



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
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5 **SUP. HORVATH:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY
7 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2023. IN MY PAST
9 LIFE, THIS WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS THE BIRTHDAY OF MY COUNCIL
10 COLLEAGUE JOHN D'AMICO. I WANT TO WISH HIM A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
11 PLEASE NOTE: I WILL BE CHAIRING THE MEETING TODAY, AS
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN IS ABSENT. HAVE MERCY ON ME, Y'ALL. THE CHIEF
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE
14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S
15 BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR, ON RECORDING:** THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
18 RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED
19 AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND
20 CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND
21 DESCENDANTS-- PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING-- AS THEY CONTINUE
22 THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE
23 THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE,
24 SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE,
25 AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES



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1 OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND
2 RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND
3 COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
4 WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON
5 THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND
6 SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL
7 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO
8 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA
9 INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA
10 SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF
11 MISSION INDIANS KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION
12 INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS.

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14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THE INVOCATION TODAY WILL BE LED BY PASTOR
15 GEREMY DIXON, CENTER OF HOPE L.A., FROM INGLEWOOD IN THE
16 SECOND DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH
17 WILL BE LED BY ANDI HARLAND, FORMER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
18 ANALYST, FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD IN MY DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE,
19 PLEASE STAND.

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21 **PASTOR GEREMY DIXON:** LET US PRAY. ETERNAL GOD, GIVER AND
22 SUSTAINER OF LIFE, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS AND YOUR
23 MERCY. THIS MOMENT, LORD GOD, WE PAUSE WITH A DEEP SENSE OF
24 GRATITUDE FOR THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU HAVE CARED FOR US,
25 PROVIDED FOR US, AND PROTECTED US. NOW WE PRAY FOR THIS



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1 MEETING. WE PRAY, LORD, THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO
2 SIT IN THESE SEATS WOULD KNOW THAT THEY ARE EMPOWERED TO
3 OPERATE IN WISDOM; THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM THAT WISDOM TO
4 JUDGE, LORD, IN A WAY THAT IS NOT GIVEN TO PARTIALITY OR
5 SELFISH INTERESTS, BUT IS ALL ABOUT THE NEEDS AND THE
6 FLOURISHING OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. PRAY THAT YOU
7 WOULD GIVE THEM COURAGE TO MAKE BOLD DECISIONS, SOMETIMES
8 DIFFICULT ONES; THAT YOU WOULD HELP THEM TO KNOW THAT, WHEN
9 DONE CORRECTLY, LORD, YOU EMPOWER THEM TO LIVE INTO THE
10 CHOICES THEY HAVE MADE TO SERVE ALL MANKIND. BUT, GOD, WE PRAY
11 THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM STRENGTH. LORD, THIS IS THE SEASON
12 OF, OFTENTIMES, DIVISION, AND SOMETIMES THE CRUCIBLE OF THESE
13 MOMENTS CAN CAUSE US TO BE WEARY. BUT I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD
14 EMPOWER THEM, LORD, TO WALK OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH
15 POWER AND WITH BOLDNESS. NOW I PRAY FOR THIS GREAT COUNTY,
16 THAT YOU WOULD COVER, GUIDE, PROTECT, EMPOWER, AND YOU WOULD
17 HELP, LORD, US TO RECOGNIZE HUMANITY IN ALL MEN AND ALL WOMEN,
18 THAT WE MIGHT LOVE THOSE AS WE LOVE OURSELVES. SO WE CLOSE IN
19 THIS: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.
20 YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN
21 HEAVEN. GIVE US, LORD, THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE
22 US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO ARE OUR DEBTORS. AND
23 LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, FOR
24 THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER.
25 AMEN.



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2 **ANDY HARLAND:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME. COULD YOU
3 PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN US FOR THE
4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE? I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE
5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
6 STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
7 JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND NOW I BELIEVE WE HAVE A
10 SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR PASTOR
11 DIXON.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, IT
14 GIVES ME GREAT PRIDE TO INTRODUCE TO SOME, AND WELCOME TO THE
15 BOARD HEARING ROOM FOR THE FIRST TIME, PASTOR GEREY DIXON.
16 HE'S THE LEAD PASTOR OF CENTER OF HOPE L.A., IN THE GREAT CITY
17 OF INGLEWOOD, WHERE HE HAS SERVED-- DON'T BE FOOLED BY THAT
18 BOYISH CHARM-- WHERE HE HAS SERVED NOW FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IN
19 2012, HE WAS NOMINATED BY THE CONGREGATION TO CONTINUE THE
20 LEGACY OF HIS FATHER, DR. GREGORY L. DIXON. SINCE BECOMING
21 LEAD PASTOR, HE HAS SERVED HIS COMMUNITY ADMIRABLY THROUGH
22 MINISTRY, MENTORSHIP, ADVOCACY, AND BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES
23 AND RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH AZUSA
24 PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, TO AWARD STUDENTS RESIDING IN INGLEWOOD
25 WITH A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND COLLEGE. PASTOR DIXON'S



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1 BLEND OF HUMOR, INSPIRATION, AND SOUND BIBLICAL GROUNDING HAS
2 OPENED DOORS FOR HIM TO BE A GUEST FACILITATOR AND SOUGHT-
3 AFTER SPEAKER FOR CHURCHES, CONFERENCES, AND CONVENTIONS, BOTH
4 NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, HE
5 ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LAUNCH HOPE ENTERTAINMENT, TO CREATE A
6 PRODUCTION COMPANY WITH MORE INCLUSIVE SPACES FOR PEOPLE OF
7 COLOR, SPECIFICALLY BLACK PEOPLE, ACROSS MANY INDUSTRIES,
8 INCLUDING THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. HE IS THE PROUD HUSBAND
9 OF ADRIENNE, AND FATHER OF 4 CHILDREN: JORDAN, KENNEDY, MICAH,
10 AND ROMAN. WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR
11 LEADERSHIP IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND FOR GIVING THE TIMELY
12 AND HEARTFELT INVOCATION AT THIS MORNING'S BOARD MEETING. AND
13 ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, I AM PROUD TO
14 JUST PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR
15 SHARING YOUR TIME WITH US TODAY. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU.
16 [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND I NOW WOULD
19 ASK THAT YOU ALL JOIN ME IN THANKING ANDY HARLAND FOR
20 DELIVERING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. MR. HARLAND IS A
21 U.S. AIR FORCE VIETNAM VETERAN, WHO SERVED FROM 1970 TO 1973
22 AS A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ANALYST. SINCE LEAVING THE AIR
23 FORCE, MR. HARLAND HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE, AND
24 HAS GIVEN BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY IN VERY MANY WAYS. IN 1986, HE
25 FORMED VIETNAM VETERANS IN THE MEDIA TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE



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1 ACCURATE AND POSITIVE DEPICTIONS OF VIETNAM VETERANS IN FILM
2 AND TELEVISION. A RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, HE ALSO SERVED
3 AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO BRING THE
4 SAL GUARRIELLO VETERANS' MEMORIAL TO OUR CITY. HE HAS ALSO
5 HELPED TO HELP LOBBY THE MILITARY AND OUR CONGRESS TO REPEAL
6 LAWS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST GAY AND LESBIAN MEN AND WOMAN
7 SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES. IN 2015, MR. HARLAND DEVELOPED
8 THE VETERANS DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES SUPPORT
9 FOR VETERANS FROM THE IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WARS, PARTICULARLY
10 BY GUIDING THEM THROUGH THEIR FIRST TIME OBSERVING VETERANS
11 DAY AS VETERANS, BY ENSURING THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO
12 CELEBRATE THE DAY ALONE. AND IN 2016, MR. HARLAND WAS HONORED
13 BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER RICHARD BLOOM AS THE VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN
14 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 50, FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, AND HIS
15 ONGOING WORK ON BEHALF OF VETERANS. I'VE KNOWN ANDY FOR MANY
16 YEARS, AND I'M VERY PROUD OF HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND
17 DEDICATION TO VETERANS AFFAIRS. NO MATTER WHAT, HE SHOWS UP.
18 HE IS DILIGENT AND DEDICATED AT MAKING SURE THAT WE HONOR ALL
19 THOSE WHO SERVE, AND I COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER PERSON TO
20 JOIN US HERE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, AND TO BE OF SERVICE TO
21 OUR COMMUNITY. WE THANK YOU, ANDY, FOR ALL OF THE WAYS THAT
22 YOU HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE, AND CONTINUE TO SERVE. I'M VERY
23 HAPPY TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE]



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND NOW, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO
2 PEARL. PEARL IS A-- OH, THIS IS A KEEPER. PEARL IS A 4-MONTH-
3 OLD TERRIER MIX, AND AS THEY SAY, IS A REAL GEM. YEAH,
4 "PEARL." SHE IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY ANIMAL
5 CARE-- I WAS GOING TO SAY "STATION." AT THE PLACE, YEAH. AND
6 YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898. AGAIN, SHE'S AVAILABLE AT THE
7 DOWNEY SHELTER, AND PEARL IS-- I MEAN, SHE'S A LAP DOG, AND
8 SHE IS THE SWEETEST-- YEAH, GREAT DISPOSITION, AND-- YEAH, I
9 LOVE THIS DOG. OR YOU CAN GO TO L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND
10 CONTROL, AND LOOK ON THEIR WEBSITE TO GET MORE INFORMATION.
11 THERE ARE MANY MORE LIKE PEARL, AND THERE'S A LOT OF KITTENS
12 OUT THERE, AS WELL, THAT ARE LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. SO,
13 AGAIN, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO EITHER DOWNEY OR ANY ONE
14 OF OUR SHELTERS AND, REALLY, YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE, AND YOU
15 WILL NEVER REGRET GIVING THEM A FOREVER HOME. SO, THIS IS
16 PEARL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. WOW, PEARL. OH, MY. WITH THAT, WE
19 WILL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
20 THE AGENDA.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
23 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT
24 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 27. ON ITEM 1,
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE



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1 APPOINTMENTS OF DANA GURIN-FOLEK AND CHRIS CONSTANTINE. ON
2 ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO
3 REVISE THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO ADD: "IN ADDITION, IN
4 CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THIS REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE
5 AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS FOR, IF NECESSARY,
6 ENSURING THAT THE SERVICES ARE FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE; AN ANNUAL
7 FEE FOR THE DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS FOR RESIDENTS RESIDING
8 OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR A FEE THAT IS
9 ASSESSED AFTER A LIMITED NUMBER OF USES FOR RESIDENTS RESIDING
10 OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, RESTRICTING THE SERVICES TO JUST
11 TEENAGERS, METERING THEIR CONTENT FOR NON-TEEN, NON-L.A.
12 COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND OPTIONS TO START WITH PILOT PROJECT." ON
13 ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.
14 ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION, AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL, TO CONTINUE THE SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY 3.055
16 THROUGH AUGUST 31ST, 2023. ON ITEMS 12 AND 13, SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, THIS
18 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
19 ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
20 HELD. ON ITEM 22, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON
21 PAGE 20, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 28 THROUGH 93. ON ITEM
22 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
23 ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
24 ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 41, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD



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1 LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 81, THIS INCLUDES A
2 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 82,
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
4 WEEKS, TO JULY 11, 2023. ON ITEM 90, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS
5 TO REVISE THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT AND THE AGENDA ENTRY TO
6 STATE, AFTER THE CASE NUMBER, THE FOLLOWING: "WHEREBY
7 \$4,080,170 WILL BE PAID BY THE CONTRACTOR AND THE MATERIALS
8 SUPPLIER TO THE COUNTY, WHICH AMOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 PUBLIC WORKS WILL USE TO FUND THE COST OF REPAIRING THE WATER
10 PIPELINE, AND \$638,795 WILL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY TO THE
11 CONTRACTOR FOR EXISTING PROJECT FUNDS TO RESOLVE OTHER
12 CONTRACTUAL ISSUES." ON PAGE 66, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
13 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
14 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA. ON ITEM 94-A, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 67, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON ITEM
17 97, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
18 AGENDA. ON PAGE 70, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE
19 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON
20 PAGE 74, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN
21 SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 75, NOTICES FOR CLOSED SESSION. ON CS-
22 7 AND CS-8, THIS IS AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH
24 CS-8, ARE BEFORE YOU.



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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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

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7 **SUP. HORVATH:** ALL RIGHT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE
8 CODE OF CONDUCT.

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



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

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEMS 94-A, FOLLOWED BY
17 ITEMS 12, 13, 16, 22, 29, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 30, WHICH WERE
18 HELD, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE
19 BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
21 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

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23 **SPEAKER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE
24 REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-
25 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. MEMBERS OF THE



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

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24 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS SIGNED
25 UP ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY.

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4 **SPEAKER:** MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER,
5 PLEASE?

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HOLD ON.

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9 **SUP. HORVATH:** I THINK WE HAVE TO HEAR THE ITEM FIRST, SO WE'LL
10 HOLD THAT THOUGHT. IT'S A GOOD ONE, BUT WE'LL GET TO YOU. WE
11 WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 94-A, A PRESENTATION ON THE RECENT IMPACT
12 OF DOMOIC ACID ON MARINE LIFE IN THE COUNTY, WHICH I HELD FOR
13 DISCUSSION. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
14 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS.

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16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
17 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AS OUR PANEL TAKES THEIR SEATS ON THE
18 DAIS, I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF
19 BACKGROUND INFORMATION. AS YOUR MOTION INDICATES, SUPERVISORS,
20 WE ARE HAVING AN OUTBREAK OF DOMOIC ACID, WHICH IS WREAKING
21 HAVOC ON OUR COAST, AS WELL AS BEACHES THROUGHOUT THE COAST
22 OF CALIFORNIA. SEASONAL OUTBREAKS OF D.A., AS IT IS CALLED,
23 ARE CYCLICAL ALONG THE CALIFORNIA COAST, AND RESULT FROM ALGAE
24 BLOOMS. THE OUTBREAKS PRIMARILY AFFECT FINFISH, SHELLFISH, AND
25 CRUSTACEANS, WHICH ARE EATEN BY MARINE MAMMALS, WHICH RESULT



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1 IN ILLNESS OR DEATH FROM DOMOIC ACID, WHICH IS A NEUROTOXIN.
2 AS I STATED EARLIER, THIS EVENT IS UNIQUE IN ITS SCALE,
3 SPANNING FROM ORANGE COUNTY TO SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, AND
4 OVER 50 MARINE MAMMALS AFFECTED WITHIN L.A. COUNTY TO DATE. AT
5 THIS POINT, I'M GOING TO HAND THE PRESENTATION OVER TO OUR
6 DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND
7 CONTROL, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. AND WE
8 ALSO HAVE KEVIN MCGOWAN, FROM C.E.O. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
9 MANAGEMENT, TO PARTICIPATE AS APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM C.E.O.

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13 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL HAS BEEN PROVIDING
15 ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE, AND HELPING THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE
16 CENTER GET RESOURCES TO HELP THEM RESPOND TO THIS. WE HAVE
17 BEEN WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF AGENCIES AND REACHING OUT TO
18 THEM, INCLUDING N.O.A.A., THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CENTER, THE
19 CALIFORNIA VETERINARY EMERGENCY TEAM FROM THE U.C. DAVIS
20 SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, AND THE C.D.F.A. SO, WE ARE
21 TRYING TO HELP THEM GET RESOURCES THEY NEED, ASSISTANCE WITH
22 MONITORING THE HEALTH OF THE SEA LIONS. THEY'RE PROVIDING
23 SECURITY, WHICH THEY HAVE ARRANGED, AND JUST GETTING RESOURCES
24 FOR THEM. THE MAIN CONCERN FOR THE SITUATION IS PUBLIC SAFETY,
25 BECAUSE WHEN THE SEA LIONS ARE ON THE BEACHES, THE DOMOIC ACID



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1 AFFECTS THEIR MENTAL CAPACITY, AND THEY CAN BECOME AGITATED
2 AND AGGRESSIVE. ESPECIALLY IF PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO ASSIST THEM
3 AND GET TOO CLOSE TO THEM, THEY CAN ALSO ATTACK. WHAT THEY
4 REALLY NEED IS REST, REHYDRATION, AND SUPPORTIVE CARE. SO, THE
5 MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER, AND THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CENTER,
6 AND OTHER RESPONDERS CAN GET THESE ANIMALS TO A SAFE, QUIET
7 PLACE WHERE THEY CAN BE SUPPORTED UNTIL THEIR BODY IS PURGED
8 OF THE TOXINS, AND THEN THEY CAN BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE
9 WILD. IF THEY'RE TOO FAR GONE, THEN THEY ARE HUMANELY
10 EUTHANIZED, AND THAT DECISION IS MADE BY THOSE AGENCIES, BASED
11 ON THE STATUS OF THE ANIMAL. I KNOW BEACHES AND HARBORS HAS
12 SET UP A LOCATION TO PROVIDE EXTRA ROOM FOR THE ANIMALS,
13 BECAUSE THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED
14 WITH THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS COMING IN TO THEM. WE EXPECT THIS
15 TO LAST MAYBE ANOTHER TWO WEEKS, AND THEN THE TOXIC BLOOM
16 SHOULD DISSIPATE, AND THE THREAT SHOULD GO AWAY. IT'S MOSTLY
17 AFFECTING THE CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS, AT THIS POINT. WE HAVEN'T
18 SEEN A LOT OF DOLPHINS, BUT DOLPHINS CAN BE IMPACTED, AS WELL.
19 AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO BEACHES AND HARBORS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO
20 TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING THERE.

21
22 **GARY JONES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. GARY JONES,
23 BEACHES AND HARBORS. AS MARCIA MENTIONED, A TRIAGE ENCLOSURE
24 HAS BEEN ERECTED ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF VENICE BEACH
25 MARINA PENINSULA. THIS IS AN AREA WHERE THE MORE DISTRESSED



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1 SEA LIONS CAN BE TAKEN. WE'RE EXPECTING THAT, TODAY, WE'LL
2 RECEIVE THE FIRST OF THOSE ANIMALS, AND MAYBE UP TO 15 OF
3 THOSE, AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A QUIET SPACE AWAY FROM
4 THE CROWDS ON THE BEACH. IT'S AN AREA WHERE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
5 PROVIDE RUNNING WATER FROM THE NEARBY BEACH RESTROOM, BEEN
6 ABLE TO PROVIDE SHADED STRUCTURES FOR THOSE ANIMALS AS THEY'RE
7 IN THE TRIAGE, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ANIMAL CARE AND
8 CONTROL AND THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER, IN TERMS OF ANY
9 ADDITIONAL SERVICES THEY REQUIRE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT. WE ARE
10 ALSO, AS WE'RE OUT ON THE BEACHES THAT WE MANAGE, TRACKING THE
11 NUMBERS OF SEA LIONS. THE LAST COUNT THAT WE TOOK YESTERDAY,
12 LATE AFTERNOON, WERE 55 DISTRESSED SEA LIONS IN LOCATIONS UP
13 AND DOWN OUR COASTLINE. THAT EXCLUDES SANTA MONICA BEACH AND
14 LONG BEACH. SO, WE ARE WORKING WITH THOSE AGENCIES TO COMPILE
15 A MORE COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF THE NUMBERS OF SEA LIONS ON THE
16 BEACHES.

17
18 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAD JUST A COUPLE OF
19 QUESTIONS, BUT WE RECEIVED, OBVIOUSLY, CONCERNS IN OUR OFFICE,
20 AS I'M SURE OTHERS HAVE, AS WELL, AND SO I THOUGHT THIS UPDATE
21 WAS TIMELY AND IMPORTANT. GIVEN THE HISTORIC NUMBER OF WHALE
22 SIGHTINGS THAT WE'VE HAD, ARE WHALES ALSO AT RISK, AND WHAT
23 SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THIS ACID ON WHALES WHO
24 MIGHT BE IN THE AREA?



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1 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** WE HAVEN'T SEEN THIS IMPACT WHALES AT ALL, AND
2 THE RED TIDE, THE DOMOIC ACID POISONING, IS REALLY IN THE AREA
3 BETWEEN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE BEACHES. SO, THEY DON'T
4 COME THROUGH THAT AREA. I THINK IT WOULD TAKE A LOT MORE TO
5 AFFECT THEM, BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE. THE SEA LIONS ARE GETTING
6 IT BECAUSE THEY'RE MORE OF THE APEX PREDATOR IN THAT AREA,
7 EATING THE SHELLFISH, OR THE FISH THAT EAT THE SHELLFISH, AND
8 SO FORTH, SO THE TOXINS ACCUMULATE IN THEIR BODIES. BUT WE
9 HAVEN'T SEEN IT IMPACTING WHALES.

10

11 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND IS THIS RELATED TO THE DUMPING OF D.D.T.
12 INTO THE OCEAN? I KNOW THAT THERE WAS, SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN
13 1947 AND 1982, DUMPING NEAR CATALINA THAT IS NOW ALLEGED TO BE
14 A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THIS PHENOMENON. IS THAT ACCURATE?

15

16 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT. WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE
17 PRIMARY CAUSE IS THE WARMING OF THE OCEAN, ESPECIALLY THIS
18 TIME OF YEAR, WHERE THE TIDES BRING THE WARMER WATER UP, AND
19 TURN THE WATER OVER, AND AS WELL AS FERTILIZER RUNOFF FROM US;
20 YOU KNOW, GARDENS AND AGRICULTURE, AND SO FORTH. THE
21 FERTILIZER HELPS FEED WHAT IS GROWING THERE. AND THERE'S ALSO
22 BEEN RESEARCH THAT A PARTICULAR BACTERIA NEEDS TO BE PRESENT
23 FOR THE DOMOIC ACID TO BE CREATED. AND THAT RESEARCH IS BEING
24 DONE AT, I THINK, U.C. SANTA CRUZ, AND MAYBE SCRIPPS OCEAN. I



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1 KNOW THEY'RE LOOKING INTO A LOT OF THE CAUSES. I HAVEN'T HEARD
2 THE D.D.T. BE A PART OF THAT.

3

4 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. YOU IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF PARTNERS THAT
5 ARE WORKING WITH US TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WHAT, SPECIFICALLY,
6 IS THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY; AND, GIVEN WHAT YOU JUST IDENTIFIED
7 AS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR, WHAT SHOULD EACH OF US, AS RESIDENTS
8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TAKE ON AS OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN
9 HELPING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?

10

11 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** I THINK THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE RESPONDING,
12 THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER AND THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE
13 CENTER, WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THE RESIDENTS' SUPPORT THROUGH
14 DONATIONS, TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS, POSSIBLY VOLUNTEER
15 SERVICES. BUT ALSO, I THINK THE PUBLIC REALLY NEEDS TO HELP
16 SPREAD THE WORD, AS FAR AS, "LEAVE THESE ANIMALS ALONE." IF
17 THEY'RE ON THE BEACH OR IN THE WATER, STAY CLEAR OF THEM.
18 DON'T TRY TO GET SELFIES. DON'T TRY TO HELP THEM. YOU'LL GET
19 YOURSELF INJURED, AND YOU CAN MAKE IT WORSE FOR THE ANIMALS,
20 TOO. SO, I THINK THAT'S THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE.

21

22 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BEST PRACTICES AT HOME,
23 GIVEN THE RUNOFF CONTRIBUTING FACTOR THAT YOU IDENTIFIED? ARE
24 THERE BEST PRACTICES THAT PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF, SO WE



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1 DON'T HAVE THE RUNOFF THAT'S GOING INTO THE OCEAN TO
2 CONTRIBUTE TO THIS?

3

4 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** I THINK PEOPLE SHOULD DO THE RESEARCH, AS FAR
5 AS WHAT THEY'RE USING IN THEIR YARDS AND IN THE ENVIRONMENT,
6 AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS FROM THAT INFORMATION.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
9 COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. I'LL NOW TURN TO PUBLIC SPEAKERS.
10 ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? OH, I SEE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** JUST A FOLLOW-UP ON THAT. I MEAN, TO SUPERVISOR
13 HORVATH'S POINT, ARE WE GOING TO DO SOME SORT OF EDUCATION TO
14 THE PUBLIC, SO THAT THEY KNOW, IF THEY SEE IT, DON'T GO UP,
15 AND DON'T TOUCH, AND JUST ALERT PEOPLE ON AN EDUCATIONAL
16 STANDPOINT OF WHAT'S GOING ON? DO WE HAVE A PLAN TO DO THAT?

17

18 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** I BELIEVE THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER IS
19 DOING A LOT OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON THAT.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE WE DID GET A LOT OF CALLS, AS WELL,
22 AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHAT'S
23 GOING ON.

24



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1 **GARY JONES:** BEACHES AND HARBORS IS ALSO POSTING ON SOCIAL
2 MEDIA: DOS AND DON'TS, AND ALSO, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE
3 TELEPHONE NUMBER AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE AGENCIES
4 INVOLVED.

5
6 **SUP. HORVATH:** GREAT. SO, ANYONE WHO HAS QUESTIONS, PLEASE
7 FOLLOW BEACHES AND HARBORS ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE RELEVANT
8 INFORMATION. RETWEET, REPOST, AND MAKE SURE THAT INFORMATION
9 IS SHARED. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
10 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
11 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

12
13 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD:
14 ARNOLD SACHS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER,
15 PLEASE?

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, FROM STUDIO CITY,
21 AND DISCLOSURE: ALSO MALIBU. THIS IS VERY UPSETTING. THE
22 OTHER DAY, I ENCOUNTERED AN ANIMAL ON THE BEACH THAT WAS
23 HAVING UNUSUAL BEACH TIME, AND IT LOOKED UNPLEASANT, SO WE
24 KEPT OUR DISTANCE. BUT I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'VE HAD A
25 LITTLE-- THAT GARY JONES AND BEACHES AND HARBORS HAS PUT



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1 TOGETHER A LITTLE SALON PRIVE FOR THE RECOVERY. I JUST WANT
2 TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY FUNDING NECESSARY COULD COME OUT OF THE
3 BEACHES AND-- BEACHES AND HARBORS HAS AN UNUSUAL PROBLEM. THEY
4 HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF MONEY, THANKS TO THE EXCELLENT WORK OF THE
5 FORMER SUPERVISORS, THAT COMES POURING OFF OF THESE LESSEE
6 PROPERTIES THAT ARE UNFORTUNATELY SORT OF VERY EXPENSIVE. BUT
7 MOST OF THE MONEY GOES TO THE LESSEES, BUT A SMALL PORTION
8 GOES TO THE BEACHES AND HARBORS, WHICH IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF
9 MONEY, BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY GIANT BUILDINGS THAT CONTAIN
10 THESE WONDERFUL LUXURY PROPERTIES THAT ARE JUST SPECTACULAR.
11 SO, I'M HOPING WE CAN COVER ANY OF THE COSTS FOR THIS THROUGH
12 THAT.

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR
15 TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE'LL GO TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND I HOPE I DIDN'T MISS THIS, BUT
21 IT SEEMS LIKE THE MISSING LINK HERE IS MEGATONS OF HUMAN-WASTE
22 SEWAGE, IF YOU WILL, GOES INTO OUR OFFSHORE AREAS EVERY YEAR,
23 AND AS YOU MAY KNOW, DOWN BY SAN DIEGO, THEY CALL IT THE BROWN
24 SURF. SO, LET'S GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE, IF YOU WANT
25 TO USE THE TERM "FERTILIZER." THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW GO TO OUR COMMENTS HERE IN
3 THE HALL. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. HAVE
6 YOU INVESTIGATED THE PHENOMENON OF EL NINO AND LA NINA ON THE
7 WATER TEMPERATURES AROUND THE COUNTY BEACHES? ALSO, THE
8 PROBLEMS AT HYPERION SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, AND A PLANT IN
9 LOMITA. THERE'S ALREADY BEEN A SEWAGE SPILL OF OVER 50 MILLION
10 GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE. HAVE YOU INVESTIGATED WHAT THE CITY OF
11 LOS ANGELES IS DOING AT THAT PLANT, WHY THEY'RE NOT BRINGING
12 ANY OF THE FERTILIZER OR ANYTHING UP TO HAPPY ACRES IN
13 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHY THEY STOPPED DELIVERING THE
14 BYPRODUCTS FROM THE TREATMENT PLANT UP THERE? IT'S RIDICULOUS.
15 AND THE PROBLEMS WITH THE STREETS BEING NOT CLEANED. THE
16 SEWERS ARE PACKED WITH LEAVES AND DEBRIS, AND THE RUNOFF IS
17 BACKING UP, AND THE WATER IS JUST FLOWING INTO PLACES WHERE IT
18 SHOULDN'T GO.

19

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

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

25



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

2

3 **SUP. HORVATH:** ALL RIGHT, VERY GOOD. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE AN
4 AMENDMENT, SO I WILL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED
7 TO OFFER THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT WE ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE SECOND DIRECTIVE. I KNOW WE'VE GOT THIS
9 HUGE HOLIDAY WEEKEND APPROACHING, AND JUST WANTING TO MAKE
10 SURE THAT WE'RE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT
11 BEACHGOERS ARE SAFE, AS WELL AS OUR FRONTLINE STAFF:
12 LIFEGUARDS AND THOSE WHO ARE, AGAIN, WORKING BEACHES AND
13 HARBORS, THOSE WHO WORK ALONG THE COAST. SO, IF WE COULD ADD
14 PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE SECOND DIRECTIVE, I'D APPRECIATE THAT.

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OBJECTION, ITEM 94-A, AS
17 AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
19 ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 94-A, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25



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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

5

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

13

14 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 4-
17 0.

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19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, AND HAPPY EARLY BIRTHDAY, DIRECTOR
20 JONES. I KNOW THAT YOU WERE WITH US, RECENTLY, ON THE BEACH,
21 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK AT GINGER ROGERS BEACH.
22 WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 12, CREATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
23 COUNCIL WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
24 HEALTH'S OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, WHICH WAS HELD BY
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,



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1 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I WILL TURN
2 IT TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

3
4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO, THANK
5 YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION WITH ME TODAY.
6 SEXUAL ASSAULT, AS YOU KNOW, IS A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM THAT
7 CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN OUR SOCIETY. OVER
8 HALF OF WOMEN AND ALMOST 1 IN 3 MEN HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL
9 VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME, AND DESPITE THESE ALARMING
10 NUMBERS, L.A. COUNTY LACKS A COORDINATED COUNTYWIDE RESPONSE
11 FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. A CENTRALIZED BODY
12 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALIGNING EFFORTS, INFLUENCING SERVICE DELIVERY
13 OUTCOMES, EDUCATING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND PROVIDERS, AS WELL
14 AS PROVIDING EQUITABLE SERVICES AND RESPONSES TO SURVIVORS OF
15 SEXUAL ASSAULT, IS CRUCIAL TO COMBATTING THE PERVASIVENESS OF
16 SEXUAL ASSAULT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. LAST SEPTEMBER, IN
17 RECOGNITION OF THE NEED OF A CONCERTED SURVIVOR-CENTERED
18 COUNTY EFFORT AIMED AT SUPPORTING SURVIVORS, HOLDING
19 PERPETRATORS ACCOUNTABLE, AND PREVENTING FUTURE SEXUAL
20 ASSAULTS, I CO-AUTHORED A BOARD-APPROVED MOTION WITH FORMER
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL THAT DIRECTED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
22 REPORT BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
23 NEW SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S WOMEN
24 AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, SUBMITTED THREE



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1 REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STRUCTURE, STAFFING,
2 MISSION, AND POPULATION PURVIEW AND OUTCOMES FOR A NEW SEXUAL
3 ASSAULT COUNCIL. SEXUAL ASSAULT, AS YOU KNOW, IS AN ISSUE OF
4 VIOLENCE AND A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SO IT IS IMPORTANT
5 THAT THIS COUNCIL BE PLACED IN AN OFFICE WITH EXTENSIVE
6 EXPERIENCE IN ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING MULTIDISCIPLINARY
7 PARTNERSHIPS, WITH THE GOAL OF DECREASING COMMUNITY VIOLENCE.
8 SINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
9 PREVENTION WAS ESTABLISHED TO STRENGTHEN THAT COORDINATION AND
10 CAPACITY AND PARTNERSHIPS TO PREVENT ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE IN
11 THE COUNTY BY ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AND BY
12 PROMOTING EQUITABLE HEALING ACROSS ALL COUNTY COMMUNITIES, I
13 BELIEVE IT'S FITTING THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT, AT THIS TIME, WE
14 ESTABLISH A COUNCIL TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THAT PARTICULAR
15 OFFICE. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S RECOMMENDATIONS
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ACCESS TO RESOURCES IS CURRENTLY NOT
17 EQUITABLE AMONG THOSE MOST VULNERABLE TO VICTIMIZATION, AND
18 THE RECOMMENDATIONS ACTIVELY FOCUS ON EFFORTS ON POPULATIONS
19 WITH UNIQUE BARRIERS TO RESOURCES. THE RECOMMENDATIONS
20 EMPHASIZED UTILIZING DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY
21 SERVICE DELIVERY GAPS, AND TO PROACTIVELY ENHANCE SERVICES
22 WITH THE GOAL OF CLOSING THOSE GAPS, TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS
23 TO ADVOCACY, JUSTICE, AND HEALING TO ALL SURVIVORS. SURVIVORS
24 OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND OUR COUNTY AS A WHOLE, WOULD GREATLY
25 BENEFIT FROM CONFRONTING THIS PERVASIVE PUBLIC HEALTH



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1 CHALLENGE BY IMPLEMENTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S
2 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT
3 COUNCIL. TO THAT END, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE REVISIONS
4 FROM THE UPDATED MOTION SHARED WITH THE MEMBERS ON THE DAIS:
5 "DIRECT THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL, ONCE ESTABLISHED, TO FOCUS
6 ON IMPROVING SYSTEMS, PRACTICES, AND POLICIES TO ASSIST ALL
7 SURVIVORS, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
8 WITH UNIQUE BARRIERS, INCLUDING IMMIGRANTS, UNDOCUMENTED
9 INDIVIDUALS, LIMITED-ENGLISH SPEAKERS, INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A
10 HISTORY OF VICTIMIZATION, THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
11 JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, ADULT VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL
12 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DISABLED PEOPLE,
13 INDUSTRIAL, CUSTODIAL, AND DOMESTIC WORKERS, ELDERLY PEOPLE IN
14 HOME-CARE FACILITIES, CISGENDER MALES AND PEOPLE OF COLOR,
15 L.G.B.T.Q.+ AND NATIVE AMERICANS." WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I
16 ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE. AND I KNOW THAT WE OWE A GREAT DEBT OF
17 GRATITUDE TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES THAT HAVE BEEN
18 INVOLVED, INCLUDING OUR COMMISSIONERS THAT SERVE ON OUR
19 COUNCILS THAT HAVE BEEN SO FORTHRIGHT IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS
20 HAPPENS, SO I'M GLAD TO SEE THIS IS COMING TO FRUITION, I
21 HOPE. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
24 THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION
25 WITH YOU. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART,



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1 AND SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
2 SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP, AND THAT WE ARE TAKING THIS
3 ACTION TODAY AS THE CREATION OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL IN
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS AND PREVENT SEXUAL
5 VIOLENCE IS ESSENTIAL. SEXUAL ASSAULT IS NOT TALKED ABOUT AS
6 OFTEN AS IT SHOULD BE, AND IT IS INCREDIBLY TRAUMATIC. WE MUST
7 ENSURE WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS
8 THROUGH A SEAMLESS, CARE-FOCUSED PROCESS THAT IS EASY TO
9 NAVIGATE, DOES NOT INADVERTENTLY RETRAUMATIZE, AND MOST
10 IMPORTANTLY, CENTERS THOSE WHO NEED THE HELP AND SUPPORT,
11 RATHER THAN ASKING THEM TO GO SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIMES, GOING
12 AND TELLING THEIR STORIES MULTIPLE TIMES. WE NEED TO CENTER
13 THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THE HELP THROUGH OUR WORK. IT IS ALSO
14 IMPERATIVE THAT ADEQUATE CULTURAL AND LINGUISTICALLY
15 APPROPRIATE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO ALL SURVIVORS, AND IN
16 PARTICULAR THOSE WITH UNIQUE AND MORE CHALLENGING BARRIERS.
17 THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS THE BEST HOME FOR THE
18 SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL, BECAUSE IT'S GOVERNED BY A COUNTY
19 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL, WHICH
20 GUIDE THEIR WORK AND LEVERAGE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 30 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
22 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INCLUDING SURVIVORS AND THOSE WITH
23 UNFORTUNATE LIVED EXPERIENCE. COORDINATION BETWEEN PREVENTION,
24 HEALTH, AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS A HIGH PRIORITY. THIS DIVERSE AND
25 EXTENSIVE COLLABORATION WILL ENHANCE THE DESIGN,



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1 IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL
2 PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES. THE WORK THAT THIS COUNCIL IS BEING
3 ASKED TO UNDERTAKE IS NOT EASY. IT'S MY HOPE, THOUGH, THAT
4 FUNDING CAN BE IDENTIFIED IN FISCAL YEAR '23-'24 SUPPLEMENTAL
5 BUDGET TO FUND AND RESOURCE THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL, SO
6 THAT IT IS SET UP FOR SUCCESS. WE HEAR, ALL TOO OFTEN, THE
7 STORIES THAT HAPPEN IN OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEIR
8 EFFORTS WILL NOT ONLY HELP US IDENTIFY AND HELP DELIVER
9 JUSTICE, BUT INFORM AND HELP PREVENT FROM EVER HAPPENING IN
10 OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND I
11 THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR CONSIDERING THEIR SUPPORT. I'LL NOW
12 TURN TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS REALLY IMPORTANT MOTION TO THE
16 FOREFRONT. I SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE COUNCIL, WITHOUT
17 QUESTION. I BELIEVE THAT USING DATA TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
18 GAPS IN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IS KEY TO ADDRESSING THE ROOT
19 CAUSES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND MITIGATING THE HARM TO VICTIMS,
20 FAMILIES, AND OUR BROADER COMMUNITIES. PER SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT DATA, AREAS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES EXPERIENCE THE
22 HIGHEST RATE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. PLACING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT
23 COUNCIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S OFFICE OF
24 VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS SMART AND STRATEGIC, GIVEN THEIR PROVEN
25 TRACK RECORD FOR IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS AND BEING RESPONSIVE TO



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1 COMMUNITIES STRUGGLING TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF
2 TRAUMA. I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE A STEP TOWARDS HEALING
3 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE.
4 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE, PARTICULARLY COMING OFF
5 OF YESTERDAY'S BUDGET HEARING, THAT THE REPORT-BACKS THUS FAR
6 FROM THE C.E.O. ARE LARGELY SILENT ON HOW MUCH THIS EFFORT
7 WILL COST. IT DOES REPORT THAT PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING IS NOT A
8 LIKELY OPTION, AND I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE
9 MINDFUL THAT NO PERMANENT FUNDING SOURCE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED,
10 PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS UNMET NEEDS. AND WE HAVE GOT A LIST OF
12 OTHER PRIORITIES WE'VE PUT ON THEIR PLATE, FROM DOULA BENEFIT
13 EXPANSION TO IMPROVING INFANT MORTALITY, VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL
14 HEALTH ISSUES, AS WELL AS BETTER ADDRESSING S.T.I.S, SOMETHING
15 WE HEAR ABOUT AT ALMOST EVERY BOARD MEETING. SO, I JUST WANT
16 US TO BE MINDFUL, AS WE GO INTO OUR ONGOING BUDGET
17 DELIBERATIONS, THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT, CRITICAL ISSUE, AND
18 IT'S GOING TO BE UP TO US TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE BALANCE THE
19 PRIORITIES, SO AN UNDER-RESOURCED DEPARTMENT CAN GET ALL OF
20 THAT IMPORTANT WORK DONE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. SO I
21 LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS DURING THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ON HOW WE REALLY PROPOSE, OR
23 HOW THE C.E.O. PROPOSES, TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN THESE
24 VARIOUS NEEDS, AS WE TRY TO ADDRESS THE TRAUMA OF SEXUAL



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1 VIOLENCE ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOTH OF
2 YOU, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

5
6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR
7 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT WE
8 NEED TO HAVE A CARING RESPONSE TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT,
9 AND WE MUST ENSURE OUR COUNTY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS ARE
10 COORDINATED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE VICTIMS. AND I WOULD ASK
11 THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I KNOW-- AND, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
12 YOU'RE ON N.A.CO, AS WELL. THE BACKLOG ON RAPE KITS CONTINUES
13 TO BE AN ISSUE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT, IN LOOKING AT
14 THIS, I THINK WE NEED TO PUT AS A PRIORITY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
15 THE BACKLOG IS RIGHT NOW IN L.A. COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO THE
16 RAPE KITS, BUT I THINK IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL FOR US TO GET A
17 REPORT BACK ON THAT AS WE MOVE THIS FORWARD, TO MAKE SURE THAT
18 WE ARE DOING OUR PART FOR THOSE VICTIMS, TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 IT'S DONE IN NOT ONLY A COMPASSIONATE, BUT IN A TIMELY WAY,
20 BECAUSE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT
21 THE FUNDING, AND I THINK THIS IS WHERE THE BOARD HAS TO TAKE
22 INITIATIVE TO MAKE PRIORITIES, IN TERMS OF WHAT IS IMPORTANT,
23 AND THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS
24 IMPORTANT. AND SO I THINK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME
25 SOUL-SEARCHING, IN TERMS OF WHERE THIS LIES IN OUR PRIORITIES



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1 AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO FUND IT. BUT, AGAIN, THE RAPE KITS, I
2 THINK, IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AS IT RELATES TO BACKLOGS, WHICH
3 IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY, BY THE WAY. THIS IS NATIONWIDE;
4 NATIONWIDE, AND N.A.CO TOOK THIS ON AS ONE OF THEIR PRIORITY
5 ISSUES TO ADDRESS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE
6 GET A REPORT BACK ON THAT, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY, AND THE BACKLOG OF UNTESTED RAPE-KIT
9 EVIDENCE THAT I WORKED ON WITH THEN-SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY--
10 AND I KNOW, THEN-CONTROLLER LAURA CHICK, THAT THERE WAS A
11 PERIOD OF TIME WHERE THAT WAS REALLY HIGHLIGHTED THROUGHOUT
12 LOS ANGELES, AND L.A. TOOK THE LEADING ROLE IN FIGURING OUT,
13 "HOW DO WE START IMPLEMENTING TACTICS THAT LEAD TO NOT ONLY
14 DECREASING THE BACKLOG, BUT PREVENTING IT GOING FORWARD?" SO,
15 IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET AN UPDATE ON THAT. THAT WHOLE PROCESS
16 IS PART OF WHAT BROUGHT ME TO PUBLIC SERVICE IN THIS CAPACITY,
17 SO I REALLY THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT ISSUE AND MAKING SURE
18 THAT WE STAY VIGILANT AND ACCOUNTABLE ON WHAT SYSTEMS ARE IN
19 PLACE. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED
21 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
24 ARNOLD SACHS, BARBARA KAPPOS, AND CHRISTINA JIMENEZ.
25 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?



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1
2 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DIANE NIEDO. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4
5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
6 MY NAME IS DIANE [INAUDIBLE], AND I'M HERE FROM THE WELLNESS
7 CENTER AT THE L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND I AM HERE TO
8 SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT
9 THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND LINDSEY HORVATH TO
10 CREATE THE SEX ASSAULT COUNCIL WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES, BASED ON THE C.E.O.'S FINAL REPORT TO THE D.O.S., TO
12 SUPPORT SURVIVORS AND PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT. MANY SEXUAL
13 VICTIMS, UNFORTUNATELY, DO NOT GET THE REPRESENTATION AND
14 ADVOCACY THEY DESERVE, AS MANY SURVIVORS ARE FROM VULNERABLE
15 POPULATIONS, SUCH AS IMMIGRANTS, UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS,
16 LIMITED-ENGLISH SPEAKERS, ADULT VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
17 EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DISABLED PEOPLE,
18 INDUSTRIAL, CUSTODIAL, AND DOMESTIC WORKERS, ELDERLY PEOPLE IN
19 HOME-CARE FACILITIES, CISGENDER MALES, B.I.P.O.C., L.G.B.T.Q.,
20 AND NATIVE AMERICANS. AND NONE OF THEM SHOULD BE ABLE TO FACE
21 THIS AFTERMATH, SUCH AS ATROCIOUS INJUSTICE, ALONE OR WITH
22 LIMITED RESOURCES. WE URGE YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

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



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

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND, YOU KNOW, I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
4 THE ATTENTION ON THIS. IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND WE
5 HAVE A NUMBER OF REALLY GOOD NOT-FOR-PROFITS IN THIS SPACE.
6 AND WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT HAS
7 ENORMOUS NEEDS RIGHT NOW, AND I AM HAVING A HARD TIME
8 UNDERSTANDING WHY WE NEED A SPECIAL COUNCIL IN THIS WAY, AS
9 OPPOSED TO A SPECIAL TRAINING FROM EACH DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING
10 PUBLIC HEALTH, WHERE I THINK A LOT OF THE BEST PRACTICES ARE
11 HOUSED, ANYWAY. AND FRANKLY, YOU KNOW, IT IS NOT CONFIDENCE-
12 INSPIRING, THESE KINDS OF LONG-TITLED, WITH EVERYBODY
13 INVOLVED, ALL PULLING IN THE SAME DIRECTION, IN SOME KIND OF
14 GIANT CONSENSUS. OF COURSE EVERYBODY IS AGAINST SEXUAL
15 VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT. WE WANT TO DO THE BEST PRACTICES, BUT I
16 JUST WONDER IF THIS IS NOT BULKING UP IN A WAY THAT IS NOT
17 NECESSARILY GOING TO BE THE BEST WAY TO HELP THE VICTIMS,
18 BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE A BUNCH OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHUFFLING
19 AROUND AND HAVING MEETINGS AND GETTING THINGS ORGANIZED.
20 THAT'S NOT WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED, "HEY, PEOPLE ARE IN TROUBLE.
21 THEY NEED TO BE FLOWN AWAY"--

22

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

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHARON SHELTON. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **SUP. HORVATH:** GO AHEAD.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** SHARON SHELTON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **SHARON SHELTON:** HELLO. I AM SHARON SHELTON, WITH THE Y.W.C.A.
12 OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. AND CERTAINLY, AS THE OPERATOR OF
13 THREE RAPE CRISIS CENTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE SUPPORT
14 ITEM 12. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND LINDSEY
15 HORVATH, TO CREATE THIS MOTION OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL
16 WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
17 COUNTY TO HAVE COORDINATED SERVICES. AS A NONPROFIT, WE WANT
18 TO WORK WITH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF
19 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS, AND NOT JUST VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. THE
20 COST OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS SIGNIFICANT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
21 THIS IS ALSO FOR THE FAMILY, FOR FRIENDS, EVERYONE THAT IS
22 TOUCHED BY A VICTIM AND SURVIVOR. AND SO I THINK, IN THE BEST
23 INTERESTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THIS COUNCIL IS VERY MUCH NEEDED.
24 AS A RAPE CRISIS CENTER OPERATOR, I AM IN SUPPORT, FULLY, OF
25 ITEM 12. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER STOLE MY THUNDER ON THE
8 RAPE KIT SITUATION, AND I THINK I HAVE A CURE FOR THAT: THAT
9 ALL THE SUPERVISORS WILL GIVE UP THEIR PAY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS
10 THE BACKLOG IS COMPLETELY TAKEN CARE OF. AND SOMETHING THAT
11 YOU HAVE AVOIDED, IT IS A NATIONAL JOKE, AND THAT'S THE MALE-
12 ON-MALE SEXUAL ASSAULT IN OUR PRISONS AND LOCKUPS, AND SO
13 FORTH. IT IS A NATIONAL JOKE, AND A BOOK WAS WRITTEN A LONG
14 TIME AGO ABOUT TERROR IN OUR PRISONS. SO, WHY DON'T YOU GET
15 THE FULL SCOPE OF THINGS AND TAKE ACTION ON THAT? THE MALE-ON-
16 MALE SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN OUR PRISONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
17 EPIDEMIC. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAT BELL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **PAT BELL:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAT BELL. I AM THE
24 C.E.O. OF HOUSE OF RUTH, A DOMESTIC [INAUDIBLE] AGENCY BASED
25 OUT OF POMONA. AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 12, AND I WOULD



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1 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND LINDSEY HORVATH FOR PUTTING
2 THIS MOTION FORWARD. SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A PART OF DOMESTIC
3 VIOLENCE, AND THE INTERSECTIONS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
4 GO DEEP, AND PEOPLE OFTEN DON'T THINK OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AS A
5 WAY OF ONE PARTNER ABUSING ANOTHER, BUT IT DOES OCCUR. RAPE
6 WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD IS QUITE COMMON, AND I THINK A
7 COORDINATED EFFORT WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD BE ONE STEP
8 FURTHER IN TACKLING VIOLENCE WITHIN INTIMATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND
9 VIOLENCE WITHIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATIONSHIPS. SO, I AM IN
10 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11
12 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO INTO THE HALL.
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **CHRISTINA JIMENEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA JIMENEZ.
16 I AM HERE TO REPRESENT PROJECT SISTER FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH
17 IS A RAPE CRISIS CENTER PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE EAST SAN
18 GABRIEL VALLEY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
19 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR ESTABLISHING THIS MOTION. WE
20 KNOW THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A WIDESPREAD ISSUE THAT IMPACTS
21 OUR COMMUNITIES IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. FROM INDIVIDUALS TO
22 RELATIONSHIPS TO SOCIAL IMPACTS, WE HAVE WORKED WITH SURVIVORS
23 AND THEIR COMMUNITIES AS THEY FACE MANY BARRIERS. THIS SEXUAL
24 ASSAULT COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT SURVIVORS IN HAVING EQUAL ACCESS
25 TO ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT, TO PROMOTE A UNIFIED HEALING



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1 PROCESS ACROSS THE COUNTY WHEN REPORTING, WORKING WITH THE
2 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND IN THEIR HEALING. WE RESPECTFULLY
3 REQUEST THE BOARD APPROVE THIS MOTION, AND STAND WITH AND
4 ASSIST SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN L.A. COUNTY, AND ALSO
5 TRY TO IDENTIFY THE FUNDING FOR THIS. AS WE KNOW, IT IS A VERY
6 LOW-FUNDED CAUSE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

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

9

10 **BARBARA KAPPOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S BARBARA KAPPOS, AND I
11 AM HERE TO SPEAK ON NUMBER 12, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M THE
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER, AND
13 PAST COMMISSIONER ON THE L.A. COMMISSION FOR WOMEN,
14 REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT. IN 2021, THE COMMISSION FOR
15 WOMEN ESTABLISHED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE MAGNITUDE
16 OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE
17 PANDEMIC, WHERE SURVIVORS WERE OFTEN ISOLATED, AND THERE WERE
18 MULTIPLE BARRIERS TO ACCESS HELP. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE
19 IS NO COUNTY ENTITY FOCUSED ON COORDINATING RESPONSE AND
20 PREVENTION SERVICES FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE. A SEXUAL ASSAULT
21 COUNCIL WOULD BRING SYSTEMWIDE STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER TO
22 COORDINATE BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFORTS FOCUSED ON BOTH
23 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. SEXUAL VIOLENCE REQUIRES THE DESIGN
24 OF ITS OWN RESPONSE, BECAUSE OF THE SURVIVORS' UNIQUE NEEDS,
25 THE FORENSIC SPECIALIZATION, RAPE CRISIS CENTERS, AND



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1 EXPERTISE NEEDED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE EXISTING
2 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING UNDERSERVED
3 POPULATIONS. ON BEHALF OF MY ORGANIZATION, THE EAST LOS
4 ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER, A RAPE CRISIS CENTER SERVING
5 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS FOR 47 YEARS, WE SUPPORT THE MOTION BY
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO CREATE A SEXUAL
7 ASSAULT COUNCIL WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

8
9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10
11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. THE
12 EFFICACY OF WAITING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET-- THAT WON'T
13 OCCUR UNTIL OCTOBER. THAT'S WHEN YOU REALLY DO YOUR UPDATE FOR
14 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS, SO YOU HAVE THREE MONTHS. YOU MENTIONED
15 SOMETHING ABOUT WORKING WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SO WHY
16 DID WE GO BACKWARDS FROM THAT POINT? THERE'S A PROBLEM. I KNOW
17 THAT THE POLICE ARE USING C.O.D.I.S. TO UPDATE FINGERPRINTING.
18 THE PROBLEM I SEE IS, THERE'S THIS DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS.
19 THE COUNTY, ON JANUARY 10TH OF 2023, DECLARED AN EMERGENCY OF
20 HOMELESSNESS. IT IS THE EXCESS FUNDING, EXCESS WASTE OF
21 FUNDING, THAT'S OCCURRING. THE DRUGS ON THE STREETS. THERE'S
22 AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF DRUGS ON THE STREETS THAT ARE
23 LEADING TO THIS PROBLEM. THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO.

24
25 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1
2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY.

5
6 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MIGHT, I WANT TO THANK THE
7 PEOPLE THAT CAME FORWARD TO SPEAK, AND THOSE THAT CALLED IN,
8 BUT ESPECIALLY TO BARBARA KAPPOS, WHO I KNOW HAS BEEN ON THIS
9 SUBJECT MATTER FOR SOME TIME. AND I HAVE KNOWN YOU AND YOUR
10 SERVICES FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, I WANT TO SAY. BUT MORE
11 IMPORTANTLY, TO THOSE PROVIDERS THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE AND
12 THAT ARE LISTENING, I KNOW THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL CARE
13 VERY DEEPLY ABOUT, AND ESPECIALLY BECAUSE, COMING OUT OF THE
14 PANDEMIC, WE HEARD OF MANY CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
15 TRAUMA THAT OCCURRED WITH MANY OF OUR FAMILIES. AND I HEARD IT
16 QUITE LOUDLY IN MY DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY WITH IMMIGRANT WOMEN,
17 WOMEN WHO WERE STILL VERY FRUSTRATED AND AFRAID TO COME
18 FORWARD. AND THAT IS THE OTHER KIND OF DILEMMA THAT WE FACE,
19 BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN INVISIBLE ACTION. IT IS ACTUALLY
20 SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS. IT'S VERY PERVASIVE. AND IT'S UNDER-
21 REPORTED, SO WE REALLY DON'T-- WE'RE REALLY NOT SCRATCHING THE
22 SURFACE, YET. WE STILL HAVE A LOT MORE TO LEARN AND TO DO. I
23 MEAN, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
24 MYSELF AND THE LEGISLATURE WORKED ON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND
25 WE STILL HAVE TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ALSO IN



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1 CHARGE-- LAW ENFORCEMENT, OUR COURTS, OTHER PROFESSIONALS, AS
2 WELL-- AND REALLY NEED TO DO A LOT MORE. SO THANK YOU AGAIN,
3 AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU AGAIN.

4
5 **SUP. HORVATH:** I KNOW THIS BOARD WILL STAND UNITED IN ROOTING
6 OUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE WHEREVER IT EXISTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT
7 I WILL SAY, IF EVERYONE WERE AGAINST IT, IT WOULDN'T BE
8 HAPPENING. SO IT'S NOT EASY ENOUGH TO SAY EVERYONE IS AGAINST
9 SEXUAL VIOLENCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY ARE NOT, AND THAT'S WHY
10 WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TODAY. SO, WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12
13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CAN YOU MOVE IT?

14
15 **SUP. HORVATH:** OH, I'M SORRY. ITEM 12, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE
16 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL SECOND. AND NOW, PLEASE
17 CALL THE ROLL.

18
19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 12, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE YOU.
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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



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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

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

11

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

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
15 4-0.

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 13, SUPPORTING THE
18 EXPANSION OF FORENSIC IN-PATIENT STEP-DOWN AND HIGH-
19 OBSERVATION HOUSING DORM UNITS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 JAILS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT
22 ON THIS ITEM. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A FEW OF OUR STAFF HERE WITH
23 US, AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WILL TURN IT
24 TO YOU FOR YOUR REMARKS.

25



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, I WOULD
2 LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO CALLED, OR WHO WILL BE CALLING IN, AND
3 THOSE WHO WILL HELP PROVIDE, I THINK, SOME VITAL INFORMATION
4 TODAY, TO ALL OF US. THIS MOTION BEFORE US IS AN EFFORT TO
5 HELP EXPAND WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN PROGRAM, AND
6 TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAVE HAD VERY SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS
7 AND COMPLEX CASES WHILE IN OUR CUSTODY IN COUNTY JAILS. THIS
8 MOTION IS ABOUT THE FORENSIC IN-PATIENT STEP-DOWN UNITS;
9 F.I.P. STEP-DOWNS, AS THEY ARE KNOWN. HOWEVER, LET ME TAKE A
10 STEP BACK AND TELL YOU ABOUT PATIENTS WHO ARE IN THE F.I.P.
11 UNITS THE STEP ABOVE THE STEP-DOWN. PATIENTS IN F.I.P. WHO
12 ARE, I WOULD CONSIDER, THE SICKEST OF THE SICK, THEY ARE
13 ACTUALLY THE SAME PATIENTS WHO I THOUGHT ABOUT WHEN I DID THE
14 MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN TO EXPAND OUR MENTAL HEALTH
15 CONTINUUM OF CARE IN THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH BUILDING OUT OF
16 SECURE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY. THESE
17 INDIVIDUALS HAVE SUCH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES THAT THEY
18 REQUIRE MUCH MORE INDIVIDUALIZED CARE, ATTENTION, AND A HIGHER
19 LEVEL OF EMPATHY AND PATIENCE TO HELP THEM. MANY OF THESE
20 INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE MEDICATION-COMPLIANT, HAVE DIFFICULTY
21 MAINTAINING HYGIENE, HAVE BEHAVIORAL ISSUES STEMMING FROM
22 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS, AND ARE NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT.
23 THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO HAVE COMPLEX LEGAL CASES WHICH, WITH
24 THE COMBINATION OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH ACUITY, MAKE IT
25 CHALLENGING FOR THEM TO MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN



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1 RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY.
2 THE FORENSIC IN-PATIENT STEP-DOWN UNITS, OR F.I.P. STEP-DOWNS,
3 ARE DESIGNED TO BE MUCH MORE THERAPEUTIC FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS
4 WHO REQUIRE MORE SUPPORT, EMPATHY, UNDERSTANDING, AND CARE. I
5 RECENTLY TOURED BOTH THE F.I.P. AND THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN UNITS
6 ABOUT A MONTH AGO WITH JUDGE PREGERSON, WHO IS THE JUDGE
7 OVERSEEING THE D.O.J. CASE, ALONG WITH OTHER JAIL-RELATED
8 LAWSUITS. THE DIFFERENCE WE SAW WAS VERY APPARENT TO ME. IT
9 WAS LIKE NIGHT AND DAY. THE PODS WERE COLORFUL, HAD ACTIVE
10 PROGRAMMING, AND THERE WAS A DISTINCT FEEL COMPARED TO THE
11 OTHER AREAS OF THE JAILS THAT I VISITED. THE OTHER PIECE OF
12 THIS PROGRAM WHICH MAKES IT DISTINCT AND SPECIAL, AND I
13 BELIEVE WHY THE PROGRAM IS SO SUCCESSFUL, IS BECAUSE OF THE
14 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, KNOWN AS M.H.A.S. M.H.A.S ARE PEOPLE
15 WHO ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, WHO GRADUATED FROM THE
16 M.E.R.I.T. MASTERS PROGRAM, AND WHO HAVE UNDERGONE AT LEAST
17 SIX MONTHS OF INTENSIVE, HANDS-ON TRAINING ON HOW TO CARE FOR
18 PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, AND TO GET THEM ON A
19 PATH OF HEALING AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THE JUDGE AND I MET WITH
20 THREE OF THESE ASSISTANTS, AND WERE REALLY AMAZED BY THE WORK
21 THAT THEY HAD DONE, AND I WALKED AWAY WITH THE FEELING THAT
22 THIS PROGRAM NEEDS TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND. OTHER PODS ARE
23 NECESSARY, IN MY OPINION, AND THIS MOTION IS DIRECTING THE
24 DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND IT TO 30-- FIVE TIMES WHAT
25 WE CURRENTLY HAVE NOW. I CAN CONTINUE TALKING ABOUT THE



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1 PROGRAM, BUT I KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO CAN DO A BETTER JOB THAN
2 I. COLLEAGUES, I HAVE INVITED CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG, DOMINIC
3 DIXON, AND JERRY ALCANTAR, THREE OF THE 9 M.H.A.S, TO APPEAR
4 BEFORE THE BOARD VIRTUALLY, TO TALK TO US ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.
5 SO, IF WE COULD GO ONLINE, SO WE CAN BRING THESE INDIVIDUALS
6 BEFORE US. CRAIGEN IS ONE OF THE FOUNDING CO-LEADS OF THE
7 PROGRAM. CRAIGEN, DOMINIC, AND JERRY-- HOPEFULLY, YOU ARE
8 AVAILABLE TO SPEAK TO US. THERE WE GO. HOW ARE YOU?

9

10 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** CAN YOU HEAR US?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** GOOD MORNING.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** COULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELVES, PLEASE?

17

18 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** YES. FIRST OF ALL, GOOD MORNING TO ALL THE
19 SUPERVISORS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY
20 NAME IS CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG. THESE ARE MY TWO PARTNERS RIGHT
21 HERE. I'LL LET THEM INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I'M DOMINIC DIXON.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** AND GOOD MORNING. I AM JERRY ALCANTAR. I'M A MENTAL
2 HEALTH ASSISTANT.

3
4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANTED TO JUST SAY THAT, AS YOU'RE AWARE, WE'RE
5 PUTTING FORWARD A MOTION THIS MORNING TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION
6 OF THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN UNITS AT T.T.C.F. AND C.R.D.F. I WAS
7 TRULY BLOWN AWAY TO SEE THE INCREDIBLE AND DIFFICULT WORK THAT
8 YOU ALL ARE DOING THERE, THROUGH PEER RELATIONSHIPS AND ONE-
9 ON-ONE, DAY-IN-AND-DAY-OUT ACTIVITIES. I WANTED TO ASK A FEW
10 QUESTIONS, IF I MIGHT, AND I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ASK YOU,
11 CRAIGEN, IF YOU COULD PLEASE TELL US ABOUT WHAT THE PROGRAM
12 IS, WHAT IT DOES, WHO IT HELPS, AND WHY YOU THINK IT IS NEEDED
13 IN MORE UNITS. AND I AM CERTAIN WE CAN DEFER TO YOUR
14 COLLEAGUES THERE WITH YOU, AS WELL.

15
16 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** OKAY. SO, FIRST, THANK YOU FOR THE
17 OPPORTUNITY. WE JUST WANT TO SHARE. AND ON BEHALF OF ME AND
18 ALL THE INMATE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, IT IS A VERY VALUABLE
19 EXPERIENCE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO TALK ON THIS PLATFORM, AND WE
20 REALLY APPRECIATE YOU, SOLIS, FOR INVITING US TO SPEAK. AND IT
21 IS A LOT OF VALUE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.
22 WE CARE ABOUT IT DEEPLY. WE HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR A LONG
23 TIME, AND WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A MOMENT TO REALLY SHARE
24 OUR EXPERIENCES AND HOW THIS AFFECTS INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
25 INCARCERATED. PARTICULARLY, THE TIME YOU SPEND TALKING TO US



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1 IS SOMETIMES RARE. WE HAVE PEOPLE COME THROUGH, AND THEY
2 EXPERIENCE THE PROGRAM, BUT THE WAY YOU STOPPED AND SPENT TIME
3 WITH US, AND REALLY HEARD US, THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT, AND
4 THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.
5 YOUR DESCRIPTION WAS GREAT, AND YOU COVERED A LOT. F.I.P.
6 STEP-DOWN WAS REALLY DEVELOPED TO RECEIVE PATIENTS THAT ARE
7 SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS FROM THE FACILITY'S
8 TREATMENT CENTER, OR THE FACILITY'S HOSPITAL. INDIVIDUALS COME
9 IN FROM THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE OUTSIDE. THEY ARE SUFFERING
10 FROM SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS, PSYCHOSIS. SOME ARE DRUG-ABUSE,
11 SUBSTANCE-ABUSE DISORDERS, AND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM
12 TO JUST BE PLACED IN A JAIL WITHOUT TREATMENT. SO, THEY ARE
13 FIRST PROCESSED THROUGH A UNIT IN THE HOSPITAL THAT'S ACTUALLY
14 CALLED F.I.P. THEY ARE TREATED, THEY'RE MEDICATED, AND THE
15 ISSUE BECOMES, AFTER THAT, IS, WHERE DO THEY GO, AND HOW ARE
16 THEY GOING TO RECEIVE TREATMENT ONCE THEY LEAVE THIS HOSPITAL?
17 SO, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN IS KIND OF
18 LIKE A SAFE LANDING FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO COME INTO AN
19 ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY ARE TREATED AND CARED FOR, AND THE
20 STABILIZATION CAN CONTINUE. AND THE HOPE AND THE GOAL IS FOR
21 THEM TO EVENTUALLY BE DISCHARGED TO OTHER AREAS OF THE JAIL
22 WHERE THEY CAN NOW FUNCTION ON THEIR OWN, OR BE RELEASED TO A
23 COMMUNITY PROGRAM OR STATE HOSPITAL. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE
24 JAIL, THERE'S NOT MANY PLACES THAT SOME OF THESE PATIENTS CAN
25 RESIDE AND GET THE CARE THEY NEED. MENTAL ILLNESS IS A VERY



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1 COMPLICATED THING TO TRY TO TREAT. ONE OF THE SYMPTOMS OF
2 MENTAL ILLNESS IS THEY LIKE TO ISOLATE THEMSELVES, AND THEY
3 DON'T WANT TO COME OUT OF THE CELL TO INTERACT. A LOT OF
4 PATIENTS REFUSE THEIR MEDICATION. THAT LEADS TO A HOST OF A
5 LOT OF OTHER ISSUES. AND SOME AREAS IN THE JAIL, THEY JUST
6 AREN'T ACCOMMODATING, PROGRAM-WISE. SO, PATIENTS ARE CHAINED
7 TO TABLES, AND THAT BECOMES AN ISSUE. SOME PATIENTS,
8 SOMETIMES, FEEL NO NEED TO COME OUT OF THE CELL. IN THE F.I.P.
9 STEP-DOWN UNITS, IT IS A TOTAL DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT. AS YOU
10 REFERENCED EARLIER, IT IS COLORFUL. PATIENTS ARE ABLE TO COME
11 OUT AND MOVE AROUND FREELY. THEY ARE ABLE TO SHOWER WHEN THEY
12 WANT. THEY GET ALL THE THINGS THAT THEY NEED-- TOILETRIES AND
13 THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY. SO, IT IS AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY
14 ARE NOT SO MUCH FOCUSED ON SURVIVAL AND WORRYING ABOUT THE
15 LITTLE EXTRA THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM. WE ARE REALLY
16 ABLE TO FOCUS ON CARE, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO FOCUS ON GETTING
17 BETTER AND REALLY RESTORING THEMSELVES. SOMETIMES, WE HAVE
18 PATIENTS THAT THEY GET TO A LEVEL OF FUNCTIONING WHERE THEY
19 ARE ASSISTING US AND HELPING US. SO, IT IS AN ENVIRONMENT
20 WHERE THEY GET EVERYTHING THEY NEED. I MEAN, AS MENTAL HEALTH
21 ASSISTANTS, WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING FROM TEACHING FINANCIAL
22 LITERACY GROUPS TO CUTTING THEIR TOENAILS, AND THAT'S HARD TO
23 GET IN OTHER PLACES OF THE JAIL. IT IS REALLY NOT--

24



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** CAN I ASK YOU, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT REQUIREMENTS
2 ARE NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO DO YOUR JOB? CAN YOU DESCRIBE
3 THAT, THE KIND OF TRAINING YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH?

4
5 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** YEAH. SO, THE TRAINING IS SIX MONTHS. THE
6 TRAINING WAS DEVELOPED BY US. WE CREATED THE TRAINING. WE
7 DEvised EVERY ASPECT OF THE TRAINING. ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO, ME
8 AND MY PARTNER, ADRIAN BAROMAN, WE WERE INTRODUCED TO THIS
9 ENVIRONMENT, AND WE SAW SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND SOME CHANGES
10 THAT WE COULD MAKE, THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE CARE. TWO YEARS
11 INTO THIS EXPERIENCE, WE WERE EXPERIENCING A LOT OF THINGS
12 THAT WE FELT SHOULD BE PART OF THE TRAINING TO HELP
13 INDIVIDUALS COMING IN OR BEING SELECTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH
14 ASSISTANTS TO BE TRAINED UPON. SO, THE TRAINING IS REALLY
15 SOMETHING THAT IS CREATED BY THE INMATE MENTAL HEALTH
16 ASSISTANTS. IT INVOLVES SELF-IMPROVEMENT, COMMUNICATING WITH
17 OTHERS, SEEING THINGS FROM ANOTHER PERSON'S VIEWPOINT, AND THE
18 BULK OF THE TRAINING INVOLVES SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, SIDE
19 EFFECTS, THE PERVASIVENESS OF MENTAL ILLNESS. AND IT IS A SIX-
20 MONTH TRAINING. A LOT OF IT IS OBSERVATION, AND IT IS HANDS-
21 ON, AS WELL. THE TRAINING REALLY REPRESENTS THE ENVIRONMENT
22 THAT A MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANT WILL BE WORKING IN, WHICH IS
23 TAXING. IT'S CHALLENGING IN A LOT OF WAYS. AT THE SAME TIME,
24 IT IS REWARDING, AND IT IS RESTORATIVE FOR US. AS GENERAL
25 POPULATION INMATES, WE AREN'T DIAGNOSED WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS,



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1 BUT WE ALSO HAVE OUR OWN CHALLENGES BEING INCARCERATED, GOING
2 THROUGH THE LEGAL PROCESS AT THE SAME TIME, SO THE TRAINING
3 PREPARES ONE TO KIND OF COMPARTMENTALIZE AND BE ABLE TO REALLY
4 PUT THE NEEDS OF ANOTHER BEFORE YOUR OWN, AND ALSO WITH
5 WORKING WITH DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS. WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH
6 CUSTODY. IN A LOT OF OTHER ENVIRONMENTS, THERE'S LINES THAT
7 AREN'T CROSSED, AND POLITICS IS INVOLVED. SO, WE TRY TO HAVE
8 INDIVIDUALS UNLEARN THOSE PRACTICES THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED
9 ACROSS THE STREET IN MEN'S CENTRAL, AND BEGIN TO SEE CUSTODY
10 IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT, BECAUSE IT'S A TEAM ENVIRONMENT, AND YOU
11 HAVE CUSTODY AND INMATES AND DOCTORS AND CLINICIANS. WE ARE
12 ALL WORKING FOR ONE OBJECTIVE, WHICH IS THE CARE AND TREATMENT
13 OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS. SO THE TRAINING, IT
14 INCLUDES ALL THAT. WE HAVE OUR OWN MISSION STATEMENT, AND IT
15 IS ABOUT BEING PROFESSIONAL IN A PROFESSIONAL SETTING, AND HOW
16 TO INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** CRAIGEN, CAN I JUST ASK YOU BRIEFLY, WHAT
19 SUCCESSES HAVE YOU SEEN? WHAT CAN YOU SHARE WITH US ABOUT THE
20 SUCCESSES? AND I WANT TO ALSO UNDERSCORE THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT
21 REALIZE THAT YOU ALL, AS TRAINERS, ACTUALLY LIVE IN THE SAME
22 PODS WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS. SO YOU ARE A PART OF THE
23 SOLUTION, BECAUSE YOU ARE THERE, YOU KNOW HOW TO REACT, AND
24 YOU KNOW WHAT THE NEEDS ARE OF THESE INMATES. CAN YOU SHARE



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1 ANY OF THE SUCCESS STORIES THAT YOU HAVE SEEN, AND WHAT HAS
2 THIS PROVIDED TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES?

3
4 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** YEAH, IT WAS REWARDING, AND IT HAPPENS
5 EVERY DAY. IT IS REALLY-- I CAN HIGHLIGHT INDIVIDUAL STORIES,
6 BUT IT'S PATIENTS THAT-- THEY DO. THEY HAVE ISSUES IN OTHER
7 PARTS OF THE JAIL. ONE OF THE PRIMARY ISSUES IS, PATIENTS
8 AREN'T ON THEIR MEDICATION. THERE'S REALLY NO ONE THERE THAT
9 HAS THE REAL TIME TO BE THERE. WE ARE THERE 24/7, 365 DAYS A
10 YEAR. WE DON'T TAKE NO VACATIONS. WE DON'T LEAVE, SO WE ARE
11 THERE TO REALLY WORK WITH THEM AND ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS.
12 AND WHEN YOU ARE OFF YOUR MEDICATION, AND YOU ARE UNDER SOME
13 OF THE STRESSES WE ARE UNDER AS BEING INCARCERATED, THAT
14 COMBINATION CAN LEAD TO FRUSTRATION. IT CAN LEAD TO VIOLENCE.
15 AND WE HAVE HAD PATIENTS THAT HAVE A HISTORY OF ISSUES IN THE
16 JAIL, REALLY COMPLEX ISSUES AND VIOLENCE, AND THEY COME HERE,
17 AND THEY ARE SOME OF OUR BEST GUYS. THEY ARE OUT WALKING
18 AROUND, HELPING US. AND IT ALLOWS CUSTODY TO SEE PEOPLE, TOO,
19 IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE TIMES, THE THINKING
20 MAY BE THAT SOME OF THESE PATIENTS ARE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH,
21 AND IT'S JUST THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE TREATMENT THAT THEY
22 NEEDED. AND COMING HERE AND ALLOWING THEM TO SEE THAT, THEY'RE
23 AMAZED, AS WELL, TO SEE THE TRANSFORMATION. AND WE HAVE
24 INDIVIDUALS THAT-- FOR INSTANCE, I WILL TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT
25 A GUY. HE HAD BEEN IN THE JAIL ABOUT THREE TO FOUR YEARS. HE



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1 NEVER SPOKE. HE WAS ON A LOT OF OTHER FLOORS. DEPUTIES KNEW
2 HIM. HE NEVER SAID A WORD. AND THEN HE CAME HERE, AND IT IS A
3 GRADUAL PROCESS. IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME, A LOT OF PATIENCE,
4 AND SOMETIMES IT IS JUST GOING TO THE DOOR, LIKE, "OKAY, HOW
5 YOU DOING, BRO? YOU COULD COME OUT WHEN YOU WANT. THE DOOR IS
6 NOT LOCKED." AND SLOWLY BUT SURELY, YOU WILL SEE EYE CONTACT.
7 WE WILL BEGIN TO MAKE EYE CONTACT. A LOT OF PATIENTS HAVE A
8 SYMPTOM, WHAT THEY CALL NEGATIVE SYMPTOMS, WHERE THEY DO NOT
9 MAKE EYE CONTACT. THEY WON'T TALK FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.
10 BUT YOU WILL SLOWLY START TO SEE INDIVIDUALS KIND OF COME OUT
11 OF THEIR SHELL, IN A SENSE, AND BEGIN TO INTERACT WITH US. AND
12 THIS PARTICULAR PATIENT COMES OUT TO THE GROUP. HE TALKS, HE
13 IS INTERACTIVE, AND IT IS A SHOCK TO PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM,
14 PREVIOUSLY. SO THERE IS A MULTITUDE, A LOT OF STORIES, BUT IT
15 IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, AS WE SPEAK. IT IS A PLACE WHERE
16 PEOPLE CAN REALLY KIND OF HEAL.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** CRAIGEN, CAN I ASK DOMINIC OR JERRY JUST TO SAY
19 SOMETHING? BECAUSE THEY'RE SITTING THERE, AND I GOT A CHANCE
20 TO... [LAUGHTER]

21
22 **SPEAKER:** AND GOOD MORNING, MS. SOLIS. HOW THE PROGRAM HAS
23 IMPACTED ME IS ON MULTIPLE LEVELS. IT ALLOWED ME TO MAKE MAJOR
24 STRIDES IN SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND GROWTH, AND A LOT OF IT HAS TO
25 DO WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. THE ENVIRONMENT ALLOWS US TO TRULY



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1 REFLECT A PARADIGM SHIFT IN OUR PSYCHE, AS FAR AS OUR
2 ATTITUDE, OUR BEHAVIOR, AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS IN A
3 POSITIVE LIGHT, OPPOSED TO COMING FROM MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
4 WHERE IT IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO CULTIVATE THESE ATTRIBUTES
5 JUST BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT IS ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL OVER
6 THERE. AND IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, IT IS A LOT EASIER TO FOCUS ON
7 THOSE POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES AND RECONDITIONING. NOW, THE OTHER
8 SIDE IS THE PATIENTS. IT ALLOWED ME TO SEE THAT THE SERIOUSLY
9 MENTALLY ILL COMMUNITY IS DESPERATE AND IN NEED OF TREATMENT,
10 AND HOW EFFECTIVE WE CAN BE IN THAT TREATMENT, COMING FROM A
11 PEER-TO-PEER LEVEL. SO, THAT'S WHAT MAKES US EFFECTIVE. LIVING
12 WITH THEM AND INTERACTING WITH THEM ON A DAILY BASIS,
13 CONSTANTLY, IT ALLOWS US TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND RELAY THAT
14 INFORMATION TO THE DOCTORS, CLINICIANS, AND EVEN STAFF, ON HOW
15 TO ALLOW THEM TO RECEIVE BETTER TREATMENT, MORE IMMEDIATE
16 TREATMENT, MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT. AND IT GIVES US A SENSE
17 OF PURPOSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, AND ULTIMATELY. THERE'S A
18 QUOTE, ONE OF MY FAVORITE QUOTES, THAT SAYS, "PERSISTENCE
19 WITHOUT INSIGHT WILL LEAD TO THE SAME OUTCOME." AND I BELIEVE
20 THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS IS THAT INSIGHT THAT WILL
21 PRODUCE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. HOW ABOUT YOU, JERRY?



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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I MEAN, FOR ME, IT HAS HELPED ME IMPROVE. LIKE
2 MY PARTNER WAS SAYING-- DIXON-- IN OTHER ENVIRONMENTS, IT
3 MAKES IT VERY HARD. I RECENTLY JUST GOT OFF OF TRAINING. I'VE
4 BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT EIGHT AND A HALF MONTHS, AND THOSE EIGHT
5 AND A HALF MONTHS I HAVE BEEN HERE, IT HAS RESHAPED MY WAY OF
6 THINKING, WHERE IN ANOTHER ENVIRONMENT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
7 THINK THE WAY I THINK NOW. ON TOP OF THAT, IT HAS TAUGHT ME
8 SKILLS, LIFE SKILLS I AM ABLE TO APPLY, ONCE I MOVE ON TO MY
9 NEXT TRANSITION AND JUST GAIN A CAREER. I REALLY HAVE A
10 PASSION FOR THIS. I REALLY HAVE A PASSION FOR SERVING OTHERS,
11 HELPING A POPULATION THAT REALLY NEEDS THE HELP. RIGHT NOW IT
12 IS A HUGE ISSUE, NOT JUST IN THE JAILS, BUT I KNOW OUT THERE
13 IN THE STREETS, AND WHAT A PERFECT WAY TO START IS BY ME
14 STARTING IN HERE, BEING IN THE HEART OF IT AND EXPANDING, AND
15 JUST PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY PEOPLE, LIKE IT PROVIDED
16 THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK ALL THREE OF YOU FOR
19 JOINING US. THIS IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY. AND, MEMBERS, I JUST
20 WANT TO SAY THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW THAT CRAIGEN AND ANOTHER
21 LEAD HAVE WRITTEN TWO BOOKS ON THE PROGRAM, AND HAVE BEEN ON A
22 PANEL FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR BEING
24 WITH US TODAY, AND WANT TO SAY THAT WE WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH
25 WITH YOU, AND I CERTAINLY AM A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE



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1 PROGRAM. I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP TO CONTINUE TO
2 SUPPORT YOU, AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THIS MOTION BEFORE US
3 TODAY, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
4 WELLBEING OF OUR INMATES, BUT ALSO OUR STAFF, AND TO SEE THAT
5 TRANSFORMATION AND THE RESPECT THAT YOU HAVE EARNED BY CUSTODY
6 STAFF AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS THERE WAS VERY, VERY IMPACTFUL.
7 IN FACT, I KNOW THE JUDGE THERE, ALSO, THE DAY THAT WE VISITED
8 WITH YOU WAS ALSO EQUALLY IMPRESSED, AND MENTIONED TO ME THAT
9 THIS WAS A PROGRAM THAT OBVIOUSLY NEEDED TO HAVE MORE SUPPORT
10 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
11 JOINING US, ALL THREE OF YOU.

12
13 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** CAN I SAY ONE MORE THING?

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, GO AHEAD, CRAIGEN.

16
17 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** YEAH. SO, I KNOW WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE
18 F.I.P. STEP-DOWN, BUT REALLY, THIS IS A LIFE-OR-DEATH ISSUE.
19 THERE'S PEOPLE IN THE JAIL THAT REALLY NEED SOME HELP. AND I
20 KNOW WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND
21 THERE'S A LOT OF DEPUTIES IN HERE, AND PEOPLE IN
22 ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS THAT ARE REALLY SUPPORTING US AND
23 HELPING US. NOT TO SIT HERE AS AN INDICTMENT OR A DISCOUNT,
24 IT'S JUST THAT WE JUST NEED-- EVERYBODY NEEDS THE HANDS ON
25 DECK. THIS SHOULDN'T FALL ON ONE SOLE DEPARTMENT OR ONE SOLE



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1 PERSON. SO, THAT WAS OUR MOTIVATION FOR REALLY STEPPING IN AND
2 HELPING OUT, BECAUSE MENTAL ILLNESS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE, AND IT
3 IS DIFFICULT TO TREAT, AND IT JUST NEEDS EVERYBODY'S HELP. SO,
4 THIS REALLY IS A LIFE-OR-DEATH ISSUE.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU AGAIN.

7

8 **CRAIGEN ARMSTRONG:** IT'S IMPORTANT.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE MORE INDIVIDUAL THAT I HAVE ASKED TO
12 COME AND JOIN OUR PANEL, AND THAT IS MAGGIE CARTER, WHO WAS
13 ALSO-- SHE IS LEADING OUR D.O.J. COMPLIANCE UNIT, AND SHE ALSO
14 HELPED TO INFORM US ON THE MOTION, AND WANT TO ASK HER, ALSO,
15 TO GIVE US SOME FEEDBACK ON THE PROGRAM AND WHAT IS HAPPENING
16 CURRENTLY THERE, WITH RESPECT TO THE D.O.J. COMPLIANCE UNIT.

17

18 **MAGGIE CARTER:** GOOD MORNING. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WORK OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND ALL OF THE
21 INDIVIDUAL CLINICIANS, HEALTH WORKERS, CUSTODY STAFFERS, AND
22 VOLUNTEER INMATE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS WHO ARE WORKING TO
23 EXPAND THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN AND HIGH-OBSERVATION HOUSING DORM
24 MODULES AT BOTH TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND CENTRAL
25 REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITIES. THESE UNITS ARE AN IMPORTANT



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1 PART OF THE COMPLIANCE PLANS IN PLACE TO SATISFY THE
2 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE LITIGATION WITH THE UNITED STATES
3 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE REQUIREMENTS IN THOSE CASES IS THAT
4 THE COUNTY MAKES AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE HIGH-OBSERVATION
5 HOUSING, AND ALSO PROVIDES APPROPRIATE STRUCTURED AND
6 UNSTRUCTURED OUT-OF-CELL TIME TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HIGH-
7 OBSERVATION HOUSING. THE MOTION BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY TRACKS
8 AND SUPPORTS COURT-ORDERED REQUIREMENTS TO EXPAND THIS
9 PROGRAM. IT AFFIRMS THE THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS OF THESE UNITS,
10 WHICH ALLOW THOSE WHO REQUIRE HIGH-OBSERVATION HOUSING TO BE
11 UNRESTRAINED, OUT OF THEIR CELLS MOST OF THE DAY, WITH SUPPORT
12 FROM SOME SIGNIFICANT ENHANCED CUSTODY STAFFING THAT IS
13 CONSISTENT, SIGNIFICANT PLANNING FOR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
14 TREATMENT FROM C.H.S. STAFF THAT IS ALSO CONSISTENT AND
15 SPECIALLY TRAINED, AND ALSO THERAPEUTIC PHYSICAL SPACE, AND
16 THE SUPPORT, WHEN AVAILABLE, OF THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING
17 ASSISTANTS. AS I HAD STATED BEFORE, THE PLANS TO EXPAND THIS
18 PROGRAM HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME. THERE ARE ALREADY
19 SIX PODS AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THAT HAVE ALL OF
20 THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN PROGRAM. THERE ARE
21 THREE SUCH PODS AT C.R.D.F. AND RECENTLY, THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT AND CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES HAVE WORKED
23 TOGETHER TO RAPIDLY EXPAND THE HIGH-OBSERVATION HOUSING DORMS
24 TO THREE NEW PODS THAT WERE ONLINE IN MAY, AND ONE NEW POD
25 THAT IS COMING ONLINE NOW, TO PROVIDE THIS DORM UNRESTRAINED



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1 ENVIRONMENT TO ADDITIONAL FOLKS WHO NEED HIGH-OBSERVATION
2 HOUSING IN THE JAILS. AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO ON THE
3 SCHEDULE THAT IS OUTLINED IN THE MOTION.

4
5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AGAIN, MAGGIE, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING US
6 THIS UPDATE, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE, MEMBERS, THIS IS A VERY
7 VITAL PROGRAM. IT IS VERY COST-EFFECTIVE. I'M NOT EVEN SURE
8 QUITE HOW MUCH FUNDING IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THIS AT EVERY
9 JAIL. I DON'T WANT TO SAY, ALSO, OR MISLEAD PEOPLE TO THINK
10 THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WANT FOREVER, BECAUSE THERE'S
11 NO PLACE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. THE WHOLE POINT IS THAT THEY
12 GET BETTER. AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM
13 CAN EVENTUALLY BE PLACED IN OTHER, LESS RESTRICTIVE AREAS. AND
14 THEN, HOPEFULLY, SOME WILL GET WELL AND BE ABLE TO LEAVE. AND
15 I THINK THAT'S THE GOAL. MY VISIT THERE TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
16 AND TWIN TOWERS WAS QUITE EYE-OPENING, TO SEE THE
17 TRANSFORMATION OF THESE PODS. MEMBERS, THEY DID NOT LOOK LIKE
18 THE OTHER PODS THAT I HAD VISITED BEFORE. THERE WAS AN
19 OPENNESS, AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT; BUT ALSO, I COULD SEE THE
20 PROGRAMMING THAT WAS BEING CONDUCTED, AND COULD VIEW THE
21 INTERACTIONS THAT WERE HAPPENING WITH INMATES AND WITH THESE
22 TRAINERS, AND REALLY FELT THAT IT WAS MUCH MORE RELAXED. SO, I
23 THINK PROVIDING PEOPLE THAT NEED THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IS SO
24 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. IT WILL SAVE LIVES, AS WAS SAID. IT WILL
25 SAVE COSTS. AND I THINK THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE SERVING AS



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1 NAVIGATORS. QUITE FRANKLY, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY ARE
2 HELPING TO PROVIDE AN AUGMENTED SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO
3 OTHERWISE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT ASSOCIATION. SO, I
4 WANT TO THANK YOU, MAGGIE, FOR COMING. I WANT TO THANK, ALSO,
5 THIS PROGRAM, AND THE FACT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE
6 REALLY BONDING WITH THIS PROGRAM, AND UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT
7 IT IS. AND SO, MEMBERS, I AGAIN WANT TO THANK CRAIGEN,
8 DOMINIC, AND JERRY FOR JOINING US. I THINK THAT'S A FIRST FOR
9 ME, TO ACTUALLY HAVE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN OUR CARE AND
10 CUSTODY HELPING OTHER PEOPLE, AND TO HEAR FROM THEM DIRECTLY.
11 IT WAS VERY EMPOWERING. SO, MEMBERS, I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK YOU
12 FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM. I THINK IT IS A FIRST STEP, A
13 BIGGER STEP, BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED, BUT NOW WE
14 NEED TO CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND EXPAND THIS PROGRAM. AND I CAN
15 SEE WHERE THE BENEFITS CAN BE PLACED EVEN WITH WOMEN THAT ARE
16 ALSO IN OUR CARCERAL SETTINGS, THAT CAN BENEFIT GREATLY FROM
17 THIS. SO, MEMBERS, THANK YOU, AND I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
18 FOR ALLOWING ME TO HAVE OUR WITNESSES. AND PERHAPS IF THERE
19 ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD...

20
21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY MOVING TESTIMONY THIS
22 MORNING. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I REALLY
25 DO WANT TO THANK THEM FOR COMING, BECAUSE I THINK WHEN YOU



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1 HEAR IT DIRECTLY FROM THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PART OF THE
2 PROGRAM, IT REALLY DOES RESONATE. AND I KNOW THAT JUDGE
3 PREGERSON WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THIS, AND FELT A SENSE OF
4 URGENCY TO GET THIS MOVING QUICKLY. SO, YOU TALKED ABOUT SIX.
5 HOW MANY PODS ARE THERE IN EACH UNIT?

6

7 **MAGGIE CARTER:** SO, ONE POD HAS 16 CELLS AT TWIN TOWERS
8 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. I WILL JUST TAKE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE.
9 AND GENERALLY, THE OCCUPANCY WOULD BE UP TO 32. THERE MAY BE
10 SOME INSTANCES WHERE IT WOULD BE SLIGHTLY LESS, BUT
11 ESSENTIALLY, IT ALLOWS A SLIGHTLY FULLER OCCUPANCY. THERE ARE
12 OFTEN INSTANCES IN TRADITIONAL HIGH-OBSERVATION HOUSING WHERE
13 ONLY ONE PERSON CAN BE PLACED IN A 2-PERSON CELL. IN THIS DORM
14 SETTING, WHERE THE INDIVIDUALS ARE OUT OF THEIR CELL MOST OF
15 THE DAY, GENERALLY YOU CAN HAVE A SLIGHTLY HIGHER OCCUPANCY,
16 AND THERE'S MUCH MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIALIZATION, BOTH
17 UNSTRUCTURED AND ALSO STRUCTURED GROUP PROGRAMMING.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, I HEARD YOU TALK ABOUT SIX THAT ARE IN THE
20 WORKS. IS THAT IN ADDITION TO WHAT THIS MOTION COULD DO, OR
21 DOES THIS MOTION RATIFY WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

22

23 **MAGGIE CARTER:** THERE ARE SIX ALREADY IN EXISTENCE IN THE
24 F.I.P. STEP-DOWN PROGRAM, AND AN ADDITIONAL FOUR THAT HAVE
25 BEEN RECENTLY OPENED, WITH A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SEGMENT OF THE



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1 HIGH-OBSERVATION HOUSING POPULATION, AND BRINGING IN SOME
2 OTHER THERAPEUTIC ELEMENTS. THOSE ARE BEING PUT INTO PLACE.
3 SO, A TOTAL OF 10, CURRENTLY, AT TWIN TOWERS.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THIS MOTION WILL ADD MORE?

6

7 **MAGGIE CARTER:** YES. YES, SUPERVISOR. SO, THERE ARE TEN AT TWIN
8 TOWERS, THREE AT C.R.D.F., AND THIS MOTION WOULD ADD MORE, OR
9 REALLY SUPPORT THE EXPANSION THAT WE ALREADY ARE COURT-ORDERED
10 TO DO.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, OKAY. SO, I GUESS MY QUESTION IS-- BECAUSE
13 IN TALKING TO DR. BELAVICH, I KNOW THE CONCERN HAS ALWAYS BEEN
14 SPACE. SO, ARE YOU GOING TO NEED TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS IN THE
15 EXISTING FACILITIES, IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THAT? BECAUSE I
16 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO GIVE ALL THE SUPPORT WE CAN,
17 TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS ROLLED OUT AGAIN, BECAUSE THIS IS
18 SOMETHING THAT JUDGE PREGERSON EXPECTS FROM US AFTER VIEWING
19 IT, AND AFTER FEELING THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WAY
20 BACK WHEN, WHEN IT FIRST CAME INTO THE COURTS. I WANT TO
21 UNDERSTAND WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AS A BOARD, BECAUSE WE HAVE
22 SEEN MOUNTAINS MOVED WITH LOS PADRINOS, AS IT RELATES TO A
23 SENSE OF URGENCY, AND I THINK THAT THIS BOARD HAS THE SAME
24 SENSE OF URGENCY, ESPECIALLY GIVEN YESTERDAY'S TESTIMONY ABOUT
25 CARE FIRST, MAKING SURE THAT WE PROVIDE YOU ALL THE TOOLS



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1 NECESSARY, BECAUSE YOU ARE INSTRUMENTAL, MAGGIE, IN MAKING
2 SURE THAT WE MOVE THIS FORWARD.

3
4 **MAGGIE CARTER:** SO, THE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO THIS SPACE
5 INCLUDE BRINGING IN THE THERAPEUTIC ELEMENTS. THEY ARE FAIRLY
6 MODEST. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PAINT, MURALS, ACTIVITY ITEMS,
7 OTHER TYPES OF MODIFICATIONS OF THAT NATURE, AND SO THE
8 PORTION OF THIS MOTION BEFORE YOUR BOARD THAT ALLOWS FOR SOME
9 ADDITIONAL PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
10 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELPFUL. THERE ARE OTHER
11 TOOLS, HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNTY IS ALREADY USING TO TRY TO
12 BRING THIS EXPANSION ONLINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WE WILL
13 CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU PUBLICLY, MAGGIE,
16 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU COMMUNICATE WITH ALL OF OUR OFFICES,
17 AND HAVE REALLY BEEN SOMEONE WHO'S KEPT [INAUDIBLE], AND
18 THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IN THE MOTION LAST MONTH FOR A MAY
19 RECEPTION, BASED ON A REQUEST THAT YOU HAD FOR THIS BOARD TO
20 TAKE ACTION ON THAT. AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU DO,
21 BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY URGENT SITUATION, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT
22 IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW IN THE JAILS, AND GETTING THE PROPER
23 CARE. IF WE ARE EXPANDING ON THESE F.I.P.S, WHICH I
24 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT, ARE WE DISPLACING ANY OF THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 POPULATION? IF SO, HOW ARE WE TRIAGING, AND WHERE ARE WE
2 PLACING THEM?

3

4 **MAGGIE CARTER:** SO, WHEN A MODULE IS CONVERTED FROM TRADITIONAL
5 H.O.H. HOUSING TO A STEP-DOWN OR H.O.H. DORM, WE ARE
6 ESSENTIALLY USING THE SAME SPACE, BUT THERE HAS TO BE VERY
7 TIGHT COORDINATION BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
8 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES TO MANAGE THAT CONVERSION,
9 BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MOVE FOLKS OUT OF THE
10 MODULE AND FIND THEM HOUSING ELSEWHERE IN HIGH-OBSERVATION
11 HOUSING, AND THEN FIND THE RIGHT COHORT TO BRING INTO THE NEW
12 MODULE. AND THAT GENERALLY DOES REQUIRE A LITTLE BIT OF SWING
13 SPACE AND VERY TIGHT HAND-IN-HAND COORDINATION BETWEEN THOSE
14 TWO DEPARTMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. AND THEN, IN CLOSING, I WILL JUST SAY THAT
17 WE TALK ABOUT PROGRAMMING AND THE NEED FOR PEOPLE THAT WANT TO
18 GO INTO THE PROFESSION OF WORKING WITH THOSE THAT HAVE MENTAL
19 HEALTH CHALLENGES. I WOULD HOPE THAT IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY
20 FOR US TO CREATE ANY PROGRAMMING, WHICH IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE
21 WE ARE DOING, FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HELPING US, LIKE
22 THE THREE THAT WE JUST HEARD FROM, THAT WE WOULD TAKE THAT
23 OPPORTUNITY TO POSSIBLY PUT PROGRAMMING IN THAT WILL ALLOW
24 THEM TO GET THE SKILLS, SO THAT WHEN THEY GO BACK OUT INTO THE
25 COMMUNITY, THEY CAN BE THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO



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1 HIRE, VERSUS THE NONPROFITS, VERSUS THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND IT
2 IS A GUARANTEED JOB, AND THEY HAVE LIFE EXPERIENCE, LITERALLY,
3 AS IT RELATES TO DOING THIS. THANK YOU.

4
5 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6
7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS, FOR CREATING THAT UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM, AS WELL
9 AS US AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THAT WAS PHENOMENAL. I, OF
10 COURSE, WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY, WITH REGARD TO
11 THE STEP-DOWN PROGRAM, BUT I DO WANT TO FOCUS MY QUESTIONS,
12 REALLY, ON THE "VOLUNTEER" I NOTICE IN YOUR DESCRIPTION
13 "INMATE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS." WHAT SUPPORTS ARE THEY
14 PROVIDED? I'M THINKING OF MY TIME IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE,
15 WHERE WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT APPROPRIATE LEVELS
16 OF COMPENSATION FOR INMATE WORKERS WHO MAKE PRODUCTS THAT THE
17 STATE SELLS, MAKES PROFIT FROM, AND THEN THEY ARE BASICALLY
18 PAID INDENTURED SERVITUDE WAGES. BUT AGAIN, IN THE FEDERAL AND
19 THE STATE SYSTEM, YOU DO GET A WORK A DAY, OFF A DAY. SO, I AM
20 CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT SUPPORTS THOSE GENTLEMEN HAVE RECEIVED TO
21 BENEFIT THEM. THEY'VE GONE THROUGH TRAINING; TO HEAR THEIR
22 PRESENTATION, THEIR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE PROGRAM. SO,
23 WHAT SUPPORTS ARE THEY RECEIVING NOW? THEN WE CAN GET TO WHAT
24 KIND OF SUPPORTS WE CAN GUARANTEE, IN MAKING SURE THEY GET A
25 WARM HANDOFF INTO A JOB THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE THE SKILLS FOR.



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1 BUT WHAT SUPPORTS-- HOW ARE WE HONORING THEIR WORK AND WORK
2 ETHIC NOW?

3

4 **MAGGIE CARTER:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR, AND I
5 BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE THINGS IN PLACE. I DON'T HAVE THE
6 DETAILS, IN TERMS OF EXACTLY HOW THE INMATE MENTAL HEALTH
7 ASSISTANTS ARE COMPENSATED. I DO KNOW, FROM HAVING TOURED
8 RECENTLY IN THE JAIL FACILITIES, THAT MANY OF THEM ARE TAKING
9 ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATION-BASED OPPORTUNITIES IN THE JAIL, AND
10 ARE WORKING ON, FOR EXAMPLE, HIGH-SCHOOL DEGREES AND COLLEGE
11 COURSES. BUT I CAN CERTAINLY GET BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL, AND TO THE OTHER BOARD OFFICES, WITH MORE SPECIFICS
13 ON THAT.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I WOULD ASK SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, IN THAT YOU'VE TAKEN THE LEAD ON THAT, THAT WE COULD
17 LOOK AT, PERHAPS, FOLLOW-UP MOTIONS OR ACTIONS TO REALLY
18 FIGURE OUT HOW THEY ARE SUPPORTED IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, PERHAPS
19 MODELED AFTER THE STATE SYSTEM, WHERE THERE IS ACTUAL
20 COMPENSATION OR SOMETHING; AND MINIMALLY, FIGURE OUT HOW WE
21 CREATE A DIRECT THROUGHLINE, UPON THEIR RELEASE, INTO
22 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, OR
23 WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. IT IS CLEAR, YOU ASKED QUESTIONS
24 ABOUT THE LEVEL OF TRAINING, BUT I WOULD LOOK TO YOU. I WOULD
25 LOVE THE INFORMATION. I WOULD LOVE TO PARTNER WITH YOU, BUT



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1 WOULD LOOK TO YOU AS WE FOLLOW UP ON MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE
2 SUPPORTED, AS WELL. BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT IT'S NOT
3 ONLY THE PHYSICAL PLANT, BUT IT IS THEIR ROLE THAT IS MAKING
4 THIS SUCCESSFUL, AND I THINK THAT SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN A
5 SIGNIFICANT, RELEVANT WAY.

6
7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THEY DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK, BUT I KNOW THAT,
8 IN JUST THE SHORT TIME I WAS THERE, THEY DID TELL ME ABOUT, IN
9 ADDITION TO THE TRAINING THAT THEY GO THROUGH FOR SIX MONTHS,
10 THAT THEY ARE ALSO STUDYING, THAT SOME WERE TAKING COURSES FOR
11 COLLEGE WORK, AND THAT'S AN INCENTIVE. AND I THINK THAT I WAS
12 VERY IMPRESSED. VERY ARTICULATE INDIVIDUALS, BY THE WAY, AND
13 COULD, I THINK, REALLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IMPART A LOT OF THEIR
14 KNOWLEDGES WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS; U.C.L.A., FOR ONE, THAT I
15 AM AWARE OF. AND THEY HAVE PUBLISHED SOME OF THEIR FINDINGS,
16 AND REPORT ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
17 TRANSFORM THIS KIND OF TREATMENT THAT'S OCCURRING INSIDE THE
18 CARCERAL SYSTEM. SO IT IS QUITE AMAZING. THERE'S SO MUCH TO
19 LEARN. WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT IT, I WAS REALLY JUST REALLY
20 TAKEN, LIKE, "WOW, THIS IS AMAZING." WHY ARE WE NOT MADE MORE
21 AWARE OF THIS, AND THE PUBLIC, AS WELL? BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME
22 GOOD THINGS THAT WE CAN DO WHILE WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR
23 CARE, AND WE CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE, ALWAYS IMPROVE UPON THAT. SO,
24 THANK YOU. I AM HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU.



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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YEAH. YEAH, THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
6 FORWARD TO SUPPORT SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
7 INSIDE OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS WE KNOW, EXPANSION OF
8 THERAPEUTIC HOUSING UNITS ALIGNS WITH OUR CARE FIRST, JAILS
9 LAST VISION. IMPORTANTLY, IT IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE
10 UNDERLYING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THOSE ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE.
11 THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN AND H.O.H. UNITS PROVIDE A THERAPEUTIC,
12 SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT, AS WE'VE HEARD TODAY, WHICH PROMOTES
13 THE PARTICIPANTS' WELLBEING, AND CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF
14 HEALING PEER SUPPORT. THESE SERVICES ARE VITAL TO PATIENTS'
15 MENTAL HEALTH, AND HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE DEPUTY
16 LIAISONS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH THE PATIENTS, AND I
17 THINK THAT CAN'T BE OVERSTATED. REALLY ACKNOWLEDGING WAYS TO
18 TRANSFORM CULTURE INSIDE THESE SPACES IS INCREDIBLE, AND I
19 THINK THE TESTIMONY THAT WE HEARD TODAY ABOUT THAT, I THINK,
20 WAS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT AND IMPACTFUL. I AM PLEASED BY THIS
21 MOTION'S COMMITMENT TO ALSO ENHANCING THE RECRUITMENT AND
22 TRAINING OF ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS THROUGH THE
23 SHERIFF AND CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES M.E.R.I.T. PROGRAM,
24 AND I FULLY SUPPORT MY COLLEAGUES' SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE
25 GET THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO STAY INSIDE OUR SYSTEM, AND GET



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1 THEIR TALENTS AND EXPERTISE TO BE ABLE TO BENEFIT US IN THE
2 FUTURE, IF THEY SO CHOOSE. I WOULD LOVE TO CREATE THAT
3 OPPORTUNITY INSIDE OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS FOR THEM TO CONTINUE
4 THEIR WORK. AS MY OFFICE HAS HEARD IN A RECENT VISIT TO
5 WOMEN'S CENTRAL REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, MY STAFF HEARD
6 DIRECTLY FROM SOME OF THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO OFFERED TESTIMONY
7 AND GAVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT THE THERAPEUTIC HOUSING
8 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATE THE MENTAL HEALTH
9 SUPPORT AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS THE M.E.R.I.T.
10 MASTERS PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE POSITIVE IMPACT IT HAS ON
11 RELATIONSHIPS INSIDE THE FACILITIES. SO, I DON'T WANT TO
12 RESTATE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED BY MY COLLEAGUES. I KNOW
13 A LOT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED ALREADY, BUT I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE
14 PRESENTATION, FOR THE CONTINUED FORWARD MOMENTUM ON THIS
15 PROGRAM, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO
16 ACTUALLY PROVIDING THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO STAND UP THESE
17 ESSENTIAL SERVICES. WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I WILL TURN
18 TO YOU FOR OUR SPEAKERS.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
21 ARNOLD SACHS, HERMAN HERMAN, J.P. HARRIS, AND KERRY MORRISON.
22 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS [INAUDIBLE]. PLEASE GO
25 AHEAD.



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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I AM HERE FOR ITEM NUMBER 13. THANK YOU, BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK. I WISH TO SPEAK IN
4 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION. I AM CURRENTLY A PH.D.
6 STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, IN THE
7 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I FOCUS ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
8 SCIENCE AND EDUCATION. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ALONGSIDE CRAIGEN
9 FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS NOW, AND THE WAY THAT I DO THIS IS HE
10 CALLS ME ON HIS OWN TIME, AND WE STUDY TOGETHER. WE THINK
11 THROUGH THINGS TOGETHER. AND I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR
12 ABOUT 20 YEARS NOW. I HAVE A MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH. I HAVE
13 A BACHELOR'S IN NEUROBIOLOGY. I SPENT TIME IN THE PHILIPPINE
14 DRUG WAR, DOING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORK THERE, AND THERE ARE
15 CYCLES THAT THE CITY AND THIS COUNTY HAS CONTINUED TO BE A
16 PART OF. AND WHAT CRAIGEN'S PROGRAM AND WHAT A MENTAL HEALTH
17 ASSISTANT DOES IS IT BREAKS CYCLES, AND IT IS TRANSFORMATIVE.
18 YOU SAW IT TRANSFORMS THE ENVIRONMENT, IT TRANSFORMS THE
19 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS, IT TRANSFORMS THE PATIENTS, AND IT
20 TRANSFORMS EVEN PEOPLE LIKE ME, A GRAD STUDENT ON THE OUTSIDE.
21 SO I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD FULLY SUPPORT THIS, AND ONE OF THE
22 WAYS TO REALLY PROTECT IT IS TO MAKE SURE--

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK
25 YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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SUPERVISORS

1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HANS JOHNSON. PLEASE GO
3 AHEAD.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS, AND I WANT TO THANK THE
6 PARTICIPANTS IN THE F.I.P. PROGRAM WHO TESTIFIED HERE TODAY,
7 AND TO ALSO WELCOME AN ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COLLEAGUE OF
8 MINE ON THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WHO IS PREPARED TO
9 TESTIFY TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO EXPAND THE F.I.P.
10 PROGRAM. I HAVE VISITED THE JAILS, AND HAVE SEEN THE F.I.P.
11 PROGRAM IN ACTION ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS, AND I AM DEEPLY
12 IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM, BY THE ATTENTION
13 GIVEN TO THE INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S EVOLUTION, AND THE
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SKILLS-BUILDING, AND FOR PLACEMENT--

15

16 **MODERATOR:** I DO APOLOGIZE. IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE LOST THAT
17 SPEAKER. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIA WALLACE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SUP. HORVATH:** JULIA?

20

21 **MODERATOR:** ONE MOMENT, PLEASE. IT APPEARS THAT LINE HAS ALSO
22 REMOVED THEMSELVES. WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS A GREAT PRESENTATION, AND
2 THOSE GUYS ARE DOING GREAT WORK. BUT I AM JUST-- I'M HAVING A
3 HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING. SO, WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO SUPPORT
4 THIS PROGRAM, OF COURSE, BUT WE HAVE TO EXPAND IT. AND WE
5 CAN'T IGNORE THAT, THREE DAYS AGO, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
6 RELEASED A VIDEO THAT SHOWED A VERY BIZARRE ENVIRONMENT IN THE
7 JAILS THAT WOULD BLANCH ANY RESIDENT'S MUSTACHE. AND I AM
8 HOPING THAT WE CAN IMPROVE THAT SITUATION DRAMATICALLY. IT WAS
9 NICE TO SEE PETER ELIASBERG BACK ON THE JOB, BUT THIS IS
10 WONDERFUL. THESE GUYS ARE DOING THE REAL WORK OF CREATING A
11 THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING
12 THROUGHOUT THE JAILS, NOT JUST IN THE AREA WHERE THE MOST
13 IMPAIRED ARE COMING, STEPPING DOWN. SO, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING
14 TO SAY, BUT CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS GROUP FOR BEING
15 RECOGNIZED. BUT LET'S NOT DRAG THEM OUT LIKE MEDIA TOYS. THIS
16 IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, AND WE HAVE A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE
17 PROBLEM IN OUR CUSTODY. SO, THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTIAN PORT. PLEASE GO
22 AHEAD.

23
24 **CHRISTIAN PORT:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN PORT,
25 AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 PLANNED PARENTHOOD PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND THE
2 BOARD VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY L.G.B.T.Q.
3 CENTER. I AM CALLING IN TO SPEAK ON ITEM 12, AND I'D LIKE TO
4 THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND LINDSEY HORVATH FOR THEIR
5 MOST - -

6

7 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, BUT WE ARE NOW ON ITEM 13. I
8 AM SO SORRY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU, BUT WE ARE
9 NOW ON ITEM 13. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THOSE COMMENTS,
10 YOU CAN COME BACK AT THE END OF THE MEETING IN PUBLIC COMMENT
11 TO SHARE THEM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** WONDERFUL. WE WILL TURN TO THOSE IN THE HALL. GO
17 AHEAD.

18

19 **KERRY MORRISON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KERRY
20 MORRISON, AND I AM THE FOUNDER OF HEART FORWARD L.A., AND I
21 WISH TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. I AM GRATEFUL TO SEE THAT
23 THIS PROGRAM IS GAINING THE RECOGNITION IT DESERVES. I AM
24 PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER WITH CORRECTIONAL HEALTH,
25 AND FOR THE PAST 14 MONTHS, I HAVE VISITED THE F.I.P. EVERY



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1 WEEK. WHAT YOU HAVE IN TWIN TOWERS IS A BRIGHT SPOT, AN
2 INNOVATION THAT ACTUALLY COULD SERVE AS A MODEL FOR HOW TO
3 CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS WHO HAVE ENDED UP INCARCERATED.
4 WHEN YOU WALK INTO THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN, EVERYTHING IS
5 DIFFERENT. IT FEELS CALM. THERE IS NO TENSION. IT SMELLS
6 CLEAN. THERE ARE COLORFUL MURALS AND PLANTS AND BOOKS, MEN
7 WALKING AROUND FREELY. THERE IS THERAPEUTIC BENEFIT AND
8 SOCIALIZATION. THE CULTURE FEELS MORE HEALTHY. DEPUTIES AND
9 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS AND PATIENTS ACTUALLY TALK TO EACH
10 OTHER. THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS ARE THE SECRET SAUCE. YOU
11 CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT THEM. AND FINALLY, A WORD ABOUT THE
12 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS: THESE ARE MEN FACING POTENTIALLY
13 LONG PRISON SENTENCES, WHO VOLUNTEER TO COME INTO THIS SPACE.
14 THEY EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO SERVE. IT ELEVATES THEIR SENSE OF
15 PURPOSE, AND PROVIDES A PATH TO REDEMPTION. THANK YOU FOR
16 GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND THANK YOU FOR
17 ADVANCING THIS MOTION.

18
19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.
20

21 **J.P. HARRIS:** I AM J.P. HARRIS, SUPERVISOR HAHN'S APPOINTEE ON
22 THE SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I AM HERE AS A
23 PRIVATE CITIZEN TODAY, TO LEND MY UNEQUIVOCAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC
24 SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN PROGRAM. IN
25 2021, I MADE MY FIRST VISIT TO THE F.I.P. STEP-DOWN UNIT AFTER



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1 INSPECTING THE MODULE IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE HALL, A
2 TRADITIONAL HIGH-OBSERVATION HOUSING UNIT FOR MENTALLY ILL
3 PATIENTS. THE DIFFERENCE WAS LIKE WALKING FROM DARKNESS INTO
4 LIGHT. THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANTS MAKE THE PROGRAM UNIQUE,
5 AND ULTIMATELY SUCCESSFUL. THEY LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE
6 PATIENTS, 24/7. THEY ENSURE THE PATIENTS TAKE THEIR
7 MEDICATION, ASSIST THEM WITH HYGIENE AS NEEDED, LISTEN TO
8 THEM, AND PROVIDE A HUMAN TOUCH IN A PLACE WHERE THAT TYPE OF
9 INTERACTION IS NOT EXPECTED. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
10 CUSTODIAL STAFF, THEY INTERCEDE WITH NONCOMPLIANT PATIENTS,
11 HELPING TO AVOID USES OF FORCE. THROUGH THESE INTERACTIONS,
12 MANY OF THE PATIENTS CAN STABILIZE TO THE POINT THAT THEY CAN
13 BE DIVERTED INTO SETTINGS MORE APPROPRIATE THAN JAIL. STAFFING
14 IS KEY. ADEQUATE CUSTODIAL STAFF AND CLINICIANS, PLUS A
15 RIGOROUS AND ONGOING COMMITMENT TO RECRUIT APPROPRIATE
16 CANDIDATES FROM THE INMATE POPULATION TO BECOME MENTAL HEALTH
17 ASSISTANTS, MUST BE MAINTAINED.

18
19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND,
20 HERMAN, I LOVE YOUR HAIRCUT. IT LOOKS VERY GOOD ON YOU.

21
22 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YEAH, THAT MIGHT WORK, BUT A SENSE OF PRIORITY
23 IS KNOWING THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE INCARCERATED FOR A REASON.
24 AND YES, THE CHALLENGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN, WHY ARE WE NOT
25 EDUCATING THEM AND MOVING THEM FORWARD, OUT OF THE RUGGED LIFE



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1 OF WHAT GOT THEM IN THERE, A CONSEQUENCE FOR THEIR ACTIONS,
2 AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE BY GETTING THEM FORWARD,
3 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH? I KNOW FOR A FACT,
4 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CAN'T RELATE TO SOME OF THE
5 SITUATIONS OF CONVERSATION. AND IN THE DARK SIDE OF
6 DEPRESSION, MAJOR DEPRESSION, YOU CAN'T SOLVE THEM. SO, THE
7 ANSWER TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM IS TO LOOK AT YOURSELVES IN THE
8 MIRROR BEFORE YOU POINT A FINGER AT SOMEONE WITH MENTAL
9 HEALTH. BECAUSE FOR AN ACTION, THERE'S A REACTION. AND IF YOU
10 WANT TO BE OBJECTIVE, THEN REALLY, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
11 WHOLE SITUATION, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE ANY CHILD OR ANY
12 ADULT DESERVES TO BE INCARCERATED UNLESS THEIR ACTION WAS THE
13 RESULT OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON.

14
15 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE
16 ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. WELL, ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE
22 THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

7

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

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

17

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

20

21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM
22 16, IMPLEMENTING FURTHER COUNTYWIDE EXPANSION OF MENTORSHIP
23 PROGRAMS SERVING BLACK GIRLS AND OTHER AT-RISK CHILDREN, WHICH
24 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON
25 THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS



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1 ITEM. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE DR. LISA WONG, OUR DIRECTOR OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH, IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM.
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I WILL TURN IT TO YOU.

4
5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES. DR. WONG, I
6 THINK WE JUST SAW THREE FUTURE D.M.H. LEADERS ON THE PREVIOUS
7 MOTION. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAPPENED TO SEE THEM, BUT IT WAS
8 VERY MOVING. THANK YOU, ALL. THIS MOTION PUTS INTO EFFECT A
9 MOTION THAT THIS BOARD APPROVED IN DECEMBER OF 2022, TO EXPAND
10 MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS COUNTYWIDE FOR AT-RISK YOUTH, WITH A
11 SPECIAL FOCUS ON AT-RISK BLACK GIRLS. YOUTH MENTORSHIP CAN BE
12 EFFECTIVE IN DISRUPTING CYCLES OF ABUSE AND VICTIMIZATION. IN
13 THE DECEMBER MOTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WORKED
14 WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO PROPOSE THIS EXPANSION, AND IS EAGER TO
15 START IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM THIS SUMMER, IN PARTNERSHIP
16 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. PER THE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION, D.M.H. IS
18 WORKING WITH THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOSTER
19 TOGETHER NETWORK TO EXPLORE SUCCESSFUL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS AND
20 MODELS, AND WAYS THAT WE CAN COORDINATE ACROSS ALL OF THEM.
21 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS INVESTED IN A TWO-
22 GENERATION APPROACH THAT IS PROVING TO BE REMARKABLY
23 SUCCESSFUL. THE APPROACH SEEKS TO IMPACT GENERATIONAL CHANGE
24 FOR BOTH YOUTH AND CAREGIVERS. IT IDEALLY STARTS WHEN THE
25 CHILD IS VERY YOUNG, BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX, AND THE APPROACH



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1 USES D.C.F.S. AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
2 PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PROGRAM. AGAIN, THE GOAL IS TO STRENGTHEN
3 THE ENTIRE FAMILY, BOTH PARENT AND CHILD, THROUGH THE
4 PLACEMENT OF A FULL-TIME, PAID AND TRAINED FRIEND OR MENTOR
5 FROM THE FAMILY'S OWN COMMUNITY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER FOR PILOTING THIS EFFORT WITH FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN
7 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE OUTCOMES WERE UNDENIABLE AND
8 UNDISPUTABLE. TO DATE, NONE OF THE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE
9 PILOT PROGRAM HAVE ENTERED FOSTER CARE. THEY HAVE ALL REMAINED
10 SAFELY AT HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES. I INVESTED IN AN EXPANSION
11 IN SOUTH L.A. FOR AT-RISK YOUNG MEN, SO I AM EXCITED THAT WE
12 ARE SCALING UP OUR EFFORTS COUNTYWIDE, AND ADDING A NEW FOCUS
13 ON YOUNG BLACK GIRLS. WHY YOUNG BLACK GIRLS? BLACK GIRLS ARE
14 DISPROPORTIONATELY EXPOSED TO AND EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE THROUGH
15 THEIR SCHOOLS, HOME, AND COMMUNITIES AT LARGE. THEY ARE ALSO
16 MORE LIKELY TO INTERACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
17 THROUGH THE EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AT A VERY EARLY
18 AGE. I HAVE SHARED WITH THIS BOARD BEFORE THE ACADEMIC REPORT
19 ENTITLED "THE ADULTIFICATION OF BLACK GIRLS," THAT DOCUMENTS
20 HOW THEY ARE PERCEIVED BY ADULTS IN EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND IN
21 GOVERNMENT, AND HOW, AS A RESULT, THEY ARE OFTEN TOUCHED BY
22 THESE SYSTEMS AT A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE THAN THEIR
23 COUNTERPARTS OF OTHER ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS. THIS EXPANSION
24 CREATES 22 FULL-TIME PAID JOBS TO SUPPORT CAREGIVERS' AND
25 CHILDREN'S HOPES AND DREAMS, AND TO HELP SERVE OVER 170 BLACK



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1 GIRLS. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
2 HEARING ABOUT THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,
3 IF YOU ARE A PASSIONATE PERSON, AND YOU'RE COMMITTED TO
4 DISRUPTING THE CYCLE OF GENERATIONAL POVERTY AND RACISM THAT
5 IMPACTS YOUNG BLACK GIRLS, PLEASE CONSIDER APPLYING TO BE A
6 PROFESSIONAL MENTOR FRIEND, AND YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE
7 INFORMATION ON MY WEBSITE, AND I AM SURE THROUGH D.M.H.,
8 AGAIN. COLLEAGUES, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT US IN THE
9 EXPANSION OF THIS EFFORT THAT WAS PILOTED IN THE FIFTH WITH
10 GREAT RESULTS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR
11 BLACK GIRLS, COUNTYWIDE. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12
13 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR
16 LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION. THE FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN
17 HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. AND, LISA, I THINK YOU WOULD
18 AGREE. I MEAN, THEY TRULY HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMATIONAL UP IN THE
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY, AS YOU POINTED OUT. THIS HAS BEEN A WIN-WIN
20 ACROSS THE BOARD. AND THIS IS WHY PILOT PROGRAMS ARE SO GOOD,
21 BECAUSE DON'T THINK THAT IT'S BEEN SMOOTH SAILING. THEY'VE
22 MADE CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS; NOT A LOT, BUT, I MEAN, THE
23 BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE VISION'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE, BUT
24 THERE'S BEEN SOME MODIFICATIONS. SO, THIS PROGRAM WORKS. WE'VE
25 SEEN IT. WE'VE SEEN HOW IT IMPACTS BOTH THE MENTORS, AS WELL



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1 AS THE MENTEES. IT IS... I'M EXCITED. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY, AND
2 I AM ALL IN, LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL THE DISTRICTS
3 TO MAKE THIS SOMETHING THAT CAN REALLY BE A MODEL THROUGHOUT
4 NOT ONLY THE STATE, BUT THE NATION. BUT I JUST WANT TO
5 PUBLICLY THANK FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN, WHO JUST ARE AMAZING.
6 SO, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING
9 THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD. AS WE KNOW, AND AS HAS BEEN
10 STATED, THE DATA AND STATISTICS ARE TELLING. IT'S ABSOLUTELY
11 UNACCEPTABLE THAT BLACK YOUNG PEOPLE COMPRISE 7% OF L.A.
12 COUNTY RESIDENTS, YET 24% OF YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE D.C.F.S.
13 SERVICES, ACCORDING TO 2018 DATA. ADDITIONALLY, 92% OF GIRLS
14 IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM WHO IDENTIFY AS SURVIVORS OF
15 SEX TRAFFICKING ARE BLACK, AND 62% WERE INVOLVED IN THE CHILD
16 WELFARE SYSTEM. SO I'M THRILLED TO SEE THAT THE PILOT
17 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THAT FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN L.A. HAS
18 IMPLEMENTED WILL BE REPLICATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THROUGH
19 THIS MOTION. AS WE KNOW, HAVING A CONSISTENT SUPPORT SYSTEM IS
20 CRITICAL FOR A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT, AND THIS MODEL NOT ONLY
21 OFFERS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED, BUT IT ALSO
22 PROVIDES THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS RESOURCES, SO THAT THEY
23 CAN BE THE BEST CAREGIVERS THAT WE KNOW THEY CAN BE, AND THAT
24 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE. SO, I'M REALLY EXCITED TO SUPPORT
25 THIS ITEM. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,



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1 PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HERE TO SPEAK ON
2 THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD:
5 ARNOLD SACHS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER,
6 PLEASE?

7

8 **MODERATOR:** AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO COMMENT ON THIS
9 ITEM, PRESS 1 THEN 0, PLEASE. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NO CALLERS
10 IN QUEUE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. WE'LL TURN TO THE HALL.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** WE DO HAVE ONE LATE ARRIVAL, IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE
15 THEM.

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE'LL TAKE THEM AFTER THE SPEAKER IN THE HALL,
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HORVATH:** GO AHEAD.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD
25 SACHS. I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ONE OF THE MOST



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1 IMPORTANT INCIDENTS THAT EVER OCCURRED IN THIS COUNTY WAS BACK
2 IN FEBRUARY 21ST, 2017, WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ACTED TO
3 REPEAL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT THAT WAS PUT FORTH BY PRESIDENT
4 BARACK OBAMA.

5
6 **SUP. HORVATH:** ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE ITEM BEFORE US, ITEM
7 16?

8
9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CARE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
10 CARE FOR BLACK CHILDREN.

11
12 **SUP. HORVATH:** IT'S A VERY SPECIFIC PROGRAM, YES. IF WE COULD
13 FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS THERE, THANK YOU.

14
15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WOULD HAVE ADDRESSED
16 THAT PROBLEM, BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT CARE. AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
17 DID NOT WANT TO CARE FOR THE PEOPLE IN HIS DISTRICT. HE
18 SPECIFICALLY DID NOT WANT TO DO THAT, BECAUSE IT WAS HIS
19 COMPANY THAT HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
20 AND HE HAD SIGNED UP-- THEY HAD SIGNED UP--

21
22 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE'LL GO TO
23 THE VIRTUAL SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TYANA INGRAM. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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

5
6 **TYANA INGRAM:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TYANA INGRAM. I HAVE
7 BEEN THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN L.A. FOR
8 3 YEARS. I'M A GRADUATE OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY, AND I RECEIVED
9 MY MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK FROM U.S.C. WORKING WITH CHILDREN
10 AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY CHILD WELFARE HAS BEEN MY LIFE'S
11 WORK. THE DISPARITIES IN OUR COUNTY ARE ALL TOO REAL,
12 ESPECIALLY FOR BLACK GIRLS AND BOYS. I AM SO EXCITED THAT THIS
13 MOTION PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRIORITIZE BLACK GIRLS FOR
14 ENROLLMENT INTO OUR PROGRAM. CREE IS A PROGRAM YOUTH WHO HAS A
15 HISTORY OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND
16 GETTING OFF TRACK ACADEMICALLY. SUCH FACTORS PLACE HER AT
17 INCREASED OF INCARCERATION OR SEX TRAFFICKING. WE MET HER WHEN
18 SHE WAS SIX, AND SHE'S NOW 12. HER FRIEND ZINNIA SPENDS FOUR
19 HOURS A WEEK WITH HER AND HER FAMILY, SUPPORTING CREE IN
20 SCHOOL AND GIVING HER EXPOSURE TO POSITIVE OUTLETS FOR HER
21 EMOTIONS. AND EVEN THOUGH D.C.F.S. HAS BEEN CALLED, CREE HAS
22 BEEN ABLE TO STAY AT THE HOME, WITH ZINNIA WALKING ALONGSIDE
23 THE ENTIRE FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN MORE CHILDREN
24 LIKE CREE TO HAVE A PAID PROFESSIONAL MENTOR FOR 12-PLUS
25 YEARS, NO MATTER WHAT. WE KNOW THIS PROGRAM WORKS. EVERY CHILD



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1 ENROLLED IN OUR ANTELOPE VALLEY SITE HAS STAYED HOME SAFE WITH
2 THEIR FAMILY.

3

4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **TYANA INGRAM:** AND FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED--

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM,
11 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 16 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? [NO
14 RESPONSE]

15

16 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

25



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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

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3 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0.

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM
10 22, UNCONDITIONAL COMMITMENT, WHICH WAS HELD FOR DISCUSSION.
11 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1
12 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE IS
13 RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD ADOPT AN UNCONDITIONAL COMMITMENT
14 THAT THE BOARD WILL CEASE, DESIST FROM, AND NOT REPEAT THE
15 PAST ACTION OF FAILING TO POST ON THE AGENDA ALL OF THE BASES
16 FOR A CLOSED SESSION, WHEN IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE
17 DISCUSSION WILL INVOLVE MULTIPLE GROUNDS FOR A CLOSED SESSION.
18 ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS
19 ITEM? SEEING NONE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS
20 OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE COME FORWARD? MODERATOR, MAY
23 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

24

25 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, NO CALLERS HAVE QUEUED UP TO COMMENT.



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** ALL RIGHT, AND I THINK OUR SPEAKER IN THE HALL
3 HAS WAIVED, SO ITEM 22 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM,
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

25



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

3

4 **SUP. HORVATH:** SHE DOESN'T GET TWO VOTES, JUST ONE. THANK YOU.
5 JUST TEASING. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 29, REPORT OF THE
6 STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
8 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE
9 ITEMS. OUR C.E.O. AND DR. SCORZA, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
10 RACIAL EQUITY, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. SO, WE'LL START WITH
11 THE PRESENTATION FIRST, AND THEN GO ON TO SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL'S REMARKS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, AND GOOD
15 AFTERNOON. I SEE DR. SCORZA'S GETTING SET UP. JUST BY WAY OF
16 REMINDER, THE GENESIS OF THIS REPORT CAME OUT OF THE BOARD'S
17 ACTION IN 2020, WHERE IT ADOPTED A BOARD-DIRECTED PRIORITY FOR
18 ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. THAT MOTION ALSO
19 INCLUDED A DIRECTIVE FOR THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO ISSUE AN
20 ANNUAL REPORT, A VERBAL REPORT, ON THE STATE OF BLACK L.A.
21 ALTHOUGH DR. SCORZA WAS HIRED AFTER THAT MOTION HAD BEEN
22 ADOPTED, AND THE WORK DID NOT START IN EARNEST UNTIL HE GOT
23 HERE, I JUST WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT HE
24 HAS DONE WITH ALL OF OUR LOCAL PARTNERS AND OUR DATA PARTNERS



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1 TO PULL THIS REPORT TOGETHER, AND HE STANDS BEFORE YOU TODAY,
2 READY TO PRESENT.

3
4 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU, MADAM C.E.O. GOOD MORNING,
5 SUPERVISORS.

6
7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING.

8
9 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** IT IS AN INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE HERE
10 WITH ALL YOU OF YOU TODAY. LET ME START BY SAYING THAT L.A.
11 COUNTY IS HOME TO THE THIRD LARGEST BLACK POPULATION IN THE
12 U.S., AND SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL, BLACK ANGELENOS HAVE BEEN
13 INTEGRAL TO THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIOPOLITICAL
14 LANDSCAPE OF L.A. COUNTY. YET, DESPITE THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS
15 OF BLACK ANGELENOS, AND OFTEN ADVERSE LIFE OUTCOMES THAT
16 RESULT FROM STRUCTURAL AND SPECIFICALLY ANTI-BLACK RACISM, WE
17 RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S A NEED TO REALLY IMPROVE CONDITIONS
18 OVERALL. THIS PRESENTATION IS ON THE STATE OF BLACK LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY REPORT, AND IT WAS A COMMISSION OF THIS REPORT
20 THAT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL DIRECTIVES RELATED TO YOUR JULY 2020
21 BOARD MOTION TO ESTABLISH SURETY. DURING TODAY'S PRESENTATION,
22 I'LL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT, ITS GENESIS AND
23 BACKGROUND; KEY FINDINGS AND NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS, INCLUDING
24 SOME ENCOURAGING TRENDS; COMMUNITY-INFORMED RECOMMENDATIONS
25 FOR YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATIONS; AND NEXT STEPS. SO, BOARD,



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1 WHY ARE WE DOING, AND WHY DID YOU DIRECT THAT WE DO THIS STATE
2 OF BLACK L.A. REPORT? WELL, TARGETED UNIVERSALISM, WHICH IS A
3 CONCEPT CHAMPIONED BY JOHN POWELL, RECOGNIZES THAT WHILE
4 UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES ARE IMPORTANT, CERTAIN
5 COMMUNITIES REQUIRE TARGETED ATTENTION AND RESOURCES TO
6 ACHIEVE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES. COMMUNITY-SPECIFIC REPORTS HELP
7 IDENTIFY THE ROOT CAUSES, THE NEEDS, THE CHALLENGES AND
8 DISPARITIES EXPERIENCED BY COMMUNITIES, BY EXAMINING DATA AND
9 EVIDENCE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF TARGETED UNIVERSALISM. THESE
10 REPORTS PROVIDE A FOUNDATION FOR UNDERSTANDING HOW SPECIFIC
11 INTERVENTIONS AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC
12 BARRIERS AND ACHIEVE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR ALL COMMUNITIES
13 CAN OCCUR. THIS ALSO ALLOWS US TO DEVELOP TARGETED STRATEGIES
14 AND POLICIES THAT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUALITY, AND
15 CREATE PATHWAYS FOR INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
16 ALL. NOW, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE TODAY-- AND I HOPE, ON THIS
17 SCREEN, YOU ALL CAN SEE A COVER PAGE OF THE REPORT ITSELF,
18 ALONG WITH A FEW HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT WHAT'S IN THE REPORT. BUT
19 ONE OF THE THINGS I JUST WANT TO NOTE IS THAT BLACK
20 COMMUNITIES HAVE SOME OF THE MOST URGENT CHALLENGES ACROSS
21 MULTIPLE DOMAINS, AND ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF BLACK PEOPLE IS
22 A WORTHY EFFORT IN AND OF ITSELF. WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION
23 BECAUSE, IN THE WORDS OF HONORABLE JUDGE MICHAEL BECKLOFF, WHO
24 WAS A PRESIDING JUDGE OF OUR EFFORTS FOR BRUCE'S BEACH,
25 DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM IS A GOAL THAT SHOULD BE PURSUED



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1 FOR THE BENEFIT OF NOT JUST HISTORICALLY OPPRESSED
2 COMMUNITIES, BUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE IMPACT OF NOT HAVING
3 ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ONE'S DAILY LIFE, AND THE
4 POSITIVE INFLUENCES IT BRINGS TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY,
5 CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED. WITHOUT IMPROVING AN ACCESS TO
6 RESOURCES, THE CYCLE OF POOR HEALTH, EXACERBATED BY POVERTY,
7 WILL PERSIST. AS SUCH, L.A. COUNTY MUST TAKE UP THE CHARGE AND
8 WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL OF ENDING DISCRIMINATION IN OUR COUNTY,
9 IN ALL OF ITS FORMS. NOW, WE RECOGNIZE IN A.R.D.I. THAT EVERY
10 SINGLE RESIDENT DESERVES TO BE HEALTHY, EXPERIENCE JUSTICE,
11 AND THRIVE, AND YOUR MOTION CREATING A.R.D.I. CALLED FOR THE
12 RELEASE OF AN ANNUAL PUBLIC REPORT THAT'S PRESENTED TO THE
13 BOARD, AND SO, TODAY, THAT'S WHAT WE'LL BE DOING. WE'RE GOING
14 TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES ON THE
15 PROGRESS OF BLACK ANGELENOS IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH, BOTH
16 PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT, JUSTICE, HOUSING, AND HOMELESSNESS, WITH ONE MAIN
18 OBJECTIVE: WE'RE TO PROVIDE A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU,
19 BOARD, ABOUT THE BEST WAYS TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES AND
20 DISPARITIES DETAILED IN THE REPORT. NOW, I WOULD ALSO SAY, BY
21 EXAMINING THE ROLE THAT ANTI-BLACK RACISM PLAYS IN SHAPING THE
22 LIVES OF BLACK PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE CAN ADOPT SOLUTIONS
23 TO DRIVE IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVES OF ALL ANGELENOS. NOW, FOR
24 THE SAKE OF BREVITY, I'LL PROVIDE A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON THE
25 REPORT. I WON'T GO INTO TOO MANY DETAILS. IT IS MADE AVAILABLE



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1 TO THE PUBLIC, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE, I'M HAPPY TO
2 SHARE THAT A BIT LATER. BUT IN THE REPORT, WE ASSESS HOW BLACK
3 RESIDENTS ARE DOING ACROSS 36 INDICATORS, ALL WITHIN DOMAINS
4 OF HEALTH, HOUSING, INCOME, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, SAFETY, AND
5 JUSTICE, AND OUTLINES SOME OF THE DRIVERS AND ROOT CAUSES OF
6 THESE OUTCOMES, AS EXPLAINED BY OUR LOCAL EXPERTS IN OUR FIELD
7 AND OUR REVIEW OF THE PEER-REVIEWED LITERATURE ITSELF IN EACH
8 TOPIC AREA. WHAT THIS ALSO MEANS-- AND THIS IS IMPORTANT TO
9 NOTE-- IS THAT ALTHOUGH WE DID A STATE OF BLACK L.A. REPORT,
10 YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE OUTCOMES FOR EVERY COMMUNITY IN L.A.
11 COUNTY, SO IT'S NOT JUST LIMITED TO BLACK FOLK. WHILE WE KNOW
12 THESE INDICATORS ARE NOT EXHAUSTIVE, THEY WERE VETTED BY
13 EXPERTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS, AND SELECTED BECAUSE OF
14 AVAILABLE DATA, OUR ABILITY TO ESTABLISH A BASELINE, AND IN
15 SOME CASES TIME LIMITATIONS. FUTURE REPORTS WILL EXPLORE
16 ADDITIONAL INDICATORS IN TOPIC AREAS BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM
17 OUR RESEARCH TEAM AND THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO INCLUDED
18 INFOGRAPHICS RANKING THE HIGHEST-NEED COMMUNITIES WITHIN EACH
19 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND HIGHLIGHTED 20 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS,
20 PROVIDING INSIGHT INTO THE HISTORY AND SOCIOPOLITICAL CONTEXT
21 OF EACH AREA, AS WELL AS THE HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY
22 LANDMARKS THAT HOLD UNIQUE CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, OR POLITICAL
23 SIGNIFICANCE FOR BLACK L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. TO ENSURE THAT
24 THE REPORT REFLECTED THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF BLACK RESIDENTS,
25 A.R.D.I. CONDUCTED FOCUS GROUPS WITH THE COMMUNITY INPUT OF



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1 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, AND IN CREATING THE REPORT, WE DREW
2 FROM DOZENS OF LISTENING SESSIONS TO INCORPORATE PRIORITY
3 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, SUBPOPULATIONS' SPECIFIC NEEDS, AND
4 QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK. WE ALSO HELD KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS
5 WITH BLACK RESIDENTS WHO WERE RAISED AND/OR LIVE IN LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE FEATURED SOME OF THOSE VOICES IN OUR
7 COMMUNITY VOICES SECTION. SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE REPORT,
8 A.R.D.I. HOSTED A LAUNCH EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SECOND
9 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IN THE CITY OF
10 COMPTON. WE'VE HELD POLICY TABLE DISCUSSIONS, WE'VE HOSTED
11 INTERNAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS, AND WE'VE ALSO HOSTED
12 DISTRICT-SPECIFIC EVENTS TO HELP INFORM THE RECOMMENDATIONS
13 YOU'LL HEAR TODAY. IN TOTAL, OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS COLLECTIVELY
14 OUTREACHED TO MORE THAN 20,000 RESIDENTS, WITH OVER 1800
15 PARTICIPANTS, AND WE CONTINUE TO HOST WORKSHOPS, LISTENING
16 SESSIONS, AND OTHER EVENTS TO REACH DIVERSE AUDIENCES, AND
17 ENGAGE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ADVOCACY GROUPS, AND
18 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DISSEMINATE THE REPORT'S
19 FINDINGS AND GATHER FEEDBACK IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S
20 REPORT. NOW, HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAJOR FINDINGS
21 OF THE REPORT. IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH, WE FIND THAT AFRICAN
22 AMERICANS HAVE THE LOWEST AND SHORTEST LIFE EXPECTANCY OF
23 NEARLY 75 YEARS, WHICH IS 6 YEARS LESS THAN THE COUNTY
24 AVERAGE, OR IN SOME CASES 13 YEARS LESS THAN THEIR
25 COUNTERPARTS. BLACK FOLK HAVE THE LOWEST C.O.V.I.D. -19



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1 VACCINATION RATES, AND ARE SECOND MOST LIKELY TO BE AT RISK
2 FOR MAJOR DEPRESSION OR TO BE CURRENTLY DEPRESSED. WHAT WE
3 ALSO SEE IN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ARE THE MOST RENT-
4 BURDENED, HIGHEST EVICTION RATES, AND HIGHEST HOMELESS
5 POPULATION RATES RELATIVE TO THE POPULATION THROUGHOUT THE
6 COUNTY. IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION, BLACK STUDENTS GRADUATE HIGH
7 SCHOOL AT A RATE OF 14% TO 20% LOWER THAN THEIR WHITE AND
8 ASIAN PEERS, AND HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF SCHOOL ABSENCES AND
9 SUSPENSIONS. AND IN INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT, THEY HAVE THE
10 LOWEST MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, AT \$51,000, LESS THAN THE
11 COUNTY MEDIAN. AND WE KNOW THAT, AT \$82,000, IT'S ABOUT WHAT
12 YOU NEED TO DO WELL HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST
13 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WHICH IS ABOUT 1.6 TIMES THE UNEMPLOYMENT
14 RATE OF WHITE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AS WELL. AND IN THE AREA OF
15 SAFETY AND JUSTICE, BLACK ANGELENOS ARE FAR MORE LIKELY THAN
16 NON-BLACK INDIVIDUALS TO BE STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 AGENCIES AND INCARCERATED IN JAIL, AT A RATE OF 3 TIMES
18 LATINO/LATINA/LATINX POPULATIONS, 7 TIMES WHITE POPULATIONS,
19 AND NEARLY 100 TIMES ASIAN-AMERICAN POPULATIONS. IN SHORT,
20 COMPARED TO OTHER RACIAL GROUPS IN L.A. COUNTY OVERALL, BLACK
21 ANGELENOS ARE LEAST LIKELY TO ENJOY GOOD HEALTH, HOUSING
22 SECURITY, ACCESS TO ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES, QUALITY EDUCATION,
23 AND MORE LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED BY THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. BUT,
24 SUPERVISORS, I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THE IMPRESSION
25 THAT ALL THINGS ARE BAD FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY. IN FACT, AND



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1 WITH THE PERMISSION FROM ONE OF OUR INTERVIEWEES, WHO IS A
2 SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WHO PREFERRED THAT SHE REMAIN ANONYMOUS,
3 WITH HER PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A BRIEF
4 SNIPPET ABOUT WHAT'S WORKING FOR BLACK ANGELENOS IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. ALEXIS, WHICH IS HER PSEUDONYM, IS A WIFE, A MOTHER, A
6 FORMER TEACHER, AND AN ASPIRING HOMEOWNER, WHO WANTED TO START
7 HER BUSINESS. SHE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS LOAN. SHE WAS
8 ABLE TO GET A BUSINESS MENTOR AND SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO
9 HELP HER OPEN HER OWN BEAUTY SUPPLY STORE IN ONE OF OUR LOCAL
10 COMMUNITIES. BUT SHE DIDN'T STOP THERE. SHE WAS MOTIVATED BY
11 THE DESIRE TO HELP PEOPLE IN HER COMMUNITY TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT
12 WHO THEY ARE. SHE PROVIDES FREE HAIR SUPPLIES FOR CANCER
13 PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS. SHE OFFERS A SAFE SPACE DURING THE DAY
14 FOR PATRONS TO LEARN ABOUT SELF-CARE AND SELF-LOVE, AND
15 PROVIDES FREE CLASSES SHOWING HER NEIGHBORS HOW TO TAKE CARE
16 OF THEIR HAIR. ALEXIS REMINDS US THAT WHILE BLACK RESIDENTS
17 FACE CHALLENGES, THEY CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO INVEST IN THEIR
18 COMMUNITIES, AND TO CREATE A PLACE WHERE ALL BELONG IN L.A.
19 COUNTY. ADVANCING AN ANTI-DEFICIT MESSAGE IS CRUCIAL FOR
20 CHALLENGING HARMFUL STEREOTYPES, AND PROMOTING A MORE ACCURATE
21 AND INCLUSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY'S STRENGTHS,
22 RESILIENCE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS. WE KNOW THAT 93.6% OF BLACK
23 RESIDENTS HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, COMPARED TO 95.5% OF WHITE
24 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE INSURANCE
25 OFFERS FINANCIAL PROTECTION, IMPROVES HEALTH OUTCOMES,



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1 PROMOTES DISEASE PREVENTION, AND PROVIDES PEACE OF MIND IN THE
2 EVENT OF A MAJOR ILLNESS. ON MENTAL HEALTH, WE SAW THAT AMONG
3 COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO REPORTED THAT THEY NEEDED HELP FOR MENTAL
4 AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES, 62% OF BLACK ANGELENOS, MORE THAN
5 ANY OTHER GROUP IN THE COUNTY, RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH
6 TREATMENT. ON SAFETY, WE SAW A 16% REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF
7 BLACK PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. AND,
8 SUPERVISORS, I REALLY JUST WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP,
9 BECAUSE WE WENT FROM 872 INCARCERATED PEOPLE PER 100,000 BLACK
10 RESIDENTS IN 2019, BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, TO 735 INCARCERATED
11 PER 100,000 IN '22, AFTER THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC. NOW,
12 WHILE WE KNOW THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS CONTINUE TO FACE
13 DISPROPORTIONATE INCARCERATION, THIS SUGGESTS THAT OUR CARE
14 FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGY IS WORKING. CONSIDERING
15 THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND EFFORTS TO DATE, A.R.D.I.
16 COMPILED A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS, ANCHORED IN THE FEEDBACK WE
17 RECEIVED SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE REPORT. THESE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CO-CREATED WITH ATTENDEES, WHERE THEMES
19 EMERGED FROM DESIGN-BASED ACTIVITIES LED BY EXPERTS,
20 ADVOCATES, AND PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. PARTICIPANTS
21 BRAINSTORMED INNOVATIVE IDEAS, AND THEN PRIORITIZED COMMUNITY-
22 SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS THAT THEY IDENTIFIED WOULD HAVE THE
23 GREATEST IMPACT ON OUTCOMES HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS REPORT. THESE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING. SO, ONE OF THE PRIMARY
25 THINGS THAT MANY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS MENTIONED, AND OTHERS



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1 SURVEYED, WAS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A ONE-STOP-SHOP FACILITY
2 FOCUSED ON THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF BLACK ANGELENOS. THINK ABOUT
3 THIS AS LIKE A BLACK RESOURCE CENTER ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS, OR A
4 MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER THAT REALLY HOUSES THE SUPPORTS
5 THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THAT PARTICULAR POPULATION, BY COLLOCATING
6 CO-PROVIDED HEALTH SERVICES TO INTEGRATE BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL,
7 AND PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE. PARTICIPANTS RECOMMENDED USING THE
8 BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH OF EXCELLENCE MODEL AT CHARLES DREW
9 UNIVERSITY TO HELP BEGIN AND EXPLORE PILOTING PROGRAMS IN
10 EXISTING COUNTY HEALTH CENTERS. THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION THAT
11 THEY PROVIDED WAS TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.
12 NOW, OBVIOUSLY, YOU ALL ARE DOING THAT THROUGH YOUR CARE FIRST
13 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT WORK, BUT THEY REALLY WANTED TO ELEVATE
14 THE NEED TO SHIFT INVESTMENTS FROM SYSTEMS OF HARM TO
15 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS ACROSS
16 THE MULTIPLE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. AND I KNOW,
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT'S BEEN A REALLY IMPORTANT AREA FOR YOU,
18 AS WELL. DEVELOPING A PUBLIC DASHBOARD THAT DETAILS WHERE
19 THESE INVESTMENTS ARE BEING MADE. SO, IT'S NOT JUST GOOD
20 ENOUGH FOR US TO SAY THAT WE'RE DOING IT. THEY WANT TO KNOW,
21 WHERE IS IT ACTUALLY HAVING AN IMPACT ON OUTCOMES IN THE
22 COMMUNITY, AND HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THESE DOLLARS ARE BEING
23 USED EFFECTIVELY? AND THEN, FINALLY, THE GOAL IS TO CREATE AN
24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY; SO, CREATING MULTIPLE LOCAL
25 COMMUNITY ECOSYSTEMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT FOCUS ON THE



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1 UNIQUE NEEDS OF BLACK RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF
2 HEALTHCARE, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE, GROCERY STORES, AND LIVING-
3 WAGE JOBS. IMAGINE OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE, LED BY
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A.
5 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, WORK THAT OUR C.E.O. FESIA
6 DAVENPORT HAS LED, AS WELL, AND THE C.O.'S OFFICE, TO HELP
7 EXPAND THE WORK OF, AND THE MODEL OF, WRAPAROUND SERVICES IN
8 SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WITHIN COMMUNITIES. SO, WE KNOW PEOPLE
9 CAN'T ALWAYS COME TO A COUNTY FACILITY, SO WE GO TO THEM. NOW,
10 SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO CONCLUDE BY JUST SAYING THAT, AS A
11 NATIVE SON OF BOTH WATTS AND INGLEWOOD, I'VE ALSO BEEN
12 PRIVILEGED TO SHARE COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATE WITH NEIGHBORS,
13 COLLEAGUES, YOUNG PEOPLE, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY ACROSS THE RICH
14 AND DIVERSE TAPESTRY OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY MORE BROADLY. THE RESOLVE, THE RESILIENCE, AND
16 THE COMPASSION TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER THROUGH BOTH CHALLENGES
17 AND SUCCESSES HAS STRENGTHENED MY OWN CONVICTION AND
18 DEDICATION TO ELIMINATE STRUCTURAL RACISM, RACIAL INEQUITIES,
19 AND WORK TOWARDS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHERE EVERYONE,
20 REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, CAN THRIVE AND LIVE WELL. WE HOPE
21 THAT THIS REPORT REMINDS US THAT ALL RESIDENTS DESERVE TO BE
22 INVESTED IN, AND BY USING DATA, THE COUNTY CAN TAKE ACTION AND
23 IMPROVE LIFE OUTCOMES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE OF US. I INVITE
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO USE THE Q.R. CODE, OR VISIT



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1 CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/ARDI TO ACCESS THE REPORT. AND WITH THAT, I
2 TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU, BOARD.

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4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL FIRST.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS,
8 FOR ALLOWING ME TO HOLD THIS, TO REALLY CREATE A SPACE TO
9 PRESENT THIS REPORT THAT CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF THE MOTION
10 IN 2020. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA AND YOUR A.R.D.I.
11 TEAM, CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, AND THE CAPACITY TO IMPACT
12 GROUP FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A PHENOMENAL REPORT, WITH YOUR
13 ONLINE PRESENCE THAT ALLOWS THE INFORMATION TO BE UPLOADED. I
14 MEAN, IT'S DYNAMIC AND POWERFUL. I WAS HONORED TO PARTNER WITH
15 YOU BACK IN APRIL, WHEN WE RELEASED THE REPORT, AND MANY OF
16 THE ITEMS YOU HIGHLIGHTED TODAY WERE KIND OF "AHA" MOMENTS FOR
17 ME, WHEN I CONSIDER THE FACT THAT BOTH OF MY L.A.-COUNTY-
18 RESIDENT PARENTS, NEITHER OF THEM MADE THEIR 80TH BIRTHDAY. I
19 AM STRUCK BY THE DATA AND ALL OF THE REASONS WHY THE LIFE
20 EXPECTANCY OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY IS SO SIGNIFICANTLY
21 SHORTER, EVEN GIVEN THE RATE OF HEALTH INSURANCE WE HAVE.
22 THOSE TWO DATA POINTS TELL A STORY ABOUT ALL OF THE THINGS
23 THAT CAN LEAD TO DEATH. WE TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE IN OUR
24 COMMUNITY, AND JUST THE LIFELONG IMPACT OF RACISM ON ONE'S
25 BODY AND PSYCHE. AND SO IT'S STRIKING. I THINK THE DATA



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1 HIGHLIGHTED IN THE REPORT IS ESSENTIAL TO TELLING US BOTH
2 WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, AND WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I APPRECIATE YOU
3 MAKING THE PRESENTATION TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK
4 CAUCUS, SO THEY CAN BE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE
5 PLIGHT, THE LIVES OF BLACK PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, GIVEN L.A.
6 COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS,
7 STATEWIDE. I KNOW THAT WE BOTH WILL BE PRESENTING AT
8 N.O.B.C.O. IN MONTHS TO COME, SO WE CAN SHARE THE DATA
9 COLLECTION PROCESS WITH OUR COUNTY LEADERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
10 AND THE REPORT ALSO REPRESENTS ACCOUNTABILITY AND CHANGE. YOU
11 KNOW, HOW DO WE MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR INVESTMENTS?
12 I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TO
13 PLAY. I THINK IT WAS SUPERVISOR SOLIS YESTERDAY TALKED ABOUT
14 OUR PRIMARY ROLE WAS THE SAFETY NET IN POVERTY, AND
15 RECOGNIZING THE ROLE SYSTEMIC RACISM HAS PLAYED IN HOLDING A
16 COMMUNITY BACK AND DOWN, WHICH CREATES OPPORTUNITY, TO USE
17 THAT WORD LOOSELY, FOR OUR SAFETY NET TO BE DISPROPORTIONATELY
18 OVER-REPRESENTED BY BLACK PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF SYSTEMIC RACISM.
19 SO, I THINK THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT L.A. COUNTY DO THIS
20 RESEARCH. AGAIN, IT'S A WAY OF US EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS
21 OF OUR INTERVENTIONS. THE STATE OF UTAH ISSUES AN ANNUAL
22 REPORT WHERE THEY EVALUATE THEIR STATE POLICIES, THE PROGRAMS,
23 BUDGET ACTIONS ON IMPACTING MULTIGENERATIONAL POVERTY. AND IN
24 A WAY, THIS REPORT WILL ALLOW US TO DO THE SAME THING: THAT IF
25 WE DON'T SEE OUR INTERACTIONS, OUR INTERVENTIONS WORKING,



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1 BASED ON IMPROVEMENT IN THE DATA YOU COLLECT... THE DEFINITION
2 OF INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER, AND
3 EXPECTING A DIFFERENT OUTCOME. SO, I'M PROUD TO BE ON THE
4 BOARD OF A COUNTY THAT TAKES ANTI-BLACKNESS SERIOUSLY, AND IN
5 THE CREATION OF A.R.D.I. AND THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNUALLY
6 REVIEW THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS
7 COUNTY. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, DR. SCORZA. AGAIN, THANK
8 YOU FOR YOUR WORK. WITH THE RELEASE OF THE REPORT, HOW WILL
9 THE RECOMMENDATIONS, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, IMPACT THE
10 COUNTY'S POLICY AGENDA?

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12 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.
13 AND AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, IT'S SUCH A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH
14 ALL OF YOU TODAY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOUR JULY 2020 MOTION
15 DID IS IT DIRECTED A.R.D.I. TO DEVELOP AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY
16 AGENDA AND PLATFORM TO HELP GUIDE AND GOVERN AND INCREASE THE
17 COUNTY'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING STRUCTURAL BIAS AND
18 RACISM. OUR TEAM HAS BEEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A NUMBER OF
19 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP UNDERSTAND WHERE AND HOW
20 WE CAN GO ABOUT ADOPTING AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY AGENDA, WHICH
21 I'M PROUD TO SAY WE'LL BE PRESENTING TO YOU ALL IN AN UPCOMING
22 REPORT-BACK. I THINK ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO
23 THAT IS BY ADOPTING A POLICY ITSELF ON ANTI-RACISM FOR THE
24 COUNTY, AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO HELP OUR DEPARTMENTS EXAMINE,
25 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND



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1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS TEAM, EXAMINE THE TYPES OF
2 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL POLICIES THAT WE SUPPORT THROUGH A
3 LENS OF ANTI-RACISM. AND SO WE'VE DONE SOME OF THAT WORK. I
4 THINK YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY SEEN IT IN YOUR ADOPTED FEDERAL AND
5 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA BOOKLET, AS WELL, BUT IT WILL BE
6 THROUGH ADOPTING A COUNTYWIDE POLICY, SUCH THAT IT HELPS TO
7 INFUSE THIS WORK WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES, AND
8 THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I ALREADY SAW EVIDENCE OF THAT AT THE
11 RELEASE OF THE REPORT, WHERE THERE WAS A COUNTY DEPARTMENT
12 HEAD PRESENT, WHO SAW THE DATA AND IMMEDIATELY MADE A
13 CONNECTION TO WORK IN THEIR DEPARTMENT, AN EXPANSION OF A
14 SERVICE THAT THEY INTENDED TO GO FORWARD, AND, LOOKING AT SOME
15 OF THE DATA, REALIZED THAT THE EXPANSION PERHAPS NEEDED TO BE
16 TARGETED TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION, WHO'S
17 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY ALL THE ISMS THAT WE TALKED
18 ABOUT. SO, I HAVE ALREADY SEEN THAT TAKE PLACE. DO WE HAVE A
19 PLAN TO APPROPRIATELY RESOURCE A.R.D.I. TO IMPLEMENT THE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT? AND THEN I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP TO
21 THAT, AS WE TALK ABOUT RESOURCES.

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. ON THE
24 QUESTION TO APPROPRIATELY RESOURCE A.R.D.I., WHAT WE WOULD DO
25 IS-- LIKE WE WOULD DO WITH MANY OF OUR OTHER INITIATIVES,



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1 A.R.D.I. NEEDS TO SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE C.E.O.; BASICALLY, A
2 REQUEST THAT IDENTIFIES THE WORK TO BE DONE, THE TASK TO BE
3 COMPLETED, AND A FORECAST, AS BEST AS CAN BE MADE, OF WHAT IT
4 WOULD TAKE TO DO THAT. AND THEN WE WOULD CONSIDER IT AS PART
5 OF THE C.E.O.'S BUDGET THAT WE SUBMIT, AND THAT WE NOW PRESENT
6 TO THE BUDGET DEPUTIES AS PART OF A BUDGETARY ASK. SO, I
7 ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF ASKS, AND ONE OF THEM
8 WOULD BE A BUDGETARY ASK FOR STAFFING AND RESOURCES.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND THEN, IF THAT'S OUR SYSTEM AND
11 INFRASTRUCTURE, AS I LOOK AT THE AMAZING DATA-- I MEAN, THIS
12 REPORT IS DATA-RICH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT INFORMING OUR
13 POLICIES. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER MARGINALIZED GROUPS
14 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND SO I DON'T WANT TO OVERWHELM A.R.D.I.,
15 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS WAS A RESOURCE-INTENSIVE ACTION, BUT
16 HOW DO WE THEN KIND OF GROW OUR CAPACITY, SO WE ARE LOOKING AT
17 OTHER MARGINALIZED GROUPS WHO SUFFER DISPROPORTIONATE NEGATIVE
18 CONSEQUENCES AS A RESULT OF BEING IN L.A. COUNTY, OR BEING IN
19 A MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY, OR ALL OF THE ABOVE? HOW DO WE THEN
20 CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, SO WE CAN GROW AND EXPAND THAT
21 WORK?

22

23 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THAT
24 QUESTION. AND AS YOUR BOARD IS AWARE, A.R.D.I. HAS BEEN ALSO
25 DIRECTED TO TAKE UP ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN



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1 HOMELESSNESS FOR BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS, AND FOR
2 LATINOS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHICH WE ARE INCREDIBLY
3 PROUD TO WORK ON WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE,
4 AS WELL AS THE L.A. HOUSING SERVICES AUTHORITY. AND I'M SUPER
5 EXCITED ABOUT SOME FORTHCOMING REPORT-BACKS TO HELP DETAIL
6 WHERE WE ARE ON THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I KNOW WE WERE
7 ABLE TO DO, SHORT OF PREPARING THIS PLAN, I THINK, AS OUR
8 C.E.O. HAS JUST MENTIONED, IS WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS IN
9 PHILANTHROPY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS. SO, I WAS ABLE TO
10 PARTNER WITH A COUPLE OF FOUNDATIONS TO HELP RAISE ADDITIONAL
11 DOLLARS TO BRING ON A DATA ANALYST, WHO IS A CONSULTANT FOR
12 OUR TEAM, AS WELL AS BRING ON A CONSULTANT WHO IS HELPING US
13 DO GAP ANALYSES. SO, IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING THIS PLAN, I
14 THINK, AS THE C.E.O. HAS MENTIONED, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK
15 CLOSELY WITH PHILANTHROPY. NOW, WHILE THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
16 COVER ALL OF OUR NEEDS, AT LEAST IT SERVES AS A CATALYST FOR
17 DOING SOME OF THIS WORK HERE IN THE COUNTY. SO, I WOULD SAY
18 THAT'S ONE STRATEGY. AND THEN ANOTHER STRATEGY HAS BEEN TO
19 PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS F.U.S.E., TO BRING
20 ON FELLOWS TO ALSO SUPPORT AND ASSIST WITH THIS WORK. AND SO
21 I'M EXCITED ABOUT THOSE EFFORTS, BUT CERTAINLY MUCH MORE CAN
22 BE DONE.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE IT. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT,
25 BECAUSE WE LIVE IN-- YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY IS THE TALE OF TWO



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1 COUNTIES; THAT WHILE WE APPLAUD AND CELEBRATE AND BRAG ABOUT
2 OUR RICH DIVERSITY, WE ALSO KNOW THAT EVERY ANGELENO DOESN'T
3 HAVE THE SIMILAR LIFE EXPERIENCE CALLING L.A. COUNTY HOME. AND
4 SO I THINK THAT WE, AS THE SAFETY-NET LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT,
5 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL OUT AREAS AND CONDITIONS THAT
6 NEED TO BE CHANGED, TO HELP ELEVATE THOSE ISSUES AND LIFT UP
7 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SUFFERING HERE IN THE,
8 PERHAPS, WEALTHIEST COUNTY IN THE WEALTHIEST STATE IN THE
9 NATION. SO, THIS REPORT CERTAINLY STARTS US ON THAT JOURNEY,
10 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING POLICY AND BUDGET
11 CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THIS DATA REAL, IN TERMS
12 OF US, AS A GOVERNING BODY, TAKING THE INFORMATION, BEING HELD
13 ACCOUNTABLE TO IT, AND TAKING ACTION TO EFFECT REAL-LIFE
14 CHANGE ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, SO I CAN HAVE THE EXPECTATION, AND
15 MY BLACK SON CAN HAVE THE EXPECTATION, TO EXCEED THE 80TH
16 BIRTHDAY THAT HIS GRANDPARENTS DID NOT. I APPRECIATE YOU.

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18 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

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20 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND, DR. SCORZA, AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU
23 FOR YOUR DEDICATION, AND FOR YOUR VOICE, AND FOR ACTUALLY
24 ENCAPSULATING WHAT WE NEED TO DO, MOVING FORWARD. AND,
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ACTUALLY TOUCHED ON WHAT I WAS GOING



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1 TO TALK ABOUT, THE POLICIES, BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT THE
2 OUTCOMES, ALMOST EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS, OUR
3 SAFETY-NET CHARGES THAT WE HAVE AS A COUNTY, WHETHER IT BE
4 HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH; EDUCATION, TO A DEGREE, WITH
5 L.A.C.O.E.; JUSTICE-- WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT A LOT;
6 HOUSING-- ABSOLUTELY. AND MY QUESTION IS, WHEN I LOOK AT EVEN
7 SECTION 8 HOUSING, OR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, WE AS A BOARD KNOW
8 THE CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLAY THAT WE
9 NEED TO CHANGE, FEDERALLY, TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
10 GOT A LONG WAITING LIST. WE'VE GOT A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER
11 OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT. I
12 GUESS MY ASK WOULD BE THAT WE WORK CLOSELY, AS WE LOOK AT
13 THOSE LEGISLATIVE FIXES, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T CREATE
14 ADDITIONAL BARRIERS, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, OF ADDRESSING
15 THE SHORTFALLS THAT WE KNOW ARE TAKING PLACE WITH HOW WE, OUT
16 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA, I THINK, GET THE VOUCHERS,
17 WHICH ARE REALLY NOT VOUCHERS, BUT TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE NOT
18 CREATING A LARGER GAP. WHEN I LOOK AT THIS, I MEAN, 62% HAVE
19 THE HIGHEST EVICTION RATES, AND THEN COMPRISE LESS THAN 10% OF
20 THE COUNTY POPULATION, BUT 30% OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION.
21 INCREDIBLE. AND THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD AND
22 WILL DO TO ADDRESS THAT, AND HOPEFULLY BRING THAT DOWN. BUT I
23 SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY, AND SO THAT'S WHY I WAS GLAD YOU
24 TALKED ABOUT THE POLICY. THAT WAS THE INTENT: TO PUT THE LENS
25 ON, LOOKING AT IT MOVING FORWARD. BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT



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1 WE'RE ALREADY DOING, OR ALREADY LOOKING AT, AND I WANT TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN, ESPECIALLY WITH
3 OUR H.I. AND WITH OUR HOUSING, WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT WHAT WE
4 NEED TO DO AS A LEGISLATIVE-- NOT ONLY ON THE SECTION 8 FRONT,
5 BUT JUST ACROSS THE BOARD WITH THE STATE, AS WELL. WHEN WE
6 LOOK AT AT-HOME, AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS
7 POPULATION, I WANT TO MAKE SURE, AS WE ROLL OUT THINGS, WE ARE
8 ACTUALLY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU
9 POINTED OUT IN THIS REPORT. SO, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
10 THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THIS. DR. SCORZA, I'M PROUD TO HAVE YOU
11 AS A CONSTITUENT. YOU REPRESENT THIS BOARD IN A WAY THAT,
12 QUITE FRANKLY, MAKES ME VERY PROUD. SO, THANK YOU.

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14 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, FOR THE INFORMATION. I
19 GUESS, FOR ME, AS WELL, I'D LIKE TO SEE, AT SOME POINT, WHEN
20 YOU DO COME BACK, INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
21 ASSISTANCE THAT WE RECEIVED DURING THE PANDEMIC, A.R.P.A.
22 MONEY THAT STILL HAS TO BE ROLLED OUT, HOW THAT'S IMPACTING
23 ANY-- OR MAY IMPACT SOME OF THE CHANGES IN THESE NUMBERS.
24 HOPEFULLY, IT DOES. BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THAT
25 HAPPENS. AND THEN JUST A THOUGHT THAT I HAD, BECAUSE YOU



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1 SHOWED THE MAP OF WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS
2 LIVE. AND WE'RE SEEING THAT THOSE PLACES, I THINK, HAVE OTHER
3 STRUCTURAL ISSUES THAT GO ON, ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND THAT'S
4 THE SAME THING THAT OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR EXPERIENCE. SO, THE
5 TENDENCY IS FOR PEOPLE TO GO WHERE IT'S AFFORDABLE, AND
6 UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE PLACES ARE NOT TYPICALLY THE BEST PLACES
7 TO LIVE. THEY MAY HAVE HIGHER CONTAMINANTS, POLLUTION, THINGS
8 OF THAT NATURE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE ARE EQUALLY POOR. SO,
9 HOPING THAT PERHAPS WE CAN TAKE A BROADER LOOK, BECAUSE I
10 KNOW, AS WE'RE LOOKING IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, THE DEMOGRAPHICS
11 ARE CHANGING. IN TYPICALLY SOUTH L.A. OR SOUTH CENTRAL, I
12 MEAN, YOU ARE SEEING NOW-- IN INGLEWOOD, 50% OF THE POPULATION
13 IS LATINO, AND THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION IS NO BETTER. AND I'D
14 LOVE TO SEE A CORRELATION, AS WAS POINTED OUT BY SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL, TO SEE HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR
16 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FACED WITH THE SAME HARDSHIPS. AND OF
17 COURSE, THERE'S DIFFERENCES, IN TERMS HISTORIC RACISM TOWARDS
18 AFRICAN AMERICANS, BUT I CAN SEE THAT WE'RE STILL STRUGGLING
19 WITH RACISM, OVERALL: PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THE TRANS
20 COMMUNITY, AND L.G.B.T.Q. BUT I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE
21 HAD BY JUST GETTING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT, SO WE CAN
22 WORK COLLECTIVELY AND GET OUR COMMUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER
23 BETTER. BECAUSE I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'S
24 SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE CAN ALL REALLY WORK TOWARDS: TO HAVE
25 OUR COMMUNITIES AND HAVE LEADERSHIP THAT REALLY UNDERSTANDS



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1 THAT WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER. AND THAT, FOR ME, IS
2 SOMETHING THAT I'M CONSTANTLY REMINDED OF, AS I'M SEEING EVEN
3 MORE IMMIGRANTS OF A.A.P.I. BACKGROUNDS THAT ARE NOT ALL
4 LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM, AS WELL. AND YOU RARELY HEAR ABOUT
5 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOME OF THE CAMBODIAN, VIETNAMESE, THAI
6 COMMUNITIES THAT I KNOW I REPRESENT, WHERE THERE ARE ALSO
7 HARDSHIPS. SO, JUST LOOKING BROADLY AT WHERE WE GO WITH THAT
8 INFORMATION, TOO, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO PICK UP A LOT
9 OF INFORMATION. YOU HAVE SOME ALREADY. I'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT
10 COMES OUT OF THAT, TOO. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION,
11 AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.
12 THANK YOU.

13
14 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

15
16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, AND I JUST WANT TO CHIME IN AND ADD
17 AND ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS. OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF THE
18 STRENGTHS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS OUR DIVERSITY, BUT AS
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID, STRUCTURAL RACISM UNFORTUNATELY
20 REMAINS EMBEDDED IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, AND SO WE MUST WORK
21 INTENTIONALLY AND THOUGHTFULLY TO ACTIVELY DISMANTLE RACISM
22 WHEREVER IT APPEARS. WHEN WE CHANGE SYSTEMS, WE COURSE-CORRECT
23 FOR THE RACIST POLICIES THAT HAVE LED TO DISPROPORTIONATE
24 RATES OF INCARCERATION, HOMELESSNESS, AND POVERTY, AND THIS
25 WORK WE MUST ENGAGE IN DAILY, TO ROOT OUT ANTI-BLACKNESS



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1 EVERYWHERE IT EXISTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE COUNTY
2 DECLARED RACISM A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PUT FORWARD
3 RESOURCES TO EXAMINE COUNTY POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT STRIVE
4 TOWARDS RACIAL EQUITY. AND TO THAT END, THE STATE OF BLACK LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY REPORT REPRESENTS A DEEP COLLABORATION THAT
6 HELPS US TO KNOW WHAT INVESTMENTS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE TO
7 MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS HISTORIC INEQUITIES. OBVIOUSLY, WE MUST
8 DO BETTER, AND THIS REPORT PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS ON
9 ACTIONABLE, MEASURABLE STEPS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR BLACK
10 COMMUNITIES AND BLACK PEOPLE. AND JUST ANECDOTALLY, I BROUGHT
11 FORWARD A PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO SCREEN THE
12 FILM "13TH," AND HAVE A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION LED BY BLACK
13 LIVES MATTER LOS ANGELES, BACK IN 2017. AND AT THE TIME, I HAD
14 A RESIDENT WHO SAID, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS
15 HERE. WE HAVE A VERY SMALL POPULATION OF BLACK PEOPLE. WHO DO
16 YOU THINK THIS IS FOR?" AND IT AWAKENED IN ME EVEN FURTHER AN
17 UNDERSTANDING OF PEOPLE'S LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE ROLE THEY
18 HAVE TO PLAY; THAT THIS IS NOT A BLACK PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY
19 BLACK PEOPLE. THIS IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM. THIS IS A SYSTEMIC
20 PROBLEM IN WHICH WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY. AND SO I GUESS I
21 WOULD LEAVE YOU TO HAVE THE CLOSING WORDS, WITH THAT IN MIND,
22 TO COMMUNITIES WHO SEE THIS AS AN ISSUE THAT IS NOT FOR THEM,
23 THAT THEIR BLACK POPULATION IS VERY SMALL, THAT THIS IS AN
24 INSIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN THE ORDER OF THINGS THAT THEY MIGHT
25 PRIORITIZE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. HOW DOES EACH COMMUNITY TAKE A



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1 LOOK AT THIS REPORT AND MAKE IT ACTIONABLE IN THEIR OWN
2 COMMUNITIES, SO THAT WAY, WE ARE TRULY GOING TOWARDS NOT
3 EQUALITY, BUT EQUITY, IN TERMS OF OUR ACTIONS?

4
5 **D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION,
6 SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU FOR HOSTING THAT SCREENING IN THE
7 COMMUNITY, AS WELL. LET ME JUST START BY SAYING BRIEFLY THAT,
8 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ANTI-BLACK RACISM, A LOT OF THE CONDITIONS
9 THAT WE SEE IN OUR COMMUNITIES STEMMED FROM A FOCUS ON
10 DELIBERATE HARM TO BLACK COMMUNITIES. SO, WE LOOK AT JIM CROW
11 LAWS, BLACK CODE POLICIES; COMING TO THE 20'S, ZONING; THE USE
12 OF REDLINING, APPRAISAL POLICIES. ALL OF THESE THINGS WERE
13 DELIBERATELY FOCUSED ON HARMING BLACK COMMUNITIES, BUT THEY
14 HAVE ALSO HAD EFFECTS ON OTHER COMMUNITIES, AND JUST ABOUT
15 EVERY OTHER COMMUNITY, AS WELL. AND SO, IF WE WANT TO DEAL
16 WITH THE NEGATIVE OUTCOMES WE SEE IN THE HMONG COMMUNITY, FOR
17 EXAMPLE, OR IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, OR OTHER COMMUNITIES,
18 THEN WE HAVE TO START BY ADDRESSING ANTI-BLACK RACISM, BECAUSE
19 IT WAS THE STRUCTURE UPON WHICH A LOT OF THESE DISCRIMINATORY
20 PRACTICES WERE BUILT. AND WHILE I THINK, IN MANY CASES, OUR
21 SYSTEMS GOT REALLY CREATIVE WITH HOW THEY HARMED ASIAN-
22 AMERICAN POPULATIONS OR LATINO POPULATIONS-- I THINK, AT SOME
23 POINT IN THE 20'S AND 30'S, MEXICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE
24 DEPORTED. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAD NATIVE AMERICAN
25 POPULATIONS WHO WERE PROMISED JOBS, PROMISED HOUSING, THAT



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1 WERE RELOCATED TO L.A. COUNTY, THAT NEVER RECEIVED THEM FROM
2 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE HAD ASIAN AMERICANS WHO WERE
3 MASSACRED DOWN HERE IN UNION STATION, RIGHT, BECAUSE THEY
4 COULDN'T-- THEY WERE OUTSIDE THE LAW, RIGHT? THEY COULDN'T
5 ACCESS THE LAW IN THE 1860'S, HERE IN CALIFORNIA. AND I THINK
6 IT HAPPENED HERE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1871. WHEN YOU LOOK AT
7 THESE EXAMPLES, THEY ALL STEM FROM A DESIRE AND A FOCUS TO
8 MAINTAIN SEGREGATION, AND TO MAINTAIN RACIAL SUPERIORITY IN
9 CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS. SO, TO GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE, AND TO
10 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT WHY THIS SHOULD MATTER, IT MATTERS
11 FOR MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE BY ADDRESSING ANTI-BLACK
12 RACISM, WE CAN IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF A NUMBER OF
13 POPULATIONS. BUT IT ALSO MATTERS BECAUSE MANY FOLK ACROSS
14 RACIAL AND ETHNIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC LINES EXPERIENCE POVERTY AND
15 EXPERIENCE CONCENTRATED DISADVANTAGE. GO UP TO THE ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY. YOU'LL SEE WHITE FOLK WHO ARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES,
17 WHO LIVE IN POVERTY, TOO. SO, BY ADDRESSING THE VERY
18 CHALLENGES THAT BLACK FOLK DEAL WITH, WE CAN ALSO IMPROVE
19 CONDITIONS FOR LOW-INCOME WHITE RURAL RESIDENTS. BY ADDRESSING
20 THE APPRAISAL SCHEME THAT'S BEEN HARMING BLACK FOLK, WE CAN
21 ALSO ADDRESS THAT FOR WOMEN AND OTHER POPULATIONS WHO MAY BE
22 HARMED BY BAD APPRAISAL POLICIES, BY MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S
23 FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES THAT WILL ENSURE THAT PARENTS CAN
24 THRIVE. AND WE EVEN LOOK AT THE ROLE THAT-- AND DARE I SAY IT--
25 - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAYED. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WAS INTENDED



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1 TO HELP ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED POPULATIONS
2 LIKE BLACK FOLK, BUT ITS GREATEST BENEFIT WAS FOR WOMEN. SO,
3 WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE POLICIES, WHAT WE FIND IS THAT, WHILE
4 IT'S FOCUSED ON HELPING BLACK COMMUNITIES, IT HAS THE BENEFIT
5 OF SUPPORTING ALL POPULATIONS, AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN'T
6 IGNORE. IF WE ADDRESS ANTI-ASIAN HATE AND BIAS, WE CAN ADDRESS
7 ANTI-SEMITISM. IT'S NOT ONE VERSUS THE OTHER. IT'S ONE AND.
8 IT'S ONE AND ALL. SO I THINK THAT'S THE APPROACH WE HAVE TO
9 THINK ABOUT IS, THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT NEEDS FOR LATINOS,
10 DIFFERENT NEEDS FOR BLACK FOLK, BUT COLLECTIVELY, BY
11 ADDRESSING THOSE NEEDS AND ACHIEVING EQUITY, ALL BOATS CAN
12 RISE. SO, THAT'S WHAT I WOULD ARGUE.

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** COULDN'T AGREE MORE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY
15 WELL SAID. THERE ARE NO MORE COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, SO
16 I'LL NOW TURN TO ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS PLEASE COME FORWARD? MODERATOR, MAY
19 WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JULIA WALLACE. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **JULIA WALLACE:** THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS
25 JULIA WALLACE. I AM A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WITH THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I'M A BLACK WOMAN. I GREW UP IN
2 SOUTH CENTRAL AND INGLEWOOD. I CAME TO SPEAK ON ANOTHER ISSUE,
3 BUT THIS REALLY REMINDED ME THAT, AS A BLACK WOMAN, I'M
4 EXPERIENCING-- AND I'M WORKING FOR THE COUNTY. I'M
5 EXPERIENCING PAY INEQUITY AS A SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER,
6 AND BEING PAID LESS THAN OTHER WORKERS. AND I WANTED TO PUT
7 THIS FOR YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT
8 WHAT WE CAN DO. WELL, WHAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN DO IS
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PAY INEQUITY IS TAKEN AWAY, BECAUSE AS
10 A PERSON WHO'S WORKED AND HAS WORKED ON SKID ROW, AND WORKED
11 WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION, I AM SEEING THAT THE WAGES THAT
12 I'M MAKING ARE BEING LESS THAN THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE
13 STARTING AFTER ME. AND AS I'M SEEING IS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
14 OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, WHO ARE BLACK AND BROWN, AND
15 MANY OF THEM WOMEN, WHO ARE LEADING THE CHARGE--

16
17 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
18 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

21
22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN ENORMOUS
23 AMOUNT OF GOOD WORK IN THIS SPACE. I MEAN, THAT'S QUITE A
24 REPORT, AND IT'S NICE TO HEAR FROM DR. SCORZA AGAIN. WE
25 REMEMBER HIM FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PRESENTATIONS, IF



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1 THAT WAS HIM. AND I JUST WANTED TO ALSO SAY, BECAUSE I MISSED
2 OUT ON THE LAST ITEM, THAT I'M PLEASED THAT THE BOARD REALIZES
3 THAT THEY CAN'T TALK OFF AGENDA IN THE BACK ROOM. THAT ONE
4 SLIPPED BY WHEN I WAS--

5

6 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND SO WE'RE ON ITEM 29, IF YOU COULD FOCUS YOUR
7 COMMENTS THERE, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, I KNOW. I WAS JUST MAKING A SMALL EXEMPTION,
10 TO MAKE SPACE FOR A CRITIQUE OF THAT.

11

12 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM,
13 YOU CAN CALL IN ON PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. WELL, I APPRECIATE WHAT A.R.D.I. HAS BEEN
16 UP TO, AND IT'S ALL ABOUT HEARING THE VOICES OF EVERYBODY. SO,
17 THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY, WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN THE HALL. GO
25 AHEAD.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS AGAIN, AND I
3 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT BLACK LIVES MATTER IN 2017. BUT
4 I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP IN FEBRUARY, WHEN
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTED TO DO AWAY WITH THE AFFORDABLE
6 CARE ACT, WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTED TO DISCUSS THE
7 FEDERAL BUDGET IN JANUARY.

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE STATE OF BLACK LOS
10 ANGELES REPORT.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS THE SUPERVISOR FOR THAT
13 FIFTH DISTRICT, AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WAS PREPARED BY
14 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** HE WAS THE SUPERVISOR IN THE SECOND DISTRICT,
17 AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE REPORT ON BLACK LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HE SAID NO TO US. HE CLOSED DOWN M.L.K. JR.
21 HOSPITAL.

22

23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU NEED TO REMAIN ON TOPIC, PLEASE.

24



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BLACK LIVES CARE. YOU'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT CARING FOR BLACK PEOPLE.

3

4 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS YOUR FIRST WARNING. YOU'RE BEING
5 DISRUPTIVE. YOU NEED TO BE ON TOPIC.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, I'M BEING DISRUPTIVE?

8

9 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT ON TOPIC OF THE AGENDA
10 ITEM.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BLACK COMMUNITY, AND A
13 BLACK COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DISSED BY THEIR OWN LEADERS.

14

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LINDA HOBBS. OKAY, I HAVE ONE MINUTE. I AM
19 IN TEARS OF JOY BY THIS REPORT. I'M 74 YEARS OLD. WE WERE THE
20 FIRST COLORED PEOPLE TO MOVE TO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THE STATE
21 OF CALIFORNIA TOOK OUR HOMES TO PUT A FREEWAY THROUGH THAT
22 NEIGHBORHOOD. MY BROTHERS AND MY COUSINS IN THE GANGS, DRUG
23 ADDICTS. I GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. I TAUGHT IN SOUTH CENTRAL,
24 INTENTIONALLY. SE HABLA ESPANOL. AND WE NEED THIS. AND EVEN
25 THOUGH I HAVE A LOT OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS, I WILL HELP. I



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1 CREATED FOUR GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE COLLEGE GRADUATES. TWO OF
2 MY GRANDSONS ARE MULTIMILLIONAIRES. ARIK ARMSTEAD PLAYS FOR
3 THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS. HE DONATES MONEY, MONEY, MONEY FOR
4 THESE ISSUES. MY DAUGHTER IS A MINISTER, DOING THE SAME THING.
5 THIS IS SO NEEDED. I'M SORRY I TOOK SO MUCH OF THE TIME. I
6 WANT TO HELP.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO HELP.

11

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

13

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

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. I KNOW THAT THE ACTION IS A RECEIVE-AND-
18 FILE, BUT I HOPE YOU HEAR A RESOUNDING AND AFFIRMING YES,
19 UNANIMOUSLY, FROM ALL OF US TO THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING.
20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. NOW WE'LL TURN TO ITEM 30,
21 REPORT ON THE CALI LAKE R.V. RESORT, WHICH WAS HELD BY
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,
23 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I KNOW
24 THAT WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF JOINING US TO BE



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1 PRESENT TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. I WILL TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER.

3
4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL
5 COMING. THE REASON WHY I WANTED TO HOLD THIS AND TALK ABOUT IT
6 IS BECAUSE I KNOW, IF SUPERVISOR HAHN WERE HERE, SHE WOULD
7 EXPRESS ISSUE AS WELL, BECAUSE SHE'S FACING SIMILAR, NOT
8 IDENTICAL, IN PARAMOUNT RIGHT NOW, AS IT RELATES TO AN R.V.
9 PARK THAT IS TRYING TO EVICT INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THE FACT
10 THAT THEY'RE TRIPLING AND QUADRUPLING THEIR RENT. BUT HAVING
11 SAID THAT, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, ALL, FOR BEING HERE. WHY
12 DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE YOURSELVES, FOR THE RECORD?
13 WE'LL START WITH YOU.

14
15 **DAVID DEGRAZIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DAVID DEGRAZIA, THE DEPUTY
16 DIRECTOR FOR CURRENT PLANNING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
17 PLANNING.

18
19 **CHERI TODOROFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M CHERI TODOROFF. I'M THE
20 DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICE.

22
23 **DANA PRATT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DANA PRATT. I'M THE
24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS, FOR
25 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS.



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2 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** HI THERE. I'M DR. VA LECIA ADAMS
3 KELLUM, C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AND, DOCTOR KELLUM, WELCOME. I THINK THIS IS YOUR
7 FIRST TIME BEFORE THIS BOARD, IN YOUR NEW ROLE AS THE
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L.A.H.S.A. AND I HAD THE FORTUNE OF
9 MEETING WITH YOU AND TALKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE, AND WANTED TO
10 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY. CALI LAKES IS THE R.V. PARK IN MY
11 DISTRICT WHERE THEY BROUGHT DOWN RESIDENTS AND CHILDREN TO
12 TALK TO THIS BOARD ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE IN FEAR OF
13 BEING EVICTED AND BECOMING HOMELESS. AND AS WE DID OUR
14 RESEARCH-- AND I WANT TO THANK OUR REGIONAL PLANNING
15 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU, AMY, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU WORKED A
16 LOT ON TRYING TO UNCOVER EXACTLY WHAT THE FACTS WERE. BECAUSE
17 I HAD SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT, ARE WE, IN FACT, GOING TO CAUSE
18 A LOT OF EVICTIONS? AND I FOUND OUT THAT, WORKING WITH THE
19 STATE, THAT THERE IS ALWAYS TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY. AND SO,
20 WHAT WE DID AS A RESULT OF THAT IS ASK L.A.H.S.A., WORKING
21 WITH HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO WORK TOWARD-- AND
22 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE-- TO WORK TOWARD, OR DO OUTREACH AND
23 HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN TO FIND PLACEMENTS FOR THESE
24 INDIVIDUALS, BECAUSE IN FACT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH US
25 BEING PUNITIVE; IT HAD TO DO WITH SAFETY FACTORS OF THAT R.V.



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1 PARK. AND I DON'T KNOW IF SOMEONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THE
2 SAFETY ISSUE, AS IT RELATES TO-- SO WE CAN KIND OF FRAME THE
3 STORY.

4

5 **DAVID DEGRAZIA:** YEAH, SO THE LOCATION OF THE PARK IS ACTUALLY
6 LOCATED IN A FLOOD ZONE, AS WELL AS A HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE,
7 WHICH DOES POSE SAFETY ISSUES TO THE RESIDENTS THERE.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AND AS A RESULT OF THAT-- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
10 WANT TO TALK, CHERI, ABOUT WHAT WE DID AS A ROLLOUT, OR IF YOU
11 DO, DR. KELLUM, IN TERMS OF WHAT L.A.H.S.A.'S ROLE HAS BEEN.
12 I'LL LET YOU TWO FIGHT THAT OUT.

13

14 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, I CAN JUST START BY SAYING, YEAH, WE ARE
15 HERE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TODAY ON THE CALI LAKE R.V. RESORT,
16 WHICH IS LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED AGUA DULCE, NEAR SANTA
17 CLARITA. AND IN FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR MOTION, IN NOVEMBER OF 2022,
18 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE R.V. PARK, A NUMBER
19 OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WERE MOBILIZED, AS WELL AS L.A.H.S.A.,
20 AND WENT ON SITE TO ASSIST THE RESIDENTS, AND TO IDENTIFY ANY
21 PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR, AND TO
22 TRY AND GET THEM CONNECTED TO THOSE RESOURCES. WE HAVE
23 PROVIDED SOME WRITTEN REPORTS BACK TO THE BOARD, BUT TODAY,
24 WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS GIVE YOU THE LATEST INFORMATION. SO, WE
25 THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD START WITH DANA, WHO



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1 WILL GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THOSE TENANT PROTECTIONS, BECAUSE
2 THAT'S HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT OF THAT, AS WE THEN
3 MOVE INTO TALKING ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

4
5 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC. THANKS.

6
7 **DANA PRATT:** THANK YOU. SO, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, COUNTY
8 STAFF, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU SO MUCH--

9
10 **SUP. HORVATH:** CAN YOU LEAN IN JUST A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO YOUR
11 MIC? THANK YOU.

12
13 **DANA PRATT:** SURE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 ADDRESS YOU TODAY ON THIS ISSUE. AGAIN, MY NAME IS DANA PRATT.
15 I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR
16 D.C.B.A., OR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
17 AND I'LL BE SHARING AN UPDATE ON EXISTING PROTECTIONS RELATED
18 TO THOSE WHO RENT SPACE WITHIN R.V. PARKS, AND ALSO TO DISCUSS
19 THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION OVER THESE MATTERS, FROM THE TENANT
20 PROTECTIONS PERSPECTIVE. SO, R.V. PARKS DO HAVE THEIR OWN SET
21 OF RELEGATIONS, AND THEIR LEVEL OF PROTECTIONS DEPEND ON HOW
22 LONG THEY'VE BEEN RENTING SPACE WITHIN THOSE PARKS. AND R.V.
23 PARKS CATEGORIZE THOSE RENTING SPACE IN THREE DIFFERENT WAYS.
24 SO, FIRST, YOU CAN BE AN OCCUPANT, MEANING THAT YOU'VE RENTED
25 SPACE WITHIN THAT PARK FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS. AND SO, FOR



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1 THOSE OCCUPANTS, NO FORMAL EVICTION PROCEEDINGS ARE REQUIRED.
2 THEY JUST NEED TO PROVIDE A PROPER NOTICE WITHIN 72 HOURS,
3 AFTER WHICH THEY CAN TOW TO AN APPROPRIATE STORAGE FACILITY.
4 YOU CAN ALSO BE A TENANT, MEANING YOU'VE OCCUPIED SPACE WITHIN
5 THE R.V. PARK FOR MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. AND SO, IN
6 THOSE INSTANCES, A 3- OR 30-DAY NOTICE MAY BE REQUIRED BY
7 STATE LAW. IF A TENANT DOES NOT LEAVE AFTER THAT NOTICE
8 EXPIRES, THEN THE UNLAWFUL DETAINER OR EVICTION PROCEEDINGS
9 WOULD APPLY. AND LASTLY, YOU CAN BE A RESIDENT, MEANING THAT
10 YOU'VE OCCUPIED A LOT WITHIN THE R.V. PARK FOR AT LEAST 9
11 MONTHS. THAT'S THE MOST PROTECTED CATEGORY, AND SO YOU WOULD
12 EITHER GET A 3- OR 60-DAY NOTICE STATING THE JUST-CAUSE
13 REASONS, WHICH ARE OUTLINED IN STATE LAW. AND AGAIN, A LAWFUL
14 DETAINER EVICTION MUST BE FILED TO REMOVE RESIDENTS FROM
15 PARKS. AND SO, AGAIN, THE TAKEAWAY THERE IS THAT THOSE RENTING
16 SPACE IN R.V. PARKS DO HAVE SOME RIGHTS, BUT THEY DO VARY
17 DEPENDING ON THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS. AND SO WE WOULD
18 ADVISE ANY WITH QUESTIONS TO REFER TO THE R.V. PARK OCCUPANCY
19 LAW, AND/OR TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR
20 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. AND AS FAR AS THE COUNTY'S
21 JURISDICTION, THERE'S NO EXISTING ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES
22 TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR THOSE IN R.V. PARKS. AND AS MOST OF YOU
23 KNOW, D.C.B.A. OVERSEES THE COUNTY'S RENT STABILIZATION
24 ORDINANCES, ONE FOR BRICK-AND-MORTAR RENTAL UNITS, AS WELL AS
25 ONE REGULATING SPACE WITHIN MOBILE HOME PARKS WITHIN



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1 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. NOW, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ARE
2 ONLY COVERED BY OUR ORDINANCES, BUT ONLY IF THEY EXIST WITHIN
3 A MOBILE HOME PARK, AND THEY'VE BEEN IN A SPACE FOR AT LEAST 9
4 MONTHS. SO, D.C.B.A. HAS WORKED WITH C.E.O. H.I., AS WELL AS
5 L.A.H.S.A., TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS IN CALI
6 LAKE, AND WHEN ANY TENANT PROTECTIONS OR EVICTION EVENT
7 ASSISTANCE MAY BE NEEDED. AND WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
8 OUR L.A.H.S.A. PARTNERS, TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE WITH THE
9 RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT, AS THEY'VE REALLY BEEN LEADING THE
10 UNDERTAKING OF THE COORDINATED RESPONSE FOR THE RESIDENTS
11 THERE. THANK YOU.

12
13 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND HONORED
14 TO BE HERE, SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO USE A FEW SLIDES TO
15 OUTLINE OUR DATA. L.A.H.S.A.'S RESOURCE AND REFERRAL TEAM,
16 HOMELESS ENGAGEMENT TEAMS, ALONG WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
17 HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE TEAMS, HAVE BEEN ON SITE AT CALI
18 LAKE R.V. RESORT SINCE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, AND PLEASE
19 ADVANCE THE SLIDE. SINCE THEN, 147 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN
20 ASSESSED FOR SERVICES. 60 HOUSEHOLDS WERE ENGAGED FOR SERVICES
21 AND REFERRALS, INCLUDING 46 HOUSEHOLDS HEADED BY SINGLE
22 ADULTS, 4 HOUSEHOLDS COMPRISED OF FAMILIES, AND 9 WHOSE
23 COMPOSITION WERE UNKNOWN. OF THE 60 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED, 25 ARE
24 STILL BEING SERVED, 35 EXITED SERVICES, WITH 6 LEAVING TO A
25 PERMANENT HOUSING DESTINATION. 29 OF THOSE WHO EXITED DID NOT



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1 COMPLETE AN EXIT INTERVIEW. AS OF JUNE 21, THERE WERE 46
2 HOUSEHOLDS AT CALI LAKE R.V. RESORT. NEXT SLIDE. IN ADDITION
3 TO DATA ON ASSESSMENTS, ENGAGEMENTS, AND EXITS, DIRECTIVE 1 OF
4 THE MOTION ASKS L.A.H.S.A. TO REPORT ON THE REASONS OR
5 BARRIERS FOR REFUSAL. WE TRY NOT TO SEE AN INITIAL REFUSAL OR
6 "NO" AS A PERMANENT SITUATION. INSTEAD, OUR OUTREACH UTILIZES
7 A CONTINUOUS ENGAGEMENT MODEL WITH ALL CLIENTS, AND
8 UNDERSTANDS THAT IT MIGHT TAKE MANY ATTEMPTS BEFORE AN
9 INDIVIDUAL IS COMFORTABLE ACCEPTING SERVICES. HERE, THOUGH,
10 LISTED ARE SOME COMMON REASONS WHY RESIDENTS AT CALI LAKE R.V.
11 RESORT HAVE FALLEN OUT OF ENGAGEMENT. ONE, THE HOUSEHOLD
12 ELECTED TO WORK WITH LEGAL AID ON TENANT RIGHTS TO STAY AT THE
13 LOCATION. THE HOUSEHOLD PREFERRED TO REMAIN AT CALI LAKE R.V.
14 RESORT IS ANOTHER REASON. ADDITIONALLY, SUPPORT WAS NOT NEEDED
15 FOR SOME TO RELOCATE. AND LAST, OUR OUTREACH WORKERS AT SOME
16 POINT WERE NOT ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE HOUSEHOLD. I
17 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, AND I'M SURE YOU WON'T BE
18 SURPRISED TO HEAR, THAT WE DID FIND INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
19 WITH SEVERE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, INOPERABLE AND
20 OLDER R.V.S, COMMUNICATION BARRIERS, INCLUDING LITTLE OR NO
21 CELL SERVICE IN THE AREA, AND LIMITED PERMANENT HOUSING
22 RESOURCES. AND THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT POSED
23 ADDITIONAL BARRIERS. NEXT SLIDE. GOING FORWARD, THOUGH,
24 L.A.H.S.A. STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH ALL CALI LAKE
25 R.V. RESORT OCCUPANTS WHO ARE RECEIVING SERVICES, OR WHO WOULD



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1 LIKE TO ENGAGE IN SERVICES, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT THE
2 SITE TWO TIMES A WEEK, FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. I JUST WANT
3 TO UPLIFT THE FACT THAT L.A.H.S.A. IS COMMITTED TO HELPING
4 RESOLVE HOMELESSNESS, NOT JUST REFERRALS OR HELPING PEOPLE
5 FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE. WE WILL BE BRINGING TRUE RESOURCES THAT
6 WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO HELP RESOLVE THE SITUATION, FOR THOSE WHO
7 ARE OPEN TO IT. NEXT SLIDE. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECTIVE THREE OF
8 THE MOTION, L.A.H.S.A. STAFF COMPILED A LIST OF 43 MOBILE HOME
9 AND R.V. PARKS IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA S.P.A. 2. STAFF WERE
10 ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH 29 OF THOSE PARKS, WHICH REPORTED
11 OCCUPANCY AND TURNOVER RATES AS OF JUNE 22ND, 2023. AND HERE'S
12 WHAT WE FOUND: 12 PARKS HAD OCCUPANCY RANGE FROM 1 OPENING TO
13 32 OPENINGS AT THE VARIOUS SITES, AND ALL PARKS REPORTED LOW
14 OR VERY LOW TURNOVER, SO THAT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO KEEP IN
15 MIND. THAT BRINGS ME TO THE END OF MY REPORT, AND I LOOK
16 FORWARD TO YOUR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I HAVE A QUESTION,
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION, CHERI, THAT
20 WAS CALLING FOR A SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM DEDICATED TOWARD
21 R.V.S. WHERE ARE WE, CURRENTLY, WITH THE COUNTYWIDE SAFE R.V.
22 PARKING PILOT PROGRAM, AND WOULD THIS POSSIBLY BE USED-- COULD
23 WE USE THIS TO LEVERAGE AS A RESOURCE FOR NOT JUST THERE?
24 BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT MAP, THE LAND IS BECOMING VERY
25 VALUABLE BECAUSE OF BY-RIGHT, AND BECAUSE OF THE R.I.N.A



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1 NUMBERS, AND MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE THE
2 TIP OF THE ICEBERG, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE
3 PLAYING OUT. SO, WE AS A BOARD, I THINK, NEED TO GET A HANDLE
4 ON THAT.

5
6 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YES, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. WE HAVE
7 BEEN CHALLENGED WITH IDENTIFYING SAFE PARKING LOCATIONS FOR
8 R.V.S. WE HAVE WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH C.E.O. REAL ESTATE,
9 WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, WITH YOUR
10 BOARD OFFICES, TO HELP IDENTIFY LOCATIONS. RIGHT NOW, MOST
11 PROMISING IS AN OPPORTUNITY UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT WE
12 KNOW THAT WE NEED THIS RESOURCE AVAILABLE COUNTYWIDE. SO, WE
13 ARE CONTINUING TO ENGAGE. WE ARE TALKING WITH SOME OF OUR
14 PARTNERS, SUCH AS METRO, LOOKING AT SOME OPPORTUNITIES THERE,
15 AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH REAL ESTATE TO IDENTIFY
16 LOCATIONS FOR SAFE PARKING FOR R.V.S. IT IS COMPLICATED BY THE
17 SIZE THAT YOU NEED AT THE ENTRY AND EGRESS, THE SPACE BETWEEN
18 THE R.V.S, THE SECURITY, THE HOOKUPS, AS WELL AS THE
19 SANITATION ISSUES. SO, ALL OF THOSE HAVE ADDED COMPLEXITY. A
20 NUMBER OF OUR REGULAR-- WELL, A FEW, ACTUALLY. IT'S NOT A LOT,
21 BUT A FEW OF OUR SAFE PARKING LOCATIONS FOR VEHICLES DO ACCEPT
22 R.V.S, AND SO SOME OF THE CALI LAKE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN
23 OFFERED THAT OPPORTUNITY, AS WELL. MY UNDERSTANDING IS, TO
24 DATE, THAT THEY HAVE DECLINED THE SAFE PARKING OPPORTUNITIES,
25 BUT WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THAT, AS WELL AS ALSO, A



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1 PRIORITY FOR US, IN ADDITION TO THE SAFE PARKING FOR R.V.S, IS
2 ALSO R.V. STORAGE, WHICH ACTUALLY COULD BE QUITE APPLICABLE
3 HERE AS A WAY TO SUPPORT PEOPLE TO COME INSIDE, INTO PERMANENT
4 HOUSING.

5
6 **SUP. BARGER:** EXCELLENT. I JUST THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE
7 I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BOTH OF OUR DISTRICTS ARE
8 IMPACTED HEAVILY BY R.V.S ON THE STREETS, AND SO I THINK THAT
9 WAS THE REASON WHY WE DID IT, BUT I JUST THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE
10 AN OPPORTUNITY. AND THEN, A CLARIFICATION ON ONE THING. IT
11 SAYS, DR. KELLUM, "HOUSEHOLD ELECTED TO WORK WITH LEGAL AID,"
12 AND I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE FACT THAT NOT EVERYONE
13 HAS-- LEGAL AID CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH, IN TERMS OF THE RESOURCES
14 THAT THEY HAVE. AND IT IS NOT JUST AT R.V. PARKS, BUT ACROSS
15 THE BOARD, WE SHOULD BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE
16 PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING GIVEN EVICTION NOTICES THAT DON'T KNOW
17 THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS. SO, I KNOW THAT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE
18 CONSIDERING PUTTING SOMETHING TOGETHER, AS IT RELATES TO
19 PROVIDING LEGAL RESOURCES, AND I THINK THAT THAT IS AS
20 IMPORTANT TODAY AS IT COULD EVER BE, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT IS
21 GOING ON, AND WHAT I AM HEARING GOING ON. BUT ON THE
22 "HOUSEHOLD PREFERRED TO REMAIN AT CALI LAKE R.V. RESORT," I
23 THOUGHT THAT WAS NOT A CHOICE. I THOUGHT THE STATE WAS
24 MANDATING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SLOTS, AND EVERYONE ELSE HAD TO
25 MOVE, BECAUSE IT'S NOT SAFE. SO I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, IF



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1 THEY ARE STAYING THERE-- MAYBE IT'S TO YOU, REGIONAL PLANNING-
2 - IS THIS STATE JURISDICTION, AND IF SO, WILL THEY COME IN AND
3 FORCE EVICTION? AND THEN THE NEXT PART OF THAT IS-- WELL, I
4 WILL WAIT, BECAUSE IT IS ON THE TENANT RIGHTS, BUT ON THAT
5 SIDE.

6

7 **DAVID DEGRAZIA:** SO, THE STATE IS REFERENCING THE CONDITIONAL
8 USE PERMIT, WHICH IS APPROVED FOR 47 SPACES. THE GOOD NEWS IS,
9 THEY ARE ACTUALLY DOWN TO 46, AS WAS SHOWN IN THE SLIDE. THEY
10 HAVE 47 VEHICLES, BUT ONE IS NOT OCCUPIED RIGHT NOW. SO, IT IS
11 IN CONJUNCTION, BUT RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE WITHIN THAT LEGAL
12 LIMIT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT'S GOOD NEWS. SO, THANK YOU
15 FOR THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF DID. ON THE TENANT
16 RIGHTS, I RECALL, BECAUSE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I-- I DON'T KNOW
17 IF IT WAS IN YOUR DISTRICT, AS WELL, WHERE WE HAD THE R.V.
18 PARK. IT WAS HACIENDA HEIGHTS, WHICH IS NOW YOU, I THINK. MY
19 RECOLLECTION IS THAT THAT FALLS UNDER STATE JURISDICTION. SO,
20 IF WE WANTED TO DO ANY SORT OF TENANT PROTECTIONS AND/OR
21 SOMETHING, DO WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY, OR IS THAT THE STATE, AS
22 IT RELATES TO R.V. PARKS?

23

24 **DANA PRATT:** R.V.S ARE COVERED UNDER STATE LAW, BUT MOBILE
25 HOMES ARE, AS WELL. SO, I WOULD PROBABLY DEFER TO COUNTY



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1 COUNSEL. HOWEVER, I THINK IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE COULD
2 LOOK INTO, IF THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE WANTED TO REGULATE,
3 BUT WE WOULD NEED TO ALSO HAVE OTHER CONVERSATIONS.

4
5 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK WE HAVE A REPORT OUT THERE. I GUESS,
6 MAYBE, WE JUST NEED TO DUST IT OFF. BECAUSE, AGAIN, WHEN I
7 LOOK AT THE MAP THAT WAS PROVIDED, AND I SEE THAT THERE ARE 43
8 MOBILE HOME AND R.V. PARKS AS EARLY AS, I THINK, LAST WEEK--
9 ONE IN PARAMOUNT WAS SOLD TO A NEW OWNER, WHO NOW IS EVICTING,
10 OR SENT EVICTION NOTICES-- I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD TRY TO BE
11 PREPARED, MOVING FORWARD. AND AGAIN, WHAT YOU ALL AS A TEAM
12 HAVE DONE AT CALI LAKE, I WANT TO THANK YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW
13 THAT MY CONCERN WAS THAT WE WERE GOING TO CREATE ANOTHER GROUP
14 OF HOMELESS FAMILIES, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM THAT ARE LIVING
15 THERE ARE FAMILIES WITH TIES TO THE SCHOOLS UP THERE, AND ALL.
16 AND SO I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH, AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.
17 BUT I THINK THAT LESSONS LEARNED FROM THIS SHOULD BE ROLLED
18 OUT, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO, AS IT RELATES
19 TO R.V. AND MOBILE HOME. AND I WOULD JUST ALSO SAY, WHEN YOU
20 TALKED ABOUT THE 30 DAY-- HOW LONG DO THEY HAVE TO BE IN THE
21 SITE?

22
23 **DANA PRATT:** IT DEPENDS. AT LEAST 30 DAYS, TO BE CONSIDERED A
24 RESIDENT; OR, SORRY, AN OCCUPANT, RATHER.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, I WILL TELL YOU THAT-- AND I WON'T NAME IT,
2 BUT THERE WAS A CODE THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY OVER
3 30 DAYS, BUT THEY ALLOWED THEM TO, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. SO I
4 DON'T KNOW HOW, IN SITUATIONS WHERE YOU'VE GOT PREDATORS, AS
5 IT RELATES TO THOSE THAT ARE ALLOWING THEM TO STAY, KNOWING
6 THAT THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO STAY FOR THAT EXTENDED PERIOD OF
7 TIME. MANY, PROBABLY, HAVE STAYED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF
8 TIME, BUT BECAUSE THEIR C.U.P.-- OR I GUESS IT WOULD BE A
9 C.U.P., OR WHATEVER THE DOCUMENT IS, IT ONLY SAYS THAT SOMEONE
10 CAN COME AND GO 29 DAYS. THEY HAVE TO LEAVE ON THE 30TH, AND
11 THEN COME BACK. SO I JUST WANT TO CAUTION US ON THAT, AS WELL,
12 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A COUNTY-RUN R.V. PARK THAT HAS
13 THAT RULE, BUT PEOPLE ARE LIVING THERE YEAR-ROUND.

14
15 **DANA PRATT:** ABSOLUTELY, AND WE'D NEED TO HAVE A COORDINATED--
16 THIS ENTIRE GROUP, AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL, NEED TO HAVE A
17 COORDINATED RESPONSE, DEPENDING ON WHAT ACTION WE'D LIKE TO
18 TAKE.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC. WELL, AGAIN, I WANTED TO HOLD THIS
21 JUST TO HIGHLIGHT. I DIDN'T REALIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN WASN'T
22 GOING TO BE HERE, BECAUSE I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT WANT TO WEIGH IN
23 ON THE PARAMOUNT. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. AND, DR.
24 KELLUM, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO
25 THE FACT THAT YOU VIEW THIS AS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND IT IS A



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1 GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO KIND OF MEET YOU. WELL, YOU
2 ALL HAVE MET, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU WORKED TOGETHER, BUT I HAD
3 NOT. SO, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THANK YOU,
4 MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HORVATH:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU GOT THAT ON VIDEO,
9 THAT WE ARE ALL GOING TO HELP YOU.

10

11 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** I AM GRATEFUL.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GET THAT CLIP, RIGHT, BECAUSE YOU MAY NEED IT.
14 IN YESTERDAY'S BUDGET HEARING, I ELEVATED THE NEEDS THAT WE
15 ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS
16 WHO LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND I HEAR DAILY FROM
17 RESIDENTS IN MY UNINCORPORATED DISTRICTS ABOUT THEIR-- I CAN'T
18 EVEN SAY GROWING FRUSTRATION; THEIR ANGER, THEIR UNFILTERED
19 ANGER, WITH THE CHALLENGES THEY ARE EXPERIENCING OF DEBRIS AND
20 SEWAGE FROM R.V.S PARKED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN FRONT OF
21 THEIR HOMES AND IN FRONT OF THEIR BUSINESSES. AND CONNECTIONS
22 TO HOUSING OPTIONS AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN R.V.S IS
23 CRITICAL. I KNOW THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN WORKING
24 ON SECURING SPACE FOR R.V.S, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT DON'T
25 COMPLY WITH D.M.V. RULES. BUT I AM CLEAR, IN ORDER FOR US TO



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1 BE SUCCESSFUL WITH OUR COUNTYWIDE R.V. PILOT PROGRAM THAT
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER WAS GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO CO-AUTHOR WITH ME, WE
3 NEED TO BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE EVERY TOOL AVAILABLE TO US. SO, A
4 COUPLE QUESTIONS. I AM LOOKING AT THE MAP. DO WE HAVE A
5 SIMILAR ANALYSIS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF R.V. PARKS IN OTHER
6 S.P.A.S, BEYOND S.P.A. 2?

7

8 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** WE CAN MAKE THAT AVAILABLE.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT WOULD BE VERY, VERY HELPFUL.

11

12 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** ABSOLUTELY.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I AM WONDERING IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR
15 INSIGHTS FROM THE ASSESSMENT THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO OTHER
16 S.P.A.S, TO HELP CONNECT R.V. RESIDENTS TO EXISTING MOBILE
17 HOME AND R.V. PARKS.

18

19 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** I CAN RESPOND, JUST FROM THE SENSE
20 OF, AS A PROVIDER THAT DID THIS WORK WITH FOLKS IN R.V.S,
21 PEOPLE IN R.V.S DON'T ALWAYS SEE THEMSELVES AS HOMELESS.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** EXACTLY.

24



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1 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** AND A LOT OF TIMES, THEY DON'T SEE
2 THEMSELVES AS BEING ABLE TO AFFORD A FORMAL HOOKUP SPACE. BUT
3 I THINK THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF SUBSIDIES THAT WE SHOULD
4 CONSIDER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO LIVING IN THEIR
5 R.V.S, AND I JUST DON'T THINK WE HAVE EXPANDED ALL OF OUR
6 OPPORTUNITIES AND THINGS THAT WE CAN LEAN INTO. SO, I THINK IT
7 IS ON THE TABLE, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT MORE WORK DIRECTLY
8 TALKING ABOUT SAFETY AND WELLBEING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE RESIDING
9 IN THEIR R.V.S IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE NOT ALL OF THEM ARE SAFE,
10 AND MANY OF THEM ARE DYING IN THOSE SPACES.

11
12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES.

13
14 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** SO, IT IS AN EDUCATIONAL MOMENT. I
15 THINK IT IS HOW OUTREACH IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND THE
16 H.O.S.T. TEAMS, TO GET PEOPLE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY. BUT WE
17 DEFINITELY NEED A COLLABORATIVE, CONCERTED EFFORT AND A
18 STRATEGY TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I COULDN'T AGREE MORE.

21
22 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** THAT ALIGNS WITH YOUR MOTION.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, WHICH IS WHY WE BROUGHT THE MOTION
25 FORWARD, AND DISCOVERED IN WORKING WITH H.O.S.T. TEAMS BEFORE



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1 WE BROUGHT THE MOTION FORWARD, AND TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE
2 IN R.V.S, THAT-- AND I OFTEN SAY THAT IT IS A DIFFERENT
3 CHALLENGE THAN THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN TENT ENCAMPMENTS ON THE
4 STREET, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM DO PERCEIVE IT AS A FORM OF
5 SHELTER. AND EVEN US HAVING THE CONVERSATION HERE AT THE
6 COUNTY LEVEL AROUND TRASH PICKUP. YOU KNOW, I OFTEN SAY TO MY
7 HOUSED CONSTITUENTS, "IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE SOMEONE PICKING UP
8 YOUR TRASH WEEKLY, WE TOO WOULD HAVE A CHALLENGE WITH TRASH,"
9 AS WELL AS WE TALK ABOUT IN THIS SPACE, ALL THE TIME, ILLEGAL
10 DUMPING, WHICH WE SEE. BUT WHAT WE HEAR FROM OUR
11 UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS IS THE REAL CONCERN OVER DEBRIS AND
12 SEWAGE THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH R.V.S. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO--
13 AND LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN PARTNER TO GET A SENSE OF THE
14 AVAILABLE R.V. PARKS ACROSS OTHER S.P.A.S. AGAIN, THIS IS AN
15 ADDITIONAL TOOL, I THINK, IN OUR TOOL KIT, AS THE COUNTY AND
16 THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE WORKS THROUGH ALL OF THE STEPS
17 THAT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE IN OUR PILOT PROGRAM, BROUGHT
18 FORWARD AS A RESULT OF THE MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THE ITEM, SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER. IT IS CRITICAL. IN MY AREA, WE HAVE EAST LOS ANGELES,
25 WHICH IS HOME TO ABOUT 120,000 PEOPLE. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE



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1 OF PRACTICES AND POLICIES THAT WERE PUT INTO PLACE BY THE CITY
2 OF LOS ANGELES A COUPLE YEARS AGO, MANY OF THE ORDINANCES
3 OVERSEEING AND REGULATING R.V.S HAD AN IMPACT, AND MANY OF
4 THOSE FOLKS MOVED INTO UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, WE HAVE HAD
5 THIS ISSUE, NOW, ONGOING FOR A COUPLE YEARS. AND IT IS
6 FRIGHTENING, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE FINDING
7 PLACES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT ISN'T HEAVILY--
8 THERE'S NO ENFORCEMENT, IN SOME WAYS, AND IT IS MINIMAL, AND I
9 THINK C.O.V.I.D. ALSO KIND OF EXACERBATED THAT. AND THERE'S A
10 BIG DISCONNECT IN TERMS OF INFORMATION; THAT SOME OF THE FOLKS
11 THAT LIVE IN THE R.V.S AREN'T FULLY AWARE OF WHAT
12 OPPORTUNITIES THEY MIGHT HAVE, BUT ALSO PROTECTIONS, ALSO
13 PROTECTIONS AND SAFETY FOR THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE WHERE THEY
14 CHOOSE TO PARK THEIR VEHICLES. AND WE HAVE HAD JUST AN
15 ONGOING, HOW COULD I SAY, PROBLEM IN THE WEST SAN GABRIEL
16 VALLEY, I WANT TO SAY AROUND VALINDA, IN PARTICULAR. AND WE
17 HAD THE SHERIFFS AND OUR OTHER AGENCIES COME OUT AND PROVIDE
18 SOME SIGNAGE-- D.P.W., ACTUALLY-- PUTTING OUT SIGNAGE TO
19 RESTRICT WHERE PEOPLE COULD PARK, BUT THAT DOESN'T FIX IT,
20 BECAUSE THEY JUST MOVE TO ANOTHER COUPLE OF STREETS DOWN THE
21 WAY, AND WE'RE STILL GETTING-- IT IS THE SAME FOLKS THAT MOVE,
22 NOW, TO ANOTHER PART OF OUR AREA. AND IT IS DISCONCERTING,
23 BECAUSE MANY REFUSE SERVICE, AND THEY ARE REALLY HARD TO
24 COMMUNICATE WITH. NOT JUST THAT, BUT JUST, DO THEY HAVE A
25 PHONE, OR DO THEY EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO A CELL PHONE, AND ALL



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1 THAT? THOSE ARE ALL ISSUES THAT WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT
2 PROVIDING THEM. SO I AGREE WITH SOME OF THE THINGS YOU ARE
3 SAYING THERE, BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A BROADER EFFORT,
4 AND I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT WE DO HAVE SOME CHURCHES THAT WANT
5 TO ALLOW FOR THEIR PARKING LOTS TO BE USED FOR R.V. SAFE
6 PARKING. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE IN THAT
7 DIRECTION FOR THE COUNTY, BECAUSE I DO SEE IT AS A PROBLEM FOR
8 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, MUCH MORE THAN I DO WITH OUR CITIES.
9 CITIES HAVE THEIR RESTRICTIONS, THEY MOVE ON IT, BUT THEN
10 THESE INDIVIDUALS MOVE, THEN, TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, SO
11 IT IS A PROBLEM. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE
12 PRESENTATION.

13
14 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW THAT THIS ITEM IS
15 SPECIFIC TO CALI LAKE R.V. RESORT, WHICH IS A SITE THAT
16 PERMITS SOME R.V.S, BUT I THINK WE HAVE KIND OF BLENDED OUR
17 COMMENTS INTO SOME OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE R.V.S ARE NOT
18 PERMITTED. AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, I THINK WHAT PRECIPITATED
19 THIS CONVERSATION IS A VERY UNIQUE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
20 WE NEED TO ADDRESS. BUT I THINK WE ARE ALL SORT OF TAKING THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE BROADER ISSUE, UNDERSTANDABLY
22 SO, BECAUSE IT IS OF SUCH GREAT CONCERN. I KNOW THAT NOT ONLY
23 THIS BOARD, THROUGH PREVIOUS ACTION, BUT ALSO MY COLLEAGUES,
24 IN OUR CAPACITY AS METRO DIRECTORS, HEARD A MOTION FROM THE
25 MAYOR, WHICH I AMENDED TO INCLUDE METRO PROPERTIES TO BE



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1 CONSIDERED FOR THIS KIND OF USE, AS CHERI MENTIONED IN HER
2 COMMENTS. AND I KNOW THAT THE CITY IS ALSO LOOKING AT SITES IN
3 RESPECTIVE COUNCIL DISTRICTS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CITY
4 ATTORNEY AND THE C.A.O. AND I KNOW, IN MY CAPACITY AS A
5 DIRECTOR ON L.A.H.S.A., WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT HOW WE CAN USE
6 SAFE PARKING SITES, AND EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THEM TO
7 24 HOURS, TO ALLOW FOR SOME OF THE TRANSITION NEEDS THAT
8 PEOPLE HAVE WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO GET THEM OUT OF R.V.S THAT
9 THEY DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO BE THEIR HOME PERMANENTLY, BUT IT
10 IS WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MANAGE, AND NEEDING THAT SAFE
11 SPACE TO HAVE THEIR PROPERTY STORED IN A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN
12 ACCESS IT FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF TIME. AND SO I WOULD JUST--
13 - WHILE WE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT RESOURCES EACH ENTITY HAS
14 AVAILABLE-- CITY, COUNTY, METRO, L.A.H.S.A., ALL OF THOSE-- I
15 WOULD ALSO SAY, AS WE ARE LOOKING AT THE EVIDENCE OF THIS
16 REPORT AND WHERE THE NEED IS IN S.P.A. 2, OR THE RESPECTIVE
17 S.P.A.S, IF THAT'S INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO COME BACK, I
18 THINK WE SHOULD ALSO LOOK AT WHERE THE NEED IS, AND
19 PROACTIVELY GO OUT AND IDENTIFY, IF THERE IS A PARKING AREA
20 NEARBY, CAN WE APPROACH PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO ENGAGE AND
21 BE OUR PARTNERS WITH US FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF TIME, TO
22 HELP RESOLVE SOME OF THESE ISSUES? I KNOW THAT I HAVE HEARD,
23 FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS,
24 THE GREAT NEED, ESPECIALLY IN THE VALLEY, IN MY DISTRICT, FOR
25 SUPPORT TO LOCATE THE R.V.S FOR A SET PERIOD OF TIME. AND SO I



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1 WOULD JUST SAY, TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN BE PROACTIVE, AND
2 IDENTIFYING WHO MIGHT WISH TO BE PARTNERS WITH US FOR SOME
3 SORT OF FEE, FOR A SERVICE KIND OF ARRANGEMENT, THAT WE CAN
4 PROACTIVELY ENGAGE AND HELP GET PEOPLE INTO HOUSING. SO, I
5 JUST-- I KNOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR
6 POSSESSION, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT, BUT ALSO LOOKING AT HOW WE
7 CAN USE THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY,
8 IDENTIFYING WHERE THE NEED IS, AND GOING OUT AND DOING THE
9 WORK. SO, I WOULD JUST OFFER THAT AS, YOU KNOW, IN ADDITION TO
10 ALL OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED HERE. ARE THERE ANY
11 COMMENTS OR RESPONSES YOU WANT TO OFFER BEFORE I TAKE IT TO
12 OUR PUBLIC? VERY GOOD. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. THANK
13 YOU, ESPECIALLY, TO DR. ADAMS KELLUM FOR JOINING US. IT IS
14 NICE TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU HERE. I GET TO SEE YOU IN ANOTHER
15 CAPACITY ON L.A.H.S.A., AND APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
16 WORK. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I WILL NOW TURN IT TO YOU TO HELP US
17 HAVE THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS
18 ITEM.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** WILL ARNOLD SACHS AND HERMAN HERMAN PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER,
22 PLEASE?

23
24 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO PARTICIPANTS IN QUEUE TO
25 ADDRESS THE BOARD. NO REMOTE PARTICIPANTS.



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1

2 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL TURN TO OUR
3 SPEAKERS IN THE HALL. GO RIGHT AHEAD. THANK YOU.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. AGAIN, I AM A LITTLE BIT
6 CONCERNED ABOUT THE CALI LAKE R.V. RESORT. IS IT A RESORT, OR
7 IS IT A PARK, WHERE THEY PARK R.V.S? THERE ARE A LOT OF R.V.S
8 PARKED ALL AROUND THE COUNTY. THEY ARE NOT JUST PARKED IN THIS
9 ONE RESORT. I AM NOT SURE HOW YOU ARE GOING ABOUT ADDRESSING
10 THAT PROBLEM. AGAIN, IT GOES BACK TO THE FAILURE OF THE
11 PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR TO DO ANYTHING FOR HIS DISTRICT. AS A
12 MATTER OF FACT, HE COMPLETELY FAILED THE PEOPLE IN THAT
13 DISTRICT. IT WAS PEOPLE THAT CAME IN HERE TO SPEAK, AND
14 STARTED TALKING ABOUT-- THESE ARE YOUR PEOPLE, MARK RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** CAN WE FOCUS OUR COMMENTS ON THE DISTRICT AND ON
18 THIS ITEM?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOW WE HAVE PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT WHITE PEOPLE.

21

22 **SUP. HORVATH:** PLEASE FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, WHICH
23 IS NOT IN DISTRICT 2.

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I AM FOCUSING ON THE DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD
2 MEMBERS, AND OF PEOPLE THAT ARE TALKING.

3

4 **SUP. HORVATH:** YOUR TIME HAS NOW EXPIRED. WE WILL GO TO OUR
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOLLY MITCHELL, WEREN'T YOU IN THE GOVERNMENT?
8 AREN'T YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL SHUTDOWN?

9

10 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

11

12 **SUP. HORVATH:** WE WILL GO TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK
13 YOU. WE WILL GO TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THAT IS NOW YOUR
14 SECOND WARNING, SIR. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC. GO AHEAD, HERMAN. THANK YOU FOR WAITING.

16

17 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YES, GOOD JOB. BUT THE CLARITY IS FROM WHOM?
18 FROM WHOM? HOW MANY YEARS HAVE WE BEEN SEEING THESE R.V.S ON
19 STREETS? HOW MANY R.V.S HAVE WE BEEN SEEING IN THESE RESORTS?
20 HOW MANY R.V. PARKS HAVE WE SEEN DESTROYED AND DISMANTLED BY
21 THE LOS ANGELES AUTHORITY FOR CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS?
22 RIGHT? FOR SERVICES, HOUSING, AND SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES. WELL,
23 LET'S BE HONEST. WHERE THE [EXPLETIVE] IS IT GOING? I WANT TO
24 KNOW. BECAUSE IF MY FIRST AMENDMENT OFFENDS ANYONE, BASED ON
25 WHAT I JUST SAID, STRIKE ME DOWN NOW. BECAUSE AT THIS POINT, I



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1 AM VERY FRUSTRATED AT SEEING RESIDENTS, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, AND
2 PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN DISTRICT 1 GOING THROUGH THIS [EXPLETIVE]
3 HECTIC MESS OF FINDING HOUSING, FINDING HOMES, AND GETTING
4 PEOPLE--

5
6 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
7 THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SEEING
8 NO OTHER SPEAKERS, I BELIEVE THIS ITEM IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE.
9 IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, THAT WILL
10 BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF OUR PANELISTS FOR
11 YOUR COMMENTS AND PRESENTATION ON THIS ITEM. AT THIS TIME, IT
12 WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT
13 POSTED ON THE AGENDA. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER HAS TWO SPECIALS TO READ IN TODAY, SO I WILL TURN IT TO
15 HER.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND YESTERDAY, I JOINED U.S. SENATOR
18 ALEX PADILLA, CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU, SECRETARY WADE CROWFOOT,
19 CONGRESSMAN TONY CARDENAS, MAYOR VICTOR GORDO, NATURE FOR ALL,
20 AND MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, TO ANNOUNCE A NEW STRATEGY
21 TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, AND EXPAND
22 THE EXISTING SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT. SENATOR
23 PADILLA HAS ALREADY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO RESTORE AND
24 EXPAND PROTECTIONS FOR MORE THAN 1 MILLION ACRES OF CALIFORNIA
25 PUBLIC LANDS. THE PROTECTING UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES



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SUPERVISORS

1 BY INVESTING IN CALIFORNIA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PUBLIC LANDS
2 ACT, WOULD INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS THROUGHOUT
3 NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA, THE CENTRAL COAST, AND LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY. IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, IT WOULD EXPAND THE SAN GABRIEL
5 MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT BY MORE THAN 100,000 ACRES, TO
6 FULFILL THE VISION OF PERMANENTLY PROTECTING THE SAN GABRIEL
7 MOUNTAINS. SENATOR PADILLA AND CONGRESSWOMAN CHU HAVE ACTIVELY
8 ADVOCATED FOR THE EXPANSION THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS, AND HAVE
9 URGED PRESIDENT BIDEN TO UTILIZE HIS AUTHORITY, UNDER THE
10 ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 1906, TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION
11 TO EXPAND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT.
12 PRESERVING THESE SPECIAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS IS SO
13 IMPORTANT, AND I WAS SO MOVED TO HEAR EVERYONE'S PERSONAL
14 EXPERIENCES RECREATING IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. WE NEED
15 TO KEEP MOMENTUM FROM YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE GOING, AND
16 OFFICIALLY EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.
17 I AM PROUD TO AUTHOR THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3681,
18 AUTHORED BY CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU, TO EXPAND AND PRESERVE THE
19 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT. I WILL NOW READ IN
20 THE DIRECTIVE FOR THIS MOTION, WHICH WILL BE ACTED UPON AT THE
21 NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, ON JULY 11TH. "I THEREFORE
22 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICE, THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
24 RELATIONS BRANCH, TO SUPPORT H.R. 3681 LEGISLATION, WHICH
25 SEEKS TO EXPAND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT,



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1 AND SEND A LETTER TO CONGRESSWOMAN CHU AND CHAIR OF THE HOUSE
2 NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL LANDS WITH A COPY TO
3 THE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, TO ADVOCATE FOR THE
4 PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION." THANK YOU. I ALSO HAVE ANOTHER
5 SPECIAL. DO WE HAVE A QUORUM? YEAH. THIS ONE IS-- STAND BY.
6 THIS MOTION IS ABOUT-- MY SECOND MOTION, MY SECOND SPECIAL, IS
7 ABOUT SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN EFFORT TO HONOR A HISTORIC
8 RESOURCE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. OLD GLORY IS A MAJESTIC
9 AND HISTORIC OAK TREE THAT ARBORISTS ESTIMATE IS BETWEEN 150
10 AND 400 YEARS OLD. IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND OLDEST OAK
11 TREES IN THE COUNTY. OLD GLORY WAS SUCCESSFULLY RELOCATED TO
12 PICO CANYON PARK, IN UNINCORPORATED STEVENSON RANCH, IN 2004,
13 A TREMENDOUS FEAT TO PRESERVE THIS INCREDIBLE RESOURCE. IN
14 2007, THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS CERTIFIED IT AS THE LARGEST
15 TRANSPLANTED TREE IN THE WORLD. AS WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE
16 AND UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITIES, WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT
17 AND HONOR THEIR HISTORY. "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE
20 RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, AND IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY
21 STAKEHOLDERS, TO INITIATE A NOMINATION PROCESS FOR OLD GLORY
22 AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK." THOSE ARE FOR NEXT
23 WEEK. THANK YOU.

24



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
2 SPECIALS? SEEING NONE, WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT
4 HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0
6 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA
7 ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE
9 AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF
10 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS,
11 AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12
13 **SPEAKER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE
14 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND
15 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM,
16 TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE
17 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND
18 CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE
19 ADDRESSING. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE
20 WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING
21 FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
24 JACKIE ANDELL, RYAN WALTERS, JEFF CARR, JIMMY WEBB, J.P.
25 HARRIS, BARBARA KAPPOS, JULIA WALLACE, HERMAN HERMAN, MIKE



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1 GREENSPAN, RED CHIEF HUNT, AND TERRY KIM. MODERATOR, MAY WE
2 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

3
4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JULIA WALLACE. PLEASE
5 STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
6 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7
8 **JULIA WALLACE:** THANK YOU. I AM SPEAKING TO GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT AND ITEM NUMBER 34. I WAS IN HERE EARLIER TODAY, WITH
10 MY S.E.I.U. 721 SHIRT, BUT I ENDED UP HAVING TO LEAVE, SO I
11 WILL SPEAK TO THOSE NOW. SO, I AM A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
12 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I AM SPEAKING TO THE
13 BOARD, AND SPECIFICALLY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HEAD, DR.
14 LISA WONG, ABOUT A PAY INEQUITY THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING. SO,
15 AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WHO WORKED DURING THE PANDEMIC IN
16 SERVICE AREA 4, THE SKID ROW AREA, SOME OF MY CLIENTS PASSED
17 AWAY, SADLY, DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. WE SAW A LOT, AND MANY
18 OF US HAVE BEEN DEDICATED WORKERS, PUSHING FOR FOLKS TO BE
19 HOUSED, AND HAVE HOUSED PEOPLE. BUT NOW I AM A SENIOR
20 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER IN SERVICE AREA 2, BUT I HAVE SEEN
21 THAT PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT PROMOTED-- I WAS LUCKY TO BE
22 PROMOTED-- ARE MAKING A SALARY THAT IS LARGER THAN MYSELF. AND
23 I WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT PAY INEQUITY BECAUSE, FOR FOLKS WHO
24 HAVE WORKED AND ARE DEDICATED TO SERVING THE HOMELESS
25 POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND HAVE LIVED AND ARE FROM



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BLACK WOMEN WORKERS SUCH AS MYSELF, AND
2 OTHER FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO THIS ISSUE, WE ARE
3 CONCERNED ABOUT NOT BEING PAID AT THE SAME LEVEL AS BEFORE,
4 EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES AND EXPERIENCED SOME
5 OF THE WORST AND MOST DIFFICULT TIMES DURING LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY HISTORY. I AM CALLING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
7 TAKE A ROLE, AND TO INSIST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
8 HEALTH AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEET
9 WITH S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, AND WORK WITH US, SO THAT WE DO GET
10 THE PAY EQUITY THAT WE DESERVE, ESPECIALLY AS FOLKS THAT HAVE
11 BEEN DEDICATED, AND ARE CONTINUING TO BE DEDICATED, TO SERVING
12 THE MOST UNDERPRIVILEGED POPULATIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
13 PLEASE TAKE A STAND AND FIGHT FOR US TO HAVE THE PAY EQUITY
14 THAT WE DESERVE. ALL OF US SHOULD BE RISING; NOT JUST NEW
15 FOLKS, BUT FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY FOR
16 YEARS, AND SUPERVISING AND SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.
17 PLEASE INCREASE OUR PAY, SO THAT IT IS REFLECTIVE OF OTHER
18 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS--

19
20 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

21
22 **JULIA WALLACE:** ESPECIALLY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF
23 INFLATION.

24
25 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1

2 **JULIA WALLACE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMPARO OSTOJIC. PLEASE
7 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **AMPARO OSTOJIC:** MY NAME IS AMPARO OSTOJIC, AND I AM SPEAKING
11 ON ITEM 34, AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A SUPERVISING
12 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
13 UNDER DR. LISA WONG. I AM SPEAKING ON THE COUNTYWIDE
14 CLASSIFICATION COMPENSATIONS ACTION THAT AFFECTS COMMUNITY
15 HEALTH WORKERS, SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND
16 SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST,
17 THERE WAS A WAGE INCREASE THAT INCREASED THE PAY FOR SOME
18 EMPLOYEES, AND OTHERS DID NOT, LIKE MY PREVIOUS COLLEAGUE,
19 JULIA WALLACE, JUST SPOKE ON. THEY MOVED PEOPLE FROM STEP 1 TO
20 STEP 6. HOWEVER, THE HIGHER STEP YOU WERE IN YOUR PAY, THE
21 LONGER THE EXPERIENCE AND LONGER TIME THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WITH
22 THE COUNTY, THE LOWER INCREASE YOU RECEIVED, OR SOME GOT
23 NOTHING. THE WAGE DISPARITY IS SIGNIFICANT. A COMMUNITY HEALTH
24 WORKER IN STEP 1 GOT A \$5.40-AN-HOUR INCREASE, ABOUT 23.5%,
25 VERSUS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER THAT WAS IN STEP 6 OR HIGHER,



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1 WHO GOT NOTHING AT ALL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAGE DISPARITY
2 AFFECTS 372 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, 26 SENIOR COMMUNITY
3 HEALTH WORKERS, AND 18 SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALONE. THERE ARE THREE OTHER
5 L.A. COUNTY AGENCIES THAT ARE AFFECTED-- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
6 HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
7 SERVICES-- WHO ARE ALSO AFFECTED. WE ASK THAT YOU WORK WITH
8 S.E.I.U. 721 TO FIX THIS WAGE DISPARITY. WE WOULD LIKE THE
9 VALUE OF STEP 6 TO BECOME THE STEP 1 FOR ALL SUPERVISING
10 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND
11 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE HELP US STAND
12 AGAINST THIS INJUSTICE. THIS IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE FOR
13 SOME PEOPLE TO GET A RAISE, AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE
14 THE LONGEST TO GET NOTHING AT ALL. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT
15 WE SPEAK UP AGAINST THIS, AND IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED IN--

16
17 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR
18 TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

22
23 **SUP. HORVATH:** APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. WE WILL GO TO THE HALL. GO
24 AHEAD.



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1 **JEFF CARR:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
2 HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 6 AND GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS
3 JEFF CARR, AND I AM THE NEW C.E.O. AT J.V.S. SOCAL IN THE LAST
4 FOUR MONTHS, AND I AM HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR
5 ITEM NUMBER 6. J.V.S. SOCAL, AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, WAS
6 ESTABLISHED IN 1931 BY A SMALL BAND OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, WHO
7 UNDERSTOOD THAT ACCESS TO A GOOD-PAYING JOB WAS CRITICAL FOR
8 ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND STABILITY. AND THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, WE
9 HAVE HELPED REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED ALL MANNER OF EVIL FROM
10 AROUND THE WORLD TO COME TO LOS ANGELES, AND THEY ARE COMING
11 HERE TODAY BY THE THOUSANDS. AND THIS CONTINUES TO THE
12 [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAM. AND IT WAS ANTICIPATED, WHEN THE CONTRACT
13 WAS ESTABLISHED WITH J.V.S. BEFORE I ARRIVED HERE, WE WOULD
14 HAVE BETWEEN 800 AND 1,000 REFUGEES COMING TO LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY, AND WE ARE CLOSING IN ON NEARLY FIVEFOLD THAT NUMBER.
16 AND OUR CURRENT CASELOADS FOR REFUGEES IS ABOUT 365 CASES PER
17 CASEWORKER, AND THIS MOTION WILL GIVE US THE ADDITIONAL
18 RESOURCES TO REDUCE THOSE DOWN TO ABOUT 150. AND BY THE WAY,
19 WE HAVE REFUGEES IN EVERY ONE OF YOUR DISTRICTS. AND I WANT TO
20 THANK, IN PARTICULAR, DR. CONTRERAS. SHE AND I STARTED-- HER
21 PERMANENT APPOINTMENT WAS THE SAME WEEK THAT I STARTED, AND
22 SHE HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC PARTNER IN D.P.S.S., IN GENERAL, AND
23 HELPING US ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. HAVING WORKED PREVIOUSLY IN
24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERE, WHEN THEY SAID WE WOULD HAVE A NEW
25 CONTRACT AMENDMENT BY JULY 1ST, I MUST SAY I WAS SKEPTICAL,



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1 BUT I WANT TO PRAISE THEM FOR ACTUALLY, IN RECORD TIME,
2 GETTING THIS ON THE AGENDA. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
3 AND APPRECIATE THE ONGOING HELP OF THE SUPERVISORS.

4
5 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK AT J.V.S.
6 WE KNOW HOW VALUABLE YOUR WORK IS, AND WE APPRECIATE ALL WHO
7 DO THE WORK TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. GO AHEAD, HERMAN. YOU ARE THE
8 NEXT SPEAKER.

9
10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YEAH, I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON 102, PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. NON-AGENDA, 37, 2, 11, 2-B, 23, 78, 55, 53, 83, 49.
12 SO, WHY IS THE CLOCK RUNNING, WHEN I CAN'T EVEN GET STARTED
13 WITH THIS [EXPLETIVE]? IT IS AMAZING. BUT LET'S START OFF WITH
14 23, UNITED WAY GREATER LOS ANGELES, COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
15 UNREALISTIC, [EXPLETIVE] UNTRUE. 37, FRAUD HOTLINE
16 INVESTIGATING SERVICE, LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE.
17 L.A.H.S.A.? WELL, YOU AIN'T DOING A GOOD JOB WITH THAT
18 [EXPLETIVE], BECAUSE L.A.H.S.A. HAS BEEN RIPPING OFF THE
19 PUBLIC WAY TOO LONG. I WANT AN AUDIT EVERY QUARTER, AND AN
20 INVESTIGATION, BOTH BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
21 REGARDING L.A.H.S.A. 49, REPORT THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF
22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. WELL, [EXPLETIVE] THAT ONE,
23 TOO. 53, MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION PROGRAMS. WELL, WITHOUT IT,
24 [EXPLETIVE] WILL NEVER GET DONE. 55, TRAUMA PREVENTION
25 INITIATIVE. ANOTHER [EXPLETIVE] ITEM, BUT IT IS SOMETHING OF



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1 IMPORTANCE-- COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION SERVICES. 78,
2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT. ANOTHER
3 [EXPLETIVE]. AND 83, BEHAVIORAL THERAPY SERVICE CONTRACT,
4 ANOTHER [EXPLETIVE] ON ALCOHOLISM. [EXPLETIVE] ALL THOSE
5 ITEMS. NOW FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. LISTEN, IT IS TODAY
6 THAT PAUL OPADARIS, THAT [EXPLETIVE] ATTORNEY, AND HIS
7 [EXPLETIVE] CRIMINAL--

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** CAN YOU JUST FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS WITHOUT THE
10 LANGUAGE? IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD.

11

12 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAM ATTORNEY, WILL YOU PLEASE WAVE TO THE
13 SPEAKER THAT I GOT THE FLOOR, AND I AM ADDRESSING IT UNDER MY
14 FIRST AMENDMENT, MY FOURTH AMENDMENT, MY SECOND AMENDMENT...

15

16 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, CONTINUE TALKING ON YOUR ITEM. YOU ARE
17 BEING DISRUPTIVE. SIR, GET ON TOPIC, PLEASE.

18

19 **HERMAN HERMAN:** AND EVERY OTHER [EXPLETIVE] AMENDMENT I HAVE TO
20 PROTECT MY RIGHT--

21

22 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THIS IS YOUR FIRST WARNING. YOUR SECOND
23 WARNING, ACTUALLY. YOU HAD ONE DURING THE--

24

25 **HERMAN HERMAN:** 245--



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1
2 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR.

3
4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** UNDER 42 U.S.C. 1983. SO, THE WHOLE IDEA HERE
5 IS THIS: YOU ALLOW ATTORNEYS IN THE CALIFORNIA BAR TO SET UP
6 AND RACKETEER, R.I.C.O., AND DO ALL THIS BAD [EXPLETIVE]
7 AGAINST THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THEY SIGN OFF WITH YOU ON
8 CONDITIONS OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING IN A PROCESS THAT VIOLATES
9 EVERY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC WHEN
10 ADDRESSING ISSUES, KNOWINGLY THAT CURRAN PRICE WAS DOING
11 SOMETHING WRONG, KNOWINGLY THAT PETER THOMAS, THE [EXPLETIVE]
12 FROM [INAUDIBLE], WAS RIPPING OFF THE PUBLIC. SO, AT THE SAME
13 MANNER, L.A.H.S.A., L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ARE
14 DOING THE SAME RACKETEERING [EXPLETIVE]. SO, FOR THE RECORD,
15 MS. ATTORNEY, GET YOUR [EXPLETIVE] TOGETHER. OTHERWISE, YOU
16 WILL BE IN AN INDICTMENT, UNDER INVESTIGATION--

17
18 **SUP. HORVATH:** LET'S NOT TARGET OUR COMMENTS AT A SPECIFIC
19 INDIVIDUAL. THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
20 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LINDA HOBBS. IN DECEMBER 2022, I WAS
23 PHYSICALLY ATTACKED BY A WHITE RESIDENT AT ALBERTO LINK
24 HOUSING, WHICH RECEIVES MEANS AND FUNDING FROM L.A. COUNTY AND
25 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. FOUR MONTHS LATER, THE PROPERTY



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1 MANAGER SENT ME AN E-MAIL STATING THE WHITE RESIDENT READILY
2 ADMITTED TO THE ATTACK. NO ACTION HAS EVER BEEN TAKEN AGAINST
3 THIS RESIDENT, AND HERE ARE THE PICTURES OF 1,000 DEAD ANTS IN
4 MY FREEZER. I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO CONTACT ALBERTO HOUSING AND
5 RESOLVE THESE TWO ISSUES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, AND WE WILL
8 HAVE SOMEONE COME AND ADVISE MS. HOBBS. WE'LL TAKE YOUR
9 DOCUMENTS, AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE SUPPORT AND A CONTACT
10 IN THE COUNTY TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU ON THIS MATTER. THANK YOU
11 VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON
14 ITEM NUMBER 51. MY NAME IS JACKIE ANDELL, AND I AM THE VICE
15 PRESIDENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF E.M.T.S AND
16 PARAMEDICS, LOCAL 370. ON BEHALF OF LOCALS 370, 77, 187, AND
17 62, WHICH REPRESENTS AROUND 1700 E.M.T.S AND PARAMEDICS
18 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND YOUR
19 STAFF FOR MEETING WITH US ON THIS RATE INCREASE. WE SUPPORT
20 THIS INCREASE, AND WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE ATTACHED
21 MOTION FILED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
22 CONTINUED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION TO GUARANTEE SUPPORT
23 TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ON THE FRONT LINE. THANK YOU.

24

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



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2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
3 RYAN WALTERS, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF I.E.P. LOCAL 370, HERE
4 IN LOS ANGELES. I REPRESENT ABOUT 1,000 FIRST RESPONDERS HERE.
5 I AM SPEAKING ABOUT ITEM 51. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
6 GRATITUDE ON THE BEHALF OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS
7 AND PARAMEDICS WHO WORK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOUR UNWAVERING
8 SUPPORT FOR OUR PROFESSION AND OUR LIVELIHOOD IS A BEACON OF
9 HOPE IN OUR MISSION TO SAVE LIVES. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE
10 AMBULANCE RATE INCREASE, AS PROPOSED TODAY. WE BELIEVE THIS
11 MONEY WILL STRENGTHEN THE CHAIN OF SURVIVAL FOR OUR PATIENTS
12 IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL APPROVE THE
13 AMENDMENT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING A FORWARD-
14 THINKING DIALOGUE AROUND E.M.S. AND PATIENT RESPONSE IN L.A.
15 COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR VALUING OUR SERVICE AND THE VITAL ROLE
16 WE PLAY IN SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS
17 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. AND IF WE COULD HAVE SOMEONE FROM OUR
20 STAFF SPEAK WITH MS. HOBBS, TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE IS CONNECTED
21 WITH STAFF HERE AT THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS HER ISSUE. I KNOW SHE
22 IS WAITING FOR HELP, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE SHE GETS
23 CONNECTED WITH SOMEONE. SO DON'T LEAVE HERE, MS. HOBBS, UNTIL
24 WE DO THAT FOR YOU, ALL RIGHT? NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. ITEM NUMBER 51, 94-C, AND 101. MY NAME
2 IS JIMMY WEBB. I HAVE BEEN AN E.M.T. WITH FALCK AMBULANCE FOR-
3 - AS MOST PEOPLE KNOW IT, IT USED TO BE KNOWN AS CARE
4 AMBULANCE, FOR OVER 15 YEARS. I STARTED MY CAREER AS AN E.M.T.
5 IN THIS VERY COUNTY. I'VE WORKED IN TWO OF THE NEIGHBORING
6 COUNTIES, AS WELL, RESPONDING TO 9-1-1 CALLS. L.A. COUNTY
7 E.M.S. CAN KEEP IT MUCH MORE INTERESTING, WHICH IS WHY I AM
8 HERE IN SUPPORT OF PASSING THE AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
9 INCREASE TODAY. WHILE IT IS MY HOPE, ALSO, THAT THIS ITEM
10 PASSES, I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALONG WITH THE L.A.
11 COUNTY E.M.S. AGENCY, THE COUNTY COUNSEL HEALTH SERVICES
12 DIVISION, AMBULANCE PROVIDERS, AND FIELD E.M.T.S, TO WORK
13 TOGETHER TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO FIND OUT THE NEEDS TO THE
14 REIMBURSEMENT INCREASES IN THE FUTURE, WILL NOT JUST HELP A
15 BUSINESS STAY OPEN, BUT ALSO HELPS THEM RETAIN EMPLOYEES AND
16 RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIVING OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, YOUR FIRST
17 RESPONDERS, THE BACKBONE OF E.M.S., AND THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS
18 WHO COULDN'T STAY HOME. LASTLY, I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL THE
19 SUPERVISORS AND THEIR HEALTH DEPUTIES FOR THEIR TIME IN
20 HEARING US OUT THROUGH THE PAST COUPLE WEEKS. THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH.

22
23 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TO COMMENT
24 ON THE ITEM. I BELIEVE THAT IS OUR LAST SPEAKER, AND SO,



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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH
2 WE WILL BE VOTING NEXT.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON ITEM ONE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
5 ABSTAINING ON THE APPOINTMENTS OF DANA GURIN-FOLEK AND CHRIS
6 CONSTANTINE, TWO AS REVISED, THREE WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER
7 ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 4 THROUGH 6, 7 AS AMENDED, 8 THROUGH
8 11, 14 AND 15, 17 THROUGH 21, 23 THROUGH 27. ON ITEM 28,
9 C.E.O. IS REQUESTING TO CONTINUE TO JULY 11TH, 2023. ITEMS 31
10 THROUGH 40, 41 WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINING FROM THE
11 VOTE, 42 THROUGH 81, 83 THROUGH 89, 90 AS REVISED, 91 THROUGH
12 93, 94-B THROUGH 94-D, 97 AND 98. ON ITEM 99, C.E.O. IS
13 REQUESTING TO CONTINUE TO JULY 11TH, 2023. 100 AND 101, 1-D
14 THROUGH 4-D, 1-P.

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
17 AND I WILL SECOND. TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS
18 NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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



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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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11 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
14 4-0.

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16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
17 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS, AND I WILL BEGIN. FIRST, I
18 WOULD MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
19 CAROL HIGGINS CLARK, WHO WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED MYSTERY WRITER
20 AND ACTRESS. A RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CAROL DIED OF
21 APPENDIX CANCER ON JUNE 12TH. SHE WAS 66. CAROL'S START IN THE
22 LITERARY WORLD IS A SERENDIPITOUS ONE. WHEN HER LATE MOTHER,
23 AUTHOR MARY HIGGINS CLARK, WAS ON DEADLINE TO TURN IN A
24 MANUSCRIPT, CAROL JUMPED IN TO ASSIST BY TYPING THE MANUSCRIPT
25 HERSELF. HER VISIT HOME FROM SUMMER TURNED INTO A FRUITFUL



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1 MOTHER-DAUGHTER COLLABORATION, AND ULTIMATELY CREATED A CAREER
2 PATH FOR CAROL. IN ADDITION TO CO-AUTHORING BOOKS WITH HER
3 MOTHER, CAROL PENNED MORE THAN A DOZEN BOOKS, BEGINNING WITH
4 "DECKED," IN 1992. ALWAYS INTERESTED IN ACTING, SHE ALSO
5 APPEARED IN SEVERAL MADE-FOR-T.V. MOVIES BASED ON HER MOTHER'S
6 NOVELS. CAROL WAS KNOWN FOR HER HUMOROUS DIALOGUE AND BOOKS
7 CENTERED AROUND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR REGAN REILLY. BORN AND
8 RAISED IN NEW JERSEY, AND A A GRADUATE OF MOUNT HOLYOKE, CAROL
9 IS SURVIVED BY THREE SIBLINGS: MARILYN, WARREN, AND DAVID. HER
10 BELOVED MOTHER AND COLLABORATOR DIED IN 2020. CAROL'S LEGACY
11 WILL LIVE ON THROUGH HER STORIES, AND THE READERS WHO WILL
12 DELIGHT IN THEM. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIE LOPEZ-[INAUDIBLE], WHO WAS AN
14 ACTIVE PART OF THE SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY. SHE DIED EARLIER
15 THIS MONTH, AT THE AGE OF 79. JULIE WAS RAISED IN CALIFORNIA'S
16 CENTRAL VALLEY, WHERE HER PARENTS MET AS FARM WORKERS. HER
17 MOTHER WAS FROM MEXICO, AND HER FATHER FROM PAKISTAN. SANTA
18 MONICA IS WHERE SHE FOUND HOME, AND A COMMUNITY SHE IMPACTED
19 IN IMPORTANT WAYS. SHE LOVED SANTA MONICA, AND BRINGING PEOPLE
20 TOGETHER TO SOLVE COMMUNITY CHALLENGES. JULIE WAS A FIERCE
21 ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, ANTI-RACISM, AND FAIRNESS FOR ALL
22 IMMIGRANTS. HER PUBLIC SERVICE INCLUDED EIGHT YEARS AS
23 PLANNING COMMISSIONER, FROM 2000 TO 2008, AND A MEMBER OF THE
24 RENT CONTROL BOARD FROM 1988 TO 1990. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE
25 OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FROM 1984 TO 1990. JULIE WAS



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1 FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING TO ALL, AND WILL BE MISSED BY HER
2 BELOVED NIECES AND FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THE SANTA MONICA
3 COMMUNITY AT LARGE. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUZANNE C. TOMPKINS, WHO WAS A 54-YEAR
5 RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA, WHO DIED PEACEFULLY AT HOME ON JUNE
6 13TH, AT THE AGE OF 88. SUZIE WAS BORN IN GLOUSTER, OHIO, IN
7 1935, AND ATTENDED OHIO UNIVERSITY IN ATHENS. AFTER
8 GRADUATING, SHE MARRIED RONALD TOMPKINS, AND THEY SET OUT FOR
9 BALTIMORE, WHERE RON ATTENDED JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL SCHOOL.
10 WHILE IN BALTIMORE, THE COUPLE WELCOMED SON GREG, AND DAUGHTER
11 TERI. GREAT ADVENTURES WERE AHEAD AS RON ENLISTED IN THE AIR
12 FORCE, AND THE YOUNG FAMILY WAS STATIONED ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
13 AFTER LEAVING THE AIR FORCE, AND A PERIOD IN COLUMBUS, WHERE
14 RON TAUGHT SURGERY AT OHIO STATE, THE COUPLE WELCOMED THEIR
15 THIRD CHILD, GEOFF. THE FAMILY LANDED IN SANTA MONICA IN 1969.
16 ONCE IN SANTA MONICA, SUZIE JOINED THE U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
17 AUXILIARY AND MEDICAL FACULTY WIVES GROUPS. SUZIE ALSO BECAME
18 DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, AS
19 A MASTER DOCENT. HER LIFELONG LOVE OF ART LED HER TO THIS
20 CALLING. SHE WELCOMED AND INFORMED COUNTLESS L.A.C.M.A.
21 PATRONS OVER HER 29 YEARS AS A DEDICATED AND BELOVED DOCENT.
22 SUZIE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN,
23 AND GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
24 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY PEG
25 YORKIN, A CHAMPION FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO



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1 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, WHO DIED ON JUNE 25TH. SHE WAS 96.
2 PEG YORKIN IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPACTFUL LEADERS IN THE FIGHT
3 FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IN OUR COUNTRY. A NEW YORKER BY
4 BIRTH, OUR COMMUNITY IS FORTUNATE PEG MADE LOS ANGELES HER
5 HOME. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUMMARIZE HER IMPACT, HOWEVER. SHE
6 WAS A STEADFAST ADVOCATE, A GENEROUS PHILANTHROPIST, A
7 BRILLIANT COALITION BUILDER. WITHOUT PEG'S TENACITY AND
8 VISION, MIFEPRISTONE, THE ABORTION PILL, MAY NOT HAVE BECOME
9 THE LEADING FORM OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE ABORTION IN THE UNITED
10 STATES. HER WORK IN THE EARLY 1990'S ENCAPSULATES WHAT A FORCE
11 FOR GOOD SHE WAS. AS THE CHAIR OF THE FEMINIST MAJORITY
12 FOUNDATION, THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SHE CO-FOUNDED, PEG
13 ORGANIZED A GROUP OF FEMINIST LEADERS AND PROMINENT SCIENTISTS
14 TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE IN 1990, TO PRESENT PETITIONS DIRECTLY TO
15 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF
16 MIFEPRISTONE TO THE UNITED STATES. AT THE TIME, ANTIABORTION
17 GROUPS WERE WORKING TO PREVENT MIFEPRISTONE FROM ENTERING THE
18 U.S. MARKET. FOLLOWING HER ADVOCACY, IN 1991, PEG ANNOUNCED
19 THAT SHE WAS GIVING \$10 MILLION TO THE FOUNDATION, WITH HALF
20 THE GIFT GOING TOWARDS BRINGING THE ABORTION PILL TO OUR
21 COUNTRY. PEG DID, AS SHE SHARED AT THE TIME, PUT HER MONEY
22 WHERE HER MOUTH IS. NINE YEARS LATER, IN 2000, MIFEPRISTONE
23 BECAME AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES. TODAY, IN HONOR OF PEG
24 AND THE MILLIONS OF WOMEN WHO NEED AND DESERVE ACCESS TO
25 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, WE CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO ENSURE



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1 EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THIS ESSENTIAL FORM OF REPRODUCTIVE
2 HEALTHCARE. THIS BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED SUPPORT FOR THE
3 RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT AT OUR LAST
4 MEETING, AND WE CARRY FORWARD THE TORCH LIT BY PEG AND HER
5 POWERFUL FEMINIST COHORT. PEG'S INFLUENCE CROSSED OVER INTO
6 POLITICS, WHERE SHE LED THE CHARGE TO SEE WOMEN REPRESENTED IN
7 ELECTED OFFICE. SHE PRODUCED THE FEMINIZATION OF POWER TOUR,
8 TO RECRUIT FEMALE CANDIDATES TO RUN AND WIN SEATS IN STATE
9 LEGISLATURES AND IN CONGRESS. UPON GRADUATING EARLY FROM HIGH
10 SCHOOL IN YONKERS, SHE WENT TO BARNARD COLLEGE, ONLY TO LEAVE
11 TWO YEARS LATER TO STUDY DANCE UNDER ANOTHER ICON, MARTHA
12 GRAHAM. AT AN AUDITION IN LOS ANGELES, SHE MET BUD YORKIN, A
13 DIRECTOR WHO IS KNOWN FOR SHOWS "ALL IN THE FAMILY" AND "THE
14 JEFFERSONS." THE TWO MARRIED IN 1954 AND HAD TWO CHILDREN,
15 NICOLE AND DAVID. SHE IS SURVIVED BY NICOLE AND DAVID, AND
16 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. PEG LIVED AN IMPACTFUL AND INCREDIBLE
17 LIFE, AND EACH OF US HERE HAS BENEFITED FROM HER TRAILBLAZING
18 LEGACY. WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY, AND I KNOW WE WILL ALL WANT
19 TO JOIN IN THAT.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PLEASE.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING.

24
25 **SUP. HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, IT IS A SAD MOMENT,
3 BECAUSE PEG DID SO MUCH FOR SO MANY OF US. I KNOW I MET HER
4 MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, AND SHE GOT INVOLVED IN MY... I DON'T
5 WANT TO SAY "SENATE"; MY ASSEMBLY RACE. AND SHE REALLY HAD
6 FAITH IN WOMEN RUNNING FOR OFFICE, AND ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR
7 THE UNDERDOG. AND I REALLY FELT THAT SHE REALLY INTERNALIZED A
8 LOT OF THINGS THAT WOMEN GO THROUGH WHEN YOU RUN FOR POLITICAL
9 OFFICE. SHE WAS IN ONE OF THOSE NONTRADITIONAL JOBS, TOO,
10 WHERE SHE FACED A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION. AND FORTUNATELY, HER
11 DIVORCE ENDED IN A WAY THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE \$10
12 MILLION TO WOMEN'S ISSUES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHE LEFT JUST
13 AN IMPACTFUL... HOW COULD I SAY? SHE REALLY IMPACTED SO MANY
14 WOMEN, INCLUDING ONE OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND ONE OF MY ICONS,
15 DOLORES HUERTA, WHO ALSO SERVES ON HER BOARD FOR THE FEMINIST
16 MAJORITY. BUT SHE ALSO CREATED "MS." MAGAZINE. THAT WAS FUNDED
17 BY HER, AND I REMEMBER FONDLY, IN THE CONGRESS, THE
18 ORGANIZATION WAS VERY INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS, WITH SPEAKER
19 PELOSI. LEADER PELOSI; SPEAKER PELOSI AFTER. BUT REALLY
20 TALKING ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS, INTERNATIONALLY. AND THEY
21 FOLLOWED THAT. AND I REMEMBER THEM WORKING WITH MY OFFICE AT
22 THE TIME, TO LOOK AT WOMEN IN [INAUDIBLE] WHO WERE BEING
23 MURDERED, YOUNG GIRLS, AND NO ONE WANTED TO PAY ATTENTION TO
24 THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT PEG SOUGHT OUT THOSE KINDS OF THINGS,
25 AND SO DID HER STAFF. SO, IN HER MEMORY, HER FAMILY, AS WELL



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1 AS THE STAFF OF THE FEMINIST MAJORITY, MY HEART IS BROKEN,
2 BECAUSE I KNOW SHE IS ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT JUST HAD A
3 POWERFUL FORCE. FOR A TINY-- NOT EVEN MORE THAN FIVE FEET
4 TALL, A POWERFUL GIANT OF A WOMAN. SO, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING
5 ME TO SPEAK.

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7 **SUP. HORVATH:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO JOIN
10 IN. MY GODMOTHER, JUDY JONES, GAVE ME A SUBSCRIPTION TO "MS."
11 MAGAZINE WHEN I GRADUATED UNDERGRAD, AND THAT'S WHEN I FIRST
12 REMEMBER READING ABOUT FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION ON THE
13 CONTINENT, AND JUST SO MANY VERY PROGRESSIVE ISSUES THAT I
14 WASN'T AWARE OF, BECAUSE YOU DON'T READ ABOUT THEM IN
15 TRADITIONAL MEDIA. WHEN THE MAGAZINE THEN DECIDED THEY
16 WOULDN'T HAVE ADS-- YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ON THE
17 CUTTING EDGE OF BRINGING INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULDN'T
18 OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO. JUST THE NAME: FUND FOR THE FEMINIST
19 MAJORITY. IN AND OF ITSELF, THE NAME SUGGESTS HOW FORWARD-
20 THINKING AND PROGRESSIVE SHE WAS. NINETY-SIX YEARS OF STRONG
21 ADVOCACY. AND I HOPE THAT, AS GENERATIONS BEHIND HER SOMETIMES
22 STRUGGLE WITH THE TERM "FEMINIST," THAT WE FIND NEW LEADERS
23 WHO ARE GOING TO BE WILLING TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND
24 CONTINUE TO PUT FORWARD A FEMINIST, WOMANIST AGENDA, IN
25 PRACTICE AND IN PHILANTHROPY. AND SO, TO REALLY HONOR HER, WE



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1 HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WORK DOESN'T END, AND I APPRECIATE
2 THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN ON THE ADJOURN-IN-MEMORY.

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4 **SUP. HORVATH:** GO AHEAD. OH, OKAY. IT IS YOUR TURN, SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
8 DO SO IN MEMORY OF STEVE ARTANIAN, RESIDENT OF LA CANADA
9 FLINTRIDGE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. STEVE WAS
10 COMMITTED TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY, AND PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE
11 IN BRINGING HIS COMMUNITY TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY AT EVENTS HE
12 HELPED PLAN. HE WAS A VETERAN LEADER OF THE [INAUDIBLE]
13 WESTERN U.S., SERVING FOR MANY YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE
14 REGIONAL EXECUTIVE, AND AS A CHAIR. IN 2019, HE WAS AWARDED
15 THE [INAUDIBLE] SPECIAL MEDAL, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEDICATED
16 SERVICE. HE WAS ALSO AN ACTIVIST OF THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL
17 COMMITTEE OF AMERICA, WESTERN REGION. HE PLANNED COUNTLESS
18 EVENTS, INITIALLY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND
19 LATER AS A LEADER ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES. STEVE IS SURVIVED BY
20 HIS WIFE EVATT, BROTHER KAJAK, AND SISTER AURAY. ALSO, THAT WE
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARL RAGGIO, A VALENCIA RESIDENT AND
22 FORMER MAYOR OF GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 20TH. CARL
23 WAS BORN ON JULY 28TH, 1928, IN LOS ANGELES. HE ATTENDED
24 ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA, AND GRADUATED IN 1946. HE
25 WENT ON TO ATTEND JOHN MUIR COLLEGE UNTIL 1949. HERE, HE MET



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1 HIS FUTURE WIFE, MARILYN "LYNN" LLOYD, WHOM HE MARRIED ON JUNE
2 9TH, 1951. HE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE
3 OF TECHNOLOGY JET PROPULSION LABORATORY THE SAME YEAR. IN
4 1953, CARL WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP TO NORTHROP AERONAUTICAL
5 INSTITUTE. HE COMPLETED HIS STUDIES IN 1955, AND RETURNED TO
6 J.P.L. DURING HIS 39 YEARS AT J.P.L., CARL WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
7 THE DESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT OF SEVERAL LANDMARK SPACECRAFTS,
8 INCLUDING EXPLORER 1, THE FIRST SATELLITE LAUNCHED BY THE
9 UNITED STATES INTO SPACE IN 1958, AS WELL AS PIONEER, RANGER,
10 MARINER, VIKING, VOYAGER, AND GALILEO. CARL AND LYNN MOVED TO
11 GLENDALE IN THE EARLY 1960S, WHERE HE BECAME AN ACTIVE
12 COMMUNITY MEMBER IN THE CITY. HE WENT ON TO ATTEND JOHN MUIR
13 COLLEGE UNTIL 1949. HERE, HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE. I AM JUST
14 REPEATING MYSELF. I'M SORRY. I WAS LIKE, "THAT SOUNDS REALLY
15 FAMILIAR. HE DID IT AGAIN. DEJA VU." CARL AND LYNN MOVED TO
16 GLENDALE IN THE 1960S, WHERE HE BECAME AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE
17 CITY. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL FROM
18 1985 TO 1993, AMONGST OTHER CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. CARL
19 WENT ON TO SERVE AS THE MAYOR OF GLENDALE IN 1988 AND 1992. HE
20 ALSO SERVED IN THE BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT AUTHORITY
21 FOR 15 YEARS. WHILE CARL'S ACHIEVEMENTS WERE EXTENSIVE IN
22 SPACE EXPLORATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HIS GREATEST PRIDE AND
23 BLESSINGS CAME FROM HIS DEEP LOVE AND HIS ADORATION FOR GOD,
24 HIS FAMILY, AND HIS COMMUNITY. IN 2013, HE WAS APPOINTED BY
25 SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH TO THE GLENDALE REDEVELOPMENT



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1 SUCCESSOR AGENCY, WHERE HE SERVED AS THE OVERSIGHT BOARD
2 CHAIRMAN. WHILE CARL'S ACHIEVEMENTS WERE EXTENSIVE IN SPACE
3 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HE TRULY WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS CONSIDERED,
4 REALLY, A ROCK STAR AMONGST THOSE IN GLENDALE, BUT ALSO WITH
5 HIS FAMILY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 72 YEARS, LYNN; HIS
6 TWO SONS, CARL III AND PAUL ANTHONY; HIS DAUGHTER LISA; AS
7 WELL AS 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND 8 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO
8 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JASON
9 DUDLEY ROONEY, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF FIFTY. JASON WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS
11 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND GRADUATED FROM BISHOP ALEMANY HIGH
12 SCHOOL IN MISSION HILLS. HE SERVED HIS COMMUNITY FOR 15 YEARS
13 AS A DEPUTY WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
14 PRIOR TO BEING ASSIGNED TO PARKS BUREAU, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
15 PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER, AND PROUDLY SERVED AS A PATROL
16 DEPUTY IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. JASON WAS AN AVID DISNEYLAND
17 VISITOR AND SEASON PASS HOLDER, WHO LOVED TO SHARE THE MAGIC
18 OF DISNEYLAND WITH HIS DAUGHTER, SKYLAR. IN HIS FREE TIME,
19 JASON LOVED TO PLAY GOLF AND SOFTBALL. HE ALSO ENJOYED YEARLY
20 TRIPS TO LAS VEGAS, AND BACKYARD BARBECUES WITH FRIENDS AND
21 FAMILY. MOST NOTABLY, HE WAS A LOVING FATHER TO HIS DAUGHTER,
22 SKYLAR. SHE WAS HIS PRIDE AND JOY. JASON IS SURVIVED BY HIS
23 PARENTS, DUDLEY AND KATHERINE, BROTHERS CHRISTOPHER, MICHAEL,
24 BRIAN, AND HIS DAUGHTER, SKYLAR. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF FATHER PAT TRAVERS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LA VERNE,



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1 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1ST, AT THE AGE OF 85. FATHER TRAVERS
2 WAS BORN IN BALLON, A SMALL VILLAGE IN COUNTY CARLOW, IRELAND.
3 HE ATTENDED LOCAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEFORE ENTERING THE
4 SACRED HEARTS NOVITIATE, WHERE HE PROFESSED ON AUGUST 15,
5 1956. HE THEN ATTENDED QUEEN OF PEACE SEMINARY IN JAFFREY
6 CENTER, LOCATED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND WAS ORDAINED AS A PRIEST
7 IN JUNE OF 1962. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO TEACH AT DAMIEN HIGH
8 SCHOOL IN LA VERNE, WHERE HE SPENT 49 YEARS EDUCATING AND
9 ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF. HE SERVED
10 IN MANY DIFFERENT ROLES WHILE AT DAMIEN. HE TAUGHT GEOMETRY,
11 SERVED AS THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, THE DEAN OF DISCIPLINE, THE
12 DEAN OF STUDIES, AND EVENTUALLY BECAME PRINCIPAL FROM 1980 TO
13 2010. DURING HIS TENURE, HE DEVELOPED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, BUILT
14 STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AND OVERSAW THE CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM
15 BUILDINGS AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES. ON SATURDAYS, HE WOULD TAKE
16 HIS STUDENTS TO HELP AT ORPHANAGES, BY BRINGING FOOD AND
17 CLOTHING. ALL WHO KNEW FATHER TRAVERS WILL LONG REMEMBER THE
18 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS HE MADE TO DAMIEN HIGH SCHOOL, AND
19 TO THE LA VERNE COMMUNITY. HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. AND LAST,
20 I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE
21 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT
22 VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE
23 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
24 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: FRANK FREDERICK HOLMBERG,
25 ARMY; HERMAN RAY MUMFORD, ARMY; SALVADOR DE LA REYES, AIR



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1 FORCE; RAYMOND ABETA, JR., NAVY; ERIC MICHAEL WATSON, MARINES;
2 CALVIN JAMES WORTHY, ARMY; KEVIN WAYNE BERNARD, NAVY; DAVID
3 ALBERT ERICKSON, ARMY; JIM NELSON, ARMY; VINCENT LAVERNE
4 DAVIS, ARMY; TERRENCE CHARLES DONNELLY, NAVY; MICHAEL CRAIG
5 ALDRIDGE, NAVY; FINN JOSHUA WIGGIN, ARMY; CEDRIC PEOPLES,
6 ARMY; WILLIAM ROAN, ARMY; ROBERT MICHAEL PONTO, AIR FORCE;
7 ARTHUR ROBERT THOMPSON, ARMY; MICHAEL GEORGE KLEIN, ARMY; ALAN
8 IRVIN FOREMAN, ARMY; CHARLES ANTHONY MOORE, AIR FORCE; MICHAEL
9 GLENN BRADLEY, ARMY; AND CHARLES WILLIAM PINKHAM, ARMY. THEIR
10 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY WILL
11 NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? OKAY, MOVING ON TO
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN WE
17 ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEANNETTE
18 ROWE. MS. ROWE, A LEADER WHO CHANGED HOW HOMELESS SERVICES
19 WERE PROVIDED TO L.A. COUNTY UNHOUSED CONSTITUENTS, PASSED
20 AWAY ON MAY 26TH, AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE GREW UP IN NEWARK, NEW
21 JERSEY, AND LATER ATTENDED COLLEGE AT CALIFORNIA STATE
22 UNIVERSITIES, BOTH L.A. AND DOMINGUEZ HILLS, WHERE SHE STUDIED
23 MUSIC. FOR 20 DEDICATED YEARS, MS. ROWE SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR
24 OF HOMELESS SERVICES, NOW KNOWN AS ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT, FOR
25 THE L.A. SERVICES AUTHORITY, ALSO KNOWN AS L.A.H.S.A., BEFORE



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1 RETIRING IN 2016. HER IMPACT AND COMMITMENT TO HOUSING THE
2 UNHOUSED GREW L.A.H.S.A.'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM FROM A
3 STAFF OF 2 TO OVER 85 STAFF MEMBERS. IN 2017, A YEAR AFTER HER
4 RETIREMENT, SHE RETURNED TO WORK, SERVING AS HEAD OF PROGRAMS
5 AT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION ON SKID ROW, WHERE SHE BUILT THE
6 SHELTER'S FIRST PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN THE ORGANIZATION'S 110-
7 YEAR HISTORY. THAT'S WHERE I FIRST MET HER, AS A MEMBER OF THE
8 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE. MS. ROWE WAS AN EXCELLENT WRITER, A
9 SKILL WHICH CAME IN HANDY DURING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND
10 PROPOSALS. SHE HAD A PASSION FOR HELPING PEOPLE, MEETING THEM
11 WHERE THEY WERE, BY BRINGING SOCIAL SERVICES TO THEM, AND
12 GETTING TO KNOW EACH INDIVIDUAL TO ASSESS THEIR SPECIFIC
13 NEEDS. SHE WAS HIGHLY ENGAGED, COMPASSIONATE, AND WAS A
14 FEARLESS ADVOCATE FOR THE UNHOUSED, OFTEN WORKING 7 DAYS A
15 WEEK, ANSWERING CALLS AFTER HOURS, AND WORKING ON HOLIDAYS TO
16 ENSURE PEOPLE FELT SEEN, HEARD, AND CARED FOR. SHE WILL BE
17 REMEMBERED AS A PIONEER IN BRINGING HOMELESS SERVICES INTO THE
18 STREETS, TO THE PEOPLE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVING WIFE
19 KAREN JENKINS-GALLOWAY, HER BROTHER EDDIE ROWE, AND SISTER
20 MARILYN SILVER, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND
21 FRIENDS, INCLUDING FORMER COLLEAGUES AND STAFF IN THE COUNTY,
22 AS WELL AS AT MIDNIGHT MISSION, WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY, AND
23 ARE COMMITTED TO MOVING HER LIFE'S WORK FORWARD. MADAM CHAIR,
24 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
25 KEVIN SOUSA. KEVIN WAS A PROMINENT AND BELOVED SINGER-



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1 SONGWRITER, MUSICIAN, SURFER, TEACHER, THERAPIST, MENTOR, AND
2 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 26, THREE WEEKS
3 AFTER PLAYING AT THE BEACHLIFE CONCERT IN REDONDO BEACH. HE
4 WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THE EAST COAST, BUT RELOCATED TO LOS
5 ANGELES AFTER GRADUATING FROM VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY IN
6 PHILADELPHIA IN 1992. UPON RETURN, HE BECAME THE STAGE MANAGER
7 AT THE THEN-NEWLY OPENED HOUSE OF BLUES IN HOLLYWOOD. HE WENT
8 ON TO WORK AS THE TOURING GUITAR TECH FOR GLENN FREY, WHO WAS
9 A CO-LEAD AND FRONT MAN FOR THE EAGLES. HE WAS ALSO THE
10 ASSISTANT COACH OF THE MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL SURFING TEAM. IN
11 2012, HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY
12 FROM PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE, AND THEN BECAME A DOCTORAL
13 CANDIDATE THERE, STUDYING PSYCHOTHERAPY, WHICH DEALS WITH THE
14 UNCONSCIOUS MIND. MR. SOUSA WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON, A
15 RENAISSANCE MAN WHO WAS A BIT OF A LIVING LEGEND, BOTH FOR HIS
16 MUSICIANSHIP AND HIS INCREDIBLE WORK AS A THERAPIST, INCLUDING
17 HIS WORK WITH VETERANS SUFFERING FROM P.T.S.D., AND CHILDREN
18 WHO HAD EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. HIS CLINICAL EXPERTISE
19 INCLUDED ADDICTION, WHICH WAS INFORMED BY HIS OWN STRUGGLES
20 WITH ALCOHOL AND RECOVERY. HE PROUDLY BECAME SOBER OCTOBER
21 4TH, 2010. HE WAS INCREDIBLY KIND AND COMPASSIONATE, BUT ALSO
22 INCISIVE AND GOOD-HUMORED. HE WAS SKILLED AT CONNECTING WITH
23 PEOPLE, HELPING THEM TO LIVE AUTHENTICALLY AND REALIZE THEIR
24 POWER WITHIN. HE SHOWED DEDICATION TO HIS COMMUNITY OF HERMOSA
25 BEACH THROUGH VOLUNTEERING. IN 2012, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE



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1 HERMOSA BEACH "NO ON O" CAMPAIGN, BETTER KNOWN AS "KEEP
2 HERMOSA HERMOSA," TO STOP THE CITY FROM DRILLING FOR OIL IN A
3 CITY YARD NEAR HIS HOME. DUE TO THEIR ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH
4 EFFORTS, THE ORDINANCE FAILED, WITH A 4-1 VOTE. HE LEAVES
5 BEHIND TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 17 YEARS,
6 PATTI, HIS MOTHER TERESA, BROTHERS MICHAEL AND PETE, AS WELL
7 AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING MIKE
8 COLLINS, MIKE SUTHERLAND, AND BANDMATE ZEAL LEVIN. NEIGHBORS,
9 FELLOW MUSICIANS, PATIENTS, AND MENTEES, WHO WILL MISS HIM
10 DEARLY, ARE WORKING TO HONOR HIM BY RELEASING AN ALBUM THAT HE
11 WAS WORKING ON BEFORE HIS PASSING, TITLED "HERMOSA
12 [INAUDIBLE]." MADAM CHAIR, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT
13 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL EDWARD NEELY. MR. NEELY WAS A
14 DEVOTED HUSBAND, LOVING FATHER, ESTEEMED COMMUNITY LEADER, AND
15 VIETNAM VET, WHO PEACEFULLY PASSED AWAY JUNE 13TH AT HIS HOME
16 IN LOS ANGELES, SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY. HE WAS 74. MR. NEELY
17 PROUDLY SERVED AS A UNITED STATES MARINE FROM 1967 TO '69. HE
18 EARNED THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND SEVERAL OTHER
19 HONORS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND BRAVERY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE
20 CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS VETERANS BRAINTRUST, WHERE HE
21 TIRELESSLY ADVOCATED FOR THE RIGHTS AND WELLBEING OF VETERANS,
22 ENSURING THEIR VOICES WERE HEARD, AND THEIR SACRIFICES
23 ACKNOWLEDGED. IN 1988, MR. NEELY FOUNDED THE HOMELESS OUTREACH
24 PROGRAM, WITH THE INTENT TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE, AND FOSTER
25 MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH THOSE IN NEED. IN 1992,



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1 RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CENTRALIZED SERVICES AND THE REMOVAL
2 OF BARRIERS TO HOUSING, MR. NEELY SPEARHEADED THE DEVELOPMENT
3 OF THE HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM'S INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM,
4 KNOWN AS H.O.P.I.C.S.-- AN INNOVATIVE, ONE-STOP-SHOP APPROACH
5 OFFERING A COMPREHENSIVE MENU OF SERVICES AND REFERRALS TO
6 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED. TODAY, H.O.P.I.C.S.
7 CONTINUES ITS VITAL WORK, ASSISTING OVER 4,000 INDIVIDUALS AND
8 FAMILIES IN THE AREAS OF HOUSING, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND RE-
9 ENTRY. MR. NEELY'S FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE AS A HOMELESS
10 INDIVIDUAL ALLOWED HIM TO GUIDE H.O.P.I.C.S. IN IMPLEMENTING
11 EFFECTIVE TREATMENT PRACTICES FOR THE HOMELESS, SUBSTANCE-
12 ABUSING, AND MENTALLY ILL POPULATIONS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP,
13 H.O.P.I.C.S. HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF SHAPING THE
14 DIRECTION OF SERVICES, NOT ONLY FOR THE HOUSING-INSECURE, BUT
15 FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOS ANGELES. MR.
16 NEELY ALSO REPRESENTED THE SECOND DISTRICT AS OUR APPOINTEE ON
17 THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS. IN THIS ROLE, HIS
18 WISDOM AND GUIDANCE ENSURED THE WELLBEING OF OLDER ADULTS
19 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. HE WAS INTEGRAL IN ADVANCING SOCIAL AND
20 ECONOMIC JUSTICE AS A BOARD-OF-DIRECTORS MEMBER AND TREASURER
21 FOR STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY. HE IS SURVIVED BY
22 AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS WIFE, ZAKENYA; HIS 3
23 CHILDREN, EDWARD, LAUREN, AND DANIEL; AS WELL AS A HOST OF
24 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING HIS GRANDCHILDREN,
25 NIECES, NEPHEWS, HIS BELOVED COMMUNITY, H.O.P.I.C.S. FAMILY,



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1 AND COLLEAGUES AT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS
5 SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
6 THAT WILL BE OUR ACTION AS A BOARD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND
7 COLLEAGUES, WE ARE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION. WHILE WE'RE
8 IN CLOSED SESSION, THERE WILL BE A VIDEO PRESENTATION. I HAVE
9 A PRESENTATION AS PART OF PRIDE MONTH, CELEBRATING TRANSLATINA
10 COALITION, A BARRIER-BREAKING NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FIERCE
11 ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY FOR THE ENTIRE
12 L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO
13 CLOSED SESSION.

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
16 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
18 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
19 LITIGATION; ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
20 EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
21 REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; ITEM CS-4, PUBLIC
22 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
23 POSITION OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER; ITEM CS-5, DEPARTMENT HEAD
24 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; ITEM CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
25 NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF; ITEM CS-7,



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1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION;
2 AND ITEM CS-8, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
3 EXISTING LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
4 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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6 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PUBLIC COMMENT WAS ALREADY TAKEN,
9 SUPERVISOR.

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11 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. HORVATH, ON VIDEO:** TODAY, I AM SO PROUD TO CELEBRATE
14 TRANSLATINA COALITION, A BARRIER-BREAKING NATIONAL
15 ORGANIZATION OF FIERCE ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS FIGHTING FOR
16 EQUALITY FOR THE ENTIRE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE
17 MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. IN 2015, YOU IDENTIFIED THE URGENT
18 NEED TO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO EMPOWER T.G.I. PEOPLE, AND
19 THE CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TRANSGENDER WELLNESS
20 WAS BORN. THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES TO T.G.I.
21 INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TRANSLATINA
22 COALITION IS CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE OF ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR
23 T.G.I. PEOPLE, AND ENSURING THAT WE ARE VALUING THE WELLNESS
24 AND LIVELIHOOD OF OUR TRANS FAMILY. FOR ALL OF YOUR ADVOCACY,
25 AND FOR THE IMPACT YOU HAVE HAD ON OUR LOS ANGELES



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1 COMMUNITIES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE, I AM PROUD TO STAND BY
2 YOU AND HONOR YOU FOR THIS INCREDIBLE WORK.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR THIS
5 RECOGNITION, AND FOR WORKING TO UPLIFT THE TRANSLATINA
6 COMMUNITY THROUGH ALL YOUR WORK AS A COUNCILMEMBER, MAYOR, AND
7 NOW COUNTY SUPERVISOR. I AM PROUD TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY,
8 WITH SOME OF MY WONDERFUL TEAM, TO ACCEPT THIS HONOR. I LOOK
9 FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED ADVOCACY FOR L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE IN
10 LOS ANGELES, AND KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS WILL HAVE A PARTNER WITH
11 THE TRANSLATINA COALITION. WE APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH.

12
13 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU TO
14 YOUR ENTIRE TEAM FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO TO MAKE OUR
15 COMMUNITY A SAFER, MORE WELCOMING PLACE FOR ALL OF US. WE
16 APPRECIATE YOU.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.



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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR JUNE 27, 2023**

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 Phillip Urquidi, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles
11 County, et al.

12 Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCP04044. (23-
13 2378)

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15 **No reportable action was taken.**
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18 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING**
19 **LITIGATION**

20 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
21 54956.9)

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23 Art Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
24 Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCV33158.
25 (23-2379)

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27 **No reportable action was taken.**
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30 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED**
31 **LITIGATION**

32 (Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
33 54956.9)

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35 Significant exposure to litigation (one case).

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37 Allegations by the Los Angeles Times Communications of



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violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act. (23-2076)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-4. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957)

Consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position of Auditor-Controller. (19-6735)

The Board selected a final candidate for the position of the Auditor-Controller, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an at-will employment contract, which is approved as to form by the County Counsel. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with Supervisor Hahn being absent.

CS-5. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-6. 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;



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Los Angeles County Association of Environmental Health
Specialists; Los Angeles County Public Defenders; and

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

**CS-7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING
LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
54956.9)

United States v. County of Los Angeles, et al., U.S. District
Court,
Central District of California, Case Number: 15-cv-05903-DDP.
(22-2686)

No reportable action was taken.

**CS-8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING
LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
54956.9)

Rutherford, et al. v. Robert Luna, et al., U.S. District Court,
Central
District of California, Case Number: CV-75-04111-DDP. (23-
2407)

No reportable action was taken.



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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 27, 2023, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th
16 day of July 2023, for the County records to be used only for
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on
18 file of the office of the reporter.

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