OR SOMETHING GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT? THAT JAIL IS VERY UNSAFE, AND NOT IN ANY CONDITION FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO BE HOUSED IN THAT. THIS HAS TO BE A PROBLEM FOR YEARS. I DEFINITELY HAVE TO BE THE VOICE FOR MY SON. I COME WITH PEACE, AND NEED JUSTICE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, AND OTHER FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. PLEASE HAVE A HEART. TAKE MY SON'S STORY SERIOUS. STOP SWEEPING PEOPLE DYING IN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL UNDER THE RUG. HOW MANY PEOPLE--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REMARKS. NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M DR. GEORGIA HORTON, SO I'M ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS. AND I'M FOR THE HOUSING, BUT I'M ALSO STANDING IN THE GAP FOR THOSE THAT HAVE CAME BACK INTO THE SYSTEM, LIKE ME, REENTRY. HAD HOUSING, HAD THE BEDS BEEN PREPARED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING FOR ME. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO ADDRESS MOVING FORWARD IS THAT, IS THERE ANY WAY THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THE STIGMA FOR THE REENTRY POPULATION THAT'S COMING IN, THAT IS TRYING TO REINTEGRATE BACK INTO SOCIETY,

BUT IS [INAUDIBLE] OF HOUSING? ONE OF THE THINGS SINCE C.O.V.I.D., A LOT OF THE REENTRIES HAVE CHANGED THEIR WAY OF ALLOWING PEOPLE TO ENTER IN. AND SO IF THERE WAS A WAY THAT WE CAN BREAK THE STIGMA WITH THE HOUSING, BREAK THE STIGMA WITH THE BEDS, BREAK THE STIGMA WITH ALLOWING PEOPLE TO COME IN AND ACCESS THIS, IT WOULD BE A BLESSING. ALSO, I OFFER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I'M WILLING TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY. IF ANYBODY WANTS MY INFORMATION, I'M AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS AMBROSE BROOKS S., AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. IT'S ENCOURAGING TO HEAR THAT THE COUNTY IS CONTINUING TO INVEST IN HOUSING, AND HAS COMMITTED TO SOME TRANSPARENCY REGA.R.D.I.NG UPDATES ON PROGRESS. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT L.A.'S JAILS ARE OFTEN THOUGHT OF AS HOUSING. TWIN TOWERS IS THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN THE COUNTRY, AND WE KNOW IT'S NOT A PLACE GROUNDED IN CARE. IT'S RUN BY DEPUTY GANGS. 19 PEOPLE HAVE DIED INSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY JAILS THIS YEAR. I MADE THIS SIGN LAST NIGHT, AND IT IS ALREADY OUTDATED. SO FAR, THE BOARD HAS NOT SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO HOLD L.A.S.D. ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE DEATHS OF SO MANY PEOPLE; HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY. WE DEMAND THAT THE BOARD OFFICES MEET WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY, AND CENTER THE CONCERNS AND DEMANDS OF

FAMILIES. WE DEMAND THAT THE BOARD COMMIT TO AN ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN FOR L.A.S.D.'S CENTRAL ROLE IN THE DEATHS OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE LONGER THE BOARD WAITS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE MORE INNOCENT LIVES WILL BE LOST. THIS IS TRAGIC AND UNACCEPTABLE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BYRON JOSE, WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION AND REIMAGINE L.A. WE WANT TO, AGAIN, CONTINUE WORKING AND SUPPORTING THE BOARD'S INITIATIVES TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S HOUSING, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT MAY WORK, WHETHER IT'S THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, BUT SPECIFICALLY TRACKING TRANSGENDER, EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS TRADITIONALLY MARGINALIZED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND WHILE WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS BOARD ON OTHER INITIATIVES, IT'S PRIDE MONTH, SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE EXPANDING THE CARE OF L.G.B.T. COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THIS BOARD, WITH ONE OF YOUR OFFICES, TO ENSURE THAT NOT ONLY THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS, ALL THESE REPORTS THAT YOU KEEP COMMISSIONING, WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ACTUAL FOLLOW-THROUGH AND A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO CLOSING THESE JAILS. I AM HERE WITH THE

FAMILIES. I AM HERE AS PART OF REIMAGINE L.A.: A CONSTITUENT MEMBER, BUT ALSO ENSURING THAT OUR TRANS T.G.I. COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO RELEASED IN JAILS THROUGH THESE BEDS, AND THROUGH CLOSING OTHER JAILS.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. I'M DR. GLORIA SHELL MITCHELL. I'M A HOUSING PROVIDER IN S.P.A. 6. I FELT LED TO OPEN A HOUSE, BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE DIVORCED OR EVICTED ENDED UP COMING TO STAY IN MY HOME. AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE, IN 5 YEARS, TO BREAK THROUGH WHATEVER THIS SYSTEM IS, OR THE BARRIERS, SO WE CAN GET OUR HOUSE FUNDED. AND SO I AM HERE TODAY TO SAY, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH, JUST LIKE YOU APPOINTED A COMMITTEE EARLIER, FOR PEOPLE TO WORK WITH THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO VOLUNTEER MY SERVICES AS A MENTAL HEALTH COACH, AND ALSO A HOUSING PROVIDER, TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE SO WE CAN HELP US SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH THE MOM-AND-POPS NOT RECEIVING FUNDING, WHILE OTHERS ARE RECEIVING LOTS OF FUNDS FOR THEIR BEDS. SO I'D LIKE VERY MUCH FOR YOU TO CONSIDER THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IS THERE SOMEONE HERE THAT MAYBE COULD WORK WITH HER, JUST IN TERMS OF HER ONE ISSUE OF NOT

KNOWING HOW TO GET REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROVIDING HOUSING TODAY? IS THERE SOMEBODY BACK THERE? YES. CAN YOU LET THAT LAST SPEAKER KNOW THAT THERE'S SOMEONE? OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

INTERPRETER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ASAEL ROBLERO. I'M IN FAVOR THAT YOU DO INCREASE THE BEDS AND THE SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH. AND IN MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, I DO HAVE A SON IN JAIL BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I DON'T THINK A JAIL IS A LIVING, OR A HOSPITAL. WHEN THEY GO INTO A CRISIS, THEN THE COUNTY SENDS THEM TO JAIL, AND THEY GET THREATENED BY THE DEPUTIES, BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE THAT HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. SO, I THINK THAT HOTEL ROOMS MAY HELP, BUT THEY NEED TO GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BECAUSE HOW ARE THEY GOING TO KEEP AN APARTMENT CLEAN? I MEAN, THERE'S PEOPLE THAT ARE FROM THE STREETS. THEY'RE ADDICTED. THEY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH. THEY CAN'T REALLY BE STABLE WITHOUT THESE PROGRAMS FOR MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHAWNA SMITH. I AM IN FAVOR OF ITEM 1. I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF HOUSING MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. THE JAILS

ARE OVERCROWDED, WITH UNINHABITABLE CONDITIONS. PEOPLE ARE DYING DAILY. YOU MADE A COMMITMENT TO CLOSE CENTRAL JAIL, AND NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN. PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT MY BIG CONCERN, BUT PEOPLE DYING IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL, DAILY, IS. CAMERON NETTLES WAS MY 19-YEAR-OLD NEPHEW. ANOTHER LIFE HAS BEEN STOLEN INSIDE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT YOU OVERSEE. IT'S ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKES CHANGES. WE WANT ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS IS HAPPENING WAY TOO OFTEN. WE NEED MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS OUTSIDE OF CELLS. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M CHERYL CANSON, AND THIS YEAR, 19 PEOPLE HAVE DIED INSIDE OF THE JAILS. IT'S BEEN ALMOST THREE YEARS SINCE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTED TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL STUCK IN JAIL, BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS, OR EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROGRAMS. WHILE THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J., PEOPLE ARE DYING INSIDE OF THE HORRIFIC JAIL. IN THE LAST 21 WEEKS, 19 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES INSIDE OF THE JAILS. WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS CRISIS? THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS GINA BURNS, AND IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE FUNDED. THE HOMELESS AND THE MENTALLY ILL GO HAND-IN-HAND. THEY'VE BEEN TRAUMATIZED, AND TREATED AS IF THEY'RE LESS THAN HUMAN. THEY'RE HUMAN BEINGS, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT SOMETHING IS DONE AND GIVEN BACK. THEY DO NOT BELONG IN JAILS, PRISONS. ALL THAT HAPPENS IS THEY'RE GET EXACERBATED AND RECYCLED AND DYING, ALL IN THE NAME OF MONEY. THIS IS BLOOD MONEY. THESE ARE OUR LOVED ONES, OUR FAMILIES. THIS INSANITY HAS TO STOP. WE LEAD THE WORLD IN MASS INCARCERATION, AND IT STARTS HERE. WE NEED TO GIVE BACK TO THESE PEOPLE, AND GET THEM OFF THE STREETS, AND GIVE THEM A STABLE PLACE TO LIVE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, THE RIGHT MENTAL HEALTH CARE. THE STATE HOSPITALS ARE BROKEN, THE JAILS ARE BROKEN, AND THE PRISONS ARE BROKEN. THEY'RE ALL ILL-EQUIPPED IN DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL. ALL THEY'RE DOING IS RECYCLING THEM IN THE NAME OF FUNDS. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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

SPEAKER: YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JASMINE. I NEVER IMAGINED TO SPEAK HERE. BUT ANYWAYS, [INAUDIBLE] A FOSTER KID, AND I HAVE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING WITH THE STATISTICS, FROM 5 KIDS, TWO KIDS ENDS TO LIVE LIKE HOMELESS. REALLY, I THINK WE HAVE TO APPROACH-- LOOKS LIKE A HOLE WITH

NO END. WE HAVE TO APPROACH IN OTHER WAYS. PROBABLY, IF WE TEACH THESE PEOPLE TO HAVE STRATEGIES FOR LIFE, IT'S GOING TO BE BETTER AND MORE ESTABLISHED. I'M TALKING ABOUT BRING TENTS AND TEACH PROGRAMS, SKILLED PROGRAMS, FOR THE HOMELESS, TO TEACH HOW A LITTLE BIT [INAUDIBLE]. ALL THESE TESTIMONIES THAT WE HAVE BEFORE MY TALKING, I THINK TALK MORE THAN EVERYTHING, RIGHT? AND I WOULD JUST STAND HERE TO SAY, PLEASE, BRING--

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: I'M A DISTRICT-ONE RESIDENT. I'M IN FAVOR OF FUNDING MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR NAMING PREVENTION. THIS BOARD KNOWS THAT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT YOU FUND SERVICES AND HOUSING, INSTEAD OF INCARCERATING PEOPLE. YOU KNOW THAT OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS ARE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO CRIMINALIZATION AND INCARCERATION. YOU KNOW THAT JAIL CELLS ARE NOT HOUSING. YOU KNOW THAT JAIL CELLS ARE NOT MENTAL HEALTHCARE. THEY'RE NOT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES. YOU KNOW THAT 19 PEOPLE HAVE DIED INSIDE JAILS THIS YEAR. 19. THESE DEATHS WERE PREVENTABLE. THREE YEARS AGO, YOU COMMITTED

TO CLOSE M.C.J. YOUR CONTINUED DELAY WILL ONLY RESULT IN MORE DEATHS. WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU TO ACT?

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, FROM SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3, AND I JUST WANT TO ECHO WHAT A LOT OF OTHER OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE BEEN SAYING: THAT WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S FOCUS ON THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, AND I STRESS THE NECESSITY TO PROVIDE THOSE BEDS OUTSIDE OF JAILS, AND STAFFED BY HEALTHCARE WORKERS, NOT COPS. THE URGENCY IS REAL TO PUT MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS ONLINE, AND FOLKS OUT OF JAILS, BECAUSE, AS OTHERS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED, IN JUST 21 WEEKS, 19 FOLKS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES INSIDE OF THE JAILS. AND IT'S BEEN ALMOST THREE YEARS SINCE THE BOARD COMMITTED TO THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J., AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL STUCK IN JAIL, BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS, NOR EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AND WHILE THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J., PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO LOSE THEIR LIVES, AND LOVED ONES ARE GOING TO BE GRIEVING THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE ASKING, WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING BOLD? THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE LUNA. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE BOARD FUND SERVICES AND HOUSING TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WILL BE KEPT OUT OF JAIL, AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY RECEIVE THE CARE THAT IS NEEDED FROM WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THESE UPDATES ARE EXTREMELY HELPFUL, AND SHOW THAT THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN TRANSPARENCY. WHILE I APPRECIATE ALL THAT'S BEEN SAID, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PEOPLE CANNOT GET THE PROPER CARE THEY NEED WHILE ALSO BEING ACTIVELY CRIMINALIZED. WHILE THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J., PEOPLE ARE ACTIVELY DYING IN THIS HORRIFIC JAIL. IN THE LAST 21 WEEKS, 19 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES INSIDE THE JAIL, ONE OF WHICH, I MIGHT ADD, WAS REPORTED WHILE I WAS ON MY WAY TO THIS MEETING TODAY. SPEAKING OF TRANSPARENCY, THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY BEING SUED BY THE A.C.L.U. FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION FROM WITHIN THE JAIL SYSTEM. WE JUST SAW THAT VIDEO SHOWING SHERIFF DEPUTIES SLAMMING A HANDCUFFED MAN INTO A CONCRETE WALL, WITH NO PROVOCATION. WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING? NO MORE DELAY, CLOSE M.C.J.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS MELISSA MATEO, AND I AM RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE WITH JUSTICE L.A. THESE UPDATES ARE

HELPFUL, AND SHOW THAT THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN TRANSPARENCY. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT THE NUMBER OF BEDS PRESENTED TODAY IS NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE NEED MORE BEDS. WE KNOW THAT OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE AT A HIGHER RISK OF CRIMINALIZATION AND INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY'S HISTORIC PATTERNS OF THE CRIMINALIZATION OF UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE RESULTED IN HIGHER RATES OF INCARCERATION. IN FACT, JUST TODAY, THE 19TH DEATH IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY THIS YEAR WAS ANNOUNCED. IT'S BEEN ALMOST THREE YEARS SINCE THIS BOARD COMMITTED TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE COUNTY HAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS, OR EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WHILE THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J., PEOPLE INSIDE M.C.J. ARE LITERALLY DYING. IN THE LAST 21 WEEKS, 19 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES INSIDE OF M.C.J. HOW MANY MORE LIVES WILL BE LOST INSIDE M.C.J. BEFORE THE BOARD DECIDES TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR PROMISE?

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

KONSTANTINE ANTHONY: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KONSTANTINE ANTHONY. I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK, AND A CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR. I AM ALSO ON THE CAL CITIES WORKING

GROUP TO MONITOR THE DEPOPULATION OF THE COUNTY JAILS. WE KNOW THAT THESE BEDS HELP GET THOSE SUFFERING MENTAL ILLNESS OUT OF THE JAILS, AND IT ALSO GETS PEOPLE OFF OF THE STREETS. PLEASE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. AND IF YOU COULD, I'M ONE OF THE SMALLER CITIES IN THIS COUNTY. PUSH FOR IT. USE THE BULLY PULPIT. THE MEASURE H DOLLARS, YOU GOT TO USE THAT AS A LINCHPIN TO GET THESE CITIES TO SAY YES. YOU'RE GOING TO GET FIGHT-BACK FROM A LOT OF THESE PLACES. THERE'S A NIMBY ATTITUDE THAT THEY DON'T WANT IT. PUSH THROUGH THAT, I URGE YOU, PLEASE. AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, LET'S KEEP THESE OUTPATIENT FACILITIES. WE DON'T NEED TO CREATE MORE LOCKED ROOMS, BECAUSE WE'RE JUST MOVING THEM FROM JAIL TO JAIL. I'LL BE BACK ON NUMBER 16, TO TALK MORE ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I LIKE HER. KEEP HER. SHE'S VERY GOOD. F.M.R. RATES ARE DOWN. THEY NEED TO GO UP TO $2,300. F.M.R. RATES NEED TO GO UP. BUT ADVOCATING FOR THAT, THERE'S 120,000 VACANT UNITS. F.M.R. RATE'S $1,800 FOR $2,700. PLEASE CORRECT THAT.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS YEAR, THE COUNTY BUDGET IS $44 BILLION. THE CITY'S BUDGET IS $13 BILLION. METRO'S IS WHAT? ABOUT 12? THAT'S LIKE $65 BILLION. I STARTED COMING TO THESE MEETINGS IN 2008. THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY WAS $18 BILLION. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS GIVING MONEY LIKE IT WAS CANDY TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO KEEP PEOPLE INCARCERATED. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? HE SAID NO TO HIS OWN PLAN, JANICE. DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THAT WAS? THAT WAS THE AFFORDABLE CARE PLAN. IT'S RIGHT HERE IN YOUR GREEN SHEET FROM APRIL 18TH, L.A. CARE HEALTH. IT SAYS--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE NOT ON THAT ITEM. WE'RE ON SET MATTER 1.

ARNOLD SACHS: BUT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HELP, AND IT SAYS "HEALTH NET." IT'S ALL ABOUT COVERED CALIFORNIA. IT'S ALL ABOUT OBAMACARE. HE [EXPLETIVE] THEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

ARNOLD SACHS: HE [EXPLETIVE] A BLACK PRESIDENT, AND YOU HELPED HIM. AND THERE'S YOUR BOYFRIEND OVER THERE-- THE K.K.K.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO OTHER SPEAKERS. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE ON THE PHONE?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK A QUESTION ON THIS? I MEAN, I DO AGREE, WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TEARING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A SET ITEM TO DISCUSS WHAT THE PLAN IS. I'M JUST SAYING, I MEAN, 3 AND A HALF YEARS AGO, WE VOTED FOR IT, AND I SEE NO MOVEMENT IN ANY DIRECTION, OTHER THAN KICKING THE CAN, SO I THINK IT IS TIME FOR US TO-- AND, I MEAN--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT AT ANOTHER--

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, IF WE DO, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ALL THE OTHER JAILS, TOO. I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD JUST BE M.C.J.

SUP. BARGER: I ABSOLUTELY AGREE.

SUP. SOLIS: WE GOT TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE DEPOPULATE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: RIGHT. I THINK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD SAY THIS IS NOT ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. BARGER: WELL, I'M ASKING FOR A SET ITEM, A REPORT-BACK. I'M ASKING FOR A REPORT-BACK. AND I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT-- BUT MEN'S CENTRAL IS THE ONE THAT IS IN THE WORST CONDITION, AND THAT WE ALL AGREE NEEDS TO BE TORN DOWN. SO, A REPORT-BACK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE CAN TALK ABOUT AGENDIZING THAT. SEEING NO ONE ELSE ON THE QUEUE, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, LET'S GO ON TO ITEM 11, SUPPORT FOR THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA IN THEIR STRIKE AGAINST THE ALLIANCE OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY IS THE 35TH DAY THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA HAS BEEN ON STRIKE, RIGHTLY DEMANDING THE RESPECT AND FAIR COMPENSATION THEY DESERVE, AS

THE BACKBONE OF LOS ANGELES'S CREATIVE ECONOMY. WHO ARE WE, AS ANGELENOS, WITHOUT THE ART OF STORYTELLING? STORIES SHAPE OUR CULTURE AND IDENTITY. THE CHARACTERS IN TELEVISION AND MOVIES ALLOW US TO IMAGINE, TO LAUGH, TO CREATE, TO RELATE, TO DREAM. THEY ARE A MEANINGFUL PART OF THE CHAPTERS OF OUR LIVES. STORIES ARE CRAFTED BY THE MORE THAN 11,000 WRITERS REPRESENTED BY THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA. THEY ARE UNDERVALUED, AND THIS CONFLICT NEEDS TO END. THE EROSION OF WRITER PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS HAS HAPPENED WHILE STUDIOS HAVE COLLECTED ALMOST $30 BILLION IN ENTERTAINMENT OPERATING PROFITS EACH YEAR, FROM 2017 TO 2021 ALONE. MEMBERS OF THE W.G.A. DESERVE TO SHARE IN THE REVENUE THAT PRODUCTION STUDIOS HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AS WELL AS HAVE ASSIGNMENTS AND A SALARY THEY CAN CONSISTENTLY DEPEND ON. THE EROSION OF GOOD PAY, CONSISTENT ASSIGNMENTS, AND A SUSTAINABLE WORKING ENVIRONMENT HARMS NOT ONLY THE WRITERS, BUT ALL OF LOS ANGELES. OUR REGION DEPENDS ON QUALITY CAREERS THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY HAS HISTORICALLY PROVIDED. THIS STRIKE HAS HIGHLIGHTED WHAT HAS REALLY BEEN HAPPENING FOR WRITERS, AND IT'S TIME FOR THAT TO CHANGE. TODAY, I WANT TO BE CLEAR, ON THE RECORD: THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNEQUIVOCALLY STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE W.G.A. IN THEIR STRIKE AGAINST THE ALLIANCE OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS, AND BELIEVES THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITIONS TO BE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY. WE URGE A.M.P.T.P. TO COME BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING

TABLE IN GOOD FAITH, AND FIND A JUST RESOLUTION TO THE STRIKE BY PAYING WORKERS WHAT THEY DESERVE, PROVIDING CONSISTENT ASSIGNMENTS, AND PROVIDING A WORKING ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS THEM TO THRIVE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER SUPPORT, AND I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL JOIN US IN UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTING THIS ITEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A CO-AUTHOR. I KNOW WE SENT A LETTER, BUT I THINK HAVING THE BOARD STAND BEHIND THIS IS A STRONG TESTIMONY TO THE SUPPORT AND THE SOLIDARITY THAT WE HAVE. NOT ONLY DOES ENTERTAINMENT EMPLOY SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND DRIVE OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY, IT IS PART OF THE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU CANNOT TELL A STORY IN LOS ANGELES WITHOUT FILM, T.V., AND MEDIA. AT THE CORE OF THIS ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DOING THE WORK AND TRULY HAVE BUILT OUR ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, WHETHER IT BE THE WRITERS, DIRECTORS, PRODUCERS, PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS, EDITORS AND SOUND PROFESSIONALS, FILM AND T.V. CREWS, AND SO MANY MORE THAT ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF THIS INDUSTRY. AND AS THE STRIKE GOES ON, AND ACTIVE PRODUCTIONS ARE IMPACTED, IT IS THOSE PROFESSIONS WHOSE LIVES ARE PUT ON HOLD. BUT WE ALSO CAN'T FORGET THE FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES, THE CATERERS, THE CONTRACTORS WHO WORK ON SETS,

EVENT PROFESSIONALS, AND SO MANY OTHER INDUSTRIES WHO RELY ON THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. AND THERE ARE MANY MOM-AND-POP BUSINESSES IMPACTED, AS LONG AS THE STRIKE GOES ON. IT TOUCHES, PROBABLY, MILLIONS OF LIVES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW THIS FIRSTHAND AT THE COUNTY, AS WE EMPLOY NEARLY 100,000 REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE STRIKE END, WITH THE W.G.A. RECEIVING AN AGREEMENT THAT SUPPORTS AND INVESTS IN WRITERS, AND CONTINUES TO MAKE THIS A CORNERSTONE JOB IN LOS ANGELES. AND IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE A.M.P.T.P. AND W.G.A. GET TO THIS AGREEMENT QUICKLY, BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS RELYING ON THE VIBRANT AND ACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. AND I HOPE THAT, MOVING FORWARD, THEY WILL RECOGNIZE THAT COMPROMISE GOES BOTH WAYS. SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE.

SUP. HORVATH: I NEED TO READ IN THE AMENDMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SORRY.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. APPRECIATE IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

SUP. HORVATH: THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOW BE CHANGED TO READ, "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, IN THEIR STRIKE AGAINST THE ALLIANCE OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS, AND FORWARD A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE ALLIANCE OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS." THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, DO ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE AMENDMENT IN FRONT OF THEM? OKAY. LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: DONALD HARLAN, RACHEL TORRES, AND RED CHIEF HUNT. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, A MEMBER OF THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, YOU'LL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW. AND I CERTAINLY STAND WITH THE WRITERS. I DO APPRECIATE WHAT THE

BOARD IS DOING. I JUST HOPE THAT THE TIMING IS RIGHT, RELATING TO RE-ELECTIONS AND THE CAMPAIGN, DON'T FORGET. I MEAN, THE STUDIOS ARE SO POWERFUL AND HELPFUL AT CERTAIN TIMES. SO, LET'S AGREE THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT. NOW IS THE TIME FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE WRITERS, WHO HAVE BEEN ROUTINELY RIPPED OFF. AND I WANT TO JUST DISCLOSE THAT YOU MENTIONED MANY OF THE OTHER CRAFT SERVICES, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THE INDUSTRY DOES NOT DO A GREAT JOB OF TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE, OKAY, AND THE WHOLE GREEDIEST-PLACE-ON-EARTH ETHOS, WHICH RESULTS IN PEOPLE LEAVING CALIFORNIA TO GO TO OTHER PLACES, WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE TO EVEN PAY A LIVING WAGE. LET ME JUST SAY THIS: GET IT TOGETHER, STUDIOS AND STREAMERS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THE WORDS. THESE ARE THE MAGIC-MAKERS. AM I RIGHT ABOUT THAT, ANYBODY? THIS IS THE PEOPLE WHO TELL US WHAT WE THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD. I BEG YOU. I BEG YOU, SUPPORT THESE WRITERS, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

ERIC PREVEN: WHEN THE ELECTION COMES, WE'LL GET BACK TO THEM. THEY'RE VERY GOOD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WELL SAID, FOR A WRITER. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ELSE ON THE PHONE?

MODERATOR: YEP, WE DO. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA LANDAU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE WRITERS GUILD, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION. WE DO ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT WRITERS WHO WANT TO WRITE ABOUT THE STORIES OF DESCENDANTS OF SLAVES-- BLACK AMERICANS. WE DON'T WANT GENERALIZED STORIES OF THUGS, GANGSTER MOVIES, JOKES THAT ARE ABOUT INCARCERATION, AND CONTINUING TO PORTRAY BLACK PEOPLE IN A NEGATIVE LIGHT. IT IS STORIES LIKE "BOYZ IN THE HOOD" THAT ACTUALLY SHOWS TO OTHERS, LIKE CHINA, AND TO OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WATCH THESE MOVIES, THAT PORTRAY BLACK PEOPLE IN A NEGATIVE LIGHT. SO, IF YOU'RE SUPPORTING THE WRITERS GUILD, SUPPORT WRITERS THAT WILL ACTUALLY WRITE CONSCIOUS, POSITIVE MOVIES CONCERNING THE FAMILY STRUCTURE, POSITIVE IMAGES OF BLACK PEOPLE. TYLER PERRY IS NOT THE ONLY ONE OUT THERE. SO, LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THE WRITERS WHO ARE WRITING POSITIVE STORIES TO UPLIFT THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO IN PERSON. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: I AM DONALD HARLAN. I OPPOSE THE SUPPORT FOR THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA. I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU GUYS, THERE IS A NATIONAL SECURITY BREACH IN THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY, I'M SURE YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY THE WRITERS' STRIKE IS HAPPENING, WHY THIS IS HAPPENING. WHAT'S HAPPENED IS, YOU HAVE FOREIGN AGENTS FROM A FOREIGN EMBASSY OVERRUN THE MOTION PICTURE STUDIOS, AND THEY'RE PAYING EVERYBODY THE CHANGE OUT OF THEIR POCKETS FOR THOSE ILLEGAL PUBLICATIONS, THAT TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT THEFT THEY'RE COMMITTING, BY PUBLISHING ILLEGAL MOVIES THAT THEY DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO PUBLISH. THEY'RE FEEDING THEM THE CHANGE OUT OF THEIR POCKETS TO COMMIT THAT CRIME, AND THEY'RE LOCKED OUT OF THE MONEY. WELL, WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN THERE IS ILLEGAL. THEY'RE CREATING A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT. THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE MONEY. THAT'S THE CAUSE OF THE WRITERS GUILD STRIKE. THEY CAN'T ACCESS THE MONEY, AND SOMEBODY'S GIVING THEM SOMETHING ELSE.

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

RACHEL TORRES: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RACHEL TORRES. I'M THE POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE WRITERS GUILD

OF AMERICA WEST. ON BEHALF OF THE 11,500 MEMBERS OF THE WRITERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND LITERALLY ACROSS THE WORLD, WE WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR TAKING LEADERSHIP AND STANDING WITH WRITERS. WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE STOOD WITH US ON THE PICKET LINE, YOU STAND WITH US HERE, AND WE BELIEVE THAT ALL MOVEMENTS ARE CONNECTED. MANY UNIONS, MANY ORGANIZATIONS, MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS HAVE STOOD WITH US ON THE PICKET LINE, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT OUR FIGHT IS THEIR FIGHT, AND THEIR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT. WE'RE FIGHTING FOR GOOD JOBS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT A STRONG UNION IS THE BEST FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY, AGAINST HOMELESSNESS, AGAINST THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. SO WE STAND WITH THE FOLKS THAT HAVE SPOKE TODAY, AND WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ASSAULT ON WRITERS, AND WHAT HAPPENS TO WRITERS AFFECTS THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY. THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD JUST ANNOUNCED AN OVERWHELMING VOTE OF STRIKE AUTHORIZATION YESTERDAY, SO THIS FIGHT WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS BIG CORPORATIONS DO NOT PRIORITIZE WORKERS. THANK YOU.

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

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I SUPPORT THE WRITERS, AS WELL. I NEED JULIA OR MARJORIE, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

RED CHIEF HUNT: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOT IT. THANK YOU. TO MY STAFF, CAN YOU GET JULIA TO... YEAH, WE'RE VOTING, BUT COULD JULIA COME DOWN AND HELP RED CHIEF HUNT? OKAY. ARE ANY OTHER-- OH, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE QUEUE?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO OTHER SPEAK--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO? OKAY. SO, WE ARE VOTING. AND TO THAT LAST SPEAKER, IT REMINDS ME OF HARRY BRIDGES, FOUNDER OF WHAT WE KNOW NOW AS THE I.L.W., WHO SAID, "AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL." AND SO ANY INJURY TO GOOD WORKERS OUT THERE IN OUR COUNTY REFLECTS ON EVERYBODY. SO, WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 11, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? ITEM 11, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE. I REALIZED I DIDN'T DO "MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER." DO WE NEED TO DO THAT AGAIN?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO, WE DON'T. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. OKAY, NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 15, SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 4 (BRYAN): VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS, WHICH WAS HELD BY

SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN 2020, OVER 5.1 MILLION CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE PROHIBITED FROM VOTING, BECAUSE OF THEIR CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM. IN CALIFORNIA, THIS INCLUDED OVER 50,000 BLACK RESIDENTS, OVER 77,000 LATINO RESIDENTS ALONE. THE RATES OF THESE LEGAL BARRIERS TO CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT ARE SHOCKING. BLACK MEN ARE DISENFRANCHISED AT A RATE 10 TIMES OF THAT OF WHITE MEN, BLACK WOMAN AT A RATE 5 TIMES GREATER, LATINO AND NATIVE AMERICAN MEN AT A RATE DOUBLE THAT OF WHITE MEN. THIS DISENFRANCHISEMENT ALSO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS VETERANS, MANY OF WHOM RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE WITH VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE TRAUMA, AND FACE A LIKELIHOOD OF BECOMING UNHOUSED AND ARRESTED AT A RATE THAT IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC. CALIFORNIA CURRENTLY HAS 7,000 VETERANS WHO ARE DENIED THEIR VOTING RIGHTS BECAUSE THEY ARE INCARCERATED. THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION CURRENTLY DISQUALIFIES PEOPLE WHO ARE

INCARCERATED IN STATE OR FEDERAL PRISON FROM VOTING, AND RESTORES THE RIGHT UPON THEIR RELEASE. PRESERVING THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR ALL PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND POSITIVE IMPACTS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY. THE VAST MINORITY OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN STATE PRISON, UPWARDS OF 95%, WILL EVENTUALLY RETURN HOME. DATA SHOWS THAT PEOPLE WHO VOTE WHILE INCARCERATED, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER, ARE 50% LESS LIKELY TO EVER BE ARRESTED AGAIN. ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 4 REMOVES THE DISQUALIFICATION OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE FROM CIVIC PARTICIPATION. IT PUTS THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA: SHOULD WE RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO CITIZENS OF OUR STATE WHO ARE COMPLETING THEIR PRISON SENTENCES? SHOULD WE BE AN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, OR SHOULD WE TURN BACK TO OUR OWN DARK HISTORY OF RACIALLY MOTIVATED DISENFRANCHISEMENT, VOTER SUPPRESSION, AND THE RESTRICTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION? I WANT TO THANK ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC BRYAN, INITIATE JUSTICE, THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA, WHO ALL CO-SPONSORED THIS BILL, FOR THEIR WORK TO ENFRANCHISE AND EMPOWER ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION, AND FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION WITH YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC BRYAN FOR PUTTING THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FORWARD, TO ENSURE THAT VOTING RIGHTS ARE A RIGHT FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS, NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE. THIS SPECIFIC AMENDMENT IS REMINISCENT OF ONE THAT I SUPPORTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 17, WHICH ALLOWED THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ON STATE PAROLE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SOMEONE TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, WE'RE EXCLUDING NOT ONLY A LARGE SWATH OF INDIVIDUALS THE ABILITY TO VOTE, BUT A VERY SPECIFIC POPULATION: BOTH BROWN AND BLACK PEOPLE, WHO ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN OUR PRISONS. I'M ALSO THINKING OF A CAMPAIGN THAT OUR COUNTY LEADS IN COLLABORATION WITH MANY COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH IS CALLED "L.A. FREE THE VOTE." THIS WORK SPEAKS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IT MEANS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. IF I THINK BACK A FEW YEARS AGO, WE HAVE SEEN MANY ELECTED OFFICIALS, LIKE SHERIFFS, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, JUDGES, ATTORNEY GENERALS, AND GOVERNORS, ALONG WITH PROPOSITIONS AND MEASURES THAT HAVE HAD MAJOR INFLUENCE ON WHAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MEANS HERE IN THE STATE. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY TREATED AND SYSTEMATICALLY OPPRESSED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM SHOULD HAVE A SAY-SO IN WHO THEY ELECT. WE KNOW HOW

IMPORTANT THE RIGHT IS. WE NEED TO ELIMINATE ALL OBSTACLES WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING, AND FOR MANY, VOTING MEANS LIFE OR DEATH, AUTONOMY OF OUR BODIES, AND WHO WE GET TO LOVE, OR HOW WE IDENTIFY OURSELVES. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE CARE FIRST MEANS SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT SPEAKS TO HUMAN DIGNITY THAT CAN COME IN THE FORM OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE, AND OF HOW YOU WANT THE WORLD TO LOOK LIKE, AND HOW IT SHOULD BE. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, AND I ALSO ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS IMPORTANT ITEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I ALSO SEE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING A.C.A. 4 TO US, AND OF COURSE TO OUR YOUNG LEADER IN THE LEGISLATURE, ASSEMBLYMEMBER BRYAN, FOR LEADING ON THE ISSUE. IT'S CLEAR THAT A.C.A. 4 WILL PUT A FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA: SHOULD WE RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO CITIZENS OF OUR STATE WHO ARE COMPLETING THEIR PRISON SENTENCES? I BELIEVE CITIZENS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO WEIGH IN ON THIS QUESTION, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM, QUITE FRANKLY, TO ANSWER THE QUESTION WITH A YES. WHEN I WAS SERVING IN THE STATE SENATE, I SUPPORTED A.C.A. 6, WHICH RESTORED VOTING RIGHTS TO OVER 50,000 CALIFORNIANS AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON. IT'S CLEAR THAT WE HAVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACY BY MAKING IT FAIR AND

INCLUSIVE FOR ALL. AND AS WE COMMIT TO CARE FIRST AND ENDING MASS INCARCERATION, IT'S CRITICAL TO ALSO END VOTER SUPPRESSION TACTICS THAT KEEP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY OUR LEGAL SYSTEM, OUT OF THE VOTING BOOTH. DUE TO INEQUITIES IN THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM, RESTRICTIVE VOTER POLICIES DISPROPORTIONATELY SILENCE THE VOICES OF BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. AND I BELIEVE THIS IS GOOD FOR DEMOCRACY. IT'S BASED IN PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY, AND IT'S GOOD FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. PLEASED THAT OUR J.C.O.D. AND OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER BOTH REVIEWED THE A.C.A. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT IS KEEPING WITH THE COUNTY PROGRAM FREE THE VOTE, AND THAT WHILE THEY BOTH NOTE SOME ANTICIPATED OPERATIONAL IMPACTS, HOWEVER, THEY'RE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE. THESE INCLUDE OBTAINING ACCURATE RESIDENTIAL RECORDS FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM. I HOPE THAT THEY WILL PARTNER WITH US AND PROVIDE THEM, SO WE CAN ENSURE THE VOTERS RECEIVE THE CORRECT BALLOT STYLE AND ACCESS TO ANY ELECTIONS IN THEIR PRECINCT. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL COSTS TO SENDING ELECTION MATERIALS TO ALL STATE AND FEDERAL PRISONS WITH INMATES, BUT AGAIN, BOTH OF THOSE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THOSE COSTS ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE. FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, AND FOR THE REASONS OF REALLY TRYING TO FIGHT, PROACTIVELY, ALL FORMS OF VOTER SUPPRESSION ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION TO SUPPORT THE A.C.A. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. CAN YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: HERMAN HERMAN, KONSTANTINE ANTHONY, M.J. KING, AND RED CHIEF HUNT. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JIMELL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: HI. SO, I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO THE A.C.A., THE VOTING RIGHTS, BUT PRIMARILY, I'M SPEAKING TO MRS. MITCHELL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WAIT, HOLD ON A SECOND. HOLD ON. HOLD HIS TIME. HOLD HIS TIME. WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING YOU. MAYBE YOU CAN SPEAK CLOSER TO YOUR PHONE?

SPEAKER: IS THAT BETTER NOW?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MUCH BETTER. THANK YOU. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: SORRY ABOUT THAT. SO, I'M RESPONDING TO HOLLY MITCHELL'S RESPONSE TO THE A.C.A. VOTING RIGHTS, AND TO HER RESPONSE, AS SHE STATED, THAT IN PASSING THIS BILL, THAT IT WILL HELP TO NOT IMPACT AFRICAN-AMERICANS. AND IT'S JUST VERY INTERESTING THAT SHE SPEAKS ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN RACE, AND SHE DOES NOT ASSIST HER CONSTITUENTS, WHO ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN, WHEN THEY DO CALL HER OFFICE. I MET HER ACROSS THE STREET [INAUDIBLE]. I'VE CONTACTED HER OFFICE. I'VE TOLD HER ABOUT HOW HER OFFICE DOES NOT ASSIST PEOPLE. THEY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST PEOPLE. I'VE TOLD HER HOW VICTOR, WHO GETS TRANSFERRED AROUND TO THE CHAIR'S OFFICE, ENDED UP IN HER OFFICE, DOES NOT ASSIST PEOPLE, AND TO THIS DAY, ON PARTICULAR MATTERS OF THIS AND OTHER ISSUES, SHE STILL DOES NOT ASSIST. I HAVE SPOKEN TO MEMBERS OF HER OFFICE. THEY SAID THEY CANNOT MAKE MRS. MITCHELL OR THE CHIEF OF STAFF DO ANYTHING.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA LANDAU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: AS WE CONTINUE TO UTILIZE BLACK AND BROWN-- AS YOU SAY, DISADVANTAGED-- VOTING IS NOT WHAT BLACK MEN NEED, BLACK WOMEN NEED. THEY NEED REPARATIONS. WE THE PEOPLE VOTE TO HAVE 5 ADDITIONAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SPECIFICALLY BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH THAT YOU HAVE SO REPEATEDLY DISENFRANCHISED. THAT FIRST CALLER SAID EXACTLY CORRECT. HOLLY MITCHELL'S OFFICE, WE SUPPORTED YOU AND VOTED YOU IN, AND YOU CARE NOTHING ABOUT THE BLACK CONSTITUENTS, JUST AS YOUR PREDECESSOR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU OWE US $1.2 MILLION, AT LEAST, FOR BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH RESOURCE CENTERS, SO THEY CAN DEVELOP THEMSELVES. THEY DON'T NEED VOTING RIGHTS. THEY NEED FUNDING. THEY NEED RESPECT. JUST LIKE YOU DESERVE RESPECT, WE ELECTED YOU IN THOSE SEATS, AND YOU DO NOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CAN VOTE. BLACK PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN NOTHING FOR THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE. NO REPARATIONS 2023, NO BLACK VOTE IN 2024. AND WE ALSO LEND A HAND TO BROWN LATINO BROTHERS, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER. STOP USING US FOR YOUR DATA, AND DO THE RIGHT THING THAT WE ELECTED YOU FOR.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN. GENEVIEVE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO? OKAY, SO THAT'S NOT THE-- OKAY. IS THERE ANOTHER PERSON ON THE PHONE?

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, FOLKS, LET ME GET YOU STATISTICS, BECAUSE I HAVE DONE A LITTLE RESEARCH HERE, AND THIS IS ABOUT BLACKS AND LATINOS. SO, THE LATINO POPULATION OF CALIFORNIA IS APPROXIMATELY 40%, AND THE PRISON POPULATION IS 41%. IT'S A NO GO ON THIS. AND THE THING IS, YOU WANT TO PUT ASIDE THE DECISIONS OF ALL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN THE STATE PROSECUTING SYSTEM, AND SO FORTH, TO MEET YOUR POLITICAL AGENDA, AND THAT'S A NO GO. PART OF YOUR PUNISHMENT OF BEING CONVICTED IS NO VOTING, AND I STAND FOR THAT. AND GET YOUR STATISTICS. QUIT YOUR PANDERING [EXPLETIVE]. IT'S DISGUSTING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO IN PERSON. HI.

KONSTANTINE ANTHONY: HELLO. MAYOR ANTHONY AGAIN. THIS IS A WONDERFUL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. I ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO

SUPPORT IT AND VOTE YES ON THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS UP TO SUPPORT IT, AS WELL. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR GETTING THE VOTE TO PEOPLE WHO WERE FORMALLY INCARCERATED. I DO AGREE. I THINK THIS IS THE NEXT STEP. I THINK ASSEMBLYMEMBER BRYAN IS JUST TRYING TO OUTDO YOU A LITTLE BIT, BUT IT'S A GREAT AMENDMENT, ANYWAYS. AND IT DOES A LOT TO UNDO THE GENERATIONAL TRAUMA THAT WE HAVE SEEN, HISTORICALLY, WITH AMENDMENT 13 TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, WHERE INCARCERATION HAS BEEN USED TO DEPRIVE PEOPLE OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. SO, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS UP. I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO EVEN CONSIDER GOING ONE STEP FURTHER AND REACHING OUT TO 16- AND 17-YEAR-OLDS IN THE COUNTY TO SEE IF THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; IN ADDITION, LOOKING AT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING. HOW MANY MORE VOTES CAN WE GET FOR PEOPLE? THANK YOU.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: BAGDASARIAN V. THE UNITED STATES. NEVER IN THE HISTORY HAS A PERSON OF COLOR DONE ANYTHING RIGHT, HOLLY MITCHELL, AS YOU HEARD THE OTHER CONSTITUENTS SPEAK HIGHLY AGAINST YOU AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING. NOW, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE RECORD, WOULD LIKE TO REFLECT DEFENDANT MARIO LUIS SOBOLVARO, FROM WEST COVINA, IN THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, A FELON. YES, A FELON,

AND WE WANT HIM TO WHAT? VOTE? HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE? NOW, HILDA SOLIS SUPPORTS THIS GENTLEMAN WHO HAS NOT JUST THREE GUNS, BUT SEVERAL GUNS AND A RIFLE, AND YOU WANT HIM TO VOTE? IF YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING CRIMINALLY WRONG AND BAD, YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS. WE ARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND WE FIGHT FOR THE INJUSTICE FOR THE JUSTICE, FOR THE RECORD, [EXPLETIVE].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. I WAS GOING TO SAY THANK YOU, BUT NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

TAINA VARGAS: MY NAME IS TAINA VARGAS. I'M THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INITIATE JUSTICE ACTION. WE'RE A CO-SPONSOR OF A.C.A. 4, SO I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR BRINGING THIS MEASURE BEFORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TODAY, THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT IN THIS STATE, WE DO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY FOR EVERYBODY, AND NOT JUST FOR SOME. I WAS ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE YES ON PROP 17 BALLOT COMMITTEE IN 2020. SO, THIS IS AN EFFORT THAT IS LED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION, BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES IS A DEMOCRACY. IT'S ONE OF THE FEW DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU CAN LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. MOST OTHER COUNTRIES, LIKE IN EUROPE, CANADA, JAPAN, ZIMBABWE, YOU DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE WHEN YOU'RE IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION, SO I THINK SENDING A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO

THE ENTIRE STATE, TO LET FOLKS KNOW THAT THIS IS A PLACE WHERE IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOUR BACKGROUND IS, OUR DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES STILL STAND HERE. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS ITEM UP TODAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, SO ITEM 15 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE VOTE, COULD I JUST MAKE A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, IF YOU DON'T MIND?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, OF COURSE.

SUP. MITCHELL: I DIDN'T SAY I WAS THE AUTHOR OF A.C.A. 6. THAT'S ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT PASSED AFTER I WAS OUT OF THE ASSEMBLY. I SAID I SUPPORTED IT, JUST FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, IN MY MIND, YOU WERE THE CHAMPION OF THAT. ITEM 15 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: NO.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-1.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE NOW TO ITEM 16, MOVING FORWARD WITH STEPS TO IMPLEMENT C.A.R.E. COURT IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS, ON ITEM 16. AND WE HAVE BEFORE US OUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES, DR. LISA WONG, CONNIE DRAXLER, ACTING... YOU'RE THE ACTING CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND RICARDO GARCIA, OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, ARE ALL HERE AND AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. LAST DECEMBER, THIS BOARD VOTED ON A MOTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO REPORT BACK WITH THEIR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR C.A.R.E. COURT. AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, FOR THOSE, MAYBE, WHO AREN'T AS FAMILIAR WITH C.A.R.E. COURT, WHO MAY BE LISTENING, C.A.R.E. COURT IS NOT OPTIONAL. IT WAS SIGNED AND PASSED INTO LAW, AND EVERY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA WILL BE EXPECTED TO HAVE C.A.R.E. COURT IN PLACE. AND C.A.R.E. COURT WILL ALLOW CERTAIN PEOPLE, LIKE FAMILY MEMBERS, TO PETITION A CIVIL COURT TO CREATE A CARE PLAN FOR AN ADULT IN THEIR LIFE WITH A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, WHO IS UNABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN MEDICAL DECISIONS. AND I HAVE,

FOR A LONG TIME, FELT LIKE C.A.R.E. COURT WAS THE MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE FOR MANY OF OUR UNHOUSED WHO STRUGGLE ON OUR STREETS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, C.A.R.E. COURT WILL BE IN ONE COURTROOM, WITH ONE JUDGE, IN ONE COURTHOUSE IN NORWALK. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO PREPARE FOR OUR DECEMBER 1ST LAUNCH, AND THEY RECENTLY SUBMITTED A REPORT THAT OUTLINES THEIR PLAN AND THEIR TIMELINE. AND THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE-- THEY ASKED MY OFFICE TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT MOTION, DIRECTING THEM TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PLAN, AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. AND SO, COLLEAGUES, THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RECRUITING, HIRING STAFF, COLLABORATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES, SETTING UP PEER SUPPORT FOR C.A.R.E. COURT CLIENTS, UTILIZING FUNDING FROM THE STATE, EXPEDITING PROCESSES, AND REPORTING BACK TO THIS BOARD ON PROGRESS AND ANY UNIDENTIFIED FUNDING GAPS. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED THE MAY REVISE FROM GOVERNOR NEWSOM THAT ALLOTTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY $15 MILLION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR C.A.R.E. COURT, AND THE GOVERNOR ALSO INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF ONGOING FUNDS FOR C.A.R.E. COURT TO $151 MILLION FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, FOR THE FIRST YEAR, FOR ALL COUNTIES WHO ARE IMPLEMENTING C.A.R.E. COURT. AND WE DON'T KNOW, YET, WHAT L.A. COUNTY'S PORTION WILL BE. SO, I KNOW I SPOKE TO FESIA YESTERDAY. WE WANT TO MAKE

SURE THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE STATE TO ADVOCATE FOR L.A. COUNTY TO GET OUR FAIR SHARE OF THOSE DOLLARS. FESIA, I BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING UP TO SACRAMENTO NEXT WEEK, AND WE ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE THIS PARTICULAR ADVOCACY IN YOUR AGENDA. AND I SAW SAMARA HERE EARLIER, AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR LEGISLATIVE FOLKS IN SACRAMENTO KIND OF REALLY GET IN THERE, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE GET OUR SHARE. BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE ALWAYS CONCERNED, WHEN THERE IS A NEW PROGRAM THAT WE IMPLEMENT, WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM? HOW ARE WE GOING TO SUSTAIN IT IN A WAY THAT MAKES IT SUCCESSFUL, AND DOESN'T DRAIN OTHER COUNTY RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE ALLOCATED FOR ALSO JUST AS IMPORTANT PROGRAMS? SO THERE'S A LOT OF PARTS OF C.A.R.E. COURT THAT THIS BOARD DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL OVER. FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S THE COURTS THAT GET TO DETERMINE THE JUDGE AND THE COURTROOM SETUP, AND IT'S THE STATE THAT WILL RELEASE THE SOLICITATION FOR LEGAL AID NONPROFITS TO REPRESENT THE C.A.R.E. COURT CLIENTS. SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER WILL NOT BE INITIALLY REPRESENTING THESE CLIENTS. AND YOU CAN TALK TO US, RICARDO, IN THE COURSE OF THIS ITEM. BUT WE DO HAVE CONTROL OVER THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THAT'S THE FOCUS OF THIS MOTION, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE SERVICES ARE READY FOR THE LAUNCH. AND CAN I JUST SAY, DR. WONG, I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY DONE, AND THIS MOTION HELPS TO

HELP YOU ACCOMPLISH THE TIMELINE THAT YOU SET UP, SO WE CAN GET CARE AND TREATMENT TO SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, AND MAYBE SOME PEACE OF MIND TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE REALLY BEEN AWAITING THIS TYPE OF HELP AND SOLUTION. SO, AGAIN, DR. LISA WONG, RICARDO GARCIA, CONNIE DRAXLER ARE ALL HERE. COLLEAGUES, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS-- AND I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BEING THE CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. AND, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. AND I KNOW THAT $151 MILLION IS A LOT, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY, AND KIND OF THE UNKNOWN, IN TERMS OF HOW WE'RE ROLLING THIS OUT, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE NEED TO REALLY WORK AND COLLABORATE CLOSELY WITH THE STATE, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT BUILDING UP RESOURCES, AS WELL, IN THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS C.A.R.E. COURT. BUT RATHER THAN ME TALK, I THINK THE QUESTION I'M ALWAYS ASKED, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER IT, QUITE FRANKLY, OR TO ARTICULATE IT IS, WHAT POPULATION ARE WE GOING TO BE ADDRESSING? BECAUSE THERE ARE THOSE THAT THINK THAT THIS C.A.R.E. COURT IS GOING TO BE ADDRESSING THE MOST SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL ON THE STREET, AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT'S-- I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT IT WAS IMPLEMENTED TO DO. I THINK IT'S-- IS IT THE LESS SEVERE, AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH

CRISIS? BECAUSE I'M GETTING MIXED MESSAGES, IN TERMS OF WHO IS GOING TO BE IMPACTED BY THIS.

DR. LISA WONG: THE TARGET POPULATION FOR C.A.R.E. COURT IS ACTUALLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE SCHIZOPHRENIA OR THE SCHIZOPHRENIA SPECTRUM DISORDERS, SO PEOPLE WITH SOME KIND OF PSYCHOTIC DISORDER.

SUP. BARGER: I GUESS MY QUESTION THEN IS, BECAUSE ON ANY GIVEN DAY ON THE STREET, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THERE'S THIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS C.A.R.E. COURT IS GOING TO MAGICALLY MAKE ALL OF THEM GO UNDER CONSERVATORSHIP.

DR. LISA WONG: PROBABLY NOT.

SUP. BARGER: EXACTLY, BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT, FIRST, WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT, WHICH IS WHY I BRING UP THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS PROBABLY GOING TO EXCEED WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE GIVEN BY THE STATE. CORRECT?

DR. LISA WONG: YES. THE $151 MILLION THAT'S GOING TO BE ALLOCATED, WE DON'T KNOW YET WHAT PORTION L.A. COUNTY'S GOING TO GET. TYPICALLY, WE GET 30%, BASED ON OUR POPULATION, BUT THE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION THAT WE WILL BE SEEING COME THROUGH C.A.R.E. COURT ARE VERY GREAT.

SUP. BARGER: AND THEN THE LAST THING THAT I'D ASK YOU TO TOUCH ON IS, IN TERMS OF THE COURTS, AND THE COLLABORATION WITH THE COURTS, I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW THAT IS GOING, AND WHAT THAT PARTNERSHIP'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE.

DR. LISA WONG: I TINK CONNIE CAN SPEAK BETTER TO THE COURTS.

CONNIE DRAXLER: YES, I CAN. SO, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A WORKGROUP THAT INCLUDES SUPERIOR COURT, AND WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY ON IMPLEMENTATION. SUPERIOR COURT IS READY, AND WILL BE READY TO ACCEPT PETITIONS ON DECEMBER 1ST, AND ACCEPT OR REJECT PETITIONS THAT ARE FILED WITH THE COURT ON DECEMBER 1ST, AND THEN THOSE PETITIONS THAT ARE ACCEPTED WILL BE REFERRED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, FOR US TO THEN INVESTIGATE WHETHER OR NOT THAT PETITION SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. I THINK AN INTERESTING PIECE PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT C.A.R.E. COURT IS THAT THERE'S REALLY TWO PETITION PATHWAYS. THE FIRST WOULD BE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FILING A PETITION FOR SOMEONE THAT WE'RE AWARE OF DOES NEED C.A.R.E. COURT, OR MEETS ELIGIBILITY, AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN THEN FILE A PETITION. WHEN THEY FILE THE PETITION AND THE COURT ACCEPTS IT, THE COURT WILL THEN SUBSTITUTE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AS THE PETITIONER. SO WE WILL TAKE OVER THAT PETITION

AND MOVE IT FORWARD, IF APPROPRIATE TO DO SO. SO WE'LL BE IN A ROLE OF INVESTIGATING WHETHER OR NOT A PETITION IS APPROPRIATE, IF AN INDIVIDUAL MEETS CRITERIA, AND DETERMINING IF THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO. I WILL STATE THAT, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PERSPECTIVE, WE WILL DO OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, AND OUR FIRST AND PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO TRY AND GET VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENT IN SERVICES, AND VOLUNTARY ENROLLMENT IN SERVICES. IF WE ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE VOLUNTARY ENROLLMENT, WE IN FACT CAN GET THE PETITION DISMISSED. THE COURT WOULD NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT PETITION. SO, JUST IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE COURT WILL PASS OFF ANY ACCEPTED REFERRAL TO US, FOR US TO INVESTIGATE, AND TO TAKE THAT PETITION FORWARD.

SUP. BARGER: SO, RICARDO, WOULD YOUR TEAM THEN REPRESENT ON THE OTHER SIDE, IF THEY ARE DISPUTING WANTING TO BE PART OF A CONSERVATORSHIP?

RICARDO GARCIA: NOT AT THIS TIME.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS THE FORUM FOR THIS, BUT THIS RAISES MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT DOES ANSWERS, AS IT RELATES-- I MEAN, I AM OBVIOUSLY A CO-AUTHOR, AND I SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, I MEAN, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE CALLING

IN, ASKING ABOUT THIS, THINKING THAT THEY CAN, IN FACT, CALL MENTAL HEALTH IF THEY'VE GOT A LOVED ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE UNDER A CONSERVATORSHIP, AND THAT YOU ALL ARE GOING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S AS CUT-AND-DRY AS THAT. CORRECT? YOU SAID, "IF THE CRITERIA IS MET." WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

CONNIE DRAXLER: SO, THE CRITERIA THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED IS-- THE FIRST CRITERIA IS THAT THERE WILL NEED TO BE A DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA SPECTRUM OR OTHER PSYCHOTIC DISORDER, AND THEN THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. THERE DOES NEED TO BE EITHER AN AFFIDAVIT BY A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL, WHICH ATTESTS TO THE FACT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MEETS CRITERIA, OR THERE IS EVIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL BEING PLACED ON A 14-DAY INVOLUNTARY HOLD, A 5250. YOU NEED A COUPLE OF THOSE WITHIN 60 OR 90 DAYS OF THE PETITION. SO THERE'S THAT CRITERIA. IN ADDITION, THE CLIENT HAS TO BE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. THERE NEEDS TO BE ONE OF THE FOUR FOLLOWING CRITERIA: THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS AT RISK FOR GRAVE DISABILITY, WHICH IS THE CRITERIA FOR CONSERVATORSHIP; THAT THEY ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE THEIR CONDITION IS SUBSTANTIALLY DETERIORATING. SORRY, I DON'T HAVE ALL OF THIS MEMORIZED, SO LET ME GET THE FOUR SPOTS.

SUP. BARGER: NO. I MEAN, MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW THAT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF TODAY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT IT SENT, BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING THIS AS WE GO ALONG WITH THE STATE, AND I JUST THINK IT IS HELPFUL FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT TO MY CONSTITUENTS WHO CALL IN, THINKING THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO, FOR A LOVED ONE, GET A CONSERVATORSHIP, AND THEN IT IS JUST NOT AS CUT-AND-DRY AS THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BUT A LOVED ONE OR A FAMILY MEMBER CAN PETITION FOR C.A.R.E. COURT?

CONNIE DRAXLER: CORRECT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, AND THAT IS THE FIRST STEP.

CONNIE DRAXLER: THAT IS THE FIRST STEP.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND BEFORE I-- JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON-- AND MAYBE RICARDO CAN KIND OF CUT SHORT YOUR ANSWER. IT IS INTERESTING, AND MAYBE WHAT WAS THE STATE'S THINKING, THAT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE LEGAL AID NONPROFITS REPRESENT THESE C.A.R.E. COURT CLIENTS, AS OPPOSED TO A LOCAL PUBLIC DEFENDER IN COUNTIES?

RICARDO GARCIA: I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE LEGISLATURE OR THE STATE'S THINKING, BUT THAT IS CORRECT. THE WAY THAT THE LEGISLATION READS TODAY, AND THE WAY IT IS SET UP, IS THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS, OR THE LEGAL AID GROUPS, ARE THE FIRST CHOICE, AND THE STATE IS SETTING UP FUNDING FOR THEM TO APPLY THROUGH A STATE R.F.P. SO THE COUNTY IS NOT CONDUCTING THE R.F.P. IF LEGAL AID IS UNABLE TO REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUALS IN C.A.R.E. COURT, FOR WHATEVER REASON THAT THEY CHOOSE, OR THE FUNDING IS INSUFFICIENT, THEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS THE NEXT MANDATORY REPRESENTING PARTY OF THE INDIVIDUALS. SO THAT IS HOW IT IS SET UP TODAY, SO WE ARE NUMBER TWO ON THE LIST, IF LEGAL AID CANNOT OR CHOOSES NOT TO, FOR WHATEVER REASON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH. KIND OF LIKE YOU ARE THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

RICARDO GARCIA: RIGHT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND THEN MITCHELL.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY FIRST QUESTION IS FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE, BY OUR OWN FREE CHOOSING, MOVING FORWARD AT AN ACCELERATED TIMELINE, BUT BY

LEGAL STATUTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS IN COHORT 2 FOR C.A.R.E. COURTS, OR COHORT 1?

COUNTY COUNSEL: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. BY STATUTE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS IN COHORT 2.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND THEN, AS IT RELATES TO-- I GUESS I WILL PICK UP WHERE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER LEFT OFF. IF LEGAL AID DOESN'T COME THROUGH, AND IT DOES GO TO YOUR OFFICE, DO YOU THEN GET THEIR FUNDING, OR ARE YOU EXPECTED TO FUND THAT WITH EXISTING RESOURCES?

RICARDO GARCIA: I THINK, AT THIS TIME, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO PETITION FOR THE FUNDING THAT THE STATE HAS SET ASIDE FOR LEGAL AID. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO RAMP UP TO DO THAT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, BECAUSE IT IS NOT PART OF OUR EXISTING MANDATE, NOR PART OF THE RESOURCES WE'VE REQUESTED TO DATE.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND YOU HAD MENTIONED, IN TERMS OF THE COURTS, IF THEY VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE, THEN THE PETITION CAN GET DISMISSED, BUT DOES THE PETITION NOT GET DISMISSED IF THEY DON'T VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE?

CONNIE DRAXLER: THERE'S ACTUALLY SEVERAL PATHWAYS THAT CAN OCCUR WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A C.A.R.E. PETITION. SO, UPON GETTING AN ACCEPTED PETITION, WE WOULD INVESTIGATE TO SEE IF THEY MEET CRITERIA. AND IF WE CAN GET THE INDIVIDUAL TO VOLUNTARILY ENROLL IN TREATMENT SERVICES, BY STATUTE, THE COURT COULD DISMISS THE PETITION. IF AN INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT VOLUNTARILY ENGAGE OR ENROLL IN SERVICES-- AND I WILL SAY, WITHIN THE 14 DAYS THAT WE HAVE TO ENGAGE THEM ON THE TIMELINE OF THE PETITION-- THE NEXT PROCESS WOULD BE TO DETERMINE IF WE CAN DO SOME ADDITIONAL WORK WITH THE CLIENT, THEIR ATTORNEY, AND THEIR SUPPORTER, TO SEE IF WE COULD HAVE THEM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE, AND THAT WOULD BE CALLED A C.A.R.E. AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT THAT WE CANNOT COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON SERVICES AND ENROLLING IN THAT C.A.R.E. AGREEMENT, THAT WOULD BE COURT SUPERVISED, THEN SOME ADDITIONAL EVALUATIONS WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO DETERMINE IF A CLIENT HAS CAPACITY TO BASICALLY REFUSE SERVICES, AND THEN WE WOULD BE LOOKING TO SEE IF THERE WOULD BE A CARE PLAN. THE CARE PLAN IS A COURT ORDER TO THE CLIENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE C.A.R.E. COURT PROCESS, WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR ATTORNEY AND THEIR SUPPORTER TO COME UP WITH A CARE PLAN. UNDER BOTH C.A.R.E. AGREEMENT AND CARE PLAN, IT IS UP FOR ONE YEAR, INITIALLY, BUT CAN BE EXTENDED FOR A SECOND YEAR.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, IF A CARE PLAN IS NOT AGREED TO, THE PETITION... DOES IT GO ANYWHERE BEYOND A C.A.R.E. COURT, OR WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE PETITION, ESPECIALLY IF IT IS FILED BY SOMEONE WHO, SAY, ISN'T A FAMILY MEMBER? MAYBE IT'S A LOCAL CITY PROSECUTOR, FOR EXAMPLE.

CONNIE DRAXLER: SO, AT ANY POINT, THE COURT HAS THE ABILITY TO TERMINATE THE PETITION. THAT CAN HAPPEN IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS. THE COURT COULD JUST TERMINATE THE PETITION. OR IT COULD BE BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OR THE PETITIONER COMES FORWARD AND SAYS IT IS NOT NEEDED FURTHER. THERE IS A PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THE COURT, IF SOMEONE IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE AGREEMENT OR THE PLAN, AND THE COURT BELIEVES THERE IS A NEED FOR HIGHER INTERVENTION, THE COURT COULD ORDER AN EVALUATION TO DETERMINE IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A DANGER TO THEMSELVES, A DANGER TO OTHERS, OR GRAVELY DISABLED. IF THERE WOULD BE A FINDING OF GRAVE DISABILITY, THERE WOULD BE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COURT COULD ORDER THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUA.R.D.I.AN TO INVESTIGATE FOR A POTENTIAL L.P.S., OR MENTAL HEALTH CONSERVATORSHIP.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND THEN, MY FINAL AREA OF QUESTION IS AROUND CIVIL LIBERTY PROTECTION. SINCE WE ARE HEARING THAT IT IS LIKELY OR POSSIBLE THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WILL NOT

REPRESENT C.A.R.E. COURT CLIENTS, WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF A CLIENT DOESN'T GET A LEGAL AID REPRESENTATIVE?

RICARDO GARCIA: AT THIS POINT, IF LEGAL AID CHOOSES NOT TO DO IT, OR DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY, THEN THAT INDIVIDUAL THAT IS IN THE PROGRAM WOULD COME TO THE PUBLIC-- WOULD, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE STATUTE, BE REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. SO, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE INDICATED YOU DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT, YOU WILL BE TASKED WITH THAT, IF LEGAL AID DOES NOT COME THROUGH?

RICARDO GARCIA: THAT IS WHAT THE STATUTE CALLS FOR AT THIS TIME.

SUP. HORVATH: AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS' CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE PROTECTED, ESPECIALLY-- YOU KNOW, WE HEARD THAT PETITIONS CAN COME FORWARD THAT DON'T COME FROM FAMILY MEMBERS, THAT AREN'T THROUGH A VOLUNTARY PROCESS. THEY HAVE TO MEET A CERTAIN THRESHOLD. HOW ARE WE DETERMINING PROTECTION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES THROUGH THAT PROCESS, AND MAKING SURE THAT THIS PROCESS ISN'T BEING MISUSED AND KIND OF CREATING A WHOLE NEW SET OF ISSUES? WE HEARD ONE COURTROOM IN ONE COURTHOUSE, FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HAVE A LOT OF

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS, AS I'M SURE IS QUITE OBVIOUS, NOW, BY MY QUESTIONS, BUT REALLY WANT TO HEAR WHAT WORK HAS GONE INTO ACTIVELY PROTECTING PEOPLE'S CIVIL LIBERTIES TO THIS POINT.

RICARDO GARCIA: I WILL SAY THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAS PULLED TOGETHER A WORKING GROUP ASKING A.P.D. AND PD, AS LEGAL ADVISORS, TO HELP DEVELOP THE LEGAL FLOW, AND THE SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS HAVE LOOKED AT DIFFERENT HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS. AND SO UNDER THAT PROCESS, IT WOULD BE COUNSEL'S RESPONSIBILITY, WHOMEVER THAT COUNSEL IS, TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE CIVIL LIBERTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL BROUGHT INTO THE C.A.R.E. COURT PROCESS. HOWEVER, AS WITH ANY NEW PROGRAM, WE'RE NOT GOING TO KNOW PRECISELY HOW THAT IS IMPACTED IN THE SYSTEM, UNTIL IT IS ACTUALLY UNDERWAY. AND I KNOW THAT IS NOT THE BEST WAY WE WANT TO DO THAT WHEN WE'RE CONSIDERING AN INDIVIDUAL'S FREEDOM OR LIBERTY, CIVIL LIBERTY OR OTHERWISE, BUT BECAUSE THIS IS NEW, AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED ANYWHERE ELSE, WE DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. BUT THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF COUNSEL. THAT IS WHAT LEGAL AID WOULD BE DOING IN THE PROCESS, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, IS ENSURING THAT THE PERSON'S CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE PROTECTED.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, FOR ME, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THIS PROCESS, AND WE ARE REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO PARTICIPATE

IN C.A.R.E. COURTS, BUT I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT SETTING YOU ALL UP TO SUCCEED, GIVEN WHAT I JUST HEARD IN YOUR RESPONSES, AND SORT OF WHERE WE ARE AT BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 1ST, HAVING TO HIRE MORE THAN 100 NEW STAFF MEMBERS IN THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS, POTENTIALLY, MAYBE MORE, TO STAND THIS UP AND MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE TEAMS TO GO OUT AND ASSESS, TO GO OUT AND TO ACTUALLY STAFF THE COURTS, AND DO ALL OF THE INVESTIGATION THAT HAS TO HAPPEN. THIS WAS SORT OF SOLD AS A VOLUNTARY PROCESS, BUT THERE IS POSSIBILITY FOR PETITIONS TO COME FORWARD THAT ARE NOT PART OF A VOLUNTARY PROCESS, WHICH GIVES ME CONCERNS AROUND PROTECTION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES. I THINK THAT-- AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO MAY BE ENGAGED, WHO MAY NOT BE DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR C.A.R.E. COURT, BUT CERTAINLY NEED HELP AND SUPPORT, AND I DON'T HEAR THAT WE YET HAVE SORT OF A SAFETY NETWORK FOR THEM, EITHER. AND SO I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SETTING THE L.A. COUNTY UP TO SUCCEED, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE ARE CHOOSING TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY. I AM HAPPY THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD MORE QUICKLY, BECAUSE WE DO NEED MORE WORK, CLEARLY, BUT I DON'T THINK WE ARE THERE YET. AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT, FIVE MONTHS FROM NOW, SETTING D.M.H. UP TO SUCCEED OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. I JUST-- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT I AM HEARING. AND SO, FOR THESE AND MANY REASONS, I AM INCLINED TO VOTE NO TODAY ON THIS MOTION, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE ARE READY, BUT I AM HAPPY TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT IT.

DR. LISA WONG: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I DO APPRECIATE YOUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS. I MEAN, THERE ARE DEFINITELY CONCERNS THAT HAVE CROSSED OUR MINDS, AS WELL. I THINK THE BOTTOM LINE FOR US HAS BEEN THAT THE NEED IS GREAT OUT THERE, AND THERE IS A NEED FOR THIS SERVICE. SO, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS OUR BEST TO BE PREPARED, GIVEN THE RESTRICTIONS ON RESOURCES AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE NEED TO GET INTO PLACE. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING PROGRESS ON HIRING. WE HAVE A PLAN TO UTILIZE SOME OF THE STAFF THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PARTICIPATING IN OUR A.O.T. PROGRAM, WHICH IS FAIRLY SIMILAR TO C.A.R.E. COURT, SO THEY WILL HAVE MORE FAMILIARITY WITH THE PROCESS AND WHAT THE CLIENTS HAVE TO GO THROUGH. WE DO HAVE A VERY GOOD PROCESS SET UP, IN TERMS OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CLIENT COMES IN, AND THEY DON'T QUALIFY TO PETITION. THEY NEED TO REALLY BE REFERRED TO ANOTHER AREA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR TREATMENT. I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY THE PART THAT WE HAVE DOWN BEST, YOU KNOW? WE HAVE A GOOD REFERRAL SYSTEM SET UP FOR THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE COUNTING ON IS THE FACT THAT THIS WILL NOT BE 4500 CLIENTS AT ONCE. THIS WILL BE A PHASED-IN APPROACH. AND AS WE PHASE THIS IN, WE WILL BE BUILDING THE RESOURCES. I THINK, AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, THE HELP THAT THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS IS IN FACILITATING THE HIRING, FACILITATING THE PROCESSES THAT WE NEED TO PUT IN PLACE TO BE PREPARED AND GET THIS GOING.

CONNIE DRAXLER: I WOULD JUST ADD, ON THE PIECE AROUND WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR A PETITIONER, QUALIFY FOR C.A.R.E. COURT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH WAS SUPERIOR COURT. THEY ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH A SELF-HELP CLINIC AT THE COURT FOR PETITIONERS THAT COME IN, AS WELL AS OTHER SELF-HELP CLINICS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHERE PETITIONERS CAN GO, SO NO ONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO TO NORWALK COURT TO FILE THE PETITION. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO THEIR CLOSEST SELF-HELP CLINIC AT ONE OF THE COURTHOUSES NEAR WHERE THEY LIVE, AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ELECTRONICALLY FILE THEIR PETITIONS. WE ARE INTENDING TO HAVE STAFF AT THE SELF-HELP CLINIC IN NORWALK, AND THE COURT IS VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING A WAY, TECHNOLOGY-WISE, TO CONNECT OUR STAFF AT NORWALK TO THE OTHER SELF-HELP CLINICS, AS PEOPLE COME IN AROUND C.A.R.E. COURT. IN THE EVENT THAT A PETITIONER IS ADVISED THAT THEY COULD NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PETITION, BUT WE THINK THERE IS A NEED FOR SERVICES, THAT IS OUR TIME TO ENGAGE WITH THE FAMILY OR THE PETITIONER AROUND HOW CAN WE GET INVOLVED RIGHT AWAY. WHAT OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CAN WE DO WITH OUR OTHER SERVICES? WHAT LINKAGE CAN WE DO? SO WE ARE REALLY HOPING TO ENGAGE WITH PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR C.A.R.E. COURT, AND GET THEM INTO OUR OTHER SERVICES. I THINK THE OTHER THING WE NEED TO DO IS EDUCATE EVERYONE WHAT C.A.R.E. COURT MEANS. THERE IS A LOT OF

CONFUSION ABOUT WHO QUALIFIES AND WHAT IT MEANS. AND TO THAT POINT, WE NEED TO GET OUR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN GOING, AND GET INFORMATION OUT THERE. WE ARE DOING A TOWN HALL WITH N.A.M.I. IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, TO HELP EDUCATE FAMILY MEMBERS THERE, AND GET INFORMATION OUT. AND OUR MESSAGE IS, IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN NEED NOW, DO NOT WAIT FOR DECEMBER 1ST TO FILE A PETITION. LET'S ENGAGE NOW, AND SEE WHAT WE CAN TO DO TO GET THEIR LOVED ONE OR AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN SERVICES NOW.

DR. LISA WONG: WE REALLY SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONNECT TO CLIENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS HAVE NOT BEEN MET. I THINK, A LOT OF TIMES, WHEN THERE IS A NEW PROGRAM THAT COMES OUT, THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT ABOUT IT. BUT WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO GET OUT THERE IS WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY EXISTING, TOO, BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS TO BE ABLE TO GET PEOPLE INTO OTHER PARTS OF CARE, SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO C.A.R.E. COURT, AND SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THIS PETITION. AND I THINK THAT BEING AT THE SELF-HELP COURTS AND GETTING OUT OUR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN EARLY GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY, THEN, TO DO MORE OUTREACH AND MORE ENGAGEMENT BEFORE C.A.R.E. COURT EVEN STARTS.

SUP. HORVATH: I WOULD JUST SAY, I THINK WE HAVE ONE CHANCE TO START THIS AND GET IT RIGHT, AND I HAVE EXPRESSED MY CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT I HAVE HEARD. I AM CONCERNED THAT WE ARE ALL WELL-

INTENTIONED, IN TERMS OF HOW WE WANT TO STAND THIS UP, BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT AS EDUCATED AS YOU ALL ARE ABOUT HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK, I AM CONCERNED THAT THERE MAY BE MISUSE, OR MAYBE EVEN ABUSE, OF THIS TOOL, AND THAT IT WILL BE USED TO SWEEP PEOPLE, INSTEAD OF TO HELP PEOPLE, WHICH IS NOT WHAT ANYONE WANTS TO SEE HAPPEN, AT LEAST NOT ON THIS BOARD, FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD. AND, YOU KNOW, WITHOUT-- I WOULD ALSO SAY, L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED, LAST I HEARD, $15 MILLION IN THE MAY REVISE; YET, THE OTHER 7 FIRST-COHORT JURISDICTIONS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF $26 MILLION, AND THEY REPRESENT THE SAME POPULATION THAT WE DO. AND SO, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EQUITY, WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE GETTING $26 MILLION TO START THIS UP, IF NOT MORE, GIVEN THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, I AM HEARTENED TO HEAR THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. I AM HEARTENED TO HEAR WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SAYING "GO WITH GOD" ON DECEMBER 1ST, AT THIS POINT, AND SO THAT IS WHERE I AM AT. BUT I THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR EFFORTS.

DR. LISA WONG: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BUT JUST BEFORE WE GO TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BUT THIS MOTION-- YOU WANT US TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WHY?

DR. LISA WONG: BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE NEED TO GET IN PLACE, NOW, AHEAD OF THE DECEMBER 1ST LAUNCH DATE, AND THIS MOTION HELPS US TO EXPEDITE THOSE PROCESSES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, IF WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED, IF WE WANT YOU-- AS YOU HAVE ARTICULATED VERY WELL, GETTING SERVICES TO THOSE WHO NEED IT, EVEN DIVERTING FROM C.A.R.E. COURT, THIS MOTION IS GOING TO HELP YOU DO THAT.

DR. LISA WONG: IT WILL HELP, AS WELL AS YOUR ADVOCACY AT THE STATE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT. BUT I DO THINK IT IS INTERESTING THAT YOU SAID-- BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD YOU SAY, PEOPLE SHOULDN'T WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER 1ST. BECAUSE I WILL TELL YOU-- MAYBE I AM THE ONLY ONE HERE-- I'VE HAD PEOPLE COME UP TO ME, IN ALMOST EVERY PART OF MY DISTRICT, SAYING, "REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO C.A.R.E. COURT, BECAUSE I HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER THAT, YOU KNOW, IS SCHIZOPHRENIC, AND WE'RE AT OUR WITS' ENDS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO. WE ARE WORRIED EVERY TIME WE LEAVE THE HOUSE THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN." SO, YOU ARE SUGGESTING THAT THEY CAN REACH OUT NOW, TO YOUR DEPARTMENT?

DR. LISA WONG: ENGAGE WITH US NOW. WE HAVE MANY PROGRAMS, MANY TEAMS, THAT WORK SPECIFICALLY WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF LOVED ONES WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. WE CAN START SUPPORTING THEM NOW. MAYBE C.A.R.E. COURT WON'T BE NEEDED FOR THEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT'S INTERESTING, THOUGH, THAT, AGAIN, MARKETING IS OUR WEAKEST AREA FOR ALL OF OUR SERVICES, BECAUSE THE FACT THAT IF SOMEONE WHO LIVES IN L.A. COUNTY IS PRETTY WELL CONNECTED, DOESN'T FEEL THIS, THAT IS AT HER WITS' ENDS, WHICH MEANS SOMEHOW WE'VE FAILED HER IN OFFERING HER THE SERVICES THAT SHE NEEDS FOR HER FAMILY. BUT THAT'S A GOOD TAKEAWAY FROM THIS. MS. MITCHELL?

SUP. HORVATH: WELL, IN RESPONSE, MADAM CHAIR, SINCE YOU WERE SORT OF POINTED ON MY QUESTION, I JUST WANT TO ASK WHAT HAPPENS, THEN, IF STAFF DETERMINES THEY ARE NOT PREPARED? I KNOW THAT THIS MOTION IS INTENDED TO GET THEM PREPARED, BUT DO WE HAVE TO BE COMMITTED TO DECEMBER 1ST, OR CAN YOU COME BACK TO US AND SAY, "WE ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD ON"-- WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN? BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.

CONNIE DRAXLER: I THINK THAT IF WE REALLY ARE NOT PREPARED, AND WE KNOW THAT ON DECEMBER 1ST, THAT WE CAN NOT DO THIS, WE WILL BE HONEST AND TRANSPARENT WITH OUR BOARD ABOUT THE

REALITY OF THE SITUATION. MAYBE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IS THAT OUR PHASE ONE IS A MUCH MORE MODEST NUMBER. SO, I THINK-- YOU KNOW, AS WE GET CLOSER TO THAT DATE, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA, BUT RIGHT NOW, WHAT WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS IS THIS DECEMBER 1ST IMPLEMENTATION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MS. MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM GOING TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I HAVE A CHOICE OTHERWISE. I WAS NOT SUPPORTIVE OF US CONTRADICTING THE LEGISLATION THAT PUT US IN THE SECOND COHORT FOR A REASON: NOT JUST BECAUSE THE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T LIKE L.A. COUNTY, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE AND SCOPE. THEY WANTED TO LAUNCH IT, FIGURE OUT THE TWEAKS, AND THEN ROLL US IN. BUT THAT IS WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE, SO NOW WE'RE HERE. AND SO THE COMMITMENT WAS MADE. WE ARE ROLLING OUT IN THE FIRST COHORT, SO TODAY'S MOTION GIVES YOU THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO PLAN. COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ASKING THE QUESTION ABOUT CLARIFYING, BECAUSE WHEN THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED IT, AT AN O.D.R. FACILITY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, IF YOU GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE L.A. TIMES ARTICLES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE THIS. AS TYPICALLY WHAT HAPPENS, HE HAD A VISION, WENT TO THE LEGISLATURE. A BILL WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS. IT NOW LOOKS LIKE THIS. IT IS

AN APPLES-AND-ORANGES SCENARIO. THAT IS JUST THE REALITY. HOW DO WE THEN TRANSFER PUBLIC EXPECTATION AND UNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT THEY THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE, THE WAY IT WAS SOLD, TO SOMETHING THAT NOW IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT? AND I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE A PART OF MANAGING EXPECTATIONS. A PART OF THE REASON WHY WE HAD THE PRESENTATION WE HAVE EARLY, THIS SET MATTER AND OTHERS, IS TO LOOK AT OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD BEDS. WE HAVE JUSTICE ADVOCATES HERE, DEMANDING THAT WE CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO BUILD O.D.R. BEDS FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE A PLACE TO GO. IN ORDER TO MEET A VARIETY OF OUR EXPECTATIONS, INCLUDING C.A.R.E. COURT, WE ARE FOCUSED ON SETTING UP THE COURT INFRASTRUCTURE. THE POINT IS, THE JUDGE WILL HAVE TO HAVE A PLACE TO SEND THAT INDIVIDUAL. THAT IS A BED THAT WE HAVE TO BUILD. AND I AM NOT SURE IF THAT INITIAL FUNDING IS TAKING ALL THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE GUARANTEED FUNDING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. SO, THE PIECE IS-- THE REASON WHY THAT PRESENTATION ON WHERE OUR BEDS ARE, WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE, IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME IS, WE HAVE A LOT OF BALLS IN THE AIR. AND IF WE ARE GOING TO MAKE GOOD ON ANY OF THE PAST MOTIONS WE'VE MADE AND THE REPORTS WE'VE COMMISSIONED TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TO HOUSE OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS, WE HAVE TO BUILD CAPACITY. SO WE HAVE ADDED YET ANOTHER DEMAND TO THIS VERY FRAGILE NETWORK. C.A.R.E. COURT WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF THE JUDGES DON'T HAVE

A PLACE TO REMAND PEOPLE TO. THE JUDGE AT OUR ONE EXCLUSIVE O.D.R. COURT WAS IN THE ROOM WITH THE GOVERNOR WHEN HE ANNOUNCED IT, AND SAID, "THAT SOUNDS GREAT." WE ARE LOOKING AT SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DIVERT FROM JAIL, BY SENDING THEM TO AN O.D.R. BED, AND WE DON'T HAVE CAPACITY. WE DON'T HAVE A CONSISTENT FUNDING SOURCE-- ALTHOUGH I HAVE TRIED-- TO EXPAND O.D.R. BEDS. SO, WE ARE JUST ADDING TO OUR PRESSURE POINT. NOT THAT WE DON'T HAVE A NEED, BUT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE BUILD CAPACITY IN REAL TIME TO MEET THE NEED. SO THAT IS MY CONCERN, AS I SAY, REPEATEDLY. AND TO CLARIFY, MADAM CHAIR SAYS THERE WILL BE ONE C.A.R.E. COURT. AND AGAIN, THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND, THAT IS FOR THIS PROGRAM, BUT WE'VE GOT FOUR OR FIVE MENTAL HEALTH COURTS. WE'VE GOT THE ONE O.D.R. COURT. WE'VE GOT FOUR, I THINK, COURTS THAT FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON CONSERVATORSHIP, THROUGH THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACTS. THOSE COURTS WILL CONTINUE. AGAIN, THIS ONE C.A.R.E. COURT IS FOR THIS ONE PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON, AS YOU SAY, THE ANTICIPATED 4500 TO 7500 PETITIONERS WHO MEET THIS NARROWED DEFINITION OF WHO IS ELIGIBLE VERSUS WHAT WE INITIALLY WERE TOLD WHEN THE CONCEPT WAS FIRST LAUNCHED. SO, MY QUESTION TO REALLY UNDERSTAND-- BECAUSE I GET CALLS FROM CONSTITUENTS, ALSO, WHO THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SEE AN OVERNIGHT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MENTALLY ILL UNHOUSED IN ENCAMPMENTS ON THEIR STREET BECAUSE OF C.A.R.E. COURT, BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS. WE HEAR THE NUMBER-- I

THINK, FROM YOU, DOCTOR-- THAT APPROXIMATELY 40% OF OUR UNHOUSED HAVE SOME FORM OF MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS. DO I HAVE THAT PERCENTAGE RIGHT?

DR. LISA WONG: IT'S ABOUT 25% TO 40% HAVE SOME TYPE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE.

SUP. MITCHELL: ISSUE. SO, WHAT PERCENT OF THAT 25 TO 40, REMEMBERING OUR DENOMINATOR FOR THE UNHOUSED IN L.A. COUNTY IS 60,000, 70,000-- SO, WHAT PERCENT OF THE 25 TO 40 MEET THE C.A.R.E. COURT DEFINITION?

DR. LISA WONG: PROBABLY ABOUT 10% OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF HOMELESS, SO THAT WOULD BE ABOUT 25% OF THE 40%.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOT IT. SO, 10% OF OUR 60,000 WOULD MEET THIS--

DR. LISA WONG: YES, AND THAT ACTUALLY COMES FROM A STUDY THAT WAS DONE FAIRLY RECENTLY.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND, AS WE LAUNCH C.A.R.E. COURT, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO EVEN QUALIFY FOR THIS NARROW DEFINITION. IT IS JUST IMPORTANT, SO DON'T CALL US AND SAY, "YOU PASSED

C.A.R.E. COURT, AND THERE'S STILL MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE." IT'S 10% THAT THIS WILL MEET THE NEED FOR. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

DR. LISA WONG: AND IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE PETITIONERS WILL NOT BE UNHOUSED. SOME OF THEM ARE ALREADY STAYING WITH FAMILIES, AND THE FAMILIES ARE HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME MAINTAINING IT.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. AGAIN, AS WE BUILD OUR BEDS, TO ATTEMPT TO MANAGE THESE OTHER MORAL DILEMMAS THAT WE ARE STRUGGLING WITH, AS A GOVERNMENT-- SO, IT'S NOT THE FULL 10%. OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, AS WE LAUNCH, IS THERE A SPECIFIC HIGH-NEED POPULATION THAT YOU ARE GOING TO TARGET AND PRIORITIZE WITHIN THE C.A.R.E. COURT SYSTEM, SO YOU CAN TEST HOW IT IS GOING AND APPLY LESSONS LEARNED, BEFORE WE ROLL IT OUT? I MEAN, HOW ARE WE GOING TO CHECK OURSELVES, CHECK OUR OWN FACTS?

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON FIRST ARE GOING TO BE-- WE ANTICIPATE A LOT OF THE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US, THAT ARE KIND OF LINED UP AND READY TO GO WITH PETITIONS. ALSO, WE ANTICIPATE THAT SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO ARE ALREADY CONSERVED NOW, WILL BE A FOCUS OF LOOKING AT, "OKAY, ARE THESE PEOPLE WHO COULD POSSIBLY QUALIFY FOR C.A.R.E. COURT, AND THEN GET OUT OF CONSERVATORSHIP?"

SUP. MITCHELL: AND THEN BE IN A LESSER RESTRICTIVE SETTING.

DR. LISA WONG: YEAH. WE ALWAYS WANT TO GO FOR THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING AND CIRCUMSTANCE AS POSSIBLE.

SUP. MITCHELL: RIGHT. ALL VALUABLE, IMPORTANT GOALS. LET'S JUST BE CLEAR ABOUT WHOSE NEEDS WILL NOT BE MET BY THIS PROGRAM. I JUST THINK WE NEED TO HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION, SO THE CONSTITUENTS UNDERSTAND WHOSE NEEDS ARE BEING MET. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU RECENTLY DID A SURVEY OF HOUSING PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING C.A.R.E. COURT HOUSING. AND I BELIEVE THAT WAS BROKEN DOWN BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. DO YOU HAVE THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY YET? BECAUSE, AS WE TALK ABOUT COUNTYWIDE BEDS AND SUPPORT, DO WE KNOW WHAT PROVIDER COMMUNITY IS READY, YET?

DR. LISA WONG: THIS WAS RELATED TO THE B.H.B.H. DOLLARS THAT ARE COMING DOWN, SPECIFICALLY, TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS FOR C.A.R.E. COURT PARTICIPANTS. AND IT WAS A VERY PRELIMINARY SURVEY, JUST TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT PROVIDERS WOULD WANT TO DO, OR THEY FELT THEY COULD DO. SO, PRELIMINARILY, THE MAJORITY WERE IN S.P.A. 6, WHICH IS MOSTLY IN S.D. 2. WHAT WE PLAN TO DO, THOUGH, WHEN WE ACTUALLY START TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE B.H.B.H. DOLLARS, IS APPLY THE EQUITY TOOL, SO THAT WE

CAN LOOK COUNTYWIDE, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE MEET EQUITY STANDARDS.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. AND AS YOU MENTION EQUITY, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH IN PLACE, TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS KNOW HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE C.A.R.E. COURT PROGRAM WHEN IT IS LAUNCHED. AND NOT JUST THOSE WHO HAVE PERSONAL AGENCY, AND KNOW HOW TO BE AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE TO GET ACCESS FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. SO WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY. AND WILL YOU BE REPORTING BACK ON DEMOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING REFERRED TO THE PROGRAM?

DR. LISA WONG: YES, WE WILL.

SUP. MITCHELL: OKAY, EXCELLENT. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: WOW. THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING SO MANY QUESTIONS ALREADY, SOME OF WHICH I HAD, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, I WAS RELUCTANT AT THE BEGINNING TO SUPPORT THIS, WHEN IT CAME BEFORE US, WHAT, TWO YEARS AGO, OR WHAT HAVE YOU, AND PARTLY

BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK WE WERE GOING TO GET SUFFICIENT FUNDING, BUT ALSO QUESTIONS REGA.R.D.I.NG PRIVACY AND REPRESENTATION, EQUAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, BECAUSE WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE IS FOLKS OUT THERE WHO ARE MISCONSTRUING WHAT THIS IS, TO EVERYONE'S POINT HERE, THAT YOU CAN JUST CALL UP AND SAY, "OH, I HAVE A RELATIVE," OR, "I KNOW SOMEONE, MY NEIGHBOR DOWN THE BLOCK, BLAH-BLAH-BLAH," AND THEN SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN. AND I AGREE THAT THOSE ARE ALL ISSUES WE HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK, RIGHT NOW, WE ARE ESTIMATING 7500 POTENTIAL RESIDENTS THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE. AND YOU ARE SAYING THAT THEY ARE NOT ALL GOING TO DROP IN AT ONE TIME, THAT IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO HAPPEN OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THAT, SO TO SPEAK. IS THAT CORRECT?

CONNIE DRAXLER: WE ARE ANTICIPATING A POTENTIAL 7500 PETITIONS FILED, BUT WE THINK THAT, OUT OF THOSE 7500, IT WOULD ONLY BE 6,000 WHO ACTUALLY QUALIFY. BUT TO START OFF WITH, WE ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GO WITH THE STATE NUMBER OF 4500, UNTIL WE SEE HOW THIS TRENDS. SO, IN OUR INITIAL PREPARATIONS, WE ARE STARTING OFF WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE STATE NUMBERS ARE WITHIN ACCURATE RANGE, WHICH IS 4500.

SUP. SOLIS: AND THEN, IF THEY ARE NOT, I GUESS WE GO BACK UP TO THEM, THE C.E.O., AND START ARGUING FOR MORE FUNDING TO MEET THAT EXPECTATION, I WOULD ASSUME.

FESIA DAVENPORT: THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S VERY INTERESTING ABOUT THIS IS, EVEN IF A PERSON DOESN'T QUALIFY FOR C.A.R.E. COURT, IF THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, IT IS NOT LIKE WE CAN WALK AWAY FROM THAT POPULATION, BECAUSE NOW THEY ARE BACK ON OUR RADAR SCREEN IN A VISIBLE WAY. SO I FEEL LIKE WHETHER THAT NUMBER IS ACCURATE OR NOT, D.M.H. AND OUR PARTNERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO SUPPORT THOSE POPULATIONS. SOME OF THEM WILL GO THROUGH THE C.A.R.E. COURT SYSTEM, BUT IF THEY DON'T QUALIFY, I THINK IT'S STILL GOING TO-- WE WILL STILL BE LOOKING TO THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN SOME WAY.

SPEAKER: I THINK THAT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, FESIA, BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO CREATE MUCH MORE VOLUME FOR US ON THE FRONT END AND THE BACK END. SO, FOLKS THAT ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH C.A.R.E. COURT, AND A JUDGE THINKS THEY SHOULD BE EVALUATED FOR CONSERVATORSHIP, THAT IS GOING TO CREATE A GREATER BURDEN FOR THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S OFFICE TO DO THESE INVESTIGATIONS FOR POTENTIAL CONSERVATORSHIP. ON THE FRONT END OF THIS, THOSE FOLKS WHO DON'T QUALIFY, WHO MAYBE DO NOT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR C.A.R.E. COURT, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE

WORKING WITH THEM TO GET THEM TO THE RIGHT SERVICE, THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SERVICE. I'M ANTICIPATING-- YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR HORVATH MENTIONED PEOPLE HAVING KIND OF SECONDARY MOTIVES, SOMETIMES. I'M ANTICIPATING A LOT OF UNHOUSED FOLKS, MAYBE, WILL BE REFERRED TO THIS, HOPING THAT THAT PULLS THEM OFF THE STREETS, AND THESE ARE FOLKS THAT WE WILL NEED TO GET CONNECTED TO SERVICE, CONNECTED TO HOUSING, WITHOUT THE C.A.R.E. COURT ARRAY OF SUPPORTS.

SUP. SOLIS: RIGHT. AND I, TOO, AM CONCERNED THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE INDIVIDUALS-- BECAUSE THEY FEEL INDIFFERENT ABOUT HOMELESS, RIGHT? AND YOU MAY HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS THAT ARE GOING TO WANT THIS PETITION TO MOVE FORWARD, BECAUSE THAT PERSON HAS BEEN THERE ON THAT STREET FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS. AND YET, THEY MAY NOT QUALIFY, OR IF THEY DO, IT IS ALL VOLUNTARY. RIGHT? AND EVEN WHEN YOU PLACE THEM SOMEWHERE, IT IS NOT IN A CLOSED SETTING, RIGHT? IT'S NOT A LOCKED SETTING. SO, THAT ALSO BECOMES AN ISSUE, I THINK, OVERALL, WHEN WE START LOOKING AT PLACEMENT. WHERE DO WE PUT THESE PEOPLE? IF IT IS NOT A LOCKED FACILITY, THEN IT MEANS THAT WE CAN'T PUT THEM IN OUR RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS THAT WE ARE BUILDING RIGHT NOW. RIGHT? SO I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE ALSO ADVOCATING FOR FLEXIBILITY TO THE GOVERNOR, SO THAT WE CAN REPURPOSE SOME OF THOSE FUNDINGS, BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY INVESTED IN BUILDING OUT BEDS, AND THAT IS THE ONE

THAT COMES TO MIND, IMMEDIATELY. BUT, C.E.O., DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHT ON THAT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. SO, I THINK, JUST TO PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT, IN OUR EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE ON C.A.R.E. COURT, ON THE ISSUE OF HOUSING AND BEDS, AT LEAST WITH THE HEALTH SECRETARY, I THINK THAT THERE IS A BELIEF AND AN ASSUMPTION THAT THIS C.A.R.E. COURT POPULATION REPRESENTS A POPULATION THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD ALREADY BE SERVING. SO, IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM ABOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HOUSING AND BEDS TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT, ONE OF THE RESPONSES IS, "WELL, WE HAVE THE THE B.H.C.I.P. PROGRAM, THE C.C.E. PROGRAM." SO THE STATE IS ALREADY PROVIDING THE COUNTIES, INCLUDING THE COUNTY OF L.A., HOUSING. THAT WAS ONE OF THE RESPONSES. I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE HAVE TO JUST TAKE THAT ANSWER AND NOT CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE, BUT I JUST WANT TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN STARTED, AND THEY HAVE BEEN HELD. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO WHETHER WE, IN THE COUNTY, ARE APPROPRIATELY PRIORITIZING OUR MENTAL HEALTH DOLLARS. AND I THINK THAT IS PART OF THE REASON WHY OUR ARGUMENTS AND OUR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING HAS NOT NECESSARILY RESULTED IN HIGHER THAN... I GUESS, ALREADY-ALLOCATED FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY.

SUP. SOLIS: AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF OUR HEALTH INSURERS, LIKE L.A. CARE, ARE ALSO PROVIDING US WITH MONEY TO HELP WITH THIS POPULATION, OR SUPPOSEDLY WILL HELP US WITH THIS. SO, CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT? BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE, YOU KNOW, SOMEHOW, PEOPLE MAY THINK THAT WE ARE RECEIVING ALL THIS FUNDING, AND SOME OF IT IS ALREADY BEING COMMITTED TO THINGS, AND NOW WE ARE ASKING OURSELVES TO CHANGE COURSE, SO TO SPEAK. BUT CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT?

CONNIE DRAXLER: SO, IN TERMS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INJURED THROUGH THE MANAGED CARE PLANS OR A COMMERCIAL PLAN, AND NOT CURRENTLY SERVED THROUGH D.M.H. AND OUR SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, IF A CLIENT QUALIFIES FOR C.A.R.E. COURT AND IS ACCEPTED, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES, THE TREATMENT PLANNING, MANAGING THAT CASE FOR THAT YEAR OR TWO YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INSURED THROUGH ANOTHER MECHANISM, IT WILL BE OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSING US FOR THE SERVICES THAT WE WILL PROVIDE TO THAT BENEFICIARY, AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MEETING WITH THE INSURANCE PLANS TO COME UP WITH THAT MECHANISM FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

SUP. SOLIS: AND THERE'S A TIMELINE, RIGHT, WHERE THAT CUTS OFF, RIGHT? IT IS NOT GOING TO KEEP FLOWING TO US.

CONNIE DRAXLER: NO. IT WOULD JUST BE FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CARE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS IN THE CARE PLAN, OR C.A.R.E. AGREEMENT.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, THERE'S A LOT OF IFS, I GUESS, FOR ME, BUT ONE THING I DO WANT TO BE CLEAR ON IS THAT, AS WAS SAID BY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, "IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH BEDS, THEN HOW DO WE REALLY GET THERE?" BECAUSE WE CAN'T JUST DEPEND ON O.D.R., AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT SECURED BEDS. THOSE COST A LOT. SO, CAN WE LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW, POSSIBLY? I MEAN, CAN YOU GIVE ME AN IDEA WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE?

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK YOU BRING UP A VERY IMPORTANT POINT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THAT IS THAT, A LOT OF TIMES, PEOPLE TALK ABOUT BEDS GENERICALLY, AND JUST THAT WE NEED BEDS. WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT THE NEEDS ARE VERY SPECIFIC. AND WITH C.A.R.E. COURT, IT IS VERY SPECIFIC, BECAUSE IT'S CLEARLY NOT LOCKED SETTINGS, YET THEY HAVE TO BE BEDS WITH SERVICES. THESE ARE FOLKS WHO CANNOT JUST GO INTO AN INDEPENDENT APARTMENT WITH NO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SO WE NEED TO BUILD UP THAT BED INVENTORY. THAT WOULD GIVE US THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE SERVICE, GIVE THE SUPPORT; BE, MAYBE, A SECURED SUPPORTIVE SETTING, BUT NOT LOCKED. SO, I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT A LOT OF OUR OPTIONS. MAYBE SOME OF IT IS ABOUT REALLOCATING SOME OF THE

THINGS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ALLOCATED, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE FUNDING, BUT ALSO, WELL, WHAT ARE ADJACENT TO SOME OF OUR RECUPERATIVE CARE VILLAGES, OR OTHER RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE, AND TRYING TO MAXIMIZE THAT. I THINK ONE OF THE CHALLENGES FOR US, WITH THE B.H.B.H. MONEY, IS THAT WE HAVE TO BRING THAT ONLINE QUICKLY. AND ONCE WE CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE, THEY ONLY HAVE A YEAR TO BRING THAT ON BOARD. THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO WORK WITH PROVIDERS THAT ARE REALLY READY TO GO, AND HAVE PROPERTIES THAT ARE READY TO GO.

SUP. SOLIS: AND I THINK WE MAY HAVE SOME PROPERTIES THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOW, THAT COULD BE REPURPOSED. I KNOW THE VILLAGE OUT ON VIGNES, 232 UNITS COULD SERVE, POTENTIALLY, SOME OF THESE CLIENTS.

DR. LISA WONG: YES, DEFINITELY.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, I WANT TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT, IF I CAN, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO READ IT IN. UNDER DIRECTIVE TWO, I WOULD SAY, "COORDINATE WITH THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROPERTIES, FUNDING, AND FACILITIES THAT ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT C.A.R.E. COURT ACTIVITIES, SUCH PROGRAMMING, HOUSING, PERSONNEL, WITH AN EQUITY-DRIVEN FOCUS EMPHASIZING SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS IN HIGH-NEED AREAS, INCLUDING MODELS LIKE CARE FIRST VILLAGES, RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES, AND ADVOCATE TO THE

STATE FOR MORE FLEXIBLE USES OF C.A.R.E. COURT FUNDING SOURCES. SO IT'S NOT LIMITED JUST TO THAT, BUT I AM SAYING, LET'S DO WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING, AND WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME KIND OF AN INVENTORY. I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THAT. DO I NEED A SECOND?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I WILL SECOND IT. WE CAN CALL THEM ALL THE HILDA L. SOLIS CARE VILLAGES.

SUP. SOLIS: BUT I DON'T WANT THEM ALL IN OUR DISTRICT, EITHER, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS ABOUT EQUITY, AS WELL, SO...

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO LOOK AT, AND THAT IS WHY WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT USING THE EQUITY TOOL WHEN WE EVALUATE ALL OF OUR APPLICATIONS. THERE SHOULDN'T BE ONE DISTRICT, OR EVEN ONE SERVICE AREA, THAT CARRIES THE BURDEN OF HOUSING THE MAJORITY OF OUR UNHOUSED PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITIES SHARE THIS BURDEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BUT I ALSO THINK THAT MODEL THAT YOU DID, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW. YOU GOT THAT UP AND RUNNING IN...

SUP. SOLIS: SIX MONTHS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SIX MONTHS. YEAH. I SEE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO REMIND US THAT IT WILL NOT BE AS SIMPLE AS US MERELY TELLING OUR LEGE UNIT TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE MONEY, OR TELLING THE C.E.O. TO GO GET SOME MORE MONEY, BECAUSE WE WERE REMINDED THAT WHEN WE WERE APPROACHED BY THE STATE, AND ASKED TO GO EARLY, CONTRARY TO WHAT THE LEGISLATION STATED-- AND WE RAISED THE ISSUE THEN, WHICH IS, I THINK, WHEN YOU RAISE THE ISSUE ABOUT FUNDING, WE WERE TOLD, "WHAT ABOUT YOUR M.S.R.P. DOLLARS?" AND WE SPENT WEEKS, IF NOT MONTHS, TRYING TO HELP THE ADMINISTRATION UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR IDEA OF THE NUMBER WE HAD IN THE SAVINGS WAS NOT ACCURATE. AND THEN THIS NOTION THAT WE SHOULD ALREADY BE PROVIDING, AND THIS NOTION THAT THE FIVE OF US HAD NOT SET POLICY APPROPRIATELY. SO, I DON'T TELL THE ADMINISTRATION HOW TO PRIORITIZE POLICY. THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD NOT TELL THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HOW TO PRIORITIZE OUR POLICY. WE HAVE CONSTITUENTS, TEN MILLION OF THEM. WE HAVE MULTIPLE COMPETING NEEDS, AND WE DO THAT EVERY DAY. WE ALL TOOK AN OATH OF OFFICE TO DO THAT, SO WE SET THE POLICY. SO, THE ISSUE NOW, ABOUT HOW, AFTER THE FACT, WE ARE NOW GOING TO ASK FOR ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, REALLY PUTS US IN BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, BECAUSE WE'VE MADE THE DECISION TO GO FORWARD. SO, I JUST WANT US TO BE REALISTIC AS WE CHARGE THE LEGE UNIT,

AND WE CHARGE THE C.E.O. TO GO UP THERE AND TELL THEM THAT WE NEED THE MONEY, THAT THERE ALREADY IS A PERCEPTION THAT THEY DON'T OWE US ANY MORE. SO, AS A RESULT, WE NEED TO BE PREPARED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE IT WORK, WHETHER WE GET THE ADDITIONAL MONEY OR NOT. AND AS THE C.E.O. HAS SAID, THAT MEANS, PERHAPS, REPRIORITIZING PRIORITIES WE'VE ALREADY SET, TO TRY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL TEN MILLION RESIDENTS. WE ARE BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. BARGER: I THINK THAT IS THE ISSUE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO SAY, AS I RECALL-- AND I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON IT; I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO TOUCHED ON IT-- ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY VIEW THESE AS PEOPLE THAT WE SHOULD ALREADY BE SERVING. CORRECT? SO THEIR ATTITUDE IS, WE SHOULD ALREADY BE PROVIDING THE SERVICES, AND WE SHOULD ALREADY FROM THE MONEY, BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SO I THINK IT IS INTERESTING, BECAUSE THERE IS A MISPERCEPTION ABOUT, LIKE, WE'RE SITTING ON A LOT OF MONEY-- BEYOND M.H.S.A. MONEY, IN GENERAL-- IN TERMS OF HOW WE ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES. I THINK YOU WOULD ARGUE, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT RESOURCES; IT'S ALSO ABOUT PERSONNEL: THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE ALREADY HAVING A HARD TIME RECRUITING. SO, IT IS NOT EVEN--

AND THAT IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY. THAT IS STATEWIDE. THAT IS NATIONWIDE. BUT IN TERMS OF EQUITY, I AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS FROM AN EQUITABLE STANDPOINT, BUT AGAIN, I WOULD SAY THAT WHEN I GO OUT AND TALK TO INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE DECLINING HOUSING, IT'S USUALLY BECAUSE THERE IS NOT BEDS AVAILABLE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF WHERE THEY ARE, AND THEY WANT TO STAY IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN. AND WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT C.A.R.E. COURT [INAUDIBLE] THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, BUT I JUST WANT US TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT, SOMETIMES, THEY WANT TO STAY IN THEIR COMMUNITY. AND IT CAN BE VERY FRUSTRATING, BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE FIVE INDIVIDUALS. BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT, IN A COUNTY THIS LARGE, WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ADDRESS THOSE THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAT NEED HOUSING, AND WANT TO STAY IN AN AREA WHERE THEY'VE GOT A MOTHER, A STEPMOTHER, A STEPFATHER, FAMILY, WHATEVER IT IS. THE ISSUE OF BEDS, THOUGH. NOT EVERYONE THAT IS GOING TO BE ENTERING C.A.R.E. COURT IS GOING TO NEED TO BE HOSPITALIZED. CORRECT?

DR. LISA WONG: CORRECT. I THINK MOST PEOPLE SHOULD NOT.

SUP. BARGER: SO WE SHOULDN'T GET HUNG UP ON THE HOSPITAL BEDS ALONE. I MEAN, IT'S-- NO, I KNOW. BUT AGAIN, THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER CONSERVATORSHIP, HOSPITALIZE THEM, AND EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE FIXED. AND I AM

TRYING TO TEMPER, BECAUSE TO YOUR POINT, WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY PROMISED, OR ROLLED OUT, AND WHAT IT IS TODAY ARE VERY DIFFERENT. BUT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS, AND THEY THINK THAT THIS IS ABOUT CONSERVATORSHIP, HOSPITALIZING, THEN BASICALLY CONTROLLING SOMEONE'S LIFE. AND THAT ISN'T REALLY-- WELL, IT IS NOT THE GOAL. IT IS NOT WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO STABILIZE THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN, IN FACT, LIVE ON THEIR OWN, WHETHER IT BE IN A BOARD-AND-CARE, BUT LIVE ON THEIR OWN, AND NOT FIGHT THE DEMONS THAT THEY ARE RIGHT NOW. SO, I JUST FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO GET SOME SORT OF FACT SHEET OUT THERE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE, BUT MAYBE WE CAN WORK WITH YOU, BECAUSE WE GET CALLS, IN TERMS OF EDUCATING PEOPLE ON WHAT C.A.R.E. COURT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE.

DR. LISA WONG: WE HAVE A WHOLE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN PLANNED, AND I THINK THAT THAT WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO LAUNCH, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE'RE COMING UP ON DECEMBER 1ST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I AGREE. AND MAKE SURE, ALL THE SUPERVISORS...

SUP. BARGER: HOLLY, DID YOU HEAR THAT? THEY'RE GOING TO DO AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK MY COLLEAGUES WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE JUST AN INITIAL FACT SHEET: WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT ISN'T. AND BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC, I'LL JUST SAY, I AM ONE OF THOSE THAT ACTUALLY IS GLAD THIS IS HAPPENING. I AM ONE OF THOSE THAT IS GLAD IT IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR. AND I THINK, FOR ME, THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE NEED TO BE CONNECTING WITH. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WAITING, AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WAITING, TO BE CONNECTED TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THEY ARE IN OUR WORLD, ALREADY. THIS IS NOT DIFFERENT FROM THOSE THAT YOU SERVE ALL THE TIME. AND I BELIEVE C.A.R.E. COURT WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE PEOPLE A CARE PLAN, AND I THINK THAT IS HOW WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT. AND MAYBE PART OF THAT CARE PLAN IS INTERVENING, SO THAT WE CAN REACH THEM BEFORE A COURT DATE, AND WE CAN PROVIDE THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES ARE NOT AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT AS I AM, BUT I THINK THE TIME TO HAVE CRITICIZED IT, AND TO QUESTION IT, WAS A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN THE LEGISLATURE, OUR FRIENDS, WERE LOOKING TO PASS THE LEGISLATION. AND I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHERE OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM WAS ON THIS PARTICULAR LAW, BUT ANYWAY, IT IS HERE. EVERY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A C.A.R.E. COURT. AND I BELIEVE THAT OURS WILL BE ONE OF THE MORE SUCCESSFUL ONES, BECAUSE I AM LOOKING AT OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND I AM LOOKING AT THE DEPTH THAT YOU HAVE, EVEN WITH CURRENT STAFF, IN YOUR ABILITY TO BE THAT SAFETY NET, TO

KEEP PEOPLE FROM FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT IS WHAT YOU DO, EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND YOU'RE PROBABLY ALWAYS UNDERSTAFFED AND UNDERFUNDED; BUT YET, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO GO INTO THIS LINE OF WORK HAVE HEARTS THAT ARE BIGGER THAN ANY I HAVE EVER SEEN, AND SO I BELIEVE OUR PROGRAM WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. I THINK IT IS EVIDENT THAT THERE IS ALREADY, I THINK, 10 LEGAL AID NONPROFITS THAT ARE ANXIOUS TO DO THIS. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE R.F.A. TO COME OUT. AND WE HOPE THAT THEY DO STEP UP. AND, IN FACT, IF THEY DON'T, PART OF WHAT THIS MOTION DOES TODAY IS GET A REPORT BACK IN, I THINK, 60 DAYS, TELLING US ABOUT THE FUNDING, AND THEN WE MIGHT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE WILL HAVE TO STEP UP, OR IF THERE IS ENOUGH NONPROFITS THAT WILL BE DOING THIS WORK, INITIALLY; AND THEN A 90-DAY REPORT, I THINK, ON WHERE YOU ARE, AND YOUR TRANSPARENCY ON WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL BE READY. BUT I THINK WE WILL BE, AND I THINK IT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE, AND WHAT OUR VALUES ARE, AND THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO WORK IN THESE VERY DIFFICULT DEPARTMENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WITH THAT, WE WILL GO TO THE PUBLIC. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 16.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: JANET ASANTE, AMBROSE BROOKS, KONSTANTINE ANTHONY, ARNOLD

SACHS, RED CHIEF HUNT, DONALD HARLAN, AND HERMAN HERMAN. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LINDA STRAFFEL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THIS IS LINDA STRAFFEL, FROM DISTRICT 5, SUPPORTING ITEM 16. WE NEED A MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES ALL LEVELS OF TREATMENT CARE, AND HOUSING THAT HEALS, INCLUDING A ROBUST OUTPATIENT SYSTEM AND MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT FOR THE MOST SEVERELY ILL, WHO ARE UNABLE TO ENGAGE, AND MAY REQUIRE A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE. C.A.R.E. COURT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THIS NECESSARY CONTINUUM. IT WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT SUFFERING AND CATASTROPHIC OUTCOMES, INCLUDING REPEAT CYCLES OF HOMELESSNESS AND VICTIMIZATION, JAIL AND PRISON, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATH-- ALL TOO COMMON TODAY IN OUR COUNTY. THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S AND BARGER'S MOTION ARE CRITICAL TO EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE C.A.R.E. COURT PROGRAM, AS IS ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUUM. I URGE THE BOARD TO UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE THIS MOTION AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS CARE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND D.M.H., FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND EFFORTS TOWARDS ITS LAUNCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK GALE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARK GALE: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK GALE. I'M WITH N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND VOLUNTEER AS OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAIR. AND IN LISTENING TO YOUR CONVERSATION, I JUST WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE ALL THE GRAVITY AND THE THOUGHT THAT YOU ARE PUTTING INTO THIS. AND AS WAS ALREADY SAID PREVIOUSLY BY ONE OF YOU, IT IS WAY TOO LATE TO SAY, "I HAVE RESERVATIONS," OR THIS. THE BILL IS CHAPTERED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND PASSED. WE'RE MOVING FORWARD. THE PEOPLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN, THE PREPARATIONS FOR A TOWN HALL WITH D.M.H. WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING WHAT I BELIEVE WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS WORKING HARD ON IT. WE NEED TO SUPPORT THIS. ONE THING I HEAR AT COUNTY MEETINGS IS THE INABILITY TO HIRE ENOUGH PEOPLE FOR OUR WORKFORCE, AND ALL THE PROTOCOLS IN ITEM 16 WILL HELP DR. WONG AND CONNIE DRAXLER AND THEIR WHOLE TEAM.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. I WILL ALSO NOTE, THE LEGISLATION HAD LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE SECOND COHORT, WHICH IS A DIFFERENT TIMELINE THAN DECEMBER 1ST. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VICTOR SANCHEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

VICTOR SANCHEZ: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THIS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OFFICE.

SUP. HORVATH. WE CAN HEAR YOU, THANK YOU.

>>VICTOR SANCHEZ: I AM CALLING IN, IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 16. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, THANK YOU.

VICTOR SANCHEZ: SORRY, I'M CALLING-- THANK YOU. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 16. AS A COUNCILMEMBER OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER, AND A NONPROFIT DIRECTOR WHO HAS WORKED FOR A DECADE SUPPORTING ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES, I BELIEVE THAT THIS PLAN IS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARDS PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA SPECTRUM AND PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS, WHO LACK THE MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY. BY AUTHORIZING FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS TO PETITION A CIVIL COURT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE C.A.R.E. COURT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE THE CARE AND SUPPORT

THEY NEED. THIS IS THE MOST EMPATHETIC AND HUMANE WAY TO ASSIST PEOPLE WHO CAN NO LONGER TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. I APPRECIATE YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JIMELL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, I AM CALLING TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL THAT MAY OR MAY NOT GET PROPOSED, BUT I FEEL THAT ANYTHING THAT HAS ROBERT GARCIA, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WHO IS SITTING THERE AND PRESENT TODAY, I FEEL THAT ANYTHING WITH HIS NAME ATTACHED IS ALREADY GOING TO FAIL. HE DOES NOT PROPERLY COMMUNICATE WITH HIS OWN CONSTITUENTS OR CLIENTS. I HAVE E-MAILS THAT I AM GOING TO PERSONALLY SEND OVER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SHOW, BUT ANYTHING INVOLVING MR. GARCIA, WHICH I CONTACTED MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ABOUT, AND SHE NEVER RESPONDED TO, BUT NOW SHE IS SPEAKING ON THIS, AND HAVING ALL THESE QUESTIONS.

SUP. HORVATH: THIS ITEM ISN'T ABOUT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. THEY WON'T BE HEARING THESE MATTERS, SO IF YOU COULD FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: THEY SAID THE CASES WOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, IF THERE WAS NO ONE TO REPRESENT, MA'AM. SO, WHY IS HE THERE? WHY IS HE A PART OF THIS BILL, IF HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: TO CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING. THAT'S WHY HE PARTICIPATED IN THIS DISCUSSION. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FOCUS ON THAT. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: OKAY, AND THAT'S WHAT I STATED. IF THAT WAS TO HAPPEN, HE WOULD BE A PART OF IT. SO, IF THAT WAS TO HAPPEN, HE WOULD BE A PART OF IT, AND THAT IS WHAT MY COMMENTS HAD REFERENCED: HIM BEING A PART OF SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE PROPOSED.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GUINEVERE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: WELL, IT'S NOT "GUINEVERE," BUT CLOSE ENOUGH: GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ALSO, ITEM BEFORE, THREE TIMES YOU DISCONNECTED ME, AND I WAS PUT IN A QUEUE. BUT ANYWAY, THIS ITEM, 16, IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AND I AM SO GLAD YOU ARE

WORKING ON IT. I THINK, IN ADDITION TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN DOING THE EXACT JOB, IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN OMBUDSMAN TO OVERLOOK WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON, AND IF THERE'S ANY ISSUES, SO PEOPLE CAN GO TO THAT PERSON TO CLARIFY A SITUATION. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM A CONSUMER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'M PERSONALLY LIVING WITH A SEVERE S.M.I. IT'S ACTUALLY SCARY TO EVEN SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT, BECAUSE I KNOW IT WILL IMPACT ME AND MY PEERS. AND I KNOW THAT EVEN JUST OFFERING MY PERSPECTIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, I AM NOW POSSIBLY FACING, YOU KNOW, RETRIBUTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR DOING SO. I HAVE SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS, AS YOU KNOW, ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR PROCESS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN WILLING TO BE TRANSPARENT, OR INVOLVED CONSUMERS AND EQUITY-SEEKING POPULATIONS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. YOU HEARD EARLIER THAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO AN EVENT WITH N.A.M.I., YET THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE OR WILLING TO REALLY EVEN SHARE INFORMATION WITH OUR LATINO, NATIVE AMERICAN, DISABLED, OR EVEN OUR ONGOING

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE PROBLEMS HAVING ACCESS TO CARE, THE QUALITY OF SERVICES, AND THE OUTCOME. THE PROTECTION OF PATIENTS' RIGHTS IS PRETTY MUCH NOT THERE, AND IT HASN'T BEEN THERE. AND SO WE HAVE A NEW SYSTEM THAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SAFETY MECHANISMS AND GUARDRAILS IN THERE, AND I KNOW, RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THEM. SO, I HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANT RESERVATIONS, GIVEN THE FACT--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VANESSA RAMOS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I'M A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. I ASK THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S SUGGESTION TO IMPLEMENT CARE ACT AND COHORT 2, AS INITIALLY PLANNED, AND TO TAKE THE TIME TO THINK THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. WHAT WE WANT TO DO, AND WHAT WE CAN DO, IS VERY DIFFERENT. WE UNDERSTAND THE CARE ACT, AND WE OPPOSE IT. THE CARE ACT HAS CREATED HUGE, UNNECESSARY BUREAUCRACY THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO FUND, BUT WE ARE FUNDING IT. THE DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF SAN DIEGO DESCRIBED THIS RUSHED PROCESS AS, "WE ARE STANDING AT THE FRONT OF THE DOOR. WE ARE PAINTING IT, PUTTING IN WINDOWS, OUTLINING IT WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL; AND YET, WHEN

WE WALK IN, WE FIND A BUILDING WITHOUT A ROOF." IT IS COMICAL AND INSULTING TO HEAR L.A.C.D.M.H. SPEAK AS IF THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, WHEN, TRULY, THEIR PLAN IS TO RUSH PEOPLE WITH FAMILY SUPPORT TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA LANDAU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THE C.A.R.E. COURT SHALL BE RAN BY LIVED-EXPERIENCE PEOPLE. THEY SHOULD HAVE A SPECIAL ELECTION BY THE PEOPLE. LISA WONG, YOU ARE SITTING ON AT LEAST $13 MILLION OF SHELTER-BED MONEY EVERY YEAR, BY JONATHAN SHERIN. YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A SCHEDULER. SO, WHEN WE ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC NOW, AND HOUSE THEM PROPERLY, AND HAVE PEER-RAN, LIVED-EXPERIENCE ELECTIONS OF THE PEOPLE TO RUN THE COURT, NOT THE COURT ITSELF, CORRUPTED SUPERIOR COURT-- MARY CONWAY WICKHAM WAS THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AS WELL AS SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER, AND

DID NOTHING BUT DEGRADE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, ALREADY, SO WE CAN'T HAVE THE COURTS TO DO THAT. SO I URGE THAT N.A.M.I. AND UNITED WAY HAVE PUBLIC TOWN HALLS, WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS, AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC AND ELECT THE PEOPLE TO RUN THE C.A.R.E. COURT, NOT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU'VE GOT TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE, AND YOU HAVE DONE A HORRIBLE JOB, OVERALL. SO LET THE PEOPLE MAKE THE DECISIONS ON HOW THIS C.A.R.E. COURT SHOULD RUN, TO BETTER THEIR COMMUNITY.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, FROM STUDIO CITY, AND I HAVE TO APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR TALKING ABOUT THIS TOUGH ISSUE. AND THE CALLER OR TWO EARLIER, WHO SEEMED TO BE BLOWING A WHISTLE ABOUT HOW FAMILY SUPPORT PEOPLE WOULD BE EXPEDITED, SHE SEEMED TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW. I DO KNOW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THIS SPACE. IT HAS BEEN A LONGTIME PROBLEM, BUT I THINK THE

PENDULUM HAS SWUNG A LITTLE BIT, SO THAT IT IS TIME TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES. NOW, IF 6,000 OUT OF THE 60,000 IS THE BEST-CASE SCENARIO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET TO 100 OF THEM, IF WE'RE LUCKY. AND I APPRECIATE HORVATH SLOWING IT DOWN UNTIL IT IS READY, BUT IT IS MOVING OUT THE DOOR, SO THEY NEED TO TRY SOMETHING. YOU KNOW, LET ME MAKE A PROPOSAL. RATHER THAN-- MAYBE WE DO IT IN THE COMMUNITIES. MAYBE THESE ARE SOMETHING LIKE A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHERE YOU DEAL WITH YOUR OWN LOCAL, ORGANIC PEOPLE, AND YOU BRING THEM TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN NECESSARY, AND YOU TRY TO HELP THEM IN THE COMMUNITY. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT C.A.R.E. COURT. WE DON'T NEED SO MANY LAWYERS AROUND--

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, FROM DISTRICT 3, AND WE KNOW THAT FORCING MEDICATIONS AND POTENTIAL CONSERVATORSHIP ONTO THE MOST VULNERABLE ANGELENOS IS NOT THE ANSWER TO THE CRISIS OF HOUSELESSNESS, AND WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T FORCE CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR CONSTITUENTS-- MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR CONSTITUENTS-- WHO NEED CARE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH ANY

SUPERVISOR MAY WANT THOSE CONNECTIONS. AND WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR HOUSING AND ONGOING SERVICES, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT COERCED TREATMENT WILL ACTUALLY PERPETUATE THE REVOLVING DOOR OF INCARCERATION AND LACK OF MEANINGFUL SUPPORT. AND AS EXPRESSED BY YOUR CONSTITUENT EARLIER TODAY, WE KNOW THAT INCARCERATION IS DEADLY. AND IN THAT VEIN, THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF THE M.C.J. PEOPLE CONTINUE DYING INSIDE THE HORRIFIC JAIL, JUST LIKE THE 19 PEOPLE WHO WE HAVE LOST INSIDE OF THE JAILS JUST THIS YEAR ALONE. AND SO AGAIN, I ASK, WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING? THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MELISSA MATEO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HORVATH: IS SOMEONE GOING TO SPEAK?

SPEAKER: HI. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, WE CAN. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS MELISSA MATEO, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. I'M HERE WITH JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'M CALLING

IN TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF C.A.R.E. COURT IN L.A. COUNTY. C.A.R.E. COURT IS ESSENTIALLY AN EXPANSION OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, HIDING UNDER THE FACADE OF TREATMENT AND CARE. C.A.R.E. COURT AUTHORIZES JUDGES TO ORDER AN INDIVIDUAL TO INVOLUNTARILY UNDERGO MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE FOR UP TO TWO YEARS. THE C.A.R.E. COURT FRAMEWORK ALLOWS JUDGES TO IMPOSE MANDATORY TREATMENT, THUS REMOVING OUR RIGHT TO CONSENT. WE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO FREE AND INFORMED CONSENT. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF C.A.R.E. COURTS WILL RESULT IN HUMAN CIVIL RIGHT ABUSES. THE C.A.R.E. COURT FRAMEWORK OF FORCED TREATMENT IS INEFFECTIVE AND INHUMANE. ADDITIONALLY, THIS FRAMEWORK EMPOWERS POLICE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. C.A.R.E. COURTS WILL DIRECTLY AND DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGET THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY.

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

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

SUP. HORVATH: WONDERFUL. WE WILL GO IN THE ROOM.

SPEAKER: OKAY. MY NAME IS JESSICA MARTINEZ, AND I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS, BECAUSE I REQUESTED SUPPORT BEFORE SOMETHING

IRREPARABLE HAPPENED TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS. AND THEY TRIED TO SAY MY MOTHER-IN-LAW HAD MENTAL ISSUES, AND NOBODY INVESTIGATED THAT. I ASKED FOR SUPPORT TO HOLLY MITCHELL'S OFFICE, TO KATHRYN BARGER'S. I NEVER RECEIVED ANY SUPPORT. BUT MY PARTNER, HE PASSED AWAY, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE HE PASSED AWAY, BECAUSE WE NEVER SEE THE BODY. THE HOSPITAL NEVER RELEASED THE BODY TO US. AND IF THEY PUT HIM IN A PLACE LIKE THAT WITHOUT HIS CONSENT, LITERALLY, IT'S LIKE HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT. WE HAVE A RIGHT. WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS. WE ARE NOT LIKE [INAUDIBLE] DEPARTMENT, TAKING ON A FILE TO JUST COLLECT FUNDS OR GRANTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I AM SORRY, BUT IT IS SAD.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: O'CONNOR V. DONALDSON, 422 U.S. 563, WAS A LANDMARK DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, RULING THAT A STATE CANNOT CONSTITUTIONALLY CONFINE A NON-DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CAPABLE OF SURVIVING. SURVIVING! LIKE MYSELF. NOW, WHY IS THAT, HORVATH? WHY IS THAT? BECAUSE I KNOW HOW TO SURVIVE BEING DISABLED, SLEEPING IN THE STREET, BEING HOMELESS, AND NO ONE [EXPLETIVE] HELPED ME.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, THIS IS YOUR THIRD WARNING.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, SURVIVING SAFELY IN FREEDOM BY THEMSELVES, AND WILLING TO BE RESPONSIBLE, SHALL AND WILL BE A PROTECTED CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT. DON'T FORGET, YOU ARE ALL NUTS.

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

KONSTANTINE ANTHONY: HELLO. MAYOR ANTHONY AGAIN. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, I AM ACTUALLY THE VERY FIRST DIAGNOSED AUTISTIC MAYOR IN THE COUNTRY. MY GREAT-UNCLE, NICK PETRIS, WROTE THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT, AND MY SON'S PATERNAL GRANDFATHER WAS SCHIZOPHRENIC, SO HE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CARRY THE GENE. I'M ACTUALLY HERE, SURPRISINGLY, SUPPORTING MR. HERMAN. AS ANNOYING AS HE IS, I DO NOT WANT TO SEE C.A.R.E. COURT LOCK HIM UP. HE IS GOING TO BE ON THE FRONT LINES OF THIS, FIGHTING THIS IN COURT. EVERY SINGLE DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, CIVIL LIBERTIES ORGANIZATION IN THIS STATE, IS OPPOSING C.A.R.E. COURT. I SPENT FOUR YEARS AT STANLEY MOSK, WATCHING BRITNEY SPEARS TRY TO GET HERSELF OUT OF A CONSERVATORSHIP. THERE IS SOMETHING WE CAN DO. WE CAN FILE A FRIEND-OF-THE-COURT BRIEF, WITH MANY OF THE LAWSUITS THAT ARE FILED AGAINST C.A.R.E. COURT. WE CAN EVEN FILE AN

INJUNCTION OURSELVES, TO STOP IT. PLEASE, DO NOT SUPPORT THIS. PLEASE DELAY AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

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

JANET ASANTE: HI. MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2. I AM ALSO WITH THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'VE HEARD SENTIMENTS FROM ALL OF THE BOARD'S SUPERVISORS TODAY, THAT REALLY AFFIRMED THAT NONE OF YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS GOING TO WORK. THIS IS DETENTION GUISED AS TREATMENT AND CARE, AND WE KNOW WHAT DOES WORK. WHEN SOMEBODY IS LOOKING TO FIND CARE FOR PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY, WHO CAN THEY CALL? AS A SUPERVISOR YOURSELF, YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE. SO, THE REASON WHY THIS IS CARCERAL IS VERY OBVIOUS, BUT I JUST WANT ALL OF US TO ASK THE QUESTION THAT, IF A POLICE OFFICER FINDS SOMEONE WHO IS UNHOUSED, AND THEY DECIDED THAT THIS PERSON NEEDS C.A.R.E. COURT, I FULLY BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL BE AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE. IF A POLICE OFFICER KILLS SOMEONE, THEY WILL RECEIVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WHY CAN'T WE SAY THE SAME AMOUNT OF TREATMENT GOES TOWARDS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES? SO FIND FUNDING FOR THAT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS AMBROSE BROOKS S., AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. THE C.A.R.E. COURT FRAMEWORK IS DEEPLY CONCERNING, AND WILL USHER IN MORE LEGAL OVERREACH WHEN IT COMES TO THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS AND SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THE D.H.S. MATERIAL SAYS IT "FOCUSES ON PEOPLE WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA OR OTHER PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS," BUT BOTH REQUIRE A FINDING THAT THE PERSON LACKS MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY. ALL OF THESE TERMS ARE UNDEFINED AND SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION BY THE COURTS, WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF SYSTEMIC INEQUALITIES IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE. BLACK UNHOUSED CALIFORNIANS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY TARGETED ENFORCEMENT AND INVOLUNTARY HOLDS. B.I.P.O.C. RESIDENTS IN POOR COMMUNITIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE CARCERAL, INADEQUATE, AND DANGEROUSLY OUTMODED FORMS OF MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE. THE BOARD SHOULD FOCUS ON HOW A C.A.R.E. COURT RECOMMENDATION WILL BE USED TO TARGET VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE NEED CLARITY ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN C.A.R.E. COURT. LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE PRECLUDED FROM MAKING ANY C.A.R.E. COURT RECOMMENDATION, PERIOD. WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR HOUSING AND ONGOING SERVICES, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT COERCED TREATMENT WILL PERPETUATE THE REVOLVING DOOR OF INCARCERATION AND LACK OF MEANINGFUL SUPPORT.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS GINA BURNS, AND MY SON, JEREMY SMITH, HAS BEEN RECYCLED THROUGH THE SYSTEM, ALL HIS ADULT LIFE. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY C.A.R.E. COURT WANTS TO CARE, WHEN IT IS A LIE; WHEN THE SYSTEM CREATED THE PROBLEM, AND NOW IT WANTS TO BE ITS SAVIOR. I DON'T THINK SO. HISTORY SHOWS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN THE COURTS, THROUGH THE STATE HOSPITALS, THROUGH THE STATE COURTS. WE CAN'T DO THIS. IT IS INSANITY. IT IS INSANE. I KNOW MY SON HAS SCHIZOPHRENIA AND A LEARNING DISABILITY, BUT THIS HERE, C.A.R.E. COURT, AND THE SYSTEM WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH, THAT HE HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH, IS INSANE. THIS HAS GOT TO STOP, AND YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELVES, BECAUSE YOU NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT IS REAL. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. LET'S HOPE MY SON DOESN'T DIE IN THE SYSTEM, OKAY? BECAUSE I WILL BE BACK. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I AM CHERYL CANSON, AND I AM OPPOSED TO AGENDA 16. WE NEED LESS RESTRICTIVE SETTINGS TO RECEIVE OUR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. WE NEED MORE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS OUR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND AMONGST OUR

SUPPORTS. WE NEED OPPORTUNITIES TO USE OUR VOICES, AND LESS OF BEING DICTATED HOW WE EXPERIENCE OUR TRAUMA THAT LED TO OUR CRISIS, THAT MANIFESTS INTO TRIGGERS, SYMPTOMS, AND BEHAVIORS. JAILS AND PRISONS DON'T PRIORITIZE SAFETY, AND THEREFORE DON'T PRIORITIZE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. YOU CANNOT BEAT OR PUNISH MENTAL ILLNESS OUT OF PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THE DEATHS WE ARE SEEING IN JAILS AND PRISONS ARE COMPLETELY AVOIDABLE AND PREVENTABLE. THERE NEEDS TO BE A WAY FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS WITHIN INSTITUTIONS TO ALERT A LIVE, EMPATHETIC PERSON THAT THEY ARE IN CRISIS AND NEED IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION, NOT BE PUT ON A LIST, NOT STAND IN A LINE, NOR PUT ON HOLD, IN ORDER THAT THEY ARE CALLED. THANK YOU.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU MENTIONED THE NEEDS OF TEN MILLION PEOPLE. YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT TEN MILLION PEOPLE. YOU ALSO MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. HOW MANY MENTAL-HEALTH-ISSUE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO TO C.A.R.E. COURT? ONE COURT FOR 5,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE? THAT IS STUPID, JANICE. YOU HAD THE PEST PLAN EVER. YOU HAD 15,000 PEOPLE SIGNED UP ON SKID ROW. THE OBAMA AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WOULD'VE COVERED ALL THE COST. IT WAS A PRIVATE COMPANY. HE HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY. DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT? YOU TOLD HIM, "DON'T PAY."

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT TO HIM? SO HE DIDN'T PAY. HE TOOK THE MONEY AND BUILT A STADIUM IN LAS VEGAS. HE [EXPLETIVE] UP. HE [EXPLETIVE] HIS OWN PEOPLE UP.

SUP. HORVATH: LET'S FOCUS OUR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE, SIR.

ARNOLD SACHS: YOU LOST A HOSPITAL. YOU DON'T HAVE A HOSPITAL IN YOUR DISTRICT, HOLLY, SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUT BEDS IN HOSPITALS, WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A HOSPITAL?

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

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

SUP. HORVATH: ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT BACK TO YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MADAM VICE CHAIR. OKAY. SO, ITEM 16, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: NO.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-1.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 32, ESTABLISHING OLDER ADULT SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING IN THE GREATER AVOCADO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS COMMUNITY; IT NEIGHBORS YOURS. BUT I THINK THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT I WANTED TO RAISE, AND REALLY TALK ABOUT OLDER AMERICANS, AND HOW WE HAVE SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE IN NEED OF SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE OF SENIOR-CITIZEN AGE. IN FACT, THERE ARE STUDIES THAT PROJECT THAT OLDER-ADULT RATES ARE GOING TO GROW ABOUT 170%, WITH A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT THROUGH 2030. THE COUNTY, IN MY BELIEF, NEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE OF AGING, AND AGE-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT GO ALONG WITH THAT, TO MEET OUR COMMITMENT TO OLDER ADULTS. PROGRAMMING AND DEDICATED SPACES ARE ESSENTIAL TO MEETING THAT COMMITMENT. IN FACT, SENIOR PROGRAMMING AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE RECOGNIZED AS CRUCIAL COMMUNITY FOCAL POINTS UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT. AS WE KNOW, THEY PLAY A VERY VITAL ROLE IN THE LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS. THESE SPACES ENSURE ACCESS TO CRITICAL PROGRAMS, SERVICES LIKE HEALTHCARE, ECONOMIC SECURITY, SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT, AND PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITIES. THEY HELP TO COMBAT THE GROWING RATES OF SOCIAL ISOLATION IN OLDER ADULTS, AND PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE. IN MY DISTRICT, I KNOW THESE NEEDS FOR SENIOR CENTERS AND OLDER PROGRAMMING IS ONLY GROWING. IN FACT, MY OFFICE WAS APPROACHED BY RESIDENTS IN

AVOCADO HEIGHTS, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, HIGHLIGHTING AND UPLIFTING THE NEED FOR SERVICES, PROGRAMMING, AND DEDICATED SPACE FOR OLDER ADULTS. I WANT TO, FIRST OF ALL, THANK THOSE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR CONTINUED ADVOCACY, AND FOR WORKING WITH MY STAFF AND WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS AND CONSIDERATION. I ALSO WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK OUR DIRECTOR, LAURA TREJO, AND NORMA GARCIA, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION. AND LAURA TREJO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF AGING AND DISABILITIES. WE'RE GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY AND HOLDING DIRECT MEETINGS WITH THE RESIDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR NEEDS. I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS, AND THROUGH THIS MOTION WE WILL IDENTIFY AND FINALIZE A DEDICATED SPACE FOR THESE OLDER ADULTS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PURSUING NOW FOR SEVERAL, SEVERAL YEARS, AND I AM HAPPY THAT, FINALLY, WE HAVE COME TO SOME CONCLUSION, AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN BEGIN THE PROGRAMMING THAT IS MUCH NEEDED FOR THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS? NO? BUT I AM WELL AWARE OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 32.

SPEAKER: WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD: DONALD HARLAN. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS REBECCA OVERMYER-VELASQUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

REBECCA OVERMYER-VELASQUEZ: HELLO. YOU CAN HEAR ME OKAY?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

REBECCA OVERMYER-VELASQUEZ: GREAT. MY NAME IS REBECCA OVERMYER-VELASQUEZ, AND I AM THE COORDINATOR OF THE CLEAN AIR COALITION OF NORTH WHITTIER AND AVOCADO HEIGHTS, AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE, AND OTHER GREAT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY POSSIBLE. WORKING WITH LAURA AND NORMA OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND EVEN BEFORE THAT, WITH GUADALUPE AND IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE, IT HAS BEEN A REALLY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IN OUR COMMUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR SENIORS THAT WE REALLY NEED. WE DON'T HAVE A SENIOR CENTER RIGHT NOW, AND WE HAVE A GROWING NUMBER OF SENIORS WHO REALLY WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A PROGRAM RIGHT CLOSE TO WHERE WE LIVE. AND SO I TOTALLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I WANT TO THANK THE

SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THIS UP AND CONSIDERING IT, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLGA MARGA RODRIGUEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS OLGA MARGA RODRIGUEZ. I'M A MEMBER OF THE NORTH WHITTIER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, AVOCADO HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE CLEAN AIR COALITION, AND I HAVE LIVED IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR 20 YEARS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO IDENTIFY A DEDICATED SPACE FOR OLDER ADULTS IN THE GREATER AVOCADO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED IT. THIS SPACE WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR OLDER RESIDENTS TO GATHER AND TO ACCESS IMPORTANT PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES. AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S RESIDENTS BECOME OLDER, EFFORTS LIKE THIS ARE IMPORTANT TO MEET THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO OLDER ADULTS, WHO HAVE SPENT THEIR LIVES CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR COMMUNITY. SPACES AND PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO SENIORS WILL HELP ENHANCE THE HEALTH, PURPOSE, CREATIVITY, MOBILITY, AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT OF OUR OLDER ADULTS. IMPORTANTLY, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL WORK TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY TO HELP DEFINE WHAT PROGRAMS WOULD BEST FIT OUR

NEEDS. I REQUEST THE BOARD PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARILYN KAMIMURA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MARILYN KAMIMURA. I HAVE LIVED IN THE AVOCADO HEIGHTS/NORTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY FOR 52 YEARS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR YOUR AGENDA MOTION NUMBER 32, TO IDENTIFY SPACE FOR OLDER ADULTS IN THE GREATER AVOCADO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING WHERE I LIVE, NORTH WHITTIER. HAVING SERVED IN ALL THREE REGISTERED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 30 YEARS, AND BEING ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF CLEAN AIR COALITION OF NORTH WHITTIER/AVOCADO HEIGHTS, I HAVE KNOWN MANY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS VERY WELL, AND WE DO NEED A SENIOR CENTER. OUR POPULATION IS UPWARD OF 30%. THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR A PLACE TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS, A PLACE TO PROVIDE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE. IN TURN, WE PROVIDE GIFTS OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE TO YOUNGER GENERATIONS, AND ALSO TENACITY. I REQUEST THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. THANK YOU. AND LIKE I HAVE ALWAYS SAID, THE STRENGTH OF A COMMUNITY IS IN HOW WE TAKE CARE OF OUR ELDERLY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARMANDO SERVERA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. MY NAME'S ARMANDO SERVERA, AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE CLEAN AIR COALITION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO DEDICATE SPACE FOR OLDER ADULTS, AND CALLING FOR THE BOARD FOR POSITIVE RESULTS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS, I BELIEVE, IN LIFE IS THE ABILITY TO SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR AGE GROUP. AS ONE GETS OLDER, WE NEED SOMEWHERE WHERE WE CAN AGAIN FIND NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. BEING BY YOURSELF WILL ONLY BRING DEPRESSION. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR MOTION, MS. HILDA SOLIS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPATE IS JESSICA LANDAU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. THANK YOU. WE WANT TO SAY, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS, FOR SUCH A GREAT AND NECESSARY INITIATIVE FOR THE SENIORS IN AVOCADO HEIGHTS. SO MUCH OF OUR SENIORS ARE NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF, AND WE DEFINITELY NEED TO

SEE MORE INITIATIVES LIKE THIS IN ALL OF THE DISTRICTS. CLEAN AIR IS DEFINITELY NUMBER ONE. HOUSING AND CARE, BASICALLY, TO OUR SENIORS IS IMPORTANT. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE SAME INITIATIVE SOMEWHERE IN COMPTON, WATTS, WEST ATHENS. YOU KNOW, THESE AREAS DEFINITELY NEED AN INITIATIVE LIKE THIS. SO, AGAIN, WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS, FOR TAKING CARE OF YOUR DISTRICT AS GLORIA MOLINA DID. WE JUST WISH WE HAD THE SAME THING IN DISTRICT TWO. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER ADDITIONAL REMOTE SPEAKERS IN THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE ERIC PREVEN JUST--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ERIC.

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

ERIC PREVEN: YES, THANK YOU. IT'S MR. PREVEN, PERKING UP. WHEN I HEARD THE ATTACK ON DISTRICT TWO, I JUST HAD TO SPEAK UP. I REMEMBER GLORIA MOLINA, AND SHE WAS FAIRLY ATTENTIVE; AND CERTAINLY, SOLIS IS RUNNING QUITE A VILLAGE, YOU HAVE TO

ADMIT. BUT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS BUDGET-CONSCIOUS, YOU COULD SAY, YOU KNOW, SO LET'S NOT BE TOO HOSTILE, LANDAU. WE'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OR DO WE GO IN PERSON NOW? OKAY, ARNOLD. GO AHEAD.

ARNOLD SACHS: OH, YES, THANK YOU, MS. JANICE HAHN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK INTO BRINGING SOME ACCESS SERVICES INCORPORATED INTO YOUR DISTRICT, TO HELP ELDERLY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GET AROUND. THAT WAS A GREAT PROGRAM. IT HAD BEEN PRIVATIZED BY METRO, BUT IT'S STILL AVAILABLE IN CERTAIN AREAS. IT HAS TO BE ACCESS SERVICES, INCORPORATED. "ACCESS" BY ITSELF DOES NOT MEAN IT HAS A BUSINESS LICENSE. THERE IS A REAL SCAM GOING ON HERE, SO YOU NEED TO REALLY WATCH YOURSELF WITH THAT. BUT IT'S AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM, IF IT IS STILL AVAILABLE, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD FUND IT, AND IT WOULD HELP A LOT OF SMALL BUSINESSES. ALL THEY NEED TO DO IS HAVE A LICENSE FROM THE COUNTY OR THE CITY. AND ALSO, YOU NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT [INAUDIBLE] AND ORCHARD, WHICH ARE TWO PROGRAMS WHICH ARE ON THE COMPUTER THAT LIST EVERYBODY'S ILLNESSES, AND IT CAN BE PROGRAMMED TO GO AGAINST THEM.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT, JANICE.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO MORE SPEAKERS. OKAY. SO, ITEM 32, COLLEAGUES, IS NOW BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY-- I WILL SECOND IT. AND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 32 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 56, LOCATE AND RECOVER COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. BRANDON NICHOLS, OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. HELLO, BRANDON. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, BRANDON, FOR BEING HERE. WE KNOW THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IS A HORRIFIC REALITY THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS TO DEAL WITH, AND THAT WE EXPERIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT WE

NEED TO DO MORE TO PREVENT. IT STARTS WITH TIMELY, ACCURATE REPORTING BY OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, AND THE CHILDREN WHO ARE TRAFFICKED ARE AMONG OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED BY OUR CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT YOUNG GIRLS, BOYS, TRANS YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE VULNERABLE AND INCREASINGLY VICTIMIZED. WE KNOW THAT OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN ARE AMONG OUR NATION'S MOST VULNERABLE. TRAGICALLY, THE RECENT REPORT FOUND A 41% DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRALS OF NEW YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. THIS IS DUE TO STAFFING DECISIONS IN SPECIALIZED UNITS, NOT BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS ACTUALLY GETTING BETTER WITHIN L.A.P.D. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RESULTING IN FEWER DETENTIONS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN THE FIELD; AND AS A RESULT, FEWER YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT. L.A.P.D.'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT WAS DISMANTLED IN 2021, REDUCING THE CAPACITY TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO THESE CASES, AND THE CAPACITY TO TRAIN VICE OFFICERS AND PATROL OFFICERS. THIS REDUCTION IN CRITICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES HAS HAD A SEVERE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE NUMBER OF YOUTH IDENTIFIED AND RECOVERED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE HAVE SEEN SUCCESS WITH THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FIRST-RESPONDER PROTOCOL MODEL, WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL ROLL THAT IS THEN SUPPORTED BY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FIRST-RESPONDER TEAMS. WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRALS DECREASE, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED FIRST-RESPONDER TEAMS ARE HAMPERED IN THEIR ABILITY TO HELP THESE YOUTH. ITEM 56 AND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH L.A.P.D., FOR THEIR LOCATE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS, IS A GOOD STEP, AND YOUTH WHO ARE MISSING ARE AT HIGH RISK OF REPEATED EXPLOITATION, AND EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO LOCATE AND RECOVER THEM. I SUPPORT THIS AGREEMENT, BUT WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE UNKNOWN TO D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION. TODAY, I AM FORMALLY ASKING OUR DIRECTOR-- THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE-- AND OUR SHERIFF TO WORK TOGETHER TO REACH OUT TO L.A.P.D. LEADERSHIP, AND CONVENE A MEETING TO DISCUSS HOW TO BETTER SERVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. I ENCOURAGE OUR DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. AND OTHER PARTNERS NAMED IN THE FIRST-RESPONDER PROTOCOL TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE OUTREACH MODELS, STRATEGIES, AND APPROACHES TO BETTER SERVE THIS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE POPULATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE. I HOPE THAT, TOGETHER, D.C.F.S., THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND L.A.P.D. CAN COME UP WITH A PLAN AND SOLUTION FOR INCREASING OUR OUTREACH AND REFERRAL RATES. I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT ON YOUR SHOULDERS ALONE, BRANDON, BUT WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ROLE THAT WE ALL PLAY IN MAKING THIS COORDINATION HAPPEN. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO BETTER BY

THIS INCREDIBLY VULNERABLE POPULATION, AND WE KNOW THEY ARE OUT THERE, THAT THEY NEED US. THEY ARE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS, AND WE NEED TO FILL THE CRACKS, SO THAT WAY, WE CAN OFFER THE CRITICAL INTERVENTIONS AND GET THEM THE SUPPORTS AND HEALING THEY DESERVE. WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO REACH OUT FOR HELP ON THEIR OWN, WHO NEED OUR SUPPORT, AND WHO KNOW WE ARE OUT THERE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED US MOST. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF AGENCIES OUT THERE WHO ARE DOING THIS WORK, BUT RELY, AS I SAID, ON LAW ENFORCEMENT TO REALLY STEP UP AND PLAY THE ROLE THAT THEY MUST PLAY, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AND SO, WHATEVER SUPPORT YOU NEED IN MAKING THAT HAPPEN, PLEASE LET MY OFFICE-- I ASSUME ALL OF US KNOW, BUT WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN THAT RELATIONSHIP, MAKING SURE THAT THE EFFORTS ARE STEPPED UP, AND THAT THE REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL ISN'T LEAVING OUR MOST VULNERABLE EVEN MORE AT RISK. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND I COULD NOT AGREE MORE. AND, YOU KNOW, MY QUESTION IS, UNDER SHERIFF MCDONNELL, HE CREATED A DIVISION THAT REALLY WAS ABOUT TREATING THEM AS VICTIMS, AND TRYING TO PREVENT FURTHER VICTIMS FROM FALLING INTO BEING TRAFFICKED. AND I DON'T KNOW

WHAT HAPPENED. I MEAN, THEY BROUGHT IN THE FEDERAL AND THE STATE, AND I THINK THE F.B.I. HAS THAT BEEN DISBANDED?

BRANDON NICHOLS: YES, SUPERVISOR. OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, BOTH THE SHERIFF AND L.A.P.D. HAD SPECIALIZED UNITS, WHICH WERE--

SUP. BARGER: L.A.P.D. WAS PART OF IT, YOU'RE RIGHT.

BRANDON NICHOLS: -- WHICH WERE DISBANDED, I BELIEVE, BECAUSE OF BUDGET ISSUES. BUT I THINK THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR US TO REINITIATE THAT CONVERSATION. I KNOW THAT THE MAYOR'S BUDGET INCLUDED ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR L.A.P.D. I BELIEVE WE ARE ADDING SOME FUNDS TO THE SHERIFF, COMPARED TO THE PAST COUPLE YEARS. SO, MAYBE THE TIME IS RIGHT, LIKE I SAID, FOR US TO CONVENE WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, AND SAY, "WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THESE KIDS?"

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, I'D LIKE TO LOOK INTO THAT, BECAUSE, I MEAN, I REMEMBER GOING THERE AND BEING SO IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT THEY WERE BEING PROACTIVE, COORDINATING, WORKING TOGETHER, BECAUSE MANY ARE TRAFFICKED ACROSS STATE LINES, ESPECIALLY INTO NEVADA FROM LOS ANGELES, AND THEN BROUGHT BACK, I MEAN, ON THE WEEKENDS. AND THEN, TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, SOME ARE BEING SENT INTO OUR EMERGENCY SHELTERS, TO

RECRUIT YOUNG LADIES UNDER THE GUISE THAT THEY ARE THERE AS NEGLECTED, AND RECRUITING FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING TO PUT THEM OUT ON THE STREET. SO I BELIEVE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY, I MEAN, BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND, WITH SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ARE RESCUING, IT'S YEARS OF TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED, AND IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH-- I THINK ONE PERSON SAID IT'S LIKE BEING DEPROGRAMMED. AND I KNOW THAT I WOULD RATHER INVEST IN KEEPING THEM OUT OF THAT SITUATION. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR HOLDING THE ITEM, TO REALLY SPEAK TO THE URGENT NEED OF OUR YOUTH. AND I WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS ABOUT WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO LEAN IN AND SUPPORT YOU, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THERE IS A MOVEMENT AFOOT IN SACRAMENTO, LED BY THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, TO REVERSE THE CURRENT LAW THAT NO LONGER CRIMINALIZES YOUTH WHO ARE VICTIMS. HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, HELD STATISTICS, SUGGESTING THAT WHEN THE LAW CHANGED, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO ARREST VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING, AND CHARGED THEM WITH PROSTITUTION, THAT THE NUMBERS WENT UP, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT'S

HANDS WERE TIED. SO I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR COUNTY, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF C.S.E.C. YOUTH THAT ARE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOW THAT THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR THEM TO PLAY, BECAUSE IT WOULD NEVER OCCUR TO US TO ARREST A VICTIM OF A RAPE, AND CHARGE HER WITH PROSTITUTION. SO, I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS MOVEMENT TO REVERSE THE AMAZING PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE ACKNOWLEDGING C.S.E.C. YOUTH AS THE VICTIMS THAT THEY ARE, ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRAUMA THAT THEY'VE ENDURED, AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND RESOURCES. AND WE'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PLAY. LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDERSTANDS THEIR ROLE IN CHILD WELFARE CASES. THEY HAVE A ROLE IN THESE CASES, PARTICULARLY TO BRING DOWN THE LETTER OF THE LAW AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE VICTIMIZING THESE C.S.E.C. YOUTH. SO, I ECHO THE DESIRE TO HAVE A MEETING; OFFER MY SERVICES OF MY OFFICE, AND MY DIRECT SERVICES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT MEETING, HAVING CARRIED THE BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE PROSTITUTION FOR ITS C.S.E.C. VICTIMS. WE SAW THE RESEARCH; IT HAS NOT CHANGED. THEY ARE VICTIMS, NOT CRIMINALS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS A ROLE TO PLAY. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POSITIONS ARE STILL IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THEY JUST HAVEN'T BEEN FILLED. SO I HOPE WE CAN REVERSE THE DECISION THE PRIOR SHERIFF MADE, AS WELL, TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN PLACE TO PROTECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I SEE NO OTHER SUPERVISORS WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD: ARNOLD SACHS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY OF OUR TRANSGENDER AND TWO-SPIRIT YOUNGER FOLKS, WHICH HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE THAT REALLY NOT ONLY NEEDED TO HAVE MORE AWARENESS, BUT HAVE SOME BROADER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ALL ITS IMPLICATIONS, AS WELL AS [INAUDIBLE] CITIES TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THEM. SO, I APPLAUD THE DIRECTION THAT YOU'RE GOING IN THERE, BUT ALSO WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE BETTER SCOPE OF THINKING. JUST LIKE WE HAD CONVERSATIONS EARLIER AROUND C.A.R.E. COURT, I REALLY WOULD HOPE THAT NONE OF THESE VICTIMS OF HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, OR ANY OTHER TYPES OF HUMAN VICTIMS, ARE SUBJECTED TO C.A.R.E. COURT IN THESE PARTICULAR CITIES, JUST

SO THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT FURTHER VICTIMIZED AND RETRAUMATIZED, AS IT CAN OFTEN HAPPEN BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDING, AND DEFINITELY BECAUSE OF THEIR ABUSERS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YEAH, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M REPRESENTING--WELL, NOT REPRESENTING, BUT I'M PART OF DISTRICT TWO, AND I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT, WITH THIS MOTION, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ALSO INCLUDE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I KNOW HOW YOU ALL FEEL ABOUT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT; HOWEVER, THEY'VE BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL. I'VE WORKED WITH THEM ON SEVERAL CASES WITH THE C.S.E.C. CLIENTS, AND IT'S BEEN PHENOMENAL HOW, PARTICULARLY, THEY CARE FOR THE KIDS, CARE FOR THE YOUTH, AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT THEY BE INCLUDED INTO THIS CONVERSATION. IT'S A VERY PIVOTAL TIME, AND I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO ME, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. SO, THAT'S ALL I ASK: THAT YOU INCLUDE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THEY SEEM TO BE VERY SKILLED IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, HOW PATHETIC DOES IT GET? IT'S ALMOST LAUGHABLE. THE GENTLEMAN SAID, "WELL, SORRY, KIDS. WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT ON THE BUDGET THERE, SO YOU GUYS CAN BE IN THE SEX TRADE THERE, UNTIL WE GET THE MONEY TO GO ON THIS SITUATION." AND WE ALL KNOW EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO HAS TO [INAUDIBLE]. AND YOU'RE AS GUILTY AS ANYBODY, WITH YOUR SANCTUARY CITY SITUATION AND THE SOUTHERN BORDER, WITH YOUR PRESIDENT, WHICH IS AN IMPEACHABLE OFFENSE, WHAT HE HAS DONE, AND SHOULD BE IMPEACHED. THEY'RE COMING ACROSS OUR SOUTHERN BORDER. WHERE IS TRUMP WHEN YOU NEED HIM? THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'LL GO IN PERSON. ARNOLD SACHS.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. COUPLE OF PROBLEMS HERE. I BELIEVE THE GENTLEMAN MENTIONED THERE'S BUDGET ISSUES. HOW COULD THERE BE BUDGET ISSUES? YOUR BUDGET IS $44 BILLION A YEAR. YOU'RE SPENDING $1.2 MILLION EVERY DAY. YOU'RE NOT

INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THIS. WHERE IS L.A.P.D. GOING TO BE? THEY'RE A CITY POLICE. THIS IS $8,000 A MONTH. FOUR WEEKS? THAT'S $2,000 A WEEK. YOU HAVE PROJECT ROOMKEY. THAT'S TAILOR-MADE TO EXPLOIT YOUNG KIDS, BECAUSE YOU JUST PASS THE KEY BACK AND FORTH. YOU DON'T NEED TO CHECK IN ANYWHERE. IT'S STUPID. IT'S ANOTHER BRAIN FREEZE BY THE BOARD; BY YOU, JANICE. YOU AND YOUR GUY, YOU'RE WORKING THIS TO THE DEATH. GREAT JOB, JANICE. YOU SHOULD'VE NEVER SAID NO TO THAT OBAMACARE. THAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION EVER. THAT WOULD HAVE COVERED ALL THE COST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY MORE SPEAKERS IN THE AUDITORIUM?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS AND NO OTHER SUPERVISORS WISHING TO COMMENT, ITEM 56 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 56 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING ON TO ITEM 65, FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAM AND THE PRE-TRIAL FELONY MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS

OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. DR. CLEMENS HONG, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, START US OFF.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THIS IS AN EXCITING GRANT THAT WOULD EXPAND THE F.I.S.T., THE FELONS INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAMS, UP TO 1344 BEDS, AND TO ADMIT UP TO 840 INCOMPETENT-TO-STAND-TRIAL CLIENTS PER YEAR. OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ESTIMATED 40% OF THE JAIL POPULATION, OR ABOUT 5500 INDIVIDUALS, HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, 12% OF WHICH ARE ACUTE. AND AS OF MAY OF 2023, 357 PEOPLE WHO WERE DEEMED INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL ARE AWAITING TRANSFER, AND THEY WAIT SOMETIMES FOR MONTHS TO A STATE HOSPITAL. RECENTLY, O.D.R. SHARED THAT MORE THAN 91% OF ALL THE CURRENT COUNTY O.D.R. BEDS ARE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THE FIRST DISTRICT HAS ABOUT 6%, THIRD DISTRICT HAS ABOUT 2.5% OF THE BEDS. SO I'M PROUD THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND THE PROVIDERS IN THE DISTRICT, HAVE STEPPED UP TO MAKE O.D.R. BEDS AVAILABLE. THESE BEDS SERVE THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND OUR EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES THAT FORMALLY INCARCERATED PERSONS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY AND PEACEFULLY REINTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY. BUT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED CARE FIRST AS A COUNTYWIDE PRIORITY, AND SO I APPLAUD D.H.S.'S EFFORTS, AND WANT TO ENSURE, AS THE

O.D.R. PROGRAM EXPANDS, THAT WE HAVE A BALANCED, COUNTYWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR CARE FIRST PRIORITIES, AS DECISIONS ARE MADE ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THESE NEW BEDS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO BEGIN BY EXPRESSING MY GRATITUDE TO THE C.E.O., D.H.S., COUNTY COUNSEL, EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED ON THE DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, TO EXPAND THE CRITICAL F.I.S.T. SERVICES OFFERED BY O.D.R. THIS $629 MILLION ALLOCATION FROM THE STATE WILL POSITION US TO SERVE MORE PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS, BRINGING ON NEARLY 2200 BEDS. WE'RE ALL VERY AWARE OF THE NEED TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDING IN THE JAILS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE GROWING NUMBER OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGH-ACUITY MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS MUST BE ADDRESSED WITH URGENCY. THESE BEDS WILL CERTAINLY HELP TO REDUCE THE POPULATION ACROSS ALL LEVELS OF ACUITY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT BEDS ARE NEEDED ACROSS EVERY INTERCEPT IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND ACROSS OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY, AS WELL. WE MUST BE STRATEGIC IN ENSURING THAT WE BRING THESE BEDS ONLINE, WE'RE NOT INADVERTENTLY REDUCING THE AVAILABILITY OF NON-F.I.S.T. BEDS. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION BY ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE WORKING ON THE

BUILD-OUT OF THE SYSTEM OF CARE. IN ADDITION TO THE SYSTEMWIDE BED SHORTAGE, WE ARE IN CRITICAL CRISIS WITH STAFFING SHORTAGES ACROSS OUR SYSTEMS, SO WE MUST MEET THE NEED AND ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES WITHOUT COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER. NO SMALL TASK. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THESE BEDS AS PART OF A STANDING ITEM ON THE COUNTYWIDE BED INVENTORY, AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS UPDATE AND REPORT.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES. JUST BRIEFLY, I WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O., D.H.S., AND D.M.H. FOR ALL THE WORK ON THIS IMPORTANT AGREEMENT. I, TOO, AGREE THAT THE FUNDING, THE $620 MILLION, IS VITAL TO HOW WE WANT TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AND I KNOW THAT ON OUR CAMPUS, THE LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER, WE ARE LOOKING AT CREATING 128 NEW SUBACUTE BEDS. SO I HOPE THAT THIS WILL ALSO HELP TO PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE AND A SAFETY NET THERE, BUT I KNOW THAT THE FUNDING ISN'T GOING TO CONTINUE, AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE DISCUSSING IT FOR YEARS TO COME, AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP PRESSING FOR MORE. SO I, TOO, WANT TO KNOW, IN THE END, HOW THIS IS GOING TO LOOK IN TERMS OF ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US, IN TERMS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS, THE UNHOUSED, AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED TO BE CARED FOR APPROPRIATELY, THAT ARE COMING OUT OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YEAH, I JUST WAS GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR SORT OF GLOBAL VIEW OF WHERE THESE BEDS ARE. I MEAN, I DO THINK THIS IS, AGAIN, A GOOD GRANT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT'S EXPANDING, THAT F.I.S.T. IS EXPANDING, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT O.D.R. FINDS THESE LOCATIONS AND ESTABLISHES THEM INDEPENDENTLY, BUT I HOPE THAT THEY ARE LISTENING AND HEAR THE CONCERNS, BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE FACILITIES ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND NOT OVERCONCENTRATED IN ONE DISTRICT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THIS DISCUSSION, DR. HONG. I DON'T THINK YOUR MIC IS ON. OH, THERE IT IS.

DR. CLEMENS HONG: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. NOW, WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR THE BEDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED WHERE PEOPLE COME HOME TO, AND I THINK THAT'S A REALLY CRITICAL PIECE OF THE PUZZLE IN MAKING SURE THAT, WHEN THEY COME HOME, THEY'RE IN PLACES WHERE THEY HAVE RESOURCES, FAMILY, AND OTHERS AROUND. AND SO IT'S A PRIORITY FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO THAT, AND WE'LL TRACK THIS WITH YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ELSE, OR ARE YOU OFF? OKAY. OKAY. SO, SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS WANTING TO SPEAK, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE

CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I'M A CONSUMER OF WEST VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, IN THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT THAT IS REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. WE HAVE OVER 4,185 CONSUMERS, AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY APPRECIATE ABOUT THIS MOTION IS ITS INTENTIONALITY, AND JUST REALLY WANT TO REITERATE THAT WE, AS CONSUMERS, WHOLLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA THAT O.D.R. WAS DOING. SO WE'RE VERY GLAD THAT, FINALLY, THIS PROPOSAL IS GOING TO BE APPLIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, SO THAT WE'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THIS PARTICULAR RESOURCE. AND IF THIS PARTICULAR ITEM WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE [INAUDIBLE] PROPOSAL, THIS WAS ONE OF THE IDEAS THAT WE ACTUALLY REALLY SUPPORTED HAVING IT FUNDED FURTHER ON, BECAUSE WE'RE AWARE OF THE FUNDING LIMITATIONS, BUT WE REALLY WANTED IT TO HAVE IT ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, TO BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE ACCESS TO IT. THANK YOU.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, ITEM 65 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 65 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 83 AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY'S PIPELINE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE AND AGREEMENT AMENDMENT, WHICH RELATES TO ITEM 127, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY GAS PIPELINE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEMS 83 AND 127. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS SIX-MONTH EXTENSION WHILE THE COUNTY WORKS WITH SOCAL GAS TO NEGOTIATE A MODERN FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONSISTENT WITH BOARD POLICY, AND THE REALITY IS WE'RE MOVING AWAY FROM FRACKED GAS, AND TOWARDS A CLEAN-ENERGY FUTURE. THE COUNTY

CURRENTLY HOLDS MULTIPLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH OPERATORS OF OIL AND GAS PIPELINES THAT TRANSPORT OIL, GAS, AND OTHER HAZARDOUS, TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF AWAY. IN DECEMBER 2021, THE BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION CALLED "MODERNIZED AND UPDATED TERMS FOR PIPELINE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS," TO ALIGN FUTURE AMENDMENTS OR EXTENSIONS OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH POLICIES APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, REGA.R.D.I.NG OIL AND GAS. WE ARE TRANSITIONING AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS, AS AFFIRMED IN OUR COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, APPROVED IN AUGUST OF 2019. THE BOARD DIRECTED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BEGIN TO ALIGN OIL AND GAS PIPELINE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTY PRIORITIES, WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING A SAFER, DECARBONIZED, AND CLIMATE-SMART FUTURE. AND ON MARCH 21ST, 2022, MODERN TERMS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR NEGOTIATING FUTURE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS. BEFORE GOING INTO NEGOTIATIONS AS A NEW SUPERVISOR WITH A NEW DISTRICT, IN COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY CRISIS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE SETTING CLEAR EXPECTATIONS. IF THERE IS A DESIRE TO DEVIATE FROM THESE TERMS, WE MUST SEE SOME KIND OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT FOR DOING SO, SUCH AS CLIMATE POLLUTION MITIGATION TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES, AND A JUST TRANSITION AWAY FROM OUR DEPENDENCY ON FOSSIL FUELS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO RECEIVED FUNDS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE POLLUTION, WITH NO IMPACT TO RATE PAYERS. THE COMMUNITIES I REPRESENT, INCLUDING AND ESPECIALLY PORTER RANCH

IN THE NEWLY DRAWN THIRD, WERE DEVASTATED BY THE NATION'S LARGEST GAS LEAK, EVER. IT DISPLACED THOUSANDS FROM THEIR HOMES, AND CAUSED TREMENDOUS CLIMATE POLLUTION. GIVEN THIS RECENT HISTORY, WE NEED TO EXERCISE CAUTION AND REQUIRE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY CONCERNING AIR MONITORING, LEAK DETECTION, AND PROACTIVE NOTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY, IN THE EVENT OF ANY VIOLATIONS, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO FUGITIVE EMISSIONS. I'M CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ROLE OF GREEN HYDROGEN TO SUPPORT HARD-TO-ELECTRIFY SEGMENTS OF THE ECONOMY, SUCH AS HEAVY-DUTY TRANSPORTATION AND ELECTRIC PEAKER PLANTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOCAL GAS WANTS TO PLAY A ROLE IN THIS TRANSITION. I AM SKEPTICAL AND CONCERNED WITH PLANS TO BLEND HYDROGEN WITH METHANE, AND DELIVER IT TO CUSTOMERS USING EXISTING PIPELINES. TRANSPORTING HYDROGEN THROUGH STEEL PIPES RISKS EMBRITTLEMENT, WHICH COULD CAUSE ANOTHER MASSIVE GAS LEAK. WE NEED GUARDRAILS TO PREVENT THAT AS BEING A PART OF THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. TRAVERSING L.A. COUNTY IS CATALYTIC TO SOCAL GAS'S BUSINESS MODEL, AS THEY SERVE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHLAND. I KNOW YOU ALL ARE ALREADY ON RECORD IN HOW YOU WANT TO NEGOTIATE, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOU. IF THEY CANNOT PASS THROUGH UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, THEY CANNOT SERVE MILLIONS OF OTHER CUSTOMERS. I EXPECT US TO NEGOTIATE, RECOGNIZING THE FULL VALUE OF THIS CONTRACT TO THE COMPANY, AND TO OUR SHARED RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS THE AUTHOR OF THE DECEMBER 21 MOTION THAT FOCUSED ON MODERNIZING OUR PIPELINE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE BOARD'S SUSTAINABILITY GOALS, AS WELL AS OUR CONCERNS AROUND HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTHERN CAL GAS HAVE THE SAME KIND OF FRAMEWORK. I THINK IT'S REASONABLE FOR US TO HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AROUND SAFETY, MONITORING, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND AN ASSURANCE THAT IMPACTS OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE MITIGATED, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF POLLUTION AND POVERTY, WHICH ARE LARGELY WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITIES, AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A THOUGHTFUL AND PROACTIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR CLIMATE AND EQUITY GOALS IN THE COUNTY. SO, AS I VOTE ON THE EXTENSION, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE THIS BOARD'S PRIORITIES REPRESENTED IN THE FINAL AGREEMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SPEAKER: WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD: HERMAN HERMAN. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'LL GO IN PERSON. THIS DOES NOT LOOK LIKE HERMAN HERMAN. OH. OKAY.

SPEAKER: I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AGENDA ITEM. MY NAME IS DONALD HARLAN. THIS IS ABOUT YOU GUYS HANDING OUT FRANCHISE LICENSES. IT'S LIKE THIS: I OWN THE GAS COMPANY, I OWN THE PIPELINES, I OWN THE GAS, AND I OWN THE PROPERTY. WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] ARE YOU GUYS NEGOTIATING FOR?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR.

SPEAKER: WHY WOULD YOU BE NEGOTIATING FOR SOMETHING THE COMPANY ALREADY OWNS? IT'S NOT THE COMPANY OWNS IT. THE PERSON OWNS IT. WHY WOULD YOU GUYS BE NEGOTIATING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, ANYWAY? THAT'S NOT YOUR JOB, TO NEGOTIATE GAS PIPELINE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS. YOU HAVE TO OWN THE [EXPLETIVE] PIPELINE, IN ORDER TO--

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, MIND YOUR LANGUAGE. THIS IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

SPEAKER: SORRY.

COUNTY COUNSEL: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: IF I OWN THE COMPANY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, AND I OWN THE GAS, AND I OWN THE PIPELINE, AND I OWN THE PROPERTY, THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU GUYS TO NEGOTIATE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. WE'LL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT OUR HIGH RATES. DO WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN PERSON?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO, WE DO NOT. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 83 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. BARGER: I'LL SECOND.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. ITEM 83 IS BEFORE US. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 83 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, ITEM 127 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 127 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF, OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A SPECIAL. IS MY UNDERSTANDING CORRECT?

SUP. BARGER: YES, IT IS CORRECT. COLLEAGUES, I'M SUBMITTING THE MOTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY STORAGE PROJECTS. SOME OF YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW THAT CERTAIN CITIES IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, LIKE LANCASTER, HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVOCATING FOR INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND IMPLEMENTATION. THE STATE IS ALSO PRIORITIZING THE EXPEDITED DEPLOYMENT OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS. IN LINE WITH OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ON CELLULAR TOWER SITINGS AND LAND USE, IT IS CRUCIAL FOR THE COUNTY TO EXPLORE BEST PRACTICES TO FORMULATE POLICIES, AND ENABLE US TO EXERCISE LOCAL CONTROL WHENEVER FEASIBLE. THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THAT WE SHOULD OBSTRUCT THESE

PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THE ONE IN ACTON, IF YOU'VE SEEN IT ON THE NEWS, IS COMPLETELY NOT IN-- IT DOESN'T CONFORM TO WHAT THAT AREA UP IN ACTON REALLY IS ABOUT, IN TERMS OF RURAL. WE ALL RECOGNIZE A NEED TO ENHANCE AND FORTIFY OUR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT ONGOING ELECTRIFICATION EFFORTS. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SOLUTIONS SHOULD STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN ADDRESSING COMMUNITY IMPACT AND CONCERNS, WHILE ENSURING THE RESILIENCE OF OUR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE. WE HAVE WITNESSED HOW CRITICAL BOTTLENECKS HAVE CAUSED FAILURES IN SOME COMMUNITIES, AND IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACTIVELY ADVOCATE FOR SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT SIMILAR SITUATIONS FROM RISING IN THE FUTURE. UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY STORAGE PROJECTS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESILIENCY OF OUR COMMUNITIES, RATHER THAN RELYING SOLELY ON A FEW LARGE-SCALE LOCATIONS THAT CREATE ADDITIONAL BOTTLENECKS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE DIRECTIVES OF THE MOTION WILL BE, "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, AND ENERGY UTILITY PARTNERS, TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 45 DAYS WITH THE BEST PRACTICES ON PERMITTING OF LARGE-SCALE UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY STORAGE PROJECTS, INCLUDING: ONE, A DESCRIPTION OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECTS ALREADY PERMITTED IN THE UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING THEIR LOCATION, SIZE,

DEVELOPER, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION, WITH A SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS UNDER WHICH EXISTING PROJECTS WERE PERMITTED; TWO, A DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OR BEST-KNOWN, BEST-PENDING APPLICATIONS AND THEIR LOCATION, SIZE, DEVELOPER, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION; THREE, AN ANALYSIS OF KEY EQUITY INDICATORS AND CONSIDERATIONS IN AREAS WHERE PROJECTS ARE ALREADY PERMITTED, AND THERE ARE PENDING APPLICATIONS; AND 4, RECOMMENDATION TO BOLSTER THE COUNTY'S REVIEW AUTHORITY, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STREAMLINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE ENERGY GOALS, WITH AN AIM TO AVOID OVERCONCENTRATION OF THE B.E.S.S. PROJECTS, AND INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD UTILIZE TO ESTABLISH NECESSARY REGULATIONS AND POLICIES UNDER THE LOS ANGELES CODE TITLE 22; AN OVERVIEW OF THE CUMULATIVE-- I CAN NEVER SAY THAT. CUMULATIVE. THANK YOU. CUMULATIVE POWER DEMAND FOR UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY; AND 6, A REVIEW OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND THEIR PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ALAMEDA COUNTY. I AM DOING THIS IN RESPONSE TO THE CONCERNS THAT ARE BEING RAISED IN THE RURAL AREAS. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WANTED THE EQUITY LENS, WHICH I COMPLETELY AGREE, IN TERMS OF OVERCONCENTRATION, BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THESE ARE BEING RULED OUT, AND THE ROLE THAT THE COUNTY WILL HAVE, AND IS HAVING, AS IT RELATES TO ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF AT LEAST MY RESIDENTS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SAYS WE MAY VOTE ON THIS AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT? IT'S A REPORT-BACK, SO YES. SO, WE WILL VOTE ON AGREEING FOR THE REPORT-BACK AFTER WE HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THAT CORRECT, COUNTY COUNSEL? YEAH, OKAY. GREAT. NOW WE WILL-- IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT HAS A A SPECIAL? SEEING NONE, WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WE KNOW WE HAVE OUR A.H.F. FRIENDS, WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE WHOLE MEETING TO SPEAK TO US IN GENERAL COMMENT. OKAY. PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP.

SPEAKER: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO 3 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND CLEARLY INDICATE

THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SPEAKER: ALEX RAMIREZ, AUTUMN REILLY, DARIAN HALL, ENRIQUE BEZA, GED KENSLEA, HERMAN HERMAN, JESSICA MARTINEZ, JIMMY WEBB, JUSTIN WRIGHT, NANCY SHEARER, PAUL CLOUTIER, STANLEY CHAPMAN, AND BRIAN CHRISTIAN. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JIMELL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO HAS NOT RESPONDED TO ME, AS I SPOKE ABOUT HER EARLIER. I MET HER SEVERAL TIMES. SHE TOLD ME THAT HER OFFICE WOULD ASSIST ME. I SPOKE TO ALEXIS, OUT OF HER TORRANCE OFFICE. ALEXIS TOLD ME SHE CANNOT MAKE THE CHIEF OF STAFF OR HOLLY ASSIST ME, AND IT'S JUST REALLY, REALLY MIND-BOGGLING THAT SHE PROMOTES HERSELF NOT ONLY AS HELPING OTHER RACES OF PEOPLE, AS SHE SHOULD; BUT THE RACES WITHIN HER JURISDICTION, SHE DOES NOT ASSIST THEM. SO, INSTEAD OF ME TALKING AND CALLING EVERY WEEK ON PUBLIC COMMENT, I'M GOING TO PRINT OUT THE E-MAILS AND CORRESPONDENCE THAT I'VE BEEN SENDING TO HER OFFICE, WITH NO

RESPONSE. ALSO, MS. SAVALEZ, FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I HAVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST BARBARA AND ANOTHER EMPLOYEE IN HER OFFICE, AN HISPANIC FEMALE. MRS. SAVALEZ HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE E-MAILS IN OVER 6 MONTHS. SHE LITERALLY IGNORES THE E-MAILS, BUT SHE'S BEING PAID AND PROMOTED AS AN ETHICAL PERSON. I HAVE CONTACTED MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE. AGAIN, MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE WILL HANG UP THE TELEPHONE IF THEY THINK THERE IS NO ONE AROUND. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S PROPER REPRESENTATION FOR A BOARD MEMBER TO COME EVERY WEEK, AS MS. MITCHELL DOES, AND SPEAK ABOUT RACE, AND HER RACE OF PEOPLE, AND JUST DIFFERENT AGENDAS THAT SHE--

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

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

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I REALLY WANT TO SPEAK TO ITEMS 74 AND 76, HAVING TO DO WITH AFRICAN INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY. RIGHT NOW, IN THE U.S., 39 OUT OF 100 BIRTHS ARE LIKELY TO DIE IF THEY ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DEALT WITH THAT ITEM, BUT THOSE TWO ITEMS SHOULD HAVE BEEN SET ITEMS, BECAUSE THAT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT, AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT WAS KIND OF BRUSHED AROUND. TONIGHT, I COULDN'T MEET IN PERSON, BUT HOW

THAT ISSUE IS BROUGHT BACK AS A SET ITEM, AND REALLY LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON: WHY SO MANY BLACK INFANTS AND WOMEN DIE IN CHILDBIRTH. SO, PLEASE, I HOPE ONE OF YOU WILL PUT THAT AS A SET ITEM. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. BYE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ, AND I'M CALLING ABOUT ITEM 120, 121, AND 122. AND THEY ALL HAVE THREE COMMON THINGS THAT THEY TAKE CARE OF, AND THAT IS, WHILE THEY'RE REQUESTING $300 MILLION FOR AN $80 MILLION AND $29 MILLION ALL TOGETHER, WHICH IS $409 MILLION FOR BONDS, THE PROBLEM IS, IS THAT, AS I DO THE MATH, THE DEBT OF BONDS GROWS FROM $409 MILLION TO $856 MILLION WHEN IT'S DUE AT THE END OF THE TERM. THAT'S THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'VE BEEN PAYING. THAT'S $1,257 MILLION IN INTEREST, MORE THAN THE $409 MILLION. THIS IS 52% OR MORE OF YOUR TOTAL DEBT THAT YOU'VE ENCUMBERED YOURSELF WITH. I'VE WORKED FOR 14 YEARS TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT COUNTERS THIS, AND I'D BE VERY INTERESTED TO HAVE AND SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE. I E-MAILED A LETTER OVER TO THE CHAIR, AND HOPEFULLY, WE'LL GET SOME RESPONSE. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I GUESS, GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME SENSE OF POSITIVITY. THE EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS HAVING A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR ON THURSDAY, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. THE ADDRESS IS 14414 DELANO AVENUE, DELANO STREET, IN VAN NUYS. AND I JUST WANT YOU TO COME OUT. THERE'LL BE A T-MOBILE FREE PHONE GIVEAWAY, RAFFLES, FOOD PANTRIES, CLOTHING PANTRY. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD SOMETHING JUST FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND TO MAKE YOU ALL AWARE, AND INVITE YOU ALL, AS WELL. AND THIS IS HOSTED BY THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT THERE. IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION YOU NEED, I CAN BE REACHED AT 310-365-6338. AND AGAIN, COME ON OUT ON THURSDAY, BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M., THE EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA OFFICE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR. D.J., MUSIC, FOOD, FUN, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, AND HAVE A BLESSED AFTERNOON.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARISSA PALMER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ARISSA PALMER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARISSA PALMER, AND I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA NUMBER 5. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR BREASTFEED L.A. WE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TO PILOT A PAID FAMILY LEAVE PROGRAM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE IT WILL HELP COUNTY WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BENEFIT FROM JOB PROTECTION AND PAY, SO THAT MORE WORKERS WHO NEED TO TAKE LEAVE TO BOND WITH A NEW CHILD OR CARE FOR A SERIOUSLY ILL FAMILY MEMBER CAN. ON STAFF AT BREASTFEED L.A., WE HAVE A FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF 10 YEARS. SHE'S PART OF THE SANDWICH GENERATION, CARING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND AGING PARENTS AT THE SAME TIME. WITHOUT ADEQUATE PAID FAMILY LEAVE, SHE WAS STUCK BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE WHEN HER FATHER BECAME ILL. SHE NEEDED TIME OFF TO CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF HER FAMILY, WHILE STILL BRINGING IN AN INCOME. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE LEFT HER COUNTY POSITION TO HAVE MORE WORK-LIFE BALANCE AT A TIME WHEN SHE NEEDED IT MOST. CALIFORNIA'S PAID FAMILY LEAVE PROGRAM REMAINS OUT OF REACH FOR MANY CALIFORNIA WORKERS, ESPECIALLY COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT PAY INTO THE STATE P.F.L. PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW, TOO MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES STILL STRUGGLE WITH THE IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE OF WHETHER TO CARE FOR THEIR NEWBORN OR LOVED ONE, OR JEOPARDIZE THEIR JOB AND ECONOMIC SECURITY. PAID

FAMILY LEAVE IS A CRUCIAL SUPPORT FOR BREASTFEEDING AND INFANT HEALTH. IN CALIFORNIA, THE MEDIAN DURATION OF BREASTFEEDING--

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

ARISSA PALMER: THANKS.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON NUMBER 70 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I DIDN'T GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY TOUCH BASES WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET THAT YOU APPROVED. AS ONE OF THE CONSUMERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND ONE OF THE 250,000 PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE SERVICES, ALL THROUGHOUT THE REPORT, THERE WERE A LOT OF RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT SURPRISINGLY, DESPITE THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT THAT WAS SPENT IN CRAFTING THAT AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, ONLY ONE CONSUMER WAS ABLE TO EVEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS VERY COMPLICATED PROCESS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CREATED, AND IT HAD TO DO BECAUSE OF LACK OF ACCESSIBILITY. THAT PERSON WAS ME, BY THE WAY. I SUBMITTED SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEHALF OF MY PEERS, AND DEFINITELY FOR MY CLINIC IN WEST VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH. BUT I WANTED TO REALLY

HIGHLIGHT HOW ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, TRYING TO ACCESS SERVICES AND ENGAGE THE SYSTEM WITH THE COUNTY, IS JUST SO DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF LACK OF ACCESSIBILITY, AND RETALIATION IF YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR DISABILITY, AND LACK OF INFORMATION. YOU KNOW, TRYING TO EVEN FILE A COMPLAINT, AN A.D.A. COMPLAINT WITH THE COUNTY, IS VERY DIFFICULT. YOU GO TO YOUR WEBSITE, AND--

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

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANKS FOR GHETTOIZING ROWLAND HEIGHTS BY FAILURE TO TAKE DOWN THE BURNED-OUT HOUSES. AND CORRECTION: THE LATINO POPULATION OF THE STATE IS 39%, NOT 40%. JAIL DEATH CAUSE IS KEY, AND NOT JUST THE NUMBERS. AND NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS VOTED DOWN A 2000-BED PSYCH FACILITY IN 2019. THANK YOU FOR THAT JUDGMENT. AND JAILS MUST BE CHANGED TO CORRECTIONS STAFF, NOT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND I'LL BE GOING TO THE STATE ON THAT. ALL ROBBERIES IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAS BEEN BY BLACKS, 5% OF THE POPULATION. GO FIGURE THAT ONE OUT. OKAY, AND SUPERVISORS CAN

DESIGNATE ONE OF THEIR STAFF TO SERVE THEIR 4-HOUR JAIL TIME PER WEEK, AS I PREVIOUSLY PROCLAMATED. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES LOPEZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, PLAY DAY. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD TO DECLARE JUNE 24TH PLAY DAY IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE UPLIFT SPORTS, PLAY, AND MOVEMENT AS ESSENTIAL FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO CLOSE THE PLAY EQUITY GAP, AND THE PLAY EQUITY FUND, WHICH IS WHERE I WORK, IS READY TO PARTNER WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO SUPPORT, AND THEN REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT 120 DAYS ON RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO CLOSE THE PLAY EQUITY GAP. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND ALL THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE PARTNER WITH THAT CAN STAY ON, LIKE RAINBOW LABS, PROJECT BLUE, AND B.O.S.S. ACADEMY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KELLEY DIXON-TURNER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KELLEY DIXON-TURNER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KELLEY DIXON-TURNER, AND I WORK AS AN OPERATIONS ASSISTANT 2 IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH 32 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE. I AM ALSO THE CO-CHAIRWOMAN OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 BARGAINING POLICY COMMITTEE. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NEGOTIATE THE COMPENSATION FOR MORE THAN HALF OF L.A. COUNTY'S WORKFORCE. TODAY, I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR BARGAINING LEADERSHIP TEAM REGA.R.D.I.NG ITEM 5, PAID FAMILY LEAVE. WE DO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH A BENEFIT, AS IT IS TIMELY, MUCH NEEDED, AND AN ISSUE OF EQUITY. WE SIMPLY ASK THAT THE COUNTY AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ENSURE THIS IS A BENEFIT AFFORDED TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THROUGH SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS AND THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS, S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 HAS ATTEMPTED TO NEGOTIATE FOR THESE BENEFITS ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD FAITH, AND OUR PROPOSALS WERE REJECTED, INCLUDING A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD NOT CREATE A NEW BENEFIT OR COST. IT IS OUR SINCEREST HOPE, MOVING FORWARD, THAT ANY PROPOSAL REGA.R.D.I.NG NEW BENEFITS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE, BE INCLUSIVE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY STAFF, REGARDLESS OF THEIR REPRESENTED STATUS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICES AND THE

C.E.O., WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING SOLUTIONS THAT BENEFIT THE COUNTY WORKFORCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, FROM DISTRICT THREE, AND I JUST WANTED TO LEAVE A COMMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. EVERY DAY, THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO FAIL BLACK WOMEN IN C.R.D.F. EVERY DAY, THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO FAIL L.G.B.T.Q.+ AND T.G.I. FOLKS IN [INAUDIBLE], DESPITE ALL THE RAINBOW FLAGS IN THE AUDITORIUM. AND EVERY DAY, THE COUNTY IS FAILING PEOPLE'S SONS, LIKE JOHN HORTON AND GILLANI LOVETT. AND SO WE NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION, BECAUSE THIS IS A CRISIS. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO REMIND THE SUPERVISORS THAT WHILE YOU KEEP DELAYING THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR LIVES INSIDE OF IT. AND IN THE LAST 21 WEEKS, AGAIN, 19 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES INSIDE OF THE JAILS. WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING BOLD? THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA LANDAU. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: [EXPLETIVE].

SPEAKER: IS THIS ALL PUBLIC COMMENT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES. SO, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR A LOT OF THE MOTIONS YOU PUT ON THE TABLE: THE C.A.R.E. COURT, THE SENIOR [INAUDIBLE], C.O.C. BEDS. BUT, AGAIN, WE WANT YOU TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, YOUR CONSTITUENTS TO BE INVOLVED, PEER LIVED-EXPERIENCE PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ELECTION PROCESS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE C.A.R.E. COURT. AND JUST FOR ERIC PREVEN: YOU HAVE NOT BEEN AROUND SOUTH L.A. YOUR NEWSPAPER, OR WHOEVER YOU WROTE FOR, YOU DON'T PUT IN ACCURATE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY BLACK PEOPLE THAT'S GOING THROUGH ISSUES. YOU HAVE A MEDIUM TO DO THAT, BUT YOU CHOOSE NOT TO UTILIZE THAT. SO, IF YOU ARE NOT LIKING THE COMMENTS ON DISTRICT 2--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK YOU SHOULD ADDRESS YOUR COMMENTS TO THE BOARD, AND NOT ERIC PREVEN. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO IN PERSON.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EXIDE. WELL, WHY DO I ONLY GOT ONE MINUTE VERSUS MY TWO MINUTES?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I MEAN, HE'S HAD THREE WARNINGS.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, LIKE I SAID, EXIDE AND OUR STUPID, ARROGANT, IDIOT GOVERNOR, WHO CONTINUES TO DISH OUT MONEY UPON MONEY TO CLEAN UP THE EXIDE ISSUE. BACK IN THE DAY, WHEN I WAS AT CAL STATE L.A., WHEN THAT EXIDE ISSUE CAME UP, WHEN YOU DESTROYED MANY HOMES AND COMMUNITIES, WHERE WAS THAT [EXPLETIVE] GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM? NOWHERE. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WHAT ABOUT GLORIA MOLINA PARK? WE DON'T NEED A PARK NAMED GLORIA MOLINA PARK. LET'S CALL IT EXIDE PARK: LET US KILL YOU WHERE YOU LIVE. NOW TO MY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT. UNITED STATES V. BAGDASARIAN. VERY TRUE THAT THE TESTIMONY, BASED ON THE OPINION OF THE COURTS, WAS [INAUDIBLE] THIS COUNTRY BE [EXPLETIVE] FOR ANOTHER 4 YEARS, BECAUSE NEVER IN THE HISTORY HAS A BLACK PERSON DONE ANYTHING RIGHT. WELL, THERE ARE GOOD BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD, AND THEY'VE DONE GREAT THINGS IN THIS WORLD, BESIDES-- NOT YOU, MS. HOLLY

MITCHELL, BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL STRUGGLING TO DO SOME GOOD. BUT AS FAR AS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, A CONVICTED CRIMINAL, WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] IS GOING ON?

COUNTY COUNSEL: THIS IS YOUR FOURTH WARNING, AT THIS POINT. PLEASE MIND YOUR LANGUAGE.

HERMAN HERMAN: LISTEN, MA'AM, BAGDASARIAN IS A SERIOUS CASE, JUST LIKE BRANDENBURG V. OHIO, U.S. 395 444 (1969). IF YOU DON'T APPRECIATE IT, THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT WHEN I'M REFERRING TO, VERSUS THE [EXPLETIVE] THAT I'M A DIRTY [EXPLETIVE]. DON'T YOU GET IT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

HERMAN HERMAN: [SHOUTS INCOHERENTLY].

COUNTY COUNSEL: YOUR COMMENT'S OVER.

SPEAKER: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER: THIS IS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M ALEX RAMIREZ, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. S.T.D.S ARE GETTING WORSE

AT THE BORDER. SUPERVISORS NEED TO FIGHT FOR MORE S.T.D. FUNDING. THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF S.T.D.S IN L.A. COUNTY EVERY YEAR. YOU MUST FIGHT. WE MARCH TODAY, SO YOU WILL PAY ATTENTION. WE WILL MARCH AGAIN UNTIL YOU TAKE S.T.D.S SERIOUSLY. AND ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU 5 WOMEN. 150 YEARS, NO LITTLE KINGS. I KNOW YOUR LITTLE HISTORY, SO SHOUT-OUT TO YOU WOMEN, AND KEEP DOING GOOD WORK. THANK YOU. AND BY THE WAY, LEBRON JAMES DOES A LOT OF STUFF. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS JIMMY WEBB. I WAS TOLD TO GIVE THIS. ALL RIGHT. AND I HAVE... I WAS SPEAKING ON AGENDA 17, AND A PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. SO, MY NAME IS JIMMY WEBB, AND I'M HERE TODAY AS A PROUD E.M.T. WITH FALCK AMBULANCE, AS WELL AS A PROUD OFFICER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF E.M.T.S AND PARAMEDICS LOCAL 370. I AM PROUD TO SERVE WITH OVER 1,000 MEMBERS, SAVING LIVES IN THE LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY 9-1-1 AREAS. TODAY I'M HERE TO URGE YOU ALL TO WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL E.M.S. PROVIDERS AND PROFESSIONALS TO PROPOSE AND APPROVE AN AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE FOR L.A. COUNTY. THERE CONTINUE TO BE RUMORS AMONGST YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS THAT THIS BODY CONTINUES TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS REGA.R.D.I.NG SUCH A PROPOSED INCREASE. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT THE I.A.E.P. AND OUR FIRST RESPONDERS STAND IN SUPPORT OF A

MUCH-NEEDED INCREASE FOR PROVIDERS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. WHEN EMPLOYERS COME BEFORE YOU AND TELL YOU ABOUT THE SEVERE IMPACTS OF INFLATION, GAS PRICES, AND LABOR CHALLENGES LABELED AS THE "GREAT RESIGNATION," PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE TELLING YOU THE TRUTH. THEY'RE EMPLOYEES. MY FELLOW FIRST RESPONDERS ARE FACING THOSE SAME STRUGGLES, WHILE HAVING TO WORK 80-PLUS-HOUR WORKWEEKS TO SCRAPE BY NEAR MINIMUM-WAGE LEVELS. THESE ARE THE SAME EMPLOYEES EVERYBODY WAS CALLING A HERO IN 2020, DURING THE PANDEMIC. THIS IS A JOB WHERE I'VE BEEN KICKED, BIT, SPIT ON, HIT, EXPOSED TO ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES, ALL ELEMENTS OF WEATHER, AND ALL POSSIBLE BACTERIA, PARASITES, VIRUSES. IT'S ALSO A JOB WHERE I'VE DELIVERED BABIES, SAVED LIVES WITH SUCCESSFUL C.P.R., BEEN THERE ON THE WORST DAY IN A STRANGER'S LIFE, AND TOLD "THANK YOU" FOR MAKING IT BETTER. ONCE AGAIN, I URGE YOU TO UNDERTAKE SERIOUS DIALOGUE WITH THE PROVIDERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND ADVOCATES OF YOUR E.M.S. PROFESSIONALS. FIND OUT THEIR NEEDS, AND PROPOSE A REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE THAT WILL NOT JUST HELP A BUSINESS STAY OPEN, BUT ALSO HELP THEM RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIVING OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE ASK OR TASK, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION WITH ALL E.M.S. AT THE TABLE.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, MY NAME IS JESSICA MARTINEZ, AND I'M GOING TO DO A PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THIS IS REGA.R.D.I.NG LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE ARE GOING THROUGH A LOT OF THINGS, AND THEN WE TRIED TO MAKE A REPORT. THEY DENIED MAKING A REPORT, EVEN IF I HAVE EVIDENCE. ONE MONTH AGO, SOMEBODY TRIED TO BEAT ME IN THE BUS. EVEN THE DRIVER FROM THE BUS, SHE STOPPED THE BUS. SHE ALLOWED THE LADY TO GET OUT FROM THE BUS, AND SHE WAITED FOR HER WITH THE DOORS OPEN. I TRIED TO MAKE A POLICE REPORT, AND THEY DENIED TO DO IT. SO, ON FRIDAY, I WAS AWAY TO MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, TO HER HOUSE, AND THEN SOMEBODY SHOOT INTO THE BUS. THEY SHOOTING DIRECTLY INTO US. THE POLICE IS NOT GOING THROUGH INSIDE THE BUS. BUT MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, AFTER THAT, SHE'S SAYING SHE'S NOT EVEN OKAY NOW. AND LIKE I SAY BEFORE, I'M ASKING FOR HELP, NOT ONLY TO ONE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE FIRST TIME THAT I ASKED FOR SUPPORT WAS TO HILDA SOLIS. THE SECOND TIME WAS TO KATHRYN BARGER. AND I'VE BEEN CALLING TO HOLLY MITCHELL FOR MANY, MANY TIMES, AND THEY'RE NOT EVEN GETTING BACK TO ME. THAT IS KIND OF LIKE DISCRIMINATION TO MY FAMILY. I'M REPORTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING. I'M REPORTING MY FAMILY IS IN DANGER. NO ONE TRIED TO HEAR MY VOICE, OR MY FAMILY'S VOICE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WOULD SOMEONE LIKE TO REACH OUT TO HER? OKAY.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NANCY SHEARER, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. WE ARE ALL HERE TO ASK YOU TO BE A LEADER ON S.T.I. L.A. HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MONKEYPOX CASES LAST YEAR, AND WE HAVE MORE S.T.I.S EVERY SINGLE YEAR. WE MARCH TODAY BECAUSE WE NEED ACTION NOW. PLEASE, FUND S.T.I. PREVENTION. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: RECLAIMING HER TIME. NO. SORRY. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ARE WE IN CONGRESS?

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS PAUL CLOUTIER. I AM A CLIENT OF AND A VOLUNTEER FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I COME HERE TO SPEAK PUBLIC COMMENT: FUNDING, PLEASE, FOR S.T.D.S. I HAVE H.I.V., THE ULTIMATE S.T.D. IT'S BEEN OVER 5 YEARS THAT YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HAS SAID THAT YOU WANT TO STOP S.T.D.S IN THIS COUNTY. YOU SAY IT'S AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS. HOWEVER, IT'S 2023, AND YET S.T.D.S ARE STILL HIGH. YOU MUST REALIZE THAT

WHEN YOU CUT FUNDING, YOU CUT PEOPLE. PEOPLE ARE GETTING HURT, PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK, PEOPLE ARE DYING. WE WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER. PLEASE, FIND THE DOLLARS FOR S.T.D. FUNDING, PLEASE, FOR S.T.D. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS JUSTIN WRIGHT. I'M ALSO WITH THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. IN A 2022 REPORT-BACK, PUBLIC HEALTH STATES THAT THE INCREASES IN S.T.D.S HAVE BEEN OBSERVED FOR THE PAST DECADE, MAINLY DUE TO THE LACK OF YEARLY INCREASES IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING. PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATES THAT S.T.D. FUNDING SHOULD COMMENSURATE WITH INCREASES IN MORBIDITY, AND COMPREHENSIVE OF ALL S.T.D. CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING MARKETING, TESTING TECHNOLOGY, AND PROVIDER TRAINING, NOT JUST DISEASE INVESTIGATION OR SURVEILLANCE. IF OUR NEEDS ARE CLEAR, AND WE CAN'T RELY ON THIS STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING, THEN THE WAY FORWARD IS OBVIOUS: L.A. COUNTY MUST ESTABLISH A PERMANENT AND LOCAL FUNDING SOURCE THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH THOSE GOALS. A.H.F. WILL CONTINUE TO MARCH FROM D.P.H. TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SHOW HOW SERIOUS WE ARE ABOUT ADDRESSING THE S.T.I. CRISIS. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGES THAT CAN REVERSE THE DECADES-LONG UPWARD TREND IN S.T.I. CASES. THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS AUTUMN REILLY. I'M WITH A.H.F., AND FROM AS EARLY AS 2019, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN RELYING ON ONE-TIME FUNDING AND THE TOBACCO... OH, OKAY; AND THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND TO AUGMENT S.T.D. SERVICE CONTRACTS AND EXPAND S.T.D. SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS FUNDING, PAIRED WITH EFFORTS TO TEST AT-RISK POPULATIONS, INTERRUPT TRANSMISSION THROUGH TREATMENT AND PARTNER THERAPY, EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORT POLICY TO ADDRESS STIGMA, AND HAVE DONE LITTLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE S.T.I. RATES IN LOS ANGELES. CONGENITAL SYPHILIS, IN PARTICULAR, HAS RISEN BY 2,167% SINCE 2010. IT'S TIME FOR A NEW STRATEGY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST PERMANENTLY SET ASIDE ENOUGH LOCAL FUNDING TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL S.T.I. CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: I'M DARIAN HALL, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. WE ARE MARCHED HERE TODAY BECAUSE S.T.I.S ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. MAYBE YOUR COLLEAGUES AND OTHER STATES OR COUNTIES ARE NOT ADDRESSING THIS, BUT YOU CAN BE THE LEADER ON PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU CAN LEAD THE CHARGE AGAINST S.T.I.S. LAST YEAR,

DURING THE M-POX PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, CALIFORNIA HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF M-POX CASES. THAT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION, AND TO GIVE FUNDING AND ATTENTION TO THE TWO CRISES OF M-POX AND S.T.I.S. WE ARE HERE TO ASK YOU TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE WHEN COMES TO SEXUAL HEALTH, CREATE A BETTER PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN, COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, LOBBY FOR MORE FEDERAL FUNDING, DIVERT EXISTING FUNDS TO S.T.I.S, AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS STANLEY CHAPMAN, AND AS MY FELLOW MOBILIZERS SO ELOQUENTLY STATED, I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, AND THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OOH, THANK YOU.

GED KENSLEA: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GED KENSLEA. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL COMMENT, AND I AM THE

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. EFFORTS BY THE SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, HAVE DONE LITTLE TO REDUCE THE RISING S.T.D. RATES IN L.A. COUNTY. LACK OF FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE S.T.D. EPIDEMIC IS OFTEN CITED AS THE REASON LITTLE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. NOW, THERE HAVE BEEN UNDERSTANDABLE DIVERSIONS TO DIRECT RESOURCES TO C.O.V.I.D., BUT THE EXCUSE IS NO LONGER AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE. YEAR AFTER YEAR, YOU RECEIVE LESS STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAN REQUESTED; YET, YOU DO LITTLE TO SECURE OTHER LOCAL OR OTHER FUNDING TO MAKE A LASTING IMPROVEMENT OR CHANGE IN S.T.D. RESPONSE. IT'S TIME. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SECURE APPROPRIATE, SUFFICIENT LOCAL FUNDING TO APPROPRIATELY ADDRESS THE S.T.D. EPIDEMIC. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ENRIQUE BAEZA. I'M FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. WE ALL CAME HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU THAT IT IS TIME TO FUND THE PREVENTION OF S.T.I.S. EVERY YEAR, THE NUMBER OF CASES OF S.T.I.S GET HIGHER, WHILE FUNDING GETS LOWER. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT MUST BE STOPPED. WE WILL KEEP MARCHING UNTIL YOU FIND THE FUNDS FOR S.T.I.S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HAHN AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRIAN CHRISTIAN. I'M A TEACHER AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, AND I RISE ON BEHALF OF THE TEACHERS WHO HAVE ELECTED ME AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. WE HAVE A CRISIS IN LEADERSHIP THAT WE FEEL IS GOING UNANSWERED, AND WE'RE DEMANDING SOME MOVEMENT. BACK IN OCTOBER, WE BEGAN SCREAMING AND YELLING TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN ABOUT THE LACK OF CARE: NO NARCAN, NO ABILITY TO STOP OUR CHILDREN FROM OVERDOSING. THE DRUG PROBLEM WAS TREMENDOUS, AND THE RESPONSE WAS NOT VISIBLE. NOW WE SEE, ON ITEM 4, THAT YOU ARE DEDICATING FUNDS TO THE ENGAGEMENT OF OUR KIDS IN MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS. I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DRUM CORPS, BUT I AM VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT THERE IS MOVEMENT AND ACTION IN ENGAGING THESE KIDS, BECAUSE IT'S THE IDLE HANDS THAT ARE THE DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND.

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

SPEAKER: THAT'S IT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I KNOW. IT'S A MINUTE. IT WENT BY FAST, BUT THANK YOU. I THINK WE ALL HEARD YOU, AND WE ALL AGREE WITH YOU. WELL, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES.

SPEAKER: HELLO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO.

SPEAKER: THIS IS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M LAUREN NATOLI, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. THE C.D.C. SAYS THAT WE ARE IN THE 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF A RATE OF ALL-TIME HIGH S.T.I.S. THERE WERE MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION CASES OF CHLAMYDIA, GONORRHEA, AND SYPHILIS IN THE U.S. IN 2021, AND IN L.A. COUNTY THERE ARE 100,000 CASES EVERY YEAR. THIS IS A REAL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, AND IT IS NOT BEING ADDRESSED. WE CAN LOOK AT CONGENITAL SYPHILIS AS AN EXAMPLE. L.A. COUNTY'S RATE IS HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL RATE, AND CALIFORNIA STATE'S CASE RATE IS DOUBLE THAT OF THE NATIONAL RATE. THIS IS AN AWFUL AND AVOIDABLE SCENARIO. CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IS EASILY PREVENTABLE WITH SYPHILIS SCREENING DURING PREGNANCY, AND EARLY INTERVENTION. ALLOWING BABIES TO BE BORN WITH SYPHILIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH FAILURE. THIS IS WHY WE MARCH TODAY. YOU MUST DO BETTER. PLEASE INVEST IN THIS S.T.I. CRISIS NOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, HERE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY COLLEAGUES AND I MARCHED HERE TODAY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO SHOW WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT STOPPING THE S.T.I. EPIDEMIC IN L.A. COUNTY. SINCE 2009 IN L.A., EARLY SYPHILIS RATES INCREASED 450% AMONG FEMALES, AND 235% AMONG MALES. IN 2019, THERE WERE OVER 65,000 CASES OF CHLAMYDIA ALONE IN L.A. COUNTY. S.T.I.S KEEP INCREASING, WHILE FUNDING STAGNATES. SINCE 2018, THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW ONGOING SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S. THE FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED HAS ALL BEEN ONE-TIME-USE FUNDS, OR FUNDS DIVESTED FROM OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALSO IN NEED. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. THE COUNTY MUST ALLOCATE DEDICATED FUNDING TO EXPAND S.T.I. SERVICES AND RAMP UP PREVENTION AND TREATMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MARCH FOR SEXUAL HEALTH UNTIL THE EPIDEMIC IS ADDRESSED BY THIS BOARD. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M DONALD HARLAN. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4, 14, 6, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 29, 32, 33, 36, 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 69, 62...

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. WELL, YOU CAN START SPEAKING.

SPEAKER: AND GENERAL COMMENT. OKAY. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, THE RISK MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY. IT SEEMS THAT QUITE A FEW OF THE POLITICIANS WORKING HERE IN THE COUNTY ARE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE, AND THAT YOU GUYS HAVE TO DO A RISK ASSESSMENT TO SEE HOW MUCH TROUBLE YOU'RE ACTUALLY IN. I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS TO PERVERT YOUR RISK ASSESSMENT INTO BEING A TOOL TO ESCAPE JUSTICE. IF YOU FIND A PROBLEM, AND YOU FIX IT, THAT'S ONE THING. BUT FINDING OUT WHERE THE PROBLEM IS, SO YOU CAN COVER IT UP, THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE. THAT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED. SO THAT'S AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, YOUR RISK ASSESSMENT. IT'S PURELY POLITICAL. YOU JUST CREATE THAT TO GET OUT OF TROUBLE. ALSO, NUMBER 24, PERMITTING AN ENTITLEMENT PROCESS FOR THE HOMELESS REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, THE HOMELESS COMPLEX THAT L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS HAD CREATED IN L.A. COUNTY. YOU CREATED THE HOMELESS CRISIS. YOUR ILLEGAL REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS, YOUR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, IS THE CAUSE OF THE HOMELESS CRISIS. BUT THAT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH. YOU WANT ENTITLEMENTS TO DO MORE. THAT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED. LET'S SEE. OH, THE CEREMONY FOR THE UNCLAIMED DEAD. I NEED SUPERVISOR HAHN TO GIVE US THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CEREMONY: WHEN AND WHERE IT IS. I'LL SHOW UP, EVEN IF IT'S NOT PUBLIC. I WANT TO SEE WHO YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO COVER THAT DIED. I WANT TO KNOW IF THERE'S SOMEBODY THAT DIED, AND YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO COVER IT UP TO ROB THEM. I'D LIKE TO GO AND SEE THAT. THE CEREMONY FOR THE UNCLAIMED DEAD, NUMBER 18.

PLEASE LEAVE THAT INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. AND AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 44, 45, 46: THREE PROPERTIES CLAIMED BY L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S L.A. COUNTY PROPERTY. THAT'S NOT. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 47: THERE IS DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FOR THE ALTERING OF HISTORY, SHOPPING OLD PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS TO CLAIM SOMETHING'S YOURS THAT'S NOT. IT'S NOT JUST A GAS PIPELINE. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS AN ACTION TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED REAL ESTATE FOR JANUARY 1ST, FOR THE AUCTIONING OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAX LIENS. YOU CANNOT AUCTION A PIECE OF REAL ESTATE FOR A TAX LIEN, UNLESS THE PERSON OWNS IT. ANYBODY COULD SHOW UP AND CAUSE A TAX LIEN, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN AUCTION THE PROPERTY.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: I HAVE TWO MINUTES: ONE FOR THE AGENDA ITEM, AND ONE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU. MY AGENDA ITEM, I'M GOING TO START TALKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I HEAR THAT THE COUNTY HAS ANOTHER CONTRACT WITH THEM, AND I'M STILL CONCERNED. DO THEY HAVE PEOPLE THAT HELP THE FOREIGN STUDENTS WITH THE NURSES WHEN THEY GO FOR PHYSICALS? I KNOW THEY HAD A HUGE SCANDAL WITH A DOCTOR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF THAT [EXPLETIVE], BUT I RAN INTO THAT DOCTOR WHO WAS MOLESTING THOSE STUDENTS, AND HE HAD TENURE, AND THE NURSES COULDN'T STOP HIM. SO I'M WONDERING IF THEY

HAVE THE PROPER NURSING STAFF TO HELP WHEN FOREIGN STUDENTS COME FOR A PELVIC EXAM, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, BECAUSE THEY GET SCREWED OVER, BECAUSE NOBODY IS THERE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. AND I THINK IT'S [EXPLETIVE] THAT THE COUNTY HAS THAT CONTRACT WITH U.S.C., WITHOUT LOOKING INTO IT. I KNOW THAT THEY HAD ANOTHER CONTRACT. ANOTHER DOCTOR GOT MESSED UP WITH SOME YOUNG LADY HE MET IN A RECOVERY ROOM, AND THEY ENDED UP TAKING PICTURES WITH U.S.C. PARAPHERNALIA. SO HE HAD TO USE THE JUDGE FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND RICK CARUSO TO CHASE HIM DOWN, SO THEY COULD GET THE MONEY, SO THEY COULD GET THE PICTURES BACK, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT IT ON THE INTERNET. THAT BEING SAID, SOMEBODY LEFT THIS FORM OUT THERE. IT'S FROM FEDERAL LAW. THAT'S THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE DOWN THERE AT FIRST AND HOPE, ON THE CORNER. THAT'S A FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, U.S.C. THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OVER HERE AT THE CORNER. THESE ARE FEDERAL LAWS. THEY PROCLAIM WHERE TRIBAL LANDS ARE. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE FEDERAL LAWS: BECAUSE THEY'RE FOR TRIBAL LANDS. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT YAAMAVA' AND PECHANGA, THOSE ARE ON FEDERAL RESERVATIONS. YOU OUGHT TO FIND OUT WHO BOUGHT THEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

ARNOLD SACHS: OH, I'M SORRY.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: TAKE CARE. SAY HELLO TO MARK WHEN YOU SEE HIM.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WE HAVE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE HAVE SOMEBODY ON THE PHONE. OKAY, GO AHEAD ON THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARLENE DAVIS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, HELLO. THIS IS ACTUALLY SONYA YAMADAM, IN LIEU OF CARLENE DAVIS, AND WE ARE CALLING FROM THE CALIFORNIA BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT, AND WE ARE CALLING CONCERNING ITEM NUMBER 5, THE PAID FAMILY LEAVE MOTION. AND WE'D JUST LIKE TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THAT MOTION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT IT SUPPORTS BETTER LIVES, OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES, AND POTENTIAL, EVEN HEALTH AND WELLNESS, FOR BLACK WOMEN IN THE COUNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE EXPANSION CHANGES, EVEN POTENTIAL FULL EXPANSION OF PAID LEAVE FOR THE COUNTY, IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE VERY SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED. I'D LIKE TO JUST SORT OF SHARE THE HEAVY BURDEN OF LEAVE THAT IS REQUIRED, GENERALLY, BY BLACK WOMEN. 60% OF THE

LEAVE NEEDED BY BLACK WOMEN IS GENERALLY NOT TAKEN CARE OF, AND IS DONE WITHOUT PAY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMARDEET GILL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. AMARDEET GILL. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. ALLIANCE FOR A NEW ECONOMY, IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5. WE BELIEVE IT'S THE FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE COUNTY SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE, AND IT IS AMONG THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IMPLEMENT PAID FAMILY LEAVE. IT'S IMPORTANT AS A WAY TO GET TO GENDER EQUITY AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION FOR BOTH ITS EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REPRESENTED BY LABOR, AS WELL AS THE OVER 15% OF EMPLOYEES THAT ARE CURRENTLY NOT REPRESENTED BY LABOR. MAKING PAID FAMILY LEAVE MORE UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY FOLKS WHO COME FROM IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AS YOU JUST HEARD THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SPEAK, WILL ENSURE THAT NEW PARENTS, SINGLE PARENTS, ESPECIALLY SINGLE WOMEN OR ANYBODY WHO IDENTIFIES AS A WOMAN, WILL STAY IN THE WORKFORCE AFTER CHILDBIRTH OR ADOPTION, AS WELL AS PAID FAMILY LEAVE WILL HELP THOSE OF US FOLKS WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF ILL

FAMILY MEMBERS. AS THE PANDEMIC HAS SHOWN, IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE THAT EXTRA PAID LEAVE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT PEACE OF MIND TO STAY HOME, AND WE THINK ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHOULD ENJOY THAT. AND I REALLY WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOUR CALL. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE PHONE?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELIZABETH MONROE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH MONROE, AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5, REGA.R.D.I.NG THE PAID FAMILY LEAVE IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK. IT IS CRITICAL THAT PARENTING WORKERS, INCLUDING NON-BIRTHING PARENTS AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS OR FOSTER PARENTS, ARE ABLE TO TAKE TIME OFF TO BOND WITH A NEW CHILD, AND ENJOY ALL OF THE HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL BENEFITS THAT COME WITH IT, WITHOUT FEARING FINANCIAL DEVASTATION. PAID FAMILY LEAVE SYSTEMS GIVE WORKING PARENTS JOB SECURITY AND A PARTIAL WAGE REPLACEMENT TO HELP THEM CARE FOR A NEWBORN OR A SICK CHILD WITHOUT LOSING A VERY NEEDED PAYCHECK. FOR THIS REASON, WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO CREATE A FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE THAT PROMOTES GENDER AND

RACIAL EQUITY THROUGH THIS IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK. THANK YOU.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 2 THROUGH 9, 12 THROUGH 14, 17 THROUGH 27, 29, 31, 33 THROUGH 55, 57 AND 58, 59 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, 60, 61 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE, 62, 63 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, 64, 66, 67 AS AMENDED, 68 THROUGH 82, 84 THROUGH 104, 106 THROUGH 109. ON ITEM 110, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 27TH. ITEMS 111 THROUGH 121, 122-A THROUGH 122-E, 123-A, WHICH IS SUPERVISOR BARGER'S READ-IN MOTION, 126, SD-1, 1-D THROUGH 5-D, 1-P THROUGH 2-P; AND ITEMS CS-1, CS-2, CS-3, AND CS-4 WILL BE REFERRED BACK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SO, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO APPROVE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, COLLEAGUES, TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WILL BEGIN.

SUP. MITCHELL: MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE ANY FOR TODAY'S MEETING. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE THREE ADJOURNMENTS. I WOULD FIRST MOVE THAT WHEN HE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA EKBERGH MCDONOUGH, LONGTIME WESTLAKE VILLAGE RESIDENT AND ITS INAUGURAL FIRST LADY, WHO DIED PEACEFULLY ON MAY 8TH, AT THE AGE OF 85. PAT WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HER WESTLAKE VILLAGE COMMUNITY, WHERE SHE MOVED IN 1971 WITH HER HUSBAND, JOHN MCDONOUGH, AND THEIR 3 DAUGHTERS. THE COUPLE WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE EFFORT FOR WESTLAKE VILLAGE INCORPORATION AS A CITY. AFTER THEIR SUCCESS, JOHN SERVED AS THE CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE'S FIRST MAYOR. PAT WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE, CASA PACIFICA

CAMARILLO, AND THEIR CHURCH, ST. JUDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. PAT IS SURVIVED BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, JOHN; THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS, STEPHANIE, ROSE, AND LORI; ALONG WITH SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND 4 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I WOULD MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN O'NEIL, WHO WAS A PILLAR IN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY COMMUNITY. HE DIED ON MAY 22ND AFTER BATTLING CANCER. HE WAS 61. AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER AND LOG CABIN, JOHN WAS AN ACTIVE AND CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY, TOUCHING MANY LIVES OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES. ON MARCH 1ST, HE CELEBRATED 35 YEARS OF SOBRIETY. JOHN'S MISSION IN LIFE WAS TO OFFER HOPE AND COMFORT TO THOSE SUFFERING AND RECOVERING FROM ADDICTION. HE GAVE HIS TIME, HIS WONDERFUL HUMOR, AND CONTINUOUS EMPATHY AND SUPPORT TO COUNTLESS PEOPLE. JOHN'S PRESENCE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY THE WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER, AND THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY, BROADLY. WE EXTEND LOVE AND COMFORT TO HIS MANY, MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY, WHO HAD THE GREAT JOY OF KNOWING AND LOVING SUCH A BRIGHT SOUL. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROMELIA LOPEZ ROMERO, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL JOIN ME IN THIS. ROMELIA WAS KNOWN TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS "ROMI," WHO WAS BORN ON MAY 7, 1922, IN LOS ANGELES, THE THIRD OF 4 CHILDREN, AND ONLY DAUGHTER, OF JUAN AND CONSUELO LOPEZ. ROMI WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ETHNICALLY DIVERSE BOYLE HEIGHTS, WHERE SHE ATTENDED ST.

MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. ROMI MARRIED FELLOW NATIVE ANGELENO ALBERT MARQUEZ ROMERO ON NOVEMBER 26TH, 1948, AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. THE COUPLE HAD TWO DAUGHTERS: LORRAINE THERESA ROMERO, BORN APRIL 28TH, 1952, FOLLOWED BY ELAINE JUDY ROMERO, BORN ON OCTOBER 16, 1955. ROMI GAVE BIRTH TO BOTH OF HER GIRLS AT WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ALSO IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. AFTER 19 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, ALBERT PASSED AWAY AT 42. ROMI, NOW A SINGLE MOHER OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS, WENT TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STARTING OUT AS A CLERK, AND ENDING HER CAREER AS A CHILD SUPPORT INVESTIGATOR. SHE WAS ABLE TO PUT HER DAUGHTERS THROUGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL, HELP SUPPORT HER PARENTS, AND PAY OFF TWO MORTGAGES, ALL ON HER OWN. GRANDDAUGHTER CECILIA VANESSA CABELLO, OUR DEAR CECE, WAS BORN ON MARCH 7TH, 1974, ALSO AT WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. THE APPLE OF HER EYE, ROMI WAS A PIVOTAL FIGURE IN HER GRANDDAUGHTER'S LIFE, TEACHING HER STRENGTH, PERSEVERANCE, RESILIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY AND, UNWITTINGLY, FEMINISM, BY EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO BE INDEPENDENT FINANCIALLY, AND IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE. ROMI WAS A SECOND MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER TO MANY THAT KNEW HER. SHE ALWAYS MADE VISITORS FEEL WELCOME IN HER HOME, AND EXTENDED THE UTMOST HOSPITALITY, ALONG WITH A SYMPATHETIC EAR. ROMI WAS A BELOVED FRIEND, LOYAL AND LOVING, AND SOMEONE WHO COULD ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD. THOUGH SHE WAS HEADSTRONG AND STUBBORN, SHE RARELY HELD A GRUDGE, BUT

SHE DIDN'T SUFFER FOOLS. SHE WAS WARM, FRIENDLY, AND DEVOUTLY RELIGIOUS. ROMI WAS WHIP-SMART AND VERY GOOD WITH FINANCES. SHE ENJOYED A COMFORTABLE RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND UP UNTIL THE END, ROMI WAS SHARP, NEVER LOSING A SCINTILLA OF HER MENTAL ACUTENESS AND AWARENESS. SHE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 3RD, 2022, AT THE AGE OF 100. SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, WOULD HAVE BEEN HER 101ST BIRTHDAY. ROMI ROMERO IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, LORRAINE ROMERO AND LORRAINE ALVAREZ, GRANDDAUGHTER CECELIA CABELLO, SON-IN-LAW MICHAEL ALVAREZ, AND GRANDSON-IN-LAW MARIO SALAZAR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SHOULD WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS, SINCE SHE WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE?

SUP. HORVATH: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WHAT A GREAT LIFE. THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHRIS GARCIA, A FORMER COUNCILMEMBER, VICE MAYOR, AND MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF CUDAHY. HE SERVED ON THE CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL FROM 2013 TO 2020, AND SERVED AS MAYOR TWICE. HE ADVOCATED FOR PARKS, FOR GREEN SPACE, AND INCREASED CITY SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS. CHRIS ATTENDED TERESA HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ELIZABETH LEARNING CENTER, AND BELL HIGH SCHOOL. HE RECEIVED

HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM U.C.L.A., AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER AND HIS THREE SIBLINGS. YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO JOIN ME. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAN WALLACE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. DAN JOINED THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE AFTER GRADUATING FROM CARSON HIGH SCHOOL IN 1967, AND FOLLOWING HIS MILITARY SERVICE, HE WORKED AT HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY FOR 35 YEARS. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, DAN BECAME A DEACON AT ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH IN LOMITA, CHOOSING TO GIVE HIS LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LAURIE, 3 CHILDREN, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DARWOOD CHUNG, WHO WAS 85 WHEN HE PASSED. AND I ASKED SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IF I MIGHT DO THIS ADJOURNMENT, BECAUSE I HAVE SUCH FOND MEMORIES OF HIS RESTAURANT. DARWOOD MANAGED THE FAMILY BUSINESS, GUNG HAY RESTAURANT IN GARDENA, FOR MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS, AND I HAVE SO MANY FOND MEMORIES OF DINING THERE WITH MY FATHER AND MY MOM AND MY BROTHER. AND THEN, AFTER MY DAD HAD A STROKE, HE DIDN'T GET OUT AS MUCH, AND DARWOOD WOULD SEND FOOD FROM HIS RESTAURANT TO BE DELIVERED AT MY DAD'S HOUSE, BECAUSE HE KNEW HOW MUCH MY DAD LOVED HIS FOOD. SO, HE WAS REALLY SPECIAL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, SUSAN; HIS SONS TIMOTHY AND MICHAEL; HIS GRANDCHILDREN JENSEN AND DANA; HIS SISTER

OLIVE; HIS BROTHER DARIAN; AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AND THERE WAS A FUNERAL SERVICE FRIDAY, MAY 26TH, AT GREEN HILLS MEMORIAL SERVICE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NICK LUSIC, A SAN PEDRO RESIDENT FOR OVER 60 YEARS. HE WAS ONLY 70 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE ATTENDED 15TH STREET ELEMENTARY, DANA JUNIOR HIGH, SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, AND CAL POLY POMONA. NICK LOVED SPORTS. IT WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT HIS ATHLETICISM REALLY DEVELOPED. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE ALL-AROUND ATHLETE, EARNING FIRST-TEAM ALL-MARINE LEAGUE AS A POINT GUARD IN BASKETBALL. BUT IT WAS BASEBALL THAT BECAME HIS TRUE PASSION. WHILE PLAYING HIGH-SCHOOL BASEBALL, HE WOULD GO ON TO WIN THE ALL-CITY AND THE ALL-LEAGUE AWARDS. AS AN ADULT, HIS ALMA MATER CELEBRATED HIS ATHLETICISM BY INDUCTING HIM INTO THE SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME IN 2014. IN 1976, NICK MARRIED HIS WIFE KRISTINE, AND TOGETHER THEY RAISED THREE CHILDREN. IT WAS THROUGH HIS CHILDREN THAT HE BEGAN COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE AND SOFTBALL. NICK LOVED COACHING, AND IN 1989, HE COACHED THE EASTVIEW ALL-STAR TEAM, TAKING THEM TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES. NICK WORKED ON THE DOCKS AS AM I.L.W. LOCAL 13 MEMBER FOR 25 YEARS, AND WORKED AS A CLERK FOR LOCAL 63. NICK IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, KRISTINE; THREE CHILDREN, NICK, RYAN, AND ANDRIA; SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN; AND MANY OTHER EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. HE MADE QUITE THE MARK IN OUR TOWN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF

TOM HANSEN, WHO WAS A FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT. TOM WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN 2007, AND SERVED THREE TERMS AS MAYOR, RETIRING FROM OFFICE IN 2020. WHILE IN OFFICE, TOM FOCUSED ON YOUTH AND SENIOR PROGRAMS, AND FOUGHT FOR LOCAL CONTROL. TOM WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LEADING THE CITY THROUGH A PERIOD OF MAJOR REBIRTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HELPED TRANSFORM THE CITY INTO THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY THAT IT IS TODAY. TOM MOVED TO PARAMOUNT IN 1945. HE OPENED A CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE IN 1969, AND LATER RELOCATED HIS PRACTICE TO PARAMOUNT, IN 1972. TOM DEDICATED HIMSELF TO CIVIC LIFE FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, AND SERVED IN VARIOUS WAYS. HE WAS THE CITY PARKS AND REC COMMISSIONER, A CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONER, A BOARD MEMBER WITH THE PARAMOUNT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL ROTARY CLUB. HE IS REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM AS SOMEONE WHO WAS DEEPLY DEDICATED TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY. TOM IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VIVIAN, AND CHILDREN CHAD AND AMANDA. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON TODD. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF KAMAL AL-KHATIB, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND A LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY JUNE 1ST AT THE AGE OF 61. HE HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH

4TH-STAGE PANCREATIC CANCER IN LATE 2022. BORN MAY 31ST, 1962, KAMAL MOVED TO PALMDALE IN THE EARLY 1990'S. HE WAS A REAL-ESTATE BROKER WITH BUY-TO-ME. BESIDES BEING A FOUNDING MEMBER IN THE 1990S OF THE AMERICAN ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF PALMDALE, HE WAS FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GUIDANCE CHARTER SCHOOL IN PALMDALE. HE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE PALMDALE SHERIFF'S STATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. FOR MANY YEARS, HE SERVED AS ORGANIZER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE PICNIC. KAMAL IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ZEINAB; CHILDREN SHADI, DENA, AND RAMI; AS WELL AS FOUR BROTHERS. ALSO, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANIL KUMAR, WHO WAS A DOCTOR PRACTICING UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR 40 YEARS, AND WAS A CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL, AND HE PASSED AWAY APRIL 22ND AT THE AGE OF 67, DUE TO A RARE BLOOD CANCER. BORN IN GWALIOR, INDIA, AS THE ELDEST SON OF DOCTORS, DR. KUMAR GRADUATED AS THE TOP STUDENT FROM THE 1976 CLASS OF GAJRA RAJA MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE TRAINED AT MCKEESPORT HOSPITAL IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WAS CHIEF RESIDENT AND A CARDIOLOGY FELLOW AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AN INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGIST, DR. KUMAR WAS FOUNDER AND HEAD OF THE CA.R.D.I.AC CATHETERIZATION UNIT AT ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL. DR. KUMAR WAS A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL IN CHATSWORTH, AND FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE HINDU TEMPLE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE SUPPORTED OVER

20,000 STUDENTS OVER 30 YEARS IN INDIA, AND IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE ESTABLISHED THE JAGDISH FELLOWSHIP TO SUPPORT YOUNG SCHOLARS OF SOUTH ASIA AND HINDUISM. DR. KUMAR IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE INDIRA, SON ISHAN, AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ANGELINA. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUDGE RONALD LEW, A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 19TH AT THE AGE OF 81. HIS EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY BEGAN WITH GRADUATION AT LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWED BY OBTAINING A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY IN 1964. HE THEN SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1967 TO 1969, BEFORE PURSUING A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE FROM SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, WHICH HE RECEIVED TWO YEARS LATER. IN 1972, HE EMBARKED ON HIS LEGAL CAREER AS A DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY IN THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY DIVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AFTERWARDS, HE SPENT 7 YEARS PRACTICING LAW PRIVATELY IN LOS ANGELES, STARTING IN 1974. HE ALSO SERVED AS THE LOS ANGELES FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONER FROM '76 TO '82. IN 1982, JUDGE LEW WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN TO THE POSITION OF JUDGE ON THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT. HIS EXCEPTIONAL WORK LED TO HIS EVELA-- YEAH, BUT I WAS GOING TO SAY "ELEVATION" TO THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT IN 1984, BY GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON FEBRUARY 2ND, 1987, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN NOMINATED HIM TO THE UNITED

STATES DISTRICT COURT. JUDGE LEW HOLDS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST CHINESE AMERICAN APPOINTED TO THE FEDERAL BENCH IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS, MAMIE, FOUR CHILDREN, AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL HANGING WITH US, TODAY, FOR THIS VERY LONG MEETING. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES AND YOUR STAFF MEMBERS, WHO ARE SO ATTENTIVE THROUGH THIS MEETING. THANK YOU TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, ALL YOUR STAFF, CELIA, AND THANK YOU TO THE D.A. LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUP THAT KEEPS PEACE OUT IN THE AUDITORIUM. ALL THOSE ARE I.T. PEOPLE, I.S.D.; YOU KNOW, ALL THOSE CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM. REALLY, JUST WANT TO SAY-- OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, THANK YOU FOR REALLY BEING-- AGAIN, EVERYBODY, SO ATTENTIVE, SO INTO IT. THIS IS COUNTY BUSINESS, AND YOU ALL ARE COMMENDED FOR THE SERVICE THAT YOU GAVE. TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF. OKAY. WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING AND CLOSED-SESSION MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: HELLO. IT'S MY HONOR TO PROCLAIM ARTS AND HEALTH WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGLES. THE BENEFITS OF THE ARTS ARE MANY, AND EVERYONE DESERVES TO HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO THEM. TO THAT END, IN A COUNTY AS ETHNICALLY AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE, AS GEOGRAPHICALLY SPRAWLING AS LOS ANGELES, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE ARTS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY LIVE. FROM ARTS EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ARTS PROGRAMMING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, THE ARTS HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL LIVES BETTER, AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES. THERE IS GROWING RESEARCH THAT THE ARTS CAN MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC HEALTH. EVEN MORE, THE ARTS CAN BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER ACROSS THE DEMOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL LINES. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE IS LEADING TO ADVANCE ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY, AND THANK THE L.A. OPERA FOR WORKING WITH THEM TO HOST A FREE SUMMIT THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE MUSIC CENTER, TO PROMOTE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ESSENTIAL CONNECTION BETWEEN ARTS, HEALTH, AND WELLBEING, AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE AREA. BUT I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCREDIBLE ROLE OF RENOWNED SOPRANO AND ARTS AND HEALTH ADVOCATE RENEE FLEMING. HER ARTISTIC GIFT IS REMARKABLE, BUT IT IS HER LEADERSHIP IN UPLIFTING THE HEALING POWER OF THE

ARTS THAT IS TRULY INSPIRING. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I THANK YOU, RENEE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED WORK TOGETHER TO EXPAND WAYS FOR THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE, AN INTEGRAL PART TO EQUITY AND A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

SUP. HORVATH: TODAY, I AM SO PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE O.N.E. ARCHIVES FOUNDATION, THE INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY PARTNER TO THE O.N.E. NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN ARCHIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIBRARIES, THE LARGEST REPOSITORY OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER MATERIALS IN THE WORLD. FOUNDED IN 1952 AS THE PUBLISHER OF "O.N.E. MAGAZINE," O.N.E. ARCHIVES FOUNDATION IS THE OLDEST ACTIVE L.G.B.T.Q.+ ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 2010, O.N.E. ARCHIVES FOUNDATION DEPOSITED ITS VAST COLLECTION OF L.G.B.T.Q. HISTORICAL MATERIALS WITH THE U.S.C. LIBRARIES. I AM SO LUCKY TO REPRESENT THE FOUNDATION AT ITS HOME AT HARMONY GOLD, ON THE HISTORIC SUNSET BOULEVARD. AS ATTACKS AGAINST THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO GROW THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY, O.N.E. IS ENGAGING IN SUCH CRITICAL WORK TO PROMOTE L.G.B.T.Q.+ HISTORY AND EDUCATION THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY. I AM ESPECIALLY THANKFUL FOR YOUR COLLABORATION ON OUR EFFORTS TO CELEBRATE GINGER ROGERS BEACH, AND TELL THE FULL STORY OF ITS RICH HISTORY OF COMMUNITY, ACTIVISM, AND LOVE. YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING OUR PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATIONS COME TO

FRUITION, AND I AM SO EAGER TO CONTINUE OUR GREAT WORK TOGETHER.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND THE THIRD-DISTRICT TEAM, FOR THIS RECOGNITION, AND FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ FAMILY. THE O.N.E. ARCHIVES FOUNDATION PRIDES ITSELF ON OUR WORK TO ELEVATE L.G.B.T.Q.+ HISTORY, AND UPLIFT L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE, NOT ONLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTRY. WE AT O.N.E. ARCHIVES FOUNDATION ARE SO HONORED TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS CRITICAL WORK, EVERY SINGLE DAY. YOU HAVE LED BY EXAMPLE AND BROUGHT L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE INTO EVERY SPACE YOU HAVE BEEN IN, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFICE'S SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION.

SUP. HORVATH: CONGRATULATIONS ON 70 YEARS, AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING L.G.B.T.Q.+ HISTORY FESTIVAL, CIRCA. MORE TO COME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OUR AGENCY PARTNERS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS, AND THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY THAT HAS SUPPORTED RAISE A CHILD, I AM DEEPLY HONORED WITH THIS RECOGNITION OF OUR WORK AND OUR MISSION. THE POPULATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE IS AS DIVERSE AS THE VARIOUS

COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO GREAT. IN TURN, RAISE A CHILD HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION IN OUR WORK TO FIND, MENTOR, AND SUPPORT RESPITE, FOSTER, AND FOSTER-TO-ADOPT PARENTS. WITH DEEP ROOTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, RAISE A CHILD HAS RECENTLY EXPANDED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS ALSO WORKING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA. AS RAISE A CHILD CONTINUES TO GROW HERE, AND EXPAND TO OTHER STATES ACROSS THE U.S., WE WILL ALWAYS BE APPRECIATIVE OF THE STRONG SUPPORT AND COOPERATION WE'VE ALWAYS RECEIVED RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AGAIN, I THANK YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF FOR THIS HONOR.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. RAISE A CHILD.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

BRANDON TSAY: HI. MY NAME IS BRANDON TSAY, AND I AM KNOWN AS "THE HERO," ESPECIALLY HERE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND TODAY, I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY DANCE COMMUNITY. THE DANCE COMMUNITY IS A REFUGE FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO LOSE THEMSELVES IN THE RHYTHM, AND TO FIND SOLACE IN THE LANGUAGE OF DANCE. MY INVOLVEMENT HERE AT LAI LAI STUDIO HAS REALLY SHOWN ME THE IMPACT DANCING HAS ON INDIVIDUALS. IT HAS BEEN A

TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO HAVE COME. I HAVE SEEN SHY INDIVIDUALS GAIN CONFIDENCE. I'VE SEEN TROUBLED YOUTH FIND AN OUTLET FOR THEIR SELF-EXPRESSIONISM. AND MOST OF ALL, I'VE SEEN PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER FOR A SHARED PASSION. AND MY UNIQUE POSITION HERE AT LAI LAI DANCE STUDIO HELPED ME TO CREATE A PLATFORM TO DEVELOP THAT COMMUNITY. AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE HAD A TIME WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO HELP EMERGING DANCERS MAKE TALENTS, AND ESPECIALLY DEVELOP THE SENSE OF INCLUSION IN THE DANCE COMMUNITY, AND BELONGING. AND WHEN THE INCIDENT HIT, WHERE THERE WAS A MASS SHOOTING ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S IN 2023, I, FOR ONE, FELT THE DANCE COMMUNITY ALMOST CRUMBLE APART. THAT IS WHY I AM STARTING THE BRANDON TSAY HERO FUND: TO HELP THE COMMUNITY RAISE MENTAL AWARENESS, SO THAT PEOPLE IN UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITIES CAN HELP TO FIND THESE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, AND JUST RAISE MORE KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE MENTAL ESTABLISHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND CAN REALLY HELP THEM TO COME BACK AND ENJOY WHAT THEY LOVE IN DANCE, AND MAKING LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS. SO THE DANCE COMMUNITY, FOR ONE, IS FOR SELF-GROWTH, IT IS FOR EXPRESSIONISM, AND THE FRIENDSHIPS YOU MAKE WILL BE EVERLASTING.

SPEAKER: I AM GRAHAM CANAL, C.E.O. FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, OR C.S.A.C. THANK YOU, CHAIR HAHN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FESIA DAVENPORT, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR ALLOWING US TO PROVIDE THIS PRESENTATION TODAY.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR SERVING AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE C.S.A.C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR SUPPORTING C.S.A.C.'S AT HOME PLAN TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING AT HOME, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE COUNTY'S ENGAGEMENT IN THIS UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE. TOGETHER, WE WILL MAKE A MATERIAL DIFFERENCE ON HOMELESSNESS. NOW I AM BEFORE YOU TODAY TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVES MORE CONSTITUENTS THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE NATION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THREE C.S.A.C. CHALLENGE AWARDS IN 2022, AND IT'S MY HONOR TO RECOGNIZE THESE PROGRAMS TODAY. FIRST, A LITTLE BACKGROUND. OUR ANNUAL CHALLENGE AWARD PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO TO SPOTLIGHT THE MOST INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY CALIFORNIA'S 58 COUNTIES. IN 2022, C.S.A.C. RECEIVED MORE THAN 300 CHALLENGE AWARD ENTRIES, AND AWARDED ONLY 18 CHALLENGE AWARDS. THE BAR WAS HIGH, BUT OUR JUDGING PANEL QUICKLY DETERMINED THREE L.A. COUNTY PROGRAMS WORTHY OF A CHALLENGE AWARD THIS YEAR. FIRST, THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, CAUGHT OUR JUDGES' EYES FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. THE COLLABORATION AND EMPHASIS ON EQUITY TO INVEST $280 MILLION,

ANNUALLY, INTO MULTI-BENEFIT WATER RESILIENCY PROJECTS WAS KEY. THE COUNTY WAS AND IS FACING A MULTITUDE OF WATER RESILIENCE CHALLENGES, AND INSUFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE TO CAPTURE THE BILLIONS OF GALLONS OF STORMWATER THAT RUN OFF ROADS, ROOFS, AND OTHER PAVED SURFACES. SO THE COUNTY TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN HELPING THE REGION AND ITS CITIES COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT. IN 2016, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS TO LEAD THE WATER RESILIENCE INITIATIVE. THE GOAL WAS TO INCREASE DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS AND LOCAL WATER SELF-RELIANCE, IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, AND FOSTER ADAPTATION TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. IN 2018, PUBLIC WORKS FINALIZED THE INITIATIVE, WHICH IS NOW CALLED THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM APPLIES A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY $280 MILLION IN ANNUAL REVENUE TO FUND MULTI-BENEFIT STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. THE REVENUE IS DIVIDED BETWEEN THE CITIES AND NINE WATERSHEDS, WITH A SMALL PORTION USED FOR COUNTYWIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION. THE INITIATIVE ALSO INCLUDED ROBUST TAX-RELIEF OPTIONS FOR QUALIFYING PARCEL OWNERS, AND WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY'S VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2018. SINCE THAT TIME, THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM HAS SUPPORTED 78 MULTI-BENEFIT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, 38 PROJECT CONCEPTS, EIGHT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, AND 12 WATERSHED COORDINATORS. THIS REPRESENTS NEARLY $1 BILLION IN LEVERAGED INVESTMENTS OVER FIVE YEARS, CAPTURING

OVER 200,000 ACRES OF WATER. ADDITIONALLY, $111 MILLION, A 40% LOCAL RETURN, HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED ANNUALLY TO THE CITIES, TO ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN MULTI-BENEFIT STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM IS A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PROGRAM THAT EXPERTLY LEVERAGES MULTIPLE FUNDING STREAMS, AND PROMOTES MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION ACROSS THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY ALSO CREATED ONLINE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION, INCLUDING INTERACTIVE MAPS, DASHBOARDS, AND DATA TRANSPARENCY. C.S.A.C. IS PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR USHERING IN THE SUCCESS OF THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. AND FOR OUR SECOND AWARD, THE L.A. FOUND PROGRAM. NEXT, OUR JUDGES LOVE THE L.A. FOUND PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS LOCATE COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY GO MISSING. THE LIKELIHOOD OF LOCATING A WANDERING ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT ALIVE DECREASES HOURLY BY AS MUCH AS 33% AFTER 24 HOURS, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 60% OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S, AND 49% OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, WANDER. THIS BOARD, AGAIN, ESTABLISHED A TASK FORCE, AND IN 2018 ADOPTED THE BRINGING OUR LOVED ONES HOME TASK FORCE REPORT, WITH 17 STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS WANDERING. IN SEPTEMBER 2018, THE L.A. FOUND PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED, ALONG WITH THE PROJECT LIFESAVER PILOT, TO PROVIDE COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS WITH A FREE TRACKING BRACELET. A WEBSITE WAS ALSO CREATED AS A RESOURCE FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ACCESS INFORMATION ON TRACKING TECHNOLOGY, COUNTY RESOURCES, AND EMERGENCY

COORDINATION, ALL WITH A SIMPLE MESSAGE: L.A. COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND EFFORTS WERE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND AGENCIES THAT WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE POPULATION. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALZHEIMER'S L.A. AND THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, L.A. FOUND ALSO LAUNCHED MULTILINGUAL WEBINARS AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH TO HELP EDUCATE CAREGIVERS AND FAMILIES. THEY ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE HEALTHY BRAIN INITIATIVE TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF DEMENTIA, AND ELDER ABUSE IN BLACK AND LATINO COMMUNITIES. THE RESULTS ARE STRIKING. THERE ARE 990 INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE PROJECT LIFESAVER PILOT PROGRAM, WITH 26 PARTICIPANTS FOUND SAFELY THROUGH THE USE OF THE TRACKING BRACELET. NEARLY 5,000 FIRST RESPONDERS AND 2400 COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN TRAINED ON THE PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES. THIS COUNTYWIDE COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS OF L.A. FOUND IS UNPRECEDENTED AND EASILY REPLICABLE ACROSS COUNTIES, WHICH OUR JUDGES ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT AND L.A. FOUND, FOR EARNING A 2022 C.S.A.C. CHALLENGE AWARD. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH. IT IS NOW MY HONOR TO RECOGNIZE A TRUE INNOVATION MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF THIS BOARD, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. THE

RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH RECTIFIED THE HISTORIC INJUSTICE DONE TO CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO. IT REMINDS ME OF WHAT I HAVE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS, WORKING FOR AND WITH COUNTIES: NAMELY, THAT WHEN IT COMES TO ACTUALLY FOLLOWING THROUGH ON SOME OF THE HARDEST WORK, COUNTIES ARE THE PRIMARY ENTITY THAT CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE. AND SO IT WAS WITH THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY HAD TO NAVIGATE A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES BEFORE FACILITATING THE RETURN OF THE PROPERTY TO THE FAMILY, INCLUDING: REMOVING STATUTORY DEED RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE; SECOND, ARTICULATING THE PUBLIC PURPOSES BEHIND THE RETURN OF THE PROPERTY; THIRD, ENSURING THAT THE RETURN WOULD NOT PLACE UNDUE BURDENS ON THE DESCENDANTS, SUCH AS TAX IMPACTS; FOURTH, CONFIRMING THE IDENTIFY OF THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS; AND FIFTH, MINIMIZING IMPACTS TO COUNTY OPERATIONS. IT EVEN TOOK LEGISLATION TO MITIGATE THE TAX IMPACT TO THE FAMILY, AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, CONFIRM THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMEDY, PROHIBIT, AND ELIMINATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN ALL FORMS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS RETURNED PRIVATE PROPERTY WRONGFULLY TAKEN, BECAUSE OF RACISM, TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS' DESCENDANTS. THE COUNTY EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND THE PROPOSED TRANSFER FROM LEGAL CHALLENGES. IT WAS A MOMENTOUS DAY WHEN THE COUNTY RETURNED BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE BRUCE FAMILY ON JULY 15, 2022. THE FAMILY HAS SINCE EXERCISED ITS RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP TO ALLOW THE

COUNTY TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY, AND WAS JUSTLY COMPENSATED FOR THIS TRANSACTION. WHILE I WAS NOT ON THE CHALLENGE AWARD JUDGING PANEL, I AM EXCITED TO SHARE THEIR AND ALL COUNTIES' ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR WHAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH. IN OVERCOMING ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES, YOUR COUNTY ALSO ESTABLISHED A WORKABLE PRECEDENT TO ADDRESS SIMILAR INJUSTICES ACROSS THE STATE. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 2022 CHALLENGE AWARD FOR THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH. ALL THREE AWARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE PROGRAM CONTACTS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT TODAY. C.S.A.C. AND CALIFORNIA'S COUNTIES APPLAUD LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR EARNING THREE 2022 CHALLENGE AWARDS, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT PROGRAMS YOU WILL ENTER IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION. THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR INNOVATION IN LIFTING UP COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR JUNE 6, 2023

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

The People of the State of California, ex rel. Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California vs. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV01309. (23-1790)

In open session, this item was referred back.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Initiation of litigation (one case). (23-1791)

In open session, this item was referred back.

CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

In open session, this item was referred back.

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

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

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

In open session, this item was referred back.

I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do hereby certify:

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of June 2023, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

JENNIFER A. HINES

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