

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, 9:30 AM

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. WHOEVER IS DOING THE SHUSHING OUT THERE, THAT'S GREAT, BECAUSE THEN I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME, OF COURSE, TO OUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE JOINED US. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL BE JOINING US LATER. WE HAVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST THIS MORNING. AND WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING, LIKE WE ALWAYS DO, WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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

AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND JUST LET ME TAKE A MOMENT. I KNOW I HEARD SOMEONE TRYING TO MAYBE APPLAUD OUR LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. I LOVE OUR LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT, TOO. I'M REALLY PROUD THAT WE HAVE DONE IT, AND WE DO THAT THANKS TO HILDA SOLIS, WHO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT WE DO THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF ALL OF OUR MEETINGS. BUT FOR NOW, AND FOR THE REST OF THE MEETING, HERE'S WHAT WE ARE HOPING IS THAT, IF YOU LIKE SOMETHING WE'RE DOING OR SOMETHING SOMEBODY IS SAYING, YOU KNOW, JUST PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR SO THAT WE KNOW YOU APPRECIATE IT. AND IF YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED IN SOMETHING, WE HOPE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN TODAY, BUT IF YOU

HAPPEN TO BE DISAPPOINTED IN SOMETHING WE'RE DOING, JUST GIVE US THE OLD THUMBS DOWN. THE LESS WE CAN HAVE COMING FROM THE AUDIENCE, THE FASTER WE CAN GET THROUGH THE MEETING AND MAKE SURE EVERYBODY THAT IS SPEAKING GETS THE DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT THEY DESERVE TO BE HEARD. SO, WE WILL TRY THAT. OKAY. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR PIERRE HOWARD, SYLMAR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FROM SYLMAR IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY FRANKLIN ACRES, FORMER E-3 HOSPITAL CORPSMAN FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY, FROM MY DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

PASTOR PIERRE HOWARD: FATHER LORD, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR TODAY. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR MANY BLESSINGS TOWARDS US. FATHER, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER US. FATHER, HELP US TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE. FATHER, WE PRAY FOR OUR LEADERSHIP, AND WE PRAY FOR OUR FOLLOWSHIP. LET US BE BETTER LEADERS, AND BETTER FOLLOWERS. LET US WORK ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL. FATHER, HELP US DO THE BEST, WHICH IS FOR YOUR PEOPLE. FATHER, BLESS US AS WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, THAT WE MIGHT LOVE EACH OTHER A LITTLE BIT MORE, TOLERATE EACH OTHER A LITTLE BIT MORE, SHOW HATE A LITTLE LESS, BUT SHOW MORE LOVE, WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN US. OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW WE'LL HAVE THE PLEDGE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DID I GET THE NAME WRONG?

SPEAKER: NO, NO. THIS WAS WRONG.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I WAS READING THAT, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS WRONG.

SUP. HORVATH: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN THANKING PASTOR PIERRE HOWARD-- OR PASTOR PIERRE, AS HE IS KNOWN-- WHO LEADS THE SYLMAR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, FOR LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. HE HAS

LED THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY PROUDLY SINCE 2014. HE ATTENDED LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE AND SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, AND IS A CLINICAL RECRUITER BY PROFESSION. HE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE HELPING HANDS FOOD MINISTRY THAT FEEDS AND CLOTHES THE COMMUNITY IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, A COMMUNITY I AM VERY PROUD TO REPRESENT. HE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NORTHEAST VALLEY MINISTERS ALLIANCE FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND HAS SPOKEN TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUNG PEOPLE AT OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS. PASTOR PIERRE IS THE HUSBAND OF MARY HOWARD, THE FATHER OF FOUR CHILDREN, AND A GRANDFATHER. ONE OF HIS FAVORITE SCRIPTURES IS PSALM 46:1: "GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE." IT IS EXACTLY THIS SENTIMENT OF LOVE AND FAITH THAT GUIDED PASTOR PIERRE AND HIS TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY AT SYLMAR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TO RESPOND TO LAST WEEK'S TERRIBLE BURNING OF THREE CROSSES IN FRONT OF THEIR PARISH. THEY RESPONDED WITH SENTIMENTS OF LOVE AND HEALING. TODAY WE STAND BEFORE YOU, PASTOR, UNITED IN A CALL TO LET LOVE LEAD IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR ACTIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE HERE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE EXAMPLE, SO WE ALL MAY LEAD IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU AND YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY, AND LEAD WITH LOVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, PASTOR PIERRE. AND THANK YOU TO MR. FRANKY ACRES FOR JOINING US TODAY, AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MR. ACRES HONORABLY SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A NAVY CORPSMAN. HE HAS OVERCOME MANY CHALLENGES AS A SURVIVOR OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA, AND UNDERSTANDABLY, THIS EXPERIENCE HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON HIS LIFE. AND IN 2017, HE BECAME UNHOUSED. THROUGH THE VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILY PROGRAMS, HE FOUND REFUGE AT A SHELTER, AND THEN FOUND STABLE HOUSING. THE PANDEMIC THEN CAUSED SETBACKS TO THE PROGRESS HE'D MADE, AND HE FOUND HIMSELF BACK ON THE STREETS. THANKFULLY, MR. ACRES WAS INTRODUCED TO A NEW INTERIM HOUSING SITE IN SAN PEDRO, THAT I HAD RECENTLY OPENED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA. HE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM, SHOWED REMARKABLE DEDICATION, COMPLETING THE 6-MONTH PROGRAM IN JUST OVER FOUR MONTHS. YOU'RE AN OVERACHIEVER. HIS COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK EARNED HIM RECOGNITION AS A MODEL PARTICIPANT, AND HE BECAME AN INSPIRATION TO MANY OF THE OTHER MEN IN THE PROGRAM. HE IS DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA, AND HELPING OTHER SURVIVORS. HE BELIEVES THAT BRINGING THESE ISSUES TO LIGHT, AND REMOVING THE SHAME ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, IS THE ONLY WAY TO TRULY HEAL. MR. ACRES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIFE. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR

FUTURE ENDEAVORS. HAVING YOU HERE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE WAS AN HONOR FOR ALL OF US.

FRANKLIN ACRES: THANK YOU. MY HONOR. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HERE, LET'S TAKE A PHOTO. ISN'T THAT A GREAT STORY?

SUP. BARGER: THAT IS A GREAT STORY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: TRY TO BEAT THAT WITH A CAT OR A DOG.

SUP. BARGER: IT'S A CAT. I WANT TO INTRODUCE EVERYBODY TO A TWO-MONTH-OLD CALICO KITTEN WHO IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. THIS IS JODI. I KNOW. THERE ARE A LOT OF KITTENS IN OUR SHELTERS RIGHT NOW. THIS IS JODI-- YES, BABY-- AND SHE IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. YOU CAN CALL 562-940-6898, OR YOU CAN GO TO ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV. AND I PROMISE YOU, IF YOU CANNOT ADOPT, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR FOSTER PARENTS, AS WELL. AND THIS ONE IS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK?

SPEAKER: YES.

SUP. BARGER: AVAILABLE THIS WEEK-- YES, BABY-- AND IS VERY SWEET AND LOVABLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MEOW.

SUP. BARGER: AND, JANICE, YOU'RE CALLING. ANYWAY, SO THIS IS JODI. FOR ANYONE OUT THERE LOOKING--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I AM A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS.

SUP. BARGER: -- FOR A BEST FRIEND, JODI IS LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DARLING. VERY CUTE. AND THE CAT'S CUTE, TOO. OKAY, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 25. ON ITEM 1, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM TWO, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 3, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 9 AND 10, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ALSO, THESE INCLUDE A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11,

THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 14, 15, AND 16, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON PAGE 21, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 26 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM 35, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JULY 25TH, 2023. ON ITEM 37, THE DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JULY 25, 2023. ON ITEM 40, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 41, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 42, THIS WILL BE HELD FOR A REPORT. ON PAGE 37, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDICTIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 52-A AND 52-B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 38, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION. ON ITEM 56, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JULY 25, 2023. ON PAGE 39, SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEM 58 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT OSCAR VALDEZ TO SERVE AS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR THE OFFICER OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AT

AN ANNUAL SALARY OF $329,389.83, EFFECTIVE JULY 11, 2023. ON ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 40, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH 6-D, ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THAT'S BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

SPEAKER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM 2, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 23, 14, AND 40, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEMS 52-A AND 52-B, THEN ITEM

42, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 58, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE WE BEGIN, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR A TOTAL OF 6 MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU ARE SIGNING UP FOR, AS YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE

PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. I KNOW YOU WERE ALL PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL THOSE ITEMS I WAS READING EARLIER, BUT THERE WAS A MISTAKE. SO, TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 2, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6, 9, 10, 14, 23, 16... 15, 16, AND 40. DID WE ALL GET THAT? OKAY, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEMS 52-A, 52-B, THEN ITEM 42, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 58, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IS EVERYBODY GOOD WITH THAT? OKAY. SO, THEN WE DID THE CALL-IN INFORMATION, RIGHT? SO, NOW WE'RE ON TO ITEM 2, STRENGTHENING BRIDGE HOUSING RESOURCES THROUGH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, LIVING WITH SERIOUS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE WITH US DR. LISA WONG, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH. I BELIEVE WE ALSO HAVE DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THEY'LL BE HERE, AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. IF YOU

WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AT THAT TABLE, THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I HELD THIS MOTION TODAY BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY IS AUTHORIZING OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT-- DRUMROLL, PLEASE-- $321 MILLION OF STATE GRANT FUNDING FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO ALSO STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. THIS GRANT, WHICH IS CALLED THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM-- THEY'VE SHORTENED IT TO B.H.B.H.-- WILL FUND MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING FOR FOUR YEARS, THAT WILL BE PRIORITIZED FOR OUR C.A.R.E. COURT PARTICIPANTS. OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE STATE REQUESTING $321 MILLION, AND ESTIMATING THAT THOSE FUNDS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE THAN 1600 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE BEDS. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS SO CRITICAL, AND ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING NEEDS FOR OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE WITHOUT HOMES. LAST MONTH, THE STATE APPROVED OUR WHOLE PROPOSAL. THEY ARE GIVING US EVERYTHING WE ASK FOR. SO WE'RE DOING THIS MOTION, COLLEAGUES, THAT ALLOWS THEM TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS AND MOVE QUICKLY TOWARDS THE SOLICITATION. IN ANTICIPATION-- I THINK THIS IS INTERESTING-- OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALREADY SURVEYED PROVIDERS TO SEE WHO IS GOING TO BE INTERESTED AND CAPABLE IN CONTRACTING TO PROVIDE THESE BEDS, AND WE GOT VERY POSITIVE RESULTS IN THE INITIAL SURVEY. AND WE ACTUALLY RECEIVED MORE RESPONSES FOR MORE BEDS THAN WE EVEN ARE GOING

TO HAVE MONEY FOR. SO, AS WE COME CLOSER TO THE LAUNCH OF C.A.R.E. COURT IN L.A COUNTY ON DECEMBER 1ST, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE SURE WE ARE REALLY PREPARING, AND DOING THAT IS TO HAVE ENOUGH MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING AS PART OF THAT. I JUST HAD-- AND I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR BARGER TO MAKE REMARKS. I HAD SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK. DO YOU WANT ME TO ASK MY QUESTIONS FIRST? OKAY. LET ME JUST ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO DR. WONG. YOU'VE SAID THAT YOU'RE FOCUSING ON SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS, AND THAT HAS A LOT OF DIFFERENT MEANINGS OUT THERE IN THE WORLD. WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT LOOK LIKE FOR US, SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE A SHOVEL-READY PROJECT OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS?

DR. LISA WONG: "SHOVEL-READY" MEANS THAT THESE ARE PROJECTS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO BE UP AND RUNNING AND TAKING IN CLIENTS VERY SHORTLY. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE C.A.R.E. COURT COMING, THAT WE'RE LAUNCHING DECEMBER 1ST. SO WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE HOUSING READY FOR OUR C.A.R.E. COURT PARTICIPANTS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE SOME OF THE PARAMETERS AROUND B.H.B.H. STIPULATE A VERY SHORT RUNWAY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMING THAT'S FUNDED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO ON THAT NOTE, DO THEY HAVE TO BE BRAND NEW FROM THE GROUND UP, OR ARE WE LOOKING AT PROVIDERS WHO MAYBE COULD REPURPOSE WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE TO FIT THE CRITERIA OF THESE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS?

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK IT'S LARGELY GOING TO HAVE TO BE REPURPOSING; REPURPOSING, RENOVATION, THOSE KINDS OF PROJECTS. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT TIME FRAME, VERY FEW PROVIDERS WILL BE ABLE TO KIND OF BUILD FROM THE GROUND UP.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND THEN I UNDERSTAND, IN READING THIS, IT'S ACTUALLY, ALSO, THE MONEY CAN BE USED FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THAT? HOW WOULD THAT WORK?

DR. LISA WONG: YES, PART OF THE MONEY CAN BE USED FOR SUBSIDIES. THE WAY THE MONEY IS SPLIT IS 25% CAN BE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THEN 75% FOR THE REST OF IT. SO, PROVIDERS WHO WANT TO COME ON BOARD AND CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THIS KIND OF HOUSING FOR PEOPLE, THEY CAN USE UP TO $75,000 PER BED. BUT TO KEEP THAT GOING, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO NEED SUBSIDIES ONGOING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND THEN I ALSO FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT THIS FIRST ROUND OF PROVIDERS, IF THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL, MAY GET AN ADVANTAGE GOING FORWARD IN FUTURE POSSIBLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH MAKES ME THINK THERE IS GOING TO BE FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. IS THAT TRUE?

DR. LISA WONG: YES, THAT IS WHAT THE THINKING IS. I MEAN, WE DON'T KNOW UNTIL WE GET THE DOLLARS, OF COURSE, BUT THAT IS

THE HOPE. AND THE ADVANTAGE IS, THESE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE WHO NOT ONLY HAVE A COMMITMENT TO TAKING CARE OF OUR CLIENTS, BUT ARE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEY KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO DO IT, AND THEY WILL HAVE THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM HAVING ENGAGED IN THIS FOUR YEARS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND, DR. FERRER, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, TOO. YOU GOT LESS OF THE TOTAL ALLOTMENT. AND I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW IT GOT BROKEN DOWN. PUBLIC HEALTH GOT $62 MILLION OUT OF IT, AND THE REST WENT TO MENTAL HEALTH. BUT I DO KNOW THAT THE NARRATIVE OUT THERE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE STREETS, PEOPLE SAY, "WE KNOW THEY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, BUT WE KNOW THE MAJORITY OF THEM ALSO HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS." WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE DID YOU GET ON PROVIDERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE THESE KINDS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS, WHICH ARE VERY DIFFERENT?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I DO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ACTUALLY SPONSORING THIS MOTION, BECAUSE IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET THESE FUNDS, AND WE DO HAVE A SHORT RUNWAY, AND START CONTRACTING FOR BEDS. WE HAVE VERY SIMILAR PARAMETERS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DOES, JUST SLIGHTLY LESS MONEY. WE'LL USE IT FOR TWO KINDS OF BEDS THAT ARE IN DESPERATE NEED HERE. ONE TYPE OF BED IS WHAT WE CALL RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING.

THESE ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE STEPPING DOWN. THEY'VE COMPLETED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, OR THEY'RE IN INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AND NEED A PLACE TO STAY. SO, THIS IS SORT OF ROOM AND BOARD FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A TREATMENT PROGRAM. BUT WE'RE ALSO GOING TO OPEN WHAT WE CALL RECOVERY HOUSING BEDS, WHICH ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THEIR SOBRIETY JOURNEY, NEED A PLACE TO LIVE WHILE THEY'RE ON THEIR SOBRIETY JOURNEY, BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT THEY BE IN AN INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM. SO, THAT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME WE'LL HAVE RECOVERY HOUSING BEDS HERE THAT DON'T HAVE A STIPULATION ATTACHED TO THEM OF BEING IN ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS. SO WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THAT OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE WE KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR SOBER LIVING, AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THAT. WE'LL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE 100 RECOVERY HOUSING BEDS AND 300 RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING BEDS. WHEN WE SURVEYED PROVIDERS OUT THERE, BETWEEN THE TWO BEDS, PROVIDERS THOUGHT THEY COULD OFFER ABOUT 700 BEDS. SO I THINK, SIMILAR TO WHAT D.M.H. FOUND, IS WE'LL ACTUALLY HAVE MORE PROVIDERS WHO COULD PUT UP BEDS IN THE SHORT-- YOU KNOW, THIS IS IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD. THEN WE'LL HAVE FUNDING ON THIS INITIAL ROUND. SO, WE'RE ALSO EXCITED ABOUT IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, GOOD NEWS. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION. AND I THINK THAT WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT CONTINUUM OF CARE AND HOSPITAL BEDS, BUT WHAT WE REGULARLY SEE IS WHAT'S FORGOTTEN, AND THAT IS THE RESIDENTIAL CARE AFTERWARDS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T CYCLE BACK ONTO THE STREET. AND MY QUESTION IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD, JUST AS IT RELATES TO THE FACT THAT I KNOW, IN MANY YEARS PAST, WHEN WE HAD GROUP HOMES, THEY TENDED TO BE HIGH CONCENTRATION IN AREAS SUCH AS ALTADENA, CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. AND IN LOOKING AT THE PROJECT READINESS, IT SEEMS LIKE THE CLUSTERS NOW ARE FOCUSED IN DISTRICT 2. AND I KNOW THAT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE TEND TO ALWAYS NEED THE RESOURCES UP THERE. SO I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO ENSURE THAT IT'S EVENLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY? BECAUSE ONE OF THE BARRIERS THAT I'VE WITNESSED FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THAT ARE NOT WILLING TO GET OFF THE STREET, IS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO STAY CLOSE TO THE PROXIMITY OF WHERE THEY ARE. AND SO IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO OUTREACH, OR INCENTIVES, TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED, ESPECIALLY UP IN THE NORTH COUNTY?

DR. LISA WONG: I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT, SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE I AGREE. A LOT OF TIMES, PEOPLE ARE MUCH MORE WILLING TO STAY IN HOUSING IF IT'S IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE OF COMMUNITY. SO, THE INITIAL ASK FOR THE SURVEY

THAT WE PUT OUT, IT WAS REALLY JUST TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE STATE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE INTERESTED TO USE THESE DOLLARS. SO, WHEN WE RELEASED THE R.F.A., WHICH IS THE FORMAL PROCESS WHERE PEOPLE CAN APPLY, WE ARE GOING TO USE AN EQUITY LENS. AND SPECIFICALLY, WE'RE USING THE EQUITY TOOL THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES, BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITIES HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO THIS KIND OF RESOURCE. ADDITIONALLY, WE'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT NEW PROVIDERS COMING ON, INSTEAD OF ALWAYS USING THE SAME PROVIDERS IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOODS.

SUP. BARGER: EXCELLENT. AND THEN, DR. FERRER, ON THE 100 RECOVERY BEDS, AND THEN THE 300 RECOVERY BRIDGE BEDS, THAT'S A NEW CONCEPT, CORRECT? I MEAN...

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THE RECOVERY HOUSING IS NEW CONTEXT. WE HAVE RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING, BUT YOU HAVE TO BE IN AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM TO USE IT, AND SOME PEOPLE DON'T REALLY NEED TO BE IN THAT PROGRAM, BUT THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE HOMELESS.

SUP. BARGER: SO, WITH MAYOR BASS, WHO'S BEEN PUSHING FOR FEDERAL CHANGES TO 30-- GOING TO 45 DAYS, THIS WILL COMPLEMENT THAT?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH. I MEAN, MAYOR BASS IS WORKING ON SORT OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, THERE IS NO FIRM 30-DAY SORT OF, "YOU HAVE 30 DAYS AND THAT'S IT, AND YOU THEN GET DISCHARGED." THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY HOW THE NEW RULES WORK. YOU DO HAVE TO SHOW MEDICAL NECESSITY. YOU CAN CONSIDER A PERSON'S HOUSING STATUS, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO QUALIFY THEM AS A MEDICALLY NECESSARY STAY, WHICH MEANS THAT WE JUST DON'T GET REIMBURSED BY C.M.S. SO WE ARE ASKING FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER THAT DEFINITION OF MEDICAL NECESSITY, BUT THAT WILL JUST APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS. IT WOULDN'T APPLY TO THESE STEP-DOWN PROGRAMS, AND IT CERTAINLY WOULDN'T APPLY TO THE RECOVERY HOUSING, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT, IN THE PAST, WE ALL CALLED "SOBER HOUSING."

SUP. BARGER: GREAT. AND IN CLOSING, I'LL JUST SAY THAT I THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO HOW YOU ALL PRESENTED IT TO THE STATE, THE FACT THAT WE DID GET FULL FUNDING. AND I REALLY AM PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ARTICULATE WHAT WE SEE EACH AND EVERY DAY, AND WHAT WE HEAR FROM OUR CITIES AND FROM THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE NEED. AND WE WERE ABLE TO ACTUALLY TRANSLATE THAT UP TO THE STATE, AND BRING DOWN FUNDING TO GROW AND ADDRESS THIS POPULATION. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND I ECHO WHAT YOU SAID. I MEAN, WE WALK A VERY INTERESTING LINE. WE DON'T WANT TO OVERSATURATE A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY WITH THESE BEDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WANT THEM SPREAD AROUND TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT: PEOPLE RECOVER BETTER, I THINK, IF THEY KNOW THAT THEY'RE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. SO, BUT THAT'S AN INTERESTING-- I'M GLAD YOU CLARIFIED THAT THAT WAS JUST AN INITIAL SURVEY. THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO BE PLACED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME, AND THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO ALSO APPLAUD OUR TWO VERY CRITICAL DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE HELPING US ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT HOMELESS COUNT, AND THE FACT THAT WE STILL STRUGGLE WITH MEETING THOSE NEEDS, ESPECIALLY ON SKID ROW. AND I WANT TO POINT THAT OUT, BECAUSE $56 MILLION OF THIS FUND WILL BE GOING TOWARDS DIRECTLY SKID ROW, AND WE NEED IT. I MEAN, I GET THAT WE NEED TO SPREAD OUT THE FUNDING OVERALL, BUT IMMEDIATE NEED, WHERE WE HAVE SHOVEL-READY ACCESS AND PROGRAMS, IS GOING TO BE PARAMOUNT. SO, $56 MILLION WILL GO THROUGH PURCHASING SOME BUILDINGS THERE, AND JUST REPURPOSING THEM OVERALL. AND PHASE ONE, I BELIEVE, IS GOING TO START BY THE END OF THE YEAR. SO, THIS IS PRETTY QUICK THAT ALL THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN, THE

$321 MILLION, ET CETERA, THAT'S GOING TO BE BROUGHT. I HOPE IT'S JUST A DOWN PAYMENT, BECAUSE WE DO WANT THIS SPREAD OUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. BUT I JUST WANT TO MENTION QUICKLY THAT WE ALREADY RECEIVED $60 MILLION FROM THE STATE TO ALSO HELP FOCUS ON ENCAMPMENTS, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT IN MANY OF OUR DISTRICTS, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES CITY. AND WE KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HOPEFULLY HOUSE ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE OVER THE COURSE OF THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF THIS GRANT, AND THAT'S PRETTY AMBITIOUS. SO, THE B.H.B.H. FUNDING WILL HELP TO SUPPORT 350 NEW INTERIM HOUSING BEDS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSITIONING OFF THE STREET INTO CARE, WHICH IS VITAL. AND I WANT TO COMMEND BOTH OF YOU, AND ESPECIALLY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE WE WENT OUT AND SURVEYED THE CROCKER FACILITIES, AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE A GAME CHANGER FOR US, AS WELL, PROVIDING SOBERING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE THAT HAVE ADDICTION ISSUES; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HELPING TO PROVIDE A RAPID 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO PEOPLE ON ANY GIVEN DAY. AND THAT, TO ME, CAN SERVE AS A PILOT AS WE MOVE FORWARD. SO, I WANT TO COMMEND YOU, AND YES, I PLAN TO VOTE ON THIS, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BENEFIT SO MANY PEOPLE. THANK YOU, BOTH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND LET ME JUST SAY WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WELCOME.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND THANK YOU TO YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AS WE KNOW, THIS FUNDING IS INCREDIBLY WELCOME, GIVEN THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE FACING. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESSING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS THAT WE KNOW IS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ESSENTIAL TO QUICKLY HOUSING THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH SERIOUS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS TREMENDOUS NEED IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. A 2022 RAND STUDY FOUND THAT HALF OF THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE REPORTED A SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY 20% TO 35% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS REPORT HAVING A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. AND THE STATE FUNDING WILL BE ABLE TO INVEST IN VARIOUS FORMS OF BRIDGE HOUSING, WHICH WE DESPERATELY NEED, INCLUDING MOTELS/HOTELS, MASTER-LEASED UNITS OR BUILDINGS, TINY HOUSES, OR DUPLEXES AND LARGE HOMES. BRAIDING OUR HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY RESPONSE WITH THIS FUNDING ENSURES WE CAN UPLIFT SOME OF OUR MOST MARGINALIZED AND VULNERABLE ANGELENOS. BUT ON

THAT, I WANTED TO ASK WHAT WE'RE DOING TO PREVENT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. I KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE'VE MET WITH ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BRAIDING OF FUNDING BEING A CONTRIBUTOR TO THEM NOT BEING ABLE TO ACCESS RESOURCES, BECAUSE IF IT COMES FROM A CERTAIN POT OF MONEY, THAT CAN'T BE APPLIED TO THEM. HOW ARE WE ENSURING THAT BRAIDING OF FUNDS DOES NOT PREVENT OUR ABILITY TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS TO LOS ANGELES, AND WHO MAY BE UNDOCUMENTED?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: I CAN JUST SPEAK THAT THIS IS A WONDERFUL AND WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY, BUT WE HAVE OTHER MONEY AND OTHER FUNDS THAT GO INTO RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING, WHICH WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE FOR THOSE IF WE HAVE CLIENTS WHO, FOR WHATEVER REASON, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING SOURCE.

SUP. HORVATH: SO THIS IS AN ADDED BENEFIT? IT WON'T PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ACCESSING THIS?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: EXACTLY. I MEAN, OUR PROGRAM DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BY ANYBODY'S IMMIGRATION STATUS, FOR ANY OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE. WHEN IT COMES TO PAYING THE BILLS, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RULES, BUT WE HAVE ENOUGH OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT ALREADY ARE USED FOR RECOVERY HOUSING, THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY THOSE BILLS.

SUP. HORVATH: I'M SURE THAT'S WELCOME NEWS TO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE LISTENING TODAY. THANK YOU. AND TO CLARIFY ON AN EARLIER QUESTION YOU ANSWERED REGARDING RENTAL SUBSIDIES, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE FOR THOSE WITH A QUALIFYING CONDITION TO GET INTO THIS HOUSING. IT'S NOT RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR ANYONE WHO IS A RENTER. IS THAT RIGHT?

DR. LISA WONG: AND IT'S RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR THESE PARTICULAR PROJECTS.

SUP. HORVATH: RIGHT. OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT RENTERS' ISSUES. WE CLEARLY HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE WITH US TODAY, SO I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHO WOULD QUALIFY FOR THIS ONE, IN PARTICULAR. AS WE KNOW, WE'RE COMMITTED TO CENTERING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES IN ALL ASPECTS OF CREATING ADDITIONAL HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ESSENTIAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND SO I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM, AS WELL AS EVERY EFFORT TO INCREASE VARIOUS FORMS OF BRIDGE HOUSING, WHICH HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL IN INCREASING ONGOING TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, LINKING PEOPLE TO PERMANENT HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I, TOO, WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS. IT'S EASY TO VOTE FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT MONEY. THAT'S AN EASY THING TO DO. MITCHELL, AYE. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR RAISING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO EQUITY. LAST TIME WE HAD THIS CONVERSATION, WE ACKNOWLEDGED HOW MANY OF THE O.D.R. AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BEDS, WHERE THEY'RE CURRENTLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. I AM PROUD THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT HAS STOOD UP, AND THE NONPROFITS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE MAKING BEDS AVAILABLE. AND-- NOT BUT, BUT AND-- WE ARE CLEAR THAT WE'VE GOT A LOT MORE WORK TO DO, AND THAT THEY REALLY MUST BE COUNTYWIDE WITH AN EQUITY LENS, SO I APPRECIATE THAT. ONE QUESTION I DO HAVE IS THE QUESTION OF, HOW DO WE SUSTAIN THE BEDS? WHILE I AM HAPPY TO VOTE FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT MONEY, I'M CLEAR THIS IS ONE TIME, AND THESE ARE ONE-TIME-FUNDING-USE NEEDS. SO, WHAT WILL BE OUR PLAN TO SUSTAIN THESE BEDS BEYOND THIS ONE-TIME FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

DR. LISA WONG: WELL, I THINK, IN ADDITION TO OUR HOPE THAT THIS FUNDING WILL CONTINUE AS WE DEMONSTRATE THE IMPACT AND SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT SETTING ASIDE DOLLARS, TOO, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WILL HAVE A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THIS HOUSING. THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HOUSING, AND THEN TAKE IT AWAY, AS A RESOURCE. THE

GOOD THING, THOUGH, ABOUT THIS IS IT IS BRIDGE HOUSING, SO THIS IS NOT THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT WILL REQUIRE THE SAME TYPE OF SUSTAINABILITY. SO, AS WE, I THINK, RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS GOING, AND MAYBE EVEN ADD TO IT. BUT IF, GOD FORBID, SOMETHING HAPPENED-- ALL THE MILLIONAIRES LEFT CALIFORNIA, AND WE HAVE A DROP IN FUNDING-- THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO ADJUST THAT. BUT WE DO-- AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, WE HAVE A LOT OF OTHER RESOURCES FOR HOUSING, AS WELL.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: AND I'D ALSO-- YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO RAISE SORT OF ANOTHER ISSUE ABOUT TRYING TO PUSH MEDICAID AND C.M.S. TO ALLOW FOR THESE COSTS TO BE REIMBURSABLE. I MEAN, IT REALLY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, TO NOT BE ABLE TO USE THOSE MEDICAID DOLLARS TO COVER THEIR ROOM AND BOARD WHILE THEY'RE IN A TREATMENT PROGRAM. AND IT IS LESS EXPENSIVE AND MORE APPROPRIATE CARE FOR SOME PEOPLE TO BE IN INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT, AS OPPOSED TO RESIDENTIAL, BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET OUR FEDERAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS TO COVER THE COSTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE, IN FACT, HERE ENROLLED IN MEDI-CAL. AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR, AS WELL. I THINK, SOMETIMES, YOU HAVE TO SHIFT WHAT INSURANCE IS COVERING, KNOWING THAT HOUSING IS A PREREQUISITE TO PEOPLE STAYING IN RECOVERY.

SUP. MITCHELL: I COULDN'T AGREE MORE, AND OUR OWN L.A. CARE--
YOU KNOW, HEALTH PLANS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY GET THAT, AND ARE
PUTTING MONEY TO HOUSING. BUT IF THOSE FEDERAL REGULATIONS
WERE UPDATED OR MODIFIED TO REFLECT THAT REALITY, I COULDN'T
AGREE WITH YOU MORE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON
THE QUEUE, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD
AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: CARLOS ENRIQUE GUTIERREZ DIAZ,
DONALD HARLAND, JORDAN WYNN, JULIA WALLACE, AND KONSTANTINE
ANTHONY. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DELILAH MEDINA. YOU MAY
BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M CALLING, AND I GUESS THIS IS MY LAST-DITCH
EFFORT HERE, BECAUSE EVERYTHING THAT I JUST HEARD WAS GREAT.
I, MYSELF, DO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AND I HAVE BEEN
LOOKING FOR HOUSING. THE ONLY THING THAT CONCERNS ME HERE IS
THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS IS JUST FOR BEDS, AND THIS IS NOT IN

FAMILY HOUSING AT ALL, WHICH IS WHAT MY SITUATION IS. AND EVERYBODY THAT I'VE TURNED TO, WHETHER IT BE MY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MY MAYOR'S OFFICE, TRACI PARK'S OFFICE, H.O.P.I.C.S., THE COUNTY BUILDING, EVERYBODY AND EVERYWHERE SENDS ME THE RUNAROUND, WHERE THERE IS NOT FUNDING FOR MY PARTICULAR FAMILY SIZE, OR MY SITUATION. AND THE THING IS, I'VE BEEN ILLEGALLY EVICTED, WHICH IS WHAT GOT ME IN THIS POSITION IN THE FIRST PLACE. I DO NOT HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. I DO WORK A JOB, AND I HAVE A FAMILY OF 4. MY HUSBAND GOES TO SCHOOL, AND I WORK FULL TIME. AND WITH THIS RISING COST OF RENT, WE CANNOT AFFORD ANYTHING RIGHT NOW. THERE'S NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AVAILABLE, AND I'VE CONTACTED EVERY PERSON THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO CONTACT, AND IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS NO HELP.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. YEAH, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. DID YOU TELL US WHERE YOU RESIDE, CURRENTLY, SO MAYBE WE COULD CONNECT YOU TO SOMEONE? BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THIS PROGRAM THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY DOES APPLY TO YOU. BUT DO WE HAVE HER INFORMATION? WE'LL CALL HER. OKAY, THANK YOU. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GENEVIEVE, ARE YOU ON?

MODERATOR: OKAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, DID WE LOSE HER? YOU CAN'T LOSE GENEVIEVE. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: WE'LL GO TO ROY HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, AND THE PERPETUAL PROBLEM THAT ISN'T GOING TO GO AWAY ANYTIME SOON, IF AT ALL, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND AS TO THE PREVIOUS WOMAN SPEAKING ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE, AND SO FORTH, AND THE PERPETUATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN THE SUPPORT OF ILLEGAL ALIENS, THE, QUOTE, "UNDOCUMENTED." AND THE FUNDS-- THE PIE CAN ONLY BE CUT SO THIN. AND THIS IS-- WE'RE PAYING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS FOOLHARDY-- ACTUALLY, IT'S A FEDERAL FELONY TO SUPPORT THE, QUOTE, "UNDOCUMENTED" ILLEGAL ALIENS. SO, YOU KIND OF GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR. THANK YOU. AND WE'RE ALL PAYING FOR IT, SADLY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NEXT. ARE WE GOING IN PERSON?

SPEAKER: YES. CARLOS GUTIERREZ ENRIQUE, YOUR PARTICIPANT.

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

SPEAKER: I'M A PARTICIPANT AT EXODUS RECOVERY, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES. I TAKE MY HAT OFF, OUT OF RESPECT. I DO NOT HAVE THE [INAUDIBLE], AND I TOOK AN OATH TO DEFEND WOMEN AND CHILDREN. I DO NOT HAVE TO REGISTER FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE. HOWEVER, THE 1996 CUBAN-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ACT WAS SUNSET--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, I'M JUST GOING TO STOP YOU. I'M READY TO HEAR YOU, BUT ARE YOU SPEAKING ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM?

SPEAKER: CORRECT. THE EXODUS RECOVERY AT SAFE LANDING. UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT IS HAPPENING, IT'S NOT THE ALIENS. IT'S NOT THIS. IT'S THE FACT THAT NORMAL PEOPLE GOING THROUGH A CRISIS, LIKE MYSELF AND MY WIFE, ARE PUT TOGETHER WITH CRIMINALS WHO ARE ADDICTS, AND STUFF LIKE THAT. WHY? BECAUSE OF DENNIS P. BLOCK, ESQUIRE, WHO THE SHERIFF ALLOWED AN UNLAWFUL EVICTION. SHERIFF, STAND DOWN, RETURN MY PROPERTY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. ARE WE STILL IN PERSON?

SPEAKER: YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2, THE BRIDGE TO HOUSING FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. IT SEEMS THAT YOU GUYS CAN'T HANDLE THE REGULAR BRIDGE TO HOUSING WITH THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE MENTALLY ILL. IT IS GOING TO BE WAY MORE THAN YOU GUYS CAN HANDLE. IT'S WAY MORE THAN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD BE DOING. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD NOT BE FUNDING ANY HOMELESS HOUSING. AND THEN YOU WANT TO STICK MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IN THERE, TOO. YOU GUYS CAN'T EVEN HANDLE THE EVICTIONS FOR THE ILLEGAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS YOU ALREADY HAVE. YOU CAN'T EVEN GET RID OF THE NORMAL PEOPLE THAT ARE IN YOUR HOMELESS HOUSING, AS YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW, AND YOU WANT TO DO THE MENTALLY ILL, ALSO? THERE'S NO WAY. YOU GUYS ARE IN WAY OVER YOUR HEAD. IT'S GOING TO BLOW UP WAY BEYOND YOUR ABILITY TO PAY FOR IT. YOU GUYS WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT.

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

KONSTANTINE ANTHONY: GOOD MORNING. KONSTANTINE ANTHONY. I AM RUNNING FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR, BUT I HAVE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN AND TALK ABOUT C.A.R.E. COURT. YES, GRATEFUL THAT WE'RE GETTING OVER $300 MILLION FROM THE STATE, BUT IT'S ATTACHED TO THE GOVERNOR'S BILL OF C.A.R.E. COURT. HE HAS SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT C.A.R.E. COURT IS DESIGNED TO TARGET PEOPLE

WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, AND WHEN WE ATTACH THE MONEY TO IT, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THE SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL BE LOOKING FOR DIAGNOSES. THEY WILL OVERDIAGNOSE PATIENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET THAT MONEY THAT'S ATTACHED TO IT. I WOULD LOVE TO GET $300 MILLION WITHOUT THE C.A.R.E. COURT RESTRICTIONS. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE SEEING. I'VE BEEN YELLING TO YOU ABOUT THIS FOR YEARS NOW. I'VE BEEN AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, SAYING, "PLEASE, PLEASE, DON'T SIGN THIS THING." WE'RE GOING TO SEE PEOPLE TAKEN OFF THE STREETS AND PUT INTO CONSERVATORSHIPS AGAINST THEIR WILL, BECAUSE NOW THERE IS MONEY ATTACHED TO IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JULIA WALLACE: MY NAME IS JULIA WALLACE. I WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'M ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO, I'M GLAD THAT THIS INITIATIVE IS HAPPENING. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE DOING THE WORK-- MY COWORKERS-- ARE ALSO PAID IN EQUITY, WHICH WE'LL BE SPEAKING ABOUT ON ITEM 46 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE RESPECT THE WORKERS THAT ARE GOING TO BE CARRYING OUT THIS MESSAGE, BECAUSE WE, INCLUDING MYSELF, WORKED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND WE NEED TO BE PAID EQUITABLY. PLEASE LISTEN TO US AND RESPECT S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, AND COME TO THE BARGAINING TABLE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE AUDIENCE: YOU'RE DOING REALLY WELL WITH THE THUMBS UP AND THE HANDS UP. APPRECIATE YOU A LOT. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, THAT WOULD MEAN ITEM 2 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT. IT WILL BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 6, SUPPORT FOR H.R. 3681, BY CONGRESS MEMBER CHU, SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS PROTECTION ACT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TWO WEEKS AGO, SENATOR ALEX PADILLA CAME OUT, WITH CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU SECRETARY WADE CROWFOOT, CONGRESSMAN TONY CARDENAS, MAYOR VICTOR GORDO OF PASADENA, NATURE FOR ALL, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE, AND MYSELF, TO ANNOUNCE A NEW STRATEGY TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, AND

EXPAND THE EXISTING SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, SOMETHING THAT I KNOW YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WORKED VERY HARD AT WHILE YOU WERE IN CONGRESS; AND THEN CONGRESSWOMAN CHU, WORKING WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA, WAS ABLE TO USE THE ANTIQUITIES ACT TO GET THE BEGINNING OF THE MONUMENT STARTED. THIS IS THE PROTECTING UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES BY INVESTING IN CALIFORNIA LANDS ACT, WHICH IS GOING TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS THROUGHOUT NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA, THE CENTRAL COAST, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE P.U.B.L.I.C. LANDS ACT WILL ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS, AND HAS VOTED SEVERAL TIMES TO SUPPORT ANY LEGISLATION THAT MOVES FORWARD WITH THAT. THIS PAST DECEMBER, WE ADOPTED THE 2022 PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLUS, TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE LAST REMAINING PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE I LED, AGAIN, WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. POLICIES LIKE THESE ARE KEY TO ENSURING WE WORK TOGETHER AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS, BUILD RESILIENCE, AND PROTECT 30% OF LANDS AND WATERS BY 2030. IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, THE P.U.B.L.I.C. LANDS ACT WOULD EXPAND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT BY OVER 100,000 ACRES, TO FULFILL THE VISION OF PERMANENTLY PROTECTING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. SENATOR ALEX PADILLA AND CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU HAVE ACTIVELY ADVOCATED FOR THIS EXPANSION THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS, AND HAVE URGED PRESIDENT BIDEN TO UTILIZE HIS

AUTHORITY, UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 1906, TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION TO EXPAND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT. PRESERVING THESE SPECIAL LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS IS SO IMPORTANT, AND I WAS MOVED TO HEAR EVERYONE'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCES RECREATING IN OUR SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. WE NEED TO KEEP MOMENTUM GOING, AND OFFICIALLY EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. I'M PROUD TO AUTHOR THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3681, AUTHORED BY CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU, TO EXPAND AND PRESERVE THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I SEE SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU'RE NEXT.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN A LIFELONG RESIDENT, ALSO, IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, KNOW HOW THIS ISSUE HAS IMPACTED ME, PERSONALLY-- MY LIFE AND CONSTITUENTS-- FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE THAT I HAVE HELD IN PUBLIC OFFICE. YES, CREATING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT IS VERY DEAR AND CLOSE TO MY HEART, AND TO MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO SENATOR PADILLA AND CONGRESSWOMAN CHU, AND ALSO THE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ALL THE PARTNERS THAT HELPED TO ADVANCE A DECADES-LONG VISION OF PROTECTING THE SAN GABRIEL

MOUNTAINS, AND TO COLLECTIVELY URGE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO EXPAND THAT BOUNDARY OF CALIFORNIA SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, USING THE ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 1906. THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION WOULD PROTECT NEARLY 110,000 ACRES OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS' SIGNIFICANT NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES. THIS WOULD PERMANENTLY PROTECT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE WESTERN ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA METROPOLITAN AREAS. IT IS KEY THAT WE HONOR OUR HISTORY AND WHAT IT TOOK TO GET US HERE; AND AS SUCH, WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND UPLIFT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, WHICH ARE AND BELONG TO THE GABRIELENO TRIBAL LANDS. THANK YOU, SENATOR PADILLA AND CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PROPOSED BILL TO CONTINUE TO PRESERVE THE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT. COLLEAGUES, JUST WANTED TO SHARE THAT, RESULTING FROM MY LEGISLATION WAY BACK, SOME DECADES, H.R. 519, THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED STUDY ACT, DURING MY CONGRESSIONAL TENURE, FOLLOWED BY CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU'S AND SENATOR HARRIS'S LEGISLATION IN 2014, UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION. AND THAT ORIGINAL DESIGNATION WAS TO DESIGNATE THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS A NATIONAL MONUMENT. THAT INCLUDED NEARLY 347,000 ACRES OF FEDERAL EXISTING LAND. SINCE THEN, THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT HAS CONTINUED TO GROW, AND WE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. THESE LANDS ARE A GATEWAY TO OUR FORESTS, WHICH WELCOMES

MILLIONS OF VISITORS ANNUALLY, AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATION. THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS ARE THE BACKYARD FOR MANY URBAN AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. AND AS YOU KNOW, IN L.A. COUNTY, WE LACK GREEN SPACE, AND SUFFER FROM HEALTH ISSUES BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO OPEN AREAS AND PARKS. AS A SUPERVISOR REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT, 2 MILLION PEOPLE, I KNOW THAT THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. INFLUENCED BY MY PERSONAL FAMILY EXPERIENCES IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS EARLY ON IN MY CAREER, I RECOGNIZE THE HISTORIC UNDER-INVESTMENT AND PROTECTIONS OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND THE NEED TO ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. THAT LED ME TO DEDICATE MY EFFORTS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THIS MONUMENT, WHICH ORIGINALLY THEN HELPED TO CONFORM AND DESIGN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY DURING MY TENURE, AS WELL. I WANT TO SAY THAT OVER 18 MILLION PEOPLE'S LIVES WITHIN THE 90-MINUTE DRIVE OF THESE MOUNTAINS WILL BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN AND SEE THE BEAUTY THAT MANY OF US SAW AS CHILDREN GROWING UP, AND USING THE MOUNTAINS AS OUR PLAYGROUND. THESE PUBLIC LANDS BELONG TO ALL OF US. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE LOCAL AND STATE AND NATIONAL PARTNERS, INCLUDING NATURE FOR ALL, A COALITION OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO, FOR OVER 20 YEARS, HAVE WORKED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC LANDS AND RIVERS IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY. AND I WANT TO ADD THAT THESE

DEDICATED EFFORTS HAVE LED TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, JUST OVER $1.5 MILLION, TO ADVANCE THE PLANNING OF THE FIRST PILOT TRANSIT SHUTTLE TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. AND PERSONALLY, I WANT TO AGAIN APPRECIATE SENATOR PADILLA AND CONGRESSWOMAN CHU FOR CONTINUING THE FIGHT, AND ADD MY VOICE TO THEIRS IN THEIR REQUEST TO ASK THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, USING THE ANTIQUITIES ACT. WITH THAT, I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. YOU GOT A LOT MORE DONE IN CONGRESS THAN I DID. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD, AND THANK YOU, ALSO, TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO CLEARLY HAS A LONG RECORD ON THIS ISSUE. I KNOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ATTENDED THE EVENT, RECENTLY, THAT MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. AND AS WE JUST HEARD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS BEEN AT THIS FOR A VERY LONG TIME, MAKING HER IMPACT EVEN BEFORE YOU WERE HERE AT THE BOARD. SO, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND I'M EXCITED TO ECHO YOUR COMMENTS AND ADD MY SUPPORT. THIS BILL WOULD ACTUALLY INCREASE THE SPACE AND BRING IT INTO THE 3RD DISTRICT, INCLUDING SYLMAR AND PACOIMA. AND I

WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO CONGRESSMAN CARDENAS, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, AND IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BILL PASSES, AS WELL, WORKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT THIS IMPORTANT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. AS WE KNOW, UNSURPRISINGLY, LOW-INCOME PARTS OF THE COUNTY WITH LARGE LATINO, BLACK, AND A.P.I. COMMUNITIES HAVE FEWER PARKS AND LOWER RATES OF ACCESS TO PARK RESOURCES THAN HIGHER-INCOME WHITE AREAS. THESE COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO IMPACTED BY POLLUTION AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES, AND WE KNOW THAT NONE OF THIS IS A COINCIDENCE. IT'S THE LEGACY OF REDLINING, ROOTED IN SYSTEMIC RACISM, THAT CASTS ITS SHADOW TO THIS VERY DAY. AND SO WE KNOW THIS LEGISLATION IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AND SORELY NEEDED. WHEN PASSED, H.R. 3681 WOULD ADD THE WESTERN ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST-- OVER 30,000 ACRES OF PROTECTED WILDERNESS, AND 45.5 MILES OF PROTECTED RIVERS-- TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, AN AREA PRACTICALLY SPANNING THE WIDTH OF THE COUNTY ITSELF. WE KNOW HOW INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THE BIODIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS, AND IN PARTICULAR THIS REGION. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, AS WE KNOW THE VOLATILE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BECOME MORE EXTREME EACH PASSING YEAR, AND WE CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO PROTECT OUR OPEN SPACES. SO, WITH THAT, I WANT TO OFFER MY SUPPORT, AND THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR THIS MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS DECADES AGO. I ALSO, TOO, ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THIS. IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD THING IF WE CAN PRESERVE SOME OF OUR NATIONAL TREASURES, OUR CALIFORNIA TREASURES, AND CERTAINLY THIS REGION'S TREASURE IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. SO, THANK YOU. I PLAN TO SUPPORT IT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: BELEN BERNAL, CARMEN DUARTE, DONALD HARLAND, FLOR HERNANDEZ, IRMA LOPEZ, IRMA RAMIREZ, AND LIDIA AGUILAR. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS SOFIA [INAUDIBLE]. YOU MAY BEGIN. SORRY, ONE MOMENT. YOUR LINE DID NOT OPEN. OKAY, YOU'RE OPEN. GO AHEAD AND BEGIN AGAIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO? ANYBODY THERE? MODERATOR, I DON'T THINK WE--

MODERATOR: SOFIA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO?

SPEAKER: HELLO. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M ELATED WITH TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EXPANSION. THANK YOU.

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

BELEN BERNAL: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS BELEN BERNAL, AND I SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATURE FOR ALL. AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE NATURE FOR ALL COALITION, A GROUP OF NINE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND VARIOUS NATIONAL PARTNERS, WHO WORK COLLECTIVELY TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS, PROMOTE URBAN GREENING, AND BUILD OUR NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS, AND CONNECT THEM TO THESE BEAUTIFUL SPACES THAT WE'RE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL REGION IN L.A. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR TODAY'S MOTION TO SUPPORT A 20-YEAR VISION TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS A FORMER CONSTITUENT OF YOURS--

HERMAN HERMAN: HEY! GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, [EXPLETIVE]!

BELEN BERNAL: OH, MY GOD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HOLD HER TIME.

BELEN BERNAL: YES, THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO QUIETLY LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM. GO AHEAD. CAN YOU LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM? OKAY. LEAVE HIM ALONE. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

BELEN BERNAL: GOSH, THANK YOU. AS A FORMER REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH GATE, I WAS AWARE OF YOUR INITIAL EFFORTS TO DESIGNATE OUR LOCAL MOUNTAINS AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND OBVIOUSLY OF YOUR UNWAVERING LEADERSHIP TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. NOW, AT NATURE FOR ALL, I COMMEND YOUR VISION. WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE STUDY THAT YOU MENTIONED. WE CELEBRATE WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, OTHERS THAT ARE HERE, THAT WE'RE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE AS SERVANTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

BELEN BERNAL: THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'RE SORRY FOR THE DISRUPTION, BUT WE HEARD YOU, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR HEARTFELT REMARKS.

BELEN BERNAL: THANK YOU. ALSO, FOR YOUR P.N.A.+ SUPPORT, MANY BLESSINGS.

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

SPEAKER: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, SUPPORT FOR THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS PROTECTION ACT, I REJECT THIS BILL BY ASSEMBLYMAN CHU. AND SO YOU KNOW THAT HILDA SOLIS DOESN'T OWN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. BARACK OBAMA DOESN'T OWN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. JOE BIDEN DOESN'T OWN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. THE NATIVE AMERICANS DON'T OWN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. YOU KNOW, SOME OF THAT IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. YOU NEED TO STOP, YOU CRIMINAL L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, FROM DECLARING PUBLIC LANDS THAT ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY. NONE OF THESE PEOPLE YOU MENTIONED OWN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, AND IT'S NOT FOR YOU GUYS TO SAY, "HEY, LET'S DECLARE PUBLIC PROPERTY." THERE IS A PERSON THAT OWNS THOSE MOUNTAINS, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YEAH, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. I UNDERSTAND WE NEED A TRANSLATOR? OH, WE'VE GOT IT. GREAT. OKAY.

SPEAKER: HOLA, BUENOS DIAS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HOLA.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARMEN, AND I REPRESENT NATURE FOR ALL. I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING, AND I THANK HER FOR THAT STRONG WORK THAT SHE'S BEEN DOING FOR 20 YEARS, IN SUPPORTING US AND SUPPORTING THE ORGANIZATION; AND NOW TO SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO IS ALSO THERE, SUPPORTING AND DEFENDING THOSE MOUNTAINS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. MY EXPERIENCE IN BEING INVOLVED IN WHAT IS NATURE, I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF PROBLEMS; HEALTH PROBLEMS, HEALTH ISSUES. AND WITH THE HELP OF NATURE, THAT ALLOWS US TO BE IN NATURE, THAT ALLOWS US HEALING, ALLOWS US TO GO OUTSIDE AND WALK, AND IT HELPS US JUST WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH, AS WELL. AND THAT ALSO HELPS US AND THE FAMILIES TO GO AND SUPPORT THE MOUNTAINS, AND SO THAT THEY CAN GO TO THE MONUMENT, AND THEY CAN ALSO TAKE THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM HERE TO THANK YOU ALL, AND THANK GOD FIRST, FOR THE COLLABORATION AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO SUPPORT US WITH OUR MOUNTAINS. MY NAME IS IRMA RAMIREZ, AND I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF NATURE FOR ALL. THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT THE WELLBEING OF OUR HEALTH. AND I AM GRATEFUL, INDEFINITELY, BECAUSE WE DO KNOW THAT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS IS A TREASURE FOR TODAY'S GENERATION AND THE FUTURE GENERATION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE'RE WORKING REALLY HARD UNITING FAMILIES, SO THAT THEY CAN ENJOY FROM THIS BENEFIT THAT, THANKFULLY TO YOU ALL, THAT WE WILL ALL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM. I'M THANKFUL TO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THE IMMENSE SUPPORT, AND ESPECIALLY HILDA SOLIS, FOR HER HARD WORK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I HATE TO CUT YOU OFF WHEN YOU'RE PRAISING SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BECAUSE I MIGHT NEED HER VOTE ON SOMETHING ELSE TODAY, BUT THANK YOU. GRACIAS. THAT WAS GOOD. WE AGREE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GRACIAS. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS IRMA LOPEZ, AND I'M HERE WITH [INAUDIBLE], AND I'M A MEMBER

FOR NATURE FOR ALL. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN UNITING AND PROTECTING OUR MOUNTAINS OF SAN GABRIEL, BECAUSE THEY HAVE INSISTED SINCE 2014 THAT OUR MOUNTAINS BE ASSIGNED AS PART OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA. TODAY, THANKFULLY TO YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND WITH CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU AND SENATOR PADILLA, WE CONTINUE TO SEE AND DEVELOP DIVISION, INCLUDING 109,000 ACRES ADDITIONAL TO OUR FOREST. THE MAJORITY OF THIS IS ALSO IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT. WE WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE YOU ARE ASSISTING AND HELPING US WITH THE PROTECTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. GRACIAS. GO AHEAD AND TRANSLATE.

TRANSLATOR: OKAY, SO WE DO ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT-- PLEASE, THANK YOU-- THE ACCESS TO THESE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, BECAUSE IT DOES HELP WITH HEALTH, AND IT HELPS WITH OUR FAMILIES.

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

SPEAKER: BUENOS DIAS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BUENOS DIAS.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIDIA AGUILAR. I AM A MEMBER OF COALITION NATURE FOR ALL, AND I'M HERE TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ALONG WITH JUDY CHU, HAVE BEEN CHAMPIONS IN LEADING US IN THIS, AND PROTECTING ALONG WITH, ALSO, SENATOR PADILLA. AND AS IT IS, WE'VE ALSO GAINED A LOT. WE'VE WON A LOT BECAUSE, IN 2014, SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS WERE ALSO ASSIGNED AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT. AND, WELL, EVEN THOUGH WE STILL NEED A LOT MORE SUPPORT, BECAUSE WE DO HOPE THAT HILDA SOLIS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT US, SO THAT ALL OF THE ENTIRE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS BE ALSO ASSIGNED AS A MONUMENT, A FEDERAL MONUMENT.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: MY NAME IS FLOR HERNANDEZ, AND I'M HERE WITH [INAUDIBLE]. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER IN THEIR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. AND

ALSO, WE DO KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS TOOK THE LEADERSHIP, AND SHE WORKED TO PRESERVE THE LOCAL MOUNTAINS WHEN SHE WAS REPRESENTING US IN CONGRESS, ALONG WITH LEADERS LIKE CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU, IN GROUPS KNOWN AS THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS FOREVER. THEY HELPED TO DO THE ASK THAT, IN 2014, OUR MOUNTAINS BE ASSIGNED AS PART OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA. AND TODAY, ALONG WITH CONTINUED LEADERSHIP FROM CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU AND SENATOR PADILLA, WE SEE THAT THIS VISION HAS COME TO FLOURISH WITH 109,000 ACRES ADDITIONALLY IN OUR FOREST, AND THE MAJORITY IN OUR DISTRICT FOR SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. GRACIAS. ONE MORE SPEAKER. OKAY.

HERMAN HERMAN: JUST FOR THE RECORD, I NEED THE ATTORNEY TO UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN SIGN UP IN ANY NAME I DESIRE. AND THAT'S FOR THE RECORD. THE BROWN ACT ALLOWS ME TO DO THAT. SO, THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS-- WHO'S PROTECTING THEM, OTHER THAN GOD? THERE EXISTS A GOD. BUT TO SOME OF YOU THAT WORSHIP GOD, YOU DON'T TEND TO KNOW WHO GOD IS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALL THESE EXCUSES AND LIES ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. AND IT'S VERY SAD. IT WEAKENS MY HEART TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING DISPLACED AND LIVING ON OUR STREETS NOW, AND THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT RULED THAT THEY COULD SLEEP ON

THE SIDEWALKS AND STREETS. WELL, I INVITE THEM TO SLEEP AT THE PARKS. SLEEP IN SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. BUILD A CHATEAU UP IN THE MOUNTAINS. THAT'S THE NEW IDEA. GET ALL THE HOMELESS TO LIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, AND LET THEM ENJOY THE LANDS THAT GOD PROVIDED-- ALL MEN EQUAL-- SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE IN HARMONY, AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO A HOME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 6 IS NOW BEFORE US. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM-- THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOU'VE BEEN DOING SO WELL. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 9, PREPARING LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN ADVANCE OF THE 2026 MEN'S F.I.F.A. WORLD CUP, AND 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES. OKAY, WE NEED TO-- AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM AFTER, MAYBE, YOUR ITEM IS HEARD, MAKE SURE YOU DO IT IN A WAY THAT WE CAN KEEP CONTINUING THE MEETING. THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 9. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR REQUESTING TO BE MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS, I THINK, IMPORTANT MOTION BEFORE US TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, LOS ANGELES IS SET TO HOST SOME MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN 2026, L.A. WILL BE ONE OF THE 16 LOCATIONS FOR THE MEN'S WORLD CUP ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, AND CANADA. AND THEN, IN 2028, THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS WILL COME TO LOS ANGELES. IT'S EXPECTED THAT AROUND 5.5 MILLION FANS WILL ATTEND THE 2026 TOURNAMENT, WITH MANY OF THEM COMING TO LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY, AND OVER 1 MILLION SPECTATORS ARE PROJECTED TO COME TO THE 2028 GAMES. AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY IS NOT HOSTING THESE EVENTS, THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND TO ENSURE A POSITIVE OUTCOME, I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY TAKE PROACTIVE STEPS TOWARDS PREPARING FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS. THESE EVENTS WILL REQUIRE VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES, AND THE INCREASED NUMBER OF TOURISTS AND VISITORS WILL LIKELY LEAD TO HEIGHTENED DEMAND FROM OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES, SUCH AS OUR HOTELS AND OUR RESTAURANTS, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE COUNTY LEVERAGES THESE EVENTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE COUNTY OBJECTIVES. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS SET SPECIFIC GOALS FOR THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPIC GAMES. THESE OBJECTIVES INVOLVE THE RECRUITMENT OF LOCAL WORKERS, THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMMING,

THE IMPROVEMENT OF MOBILITY, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE PLANS THAT PRIORITIZE GREEN ENERGY, ZERO-CARBON TRANSPORTATION, AND ZERO WASTE. THE LOS ANGELES WORLD CUP 2026 HOST COMMITTEE HAS SIMILAR GOALS. IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SUPPORT THESE OBJECTIVES, AND COLLABORATE WITH THE HOST ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, METRO, LOCAL AND REGIONAL JURISDICTIONS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES OF EQUITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY ARE ALL MET. THERE ARE MANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY FOR SUPPORTING ITS GOALS DURING THESE EVENTS. ONE OF THESE IS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WHICH CAN OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BOTH LOCAL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES TO EVENT ORGANIZERS. THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER CAN ALSO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAN HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, WHICH IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE EXAMPLES OF THE RESOURCES THAT CAN AND SHOULD BE UTILIZED. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO BE ENGAGED. WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBLE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, AS WELL, OF HAVING MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO COME INTO LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO VISIT. WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE IN MAKING SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS AND OUR AGENCIES ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN THE PLANNING EFFORTS. THE COUNTY

CONTRACTS WITH MANY VENUE AND NON-VENUE CITIES FOR CRITICAL SERVICES, AND MUST BE PREPARED FOR INCREASED NEEDS DURING THESE EVENTS. TAKE THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST APPROACH TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR EXAMPLE. THE SHERIFF WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL PLAYER IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY LANDSCAPE, BUT THIS BOARD SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN PUBLIC SAFETY ALIGNS WITH THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES AND GOALS. THIS MAY TAKE THE FORM OF THE COUNTY SUPPORTING EFFORTS FOR INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY AMBASSADORS, OR OTHER UNARMED RESPONSES TO CERTAIN EVENTS AND NON-EVENT NEEDS. I BELIEVE IT'S THE DUTY OF THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THE EVENTS' DEMANDS ON THE SHERIFF DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE SHERIFF'S OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND SAFETY NEEDS IN OTHER AREAS. THIS MOTION, THE PROPOSED MOTION, TAKES A PROACTIVE APPROACH BY PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM MADE UP OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S GOALS ARE MET WITHOUT UNWANTED, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD EVALUATE ONGOING EFFORTS THAT ALIGN WITH THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES, AND CREATE A PLAN TO SUPPORT THEM, AS WELL AS IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS, AND DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THEM. ALTHOUGH THE WORKING GROUP IS MADE UP OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE COUNTY ALSO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER KEY PARTNERS, SUCH AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, METRO, LA28, THE LOS ANGELES WORLD CUP 2026 HOST COMMITTEE, AND OTHER LOCAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. I'D

LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT, ALSO, TO SPECIALLY RECOGNIZE ERIN BROMAGHIM, WHO REPRESENTS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, L.A. CITY DEPUTY MAYOR, FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE SUPPORT, AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING CO-AUTHOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE PREPARING L.A. COUNTY IN ADVANCE OF THE 2026 "FEEFA"-- IS HOW IT'S PRONOUNCED-- MEN'S WORLD CUP, AND THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION. I'M EXCITED THAT L.A. WILL BE HOSTING THE OLYMPIC AND THE PARALYMPIC GAMES, AND ALSO THE WORLD CUP MATCHES. I WAS ABLE TO GO TO THE GAMES IN 1984, AND WE WITNESSED THE IMPACT OF THOSE GAMES IN '94 AND '99. AND WITH THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC VENUES STRETCHING OUT ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SPANNING MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS, OUR L.A. COUNTY AGENCIES HAVE A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN ADDRESSING THINGS LIKE SAFETY AND ACCESS. WE'RE ALSO HEARING FROM FOLKS WHO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT DISPLACEMENT AND RISING COSTS ASSOCIATED SOMETIMES WITH THESE GLOBAL EVENTS COMING TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THE COUNTY SHOULD AND CAN BRING ITS EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES TO BEAR, SO THAT WHAT WILL BE SPECIAL MOMENTS FOR THE WORLD ARE ALSO SPECIAL FOR OUR RESIDENTS RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, ENSURING THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE HELPED, NOT HARMED, BY THESE AMAZING EVENTS. WE HAVE LOTS OF ASSETS,

INCLUDING OUR OLYMPIC-SIZED POOLS AND SPORTS FIELDS, AND WE WANT THE UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS TO NOT ONLY HIGHLIGHT THESE ASSETS, BUT TO ALSO ENSURE THAT THEY FURTHER BENEFIT OUR RESIDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME, LONG AFTER WE HAVE BEEN ON THE GLOBAL STAGE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS REPORT BACK. WE'LL ASK OUR C.E.O. TO LET US KNOW ANYTHING ELSE THIS BOARD CAN DO TO ENSURE THE COUNTY HAS AN ACTIVE AND FORMAL ROLE AS PART OF THE PLANNING OF THESE MAJOR EVENTS, AND LASTING IMPACTS THEY HAVE ON OUR REGION. THANK YOU. I NOW SEE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS ON THE QUEUE.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE 2ND DISTRICT WILL PLAY HOST TO 11 OLYMPIC VENUES, WHERE WE'LL HAVE CEREMONIES, CELEBRATIONS, TRACK AND FIELD, SWIMMING AND AQUATICS, GYMNASTICS, SOCCER, TENNIS, CYCLING-- SOME OF THE MOST HIGH-PROFILE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES. AND I AGREE WITH YOUR COMMENTS, MADAM CHAIR. WE ALL KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT THESE EVENTS, FROM F.I.F.A. TO THE OLYMPICS, WILL HAVE LASTING IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. BUT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT I EMPHASIZE THAT TWO OF THE OLYMPIC VENUES WILL BE ADJACENT TO A NUMBER OF OUR SECOND-DISTRICT UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND THE POLICIES THAT THE CITY OF L.A. AND OTHER VENUE CITIES IMPLEMENT WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE, WHO WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT THE CITY OF

L.A., YOU KNOW, PURSUED THIS OPPORTUNITY. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. BUT I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT WE, AS THE COUNTY, ARE HAVING TO, THROUGH MOTIONS OR WHATEVER, HAVE TO ASK TO BE INVITED TO THE PARTY. I MET RECENTLY WITH LA28 LEADERSHIP, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU KNOW, GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS MAY NOT BE REALLY CLEAR TO PEOPLE. YOU THINK WE WORKED IT OUT WITH THE CITY OF L.A.; L.A.P.D. HAS GOT US. WELL, UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WILL BE IMPACTED. AND SO I SUPPORT THE MOTION, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO BE AT THE TABLE, BUT AGAIN, I HAVE THE CONCERN THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PUSH TO BE INVITED TO THE CONVERSATION. I HAD A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SHERIFF, WHO TALKED ABOUT HAVING TO REMIND LA28 ABOUT THE ROLE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PLAYED IN THE SUPER BOWL, WHERE THERE WERE 400 SHERIFFS THERE. AND SO THIS ISN'T JUST ONE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT AND ONE LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY. IT IS ALL OF US, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. I HOPE THAT MY OFFICE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK VERY COLLABORATIVELY, BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF VENUES, THE IMPACT IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, WHO, WITHOUT US, WON'T HAVE A VOICE AT THE TABLE. SO WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THROUGH METRO, THROUGH OUR OWN LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT WE ARE PRESENT AND HAVE A CLEAR, VIABLE ROLE TO PLAY, GIVEN THE SHEER NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL COME HERE, GIVEN THE IMPACT THESE THREE EVENTS ARE GOING TO HAVE ON OUR OVERALL REGION. I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION, AND WILL BE PAYING CLOSE

ATTENTION TO THE ROLE THE COUNTY IS ALLOWED TO PLAY, IF YOU WILL, IN THESE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT WAS THE CONCERN THAT I HAD, AS IT RELATES TO WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I'VE TALKED TO-- FESIA, I'VE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THE FACT THAT BONELLI'S ONE OF THE SITES THAT'S BEING CONSIDERED. AND I KNOW THAT YOU ACTUALLY REACHED OUT, AS DID STEPHANIE WIGGINS, BY THE WAY, TO BE AT THE TABLE TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING OF THIS. AND SO I THINK THIS MOTION IS TIMELY, BECAUSE IT CODIFIES WHAT'S BEING DONE, BUT CAN YOU KIND OF GIVE US AN UPDATE RIGHT NOW, IN TERMS OF WHERE YOU ARE WITH THE COUNTY GROUP THAT YOU HAVE KIND OF PUT TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. SO, THE C.E.O. HAS BEGUN SOME OF THE WORK. WE HAVE MET WITH THE L.A.C.C., WHICH IS A COMMISSION IN THE CITY THAT'S HELPING TO ADVANCE THE PLANNING FOR THE OLYMPICS. WE ALSO HAVE MET WITH THE FOLKS FROM THE WORLD CUP. AND WE ARE JUST STARTING TO CONVENE THE DEPARTMENTS. AND I THINK EACH OF YOU HAVE MESSAGED, "WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AT THE TABLE WHEN THE PLAN IS DEVELOPED, WHETHER IT'S FOR SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, OR

ACCESS, RATHER THAN BEING SLOTTED INTO A PRE-PREPARED PLAN." AND THEN, THAT WAY, WE HAVE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU ALL HAVE SHARED. SO, OUR FIRST MEETING, I BELIEVE, IS HAPPENING EITHER THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD ON ALL THE FRONTS THAT THE BOARD HAS DISCUSSED TODAY, AND THEN PROVIDE REGULAR REPORT-BACKS.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A MOTION, OR AT LEAST SUPPORT THIS MOTION, BECAUSE WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT THEY'RE PEELING OFF DEPARTMENTS, AND TALKING TO ONE DEPARTMENT WHO IS NOT TALKING TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AS A COUNTY ORGANIZATION, TO BE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY AS A COUNTY FAMILY. AND THEN I WILL JUST SAY THAT WHEN I THINK OF THE OLYMPICS-- AND, STEPHANIE, RIGHT NOW, THAT'S WHY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAVE BEEN PUSHING SO HARD ON THE GOLD LINE, BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION, SO THAT THERE ARE OPTIONS. AND THAT'S ONE AREA, ESPECIALLY OUT IN SAN DIMAS, WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE CRUCIAL TO GETTING PEOPLE TO AND FROM. SO, I WILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO USE OUR VOICE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS DOES NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ECHO ALL OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. I WILL ABSOLUTELY BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TODAY, BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ARE AT THE TABLE. I HAVE BEEN READING FORMER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S BOOK, WHERE HE DOCUMENTS HIS EXPERIENCES AS A COUNCIL MEMBER AT THE TABLE, AND HOW HE TOOK STEPS TO TRY AND ADDRESS IMPACTS OF THE LAST OLYMPICS ON THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE MEASURES THAT THEY TOOK, INCLUDING A BALLOT MEASURE THAT WAS PASSED BY THE VOTERS REGARDING WHAT SORT OF ROLE THE CITY WAS GOING TO UNDERTAKE, AND WHAT ROLE LA84 ULTIMATELY PLAYED IN HELPING TO MAKE THE OLYMPICS HAPPEN AT THAT TIME. AND SO I THINK IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT FOR US TO USE OUR HISTORY TO HELP INFORM HOW WE CAN TAKE INFORMED STEPS, MOVING FORWARD, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GAMES THAT WE MAY ALL BE EXCITED ABOUT, SOME OF US MAY BE EXCITED ABOUT, BUT WILL BE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR LOS ANGELES IN MANY WAYS; AS OUR CHAIR SAID, MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT JUST INVESTING IN ONE-TIME EVENTS FOR THE WORLD TO SEE, BUT INSTEAD WE'RE INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAMMING THAT WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT FOR OUR ENTIRE REGION. THAT IS THE WHOLE POINT OF USING AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE NOT JUST PUTTING A SPOTLIGHT TO PUT ON A GOOD SHOW. WE ARE USING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT

ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE EVERY DAY, NOT JUST FOR THESE EVENTS. SO, I'M REALLY EXCITED THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY AND PROACTIVELY COORDINATING, THAT WE ARE PULLING UP A CHAIR TO THAT TABLE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, EVEN IF WE WEREN'T GRANTED ONE IN THE FIRST PLACE, TO ENSURE THAT THE VOICES AND PERSPECTIVES THAT WE ARE ALL SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT ARE ACTUALLY PRESENT IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A CERTAIN LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY THE CITY HAS IN TAKING ON THIS LEADERSHIP ROLE, AND SO I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHERE CITY DUTIES AND COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES BEGIN. BUT I DO THINK, REGARDLESS, IF WE ARE BEING SPOKEN FOR IN TERMS OF OUR ROLES IN METRO, AS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CARETAKERS OF COUNTY FACILITIES, ALSO LOOKING AT OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES-- YOU KNOW, U.C.L.A. IS IN MY DISTRICT, AND IT IS CRITICAL, ALSO, TO THE GAMES BEING ABLE TO BE HERE, TO F.I.F.A. BEING ABLE TO BE HERE. AND SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS. SO, I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE ALL BEING ATTENTIVE IN TERMS OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS, AND THAT WE'RE ALL AT THE TABLE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE LIST OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ON THIS WORKING GROUP. I'M HOPING WE'RE INCLUDING OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO BE RIGHT THERE IN THE

BEGINNING, TO TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT NEEDS AND CHALLENGES THAT THAT POPULATION WILL HAVE. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT THEM TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN ACCESS THESE EVENTS.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISORS, SINCE ACCESS WILL BE ONE OF THE PILLARS THAT WE WILL PLAN AROUND, IF THE LIST IS UNDER-INCLUSIVE, WE WILL INVITE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS NEEDED.

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

SPEAKER: WILL ARNOLD SACHS AND HERMAN HERMAN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LUBA MACILLI. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M WITH MOVE L.A. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 9, AND I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. THE MEN'S 2026 WORLD CUP AND THE 2028 GAMES WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT OUR REGION, INCLUDING INCREASED DEMANDS FOR TRANSIT. HOWEVER, THE TRANSIT SYSTEM MUST STILL SERVICE OUR TRANSIT-DEPENDENT RIDERS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO WORK

CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF L.A. IN ADVOCATING FOR STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, TO ENSURE THAT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THESE EVENTS AND EVERYDAY ANGELENOS ARE MET. THIS IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN LEGACY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE THAT BUILDS A MORE EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED LOS ANGELES, AND CONTINUES TO SERVE THE POPULATION. I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISOR'S EFFORTS, AND ENCOURAGE THE REST OF THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU FOR THIS WORLD-CLASS EVENT. THIS IS VERY EXCITING TO HAVE F.I.F.A. COMING. OFTEN, I'M CRITICAL OF LA28 AND THE WAYS THAT WE'VE BENT THE METRO TO DELIVER HUMANS TO STADIUMS, WHERE THEY CAN BUY BEER, AND OVERPAY, AND PARK. YOU KNOW, THERE IS A GREAT BENEFIT TO THESE SPORTS. THEY BRING A LOT OF ECONOMIC... WHATEVER. BUT I'M REALLY CONCERNED THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES-- AND I KNOW HORVATH OR BARGER, WE GOT CONFUSED, THE WEDDINGTON GOLF & TENNIS. HERE, THEY'RE THINKING ABOUT SOME PARALYMPIC ACTIVITY, PERHAPS LATER, WHICH IS GREAT. I LOVE IT. BUT I JUST THINK WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN OPEN-TO-THE-PUBLIC GOLF AND TENNIS. AND THE HARVARD-WESTLAKE FOLKS, GOD BLESS THEM, ARE SHOVING DOWN OUR

THROATS SOMETHING THAT IS ABSOLUTELY-- IT HAS A WALL AROUND IT. I KNOW. THAT'S COMING OUT NOW-- A WALL. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE THAT IN STUDIO CITY. WE ARE THE LITTLE-- I THINK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND ALL OF YOU UNDERSTAND, WE ARE A VERY NICE COMMUNITY. AND STUART WALDMAN, WHO'S OVER THERE LOBBYING FOR THESE BIG SPORTING EVENTS FROM V.I.C.A., IS NOT HELPFUL AT ALL.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIN BROMAGHIM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIN BROMAGHIM: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ERIN BROMAGHIM. I'M THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SERVING IN THE OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR KAREN BASS. MY PORTFOLIO INCLUDES OVERSIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, INCLUDING THE 2026 WORLD CUP AND THE 2028 GAMES. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HER TEAM FOR INCLUDING US IN THE CONVERSATION AROUND THIS MOTION FROM ITS OUTSET, AND AS HOST CITY, I WANT TO CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT THIS WILL BE THE THIRD TIME THAT WE HOST THE OLYMPIC GAMES. BUT AS THE SUPERVISORS REFERENCED, IT'S THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR LOS ANGELES TO WELCOME THE PARALYMPIC GAMES. AND SO WE

REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY'S C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENTS. I ALSO WANT TO CELEBRATE THE JOINT EFFORTS THAT ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY ON ARTS AND CULTURE, ON RECREATION AND PARKS, ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO LOCK ARMS WITH THE COUNTY TO WELCOME THE WORLD TO LOS ANGELES IN 2026, AND TWO YEARS LATER IN 2028. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION, AND WE SUPPORT IT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELI LIPMEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. SORRY, IT LOOKS LIKE ELI DROPPED OUT. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KASEY SHUDA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KASEY SHUDA: HELLO. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM KASEY SHUDA, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS AT METRO AND THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INNOVATIONS. METRO LOOKS FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE FURTHER WITH THE COUNTY ON THE UPCOMING 2028 OLYMPICS AND OTHER MEGA-EVENTS THAT WILL BE COMING TO LOS ANGELES. METRO IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A MOBILITY CONCEPT PLAN FOR THESE EVENTS THAT WILL LEAVE A PERMANENT LEGACY AFTER THE GAMES, AND ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL. A STRONG COALITION OF PARTNERS WILL BE NEEDED TO EXECUTE

THESE PLANS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE THEM A REALITY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTINA CARDENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHRISTINA CARDENAS: GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

CHRISTINA CARDENAS: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS CHRISTINA CARDENAS. I AM A SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER WITH LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION. I'M CALLING IN THIS MORNING TO SUPPORT ITEM 9, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CAN YOU HOLD ON ONE SECOND? CAN YOU HOLD ON ONE SECOND? I THINK WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING. IS THAT OUR END OR HER END? CAN YOU PUT YOUR PHONE A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO YOUR MOUTH?

CHRISTINA CARDENAS: SURE. IS THAT BETTER?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, MUCH BETTER. THANK YOU.

CHRISTINA CARDENAS: OKAY, WONDERFUL. OKAY. I'M CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 9. I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. THE MEN'S 2026 WORLD CUP AND THE 2028 GAMES WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR REGION. WITH A MILLION OR MORE VISITORS HERE, THERE WILL BE AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE INCREASED DEMANDS DO NOT PLACE ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON OUR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING-- WE ARE AT L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION-- WE KNOW THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY IS PREPARED FOR THE INCREASED NEED FOR HEALTHCARE, AND THE INCREASED POPULATION DOES NOT LEAD TO LONGER WAIT TIMES, SLOWER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, AND INSUFFICIENT BEDS. SO WE APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISOR'S EFFORTS, AND ENCOURAGE THE REST OF THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. NOW, I ONLY HOPE THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL PUT OUT A TOUR MAP OF THE TRANSIENT ENCAMPMENTS ALL ALONG, ESPECIALLY OVER IN THE VALLEY THERE. AND ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW THE

TRANSIENTS TO DEFECATE AND URINATE IN FRONT OF THESE VENUES? SO, THAT'S REALLY A GREAT THING. AND IS THE COUNTY ALSO INCLUDED IN THAT TOUR MAP? IS THE BLIGHTING OF THE R.V.S THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY EVERYWHERE? AND TO WIT, DEPUTY MALDONADO LAST NIGHT SAID, "HEY, MAN, WE CAN'T TOUCH THOSE. THOSE ARE SOMEBODY'S HOMES." WHO IS RULING THE ROOST? THANK YOU. THE FIVE SISTERS, YOU ARE THE BEST. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELI LIPMEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELI LIPMEN: YES, THIS IS ELI LIPMEN, CALLING ON BEHALF OF MOVE L.A., IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 9. AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS MOVE FORWARD. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT EXISTING TRANSIT-DEPENDENT RIDERS, ENSURING THAT, DURING THESE GAMES, THAT THEY NOT ONLY HAVE ROUTES THAT THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTAND AND KNOW, BUT THAT THERE'S OPERATORS TO ACTUALLY MAKE SURE THAT THEIR SERVICE IS MAINTAINED. I KNOW THIS IS MORE OF A METRO ISSUE, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY, AS WELL. AND THEN, IN TERMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, WE ARE REALLY LOOKING TO SEE SOME REAL LEGACY INFRASTRUCTURE. BUS ROUTES AND TRANSIT WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY WITH THE GAMES. SO, WORKING WITH THE CITY IS CRITICAL TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BENEFIT LONG-TERM FROM THE

OLYMPICS AND THE PARALYMPICS, AND WE HAVE REAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ANGELENOS CAN CREDIT TO THE OLYMPICS FOR REALLY GETTING US TO MOVE QUICKLY ON BETTER, FASTER, MORE FREQUENT AND RELIABLE, AND MORE EQUITABLE SERVICE.

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

ELI LIPMEN: I THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO GO IN PERSON. ARNOLD SACHS.

ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I'M CONCERNED. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED THAT THE N.C.A.A. HAS ELIMINATED SPRINTS FROM THE UPCOMING OLYMPICS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HELD IN FRANCE. SO, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO GO TO THE N.C.A.A. AND FIND OUT IF THEY'RE GOING TO BRING BACK THE SPRINTS? I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE EQUITY. I THINK IT SHOULD BE MORE ABOUT EQUALITY. I DISAGREE WITH THIS ROBUST CONVERSATION. I THINK IT SHOULD BE MORE FOCUSED ON EFFICACY OF WHAT'S GOING ON. THE WASTE OF BUILDING THAT STADIUM IN INGLEWOOD, WHEN THEY COULD HAVE USED THAT MONEY TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS, WAS RIDICULOUS. THANK YOU, JANICE HAHN, FOR SAYING NO TO THE HOMELESS PLAN.

YOU OUGHT TO CHECK YOUR DASHBOARD TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON. I MENTION, ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE GROCERY CART RACES IN THE OLYMPICS IN 2028? ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE DUMPSTER-DIVING? BECAUSE I KNOW THE CITY'S ALLOWED TO PUT IN THEIR OWN SPECIAL PROGRAM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AS INTERESTING AS THAT IS, YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

HERMAN HERMAN: YES, SO WE NEED THE OLYMPICS AND THE WORLD CUP AS MUCH AS WE NEED HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS. ISN'T THAT PATHETIC? AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO CREATE MORE LIQUOR LICENSES, MORE BARS, MORE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, BECAUSE IT'S THE WORLD CUP. IT'S THE OLYMPICS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED A SOBRIETY TEST ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THAT'S WHAT YOU PEOPLE NEED. OTHERWISE, THIS HOLOCAUST THAT YOU'RE CREATING IN SOCIETY IS NEVER GOING TO CHANGE, MOMMY HAHN. IT WILL NEVER CHANGE, THE SAME WAY YOU DID SEABREEZE IN MARINA DEL REY, THOSE 350 UNITS THAT NEVER WENT TO THE VETERANS AND TO THOSE PEOPLE IN NEED. SO, KEEP THAT IN MIND. DO WE REALLY NEED TO CELEBRATE [EXPLETIVE], OR SHOULD WE ACTUALLY DO ACTION TO PUT PEOPLE IN JOBS, GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREET, AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE REAL THINGS THAT WE NEED, NOT THIS [EXPLETIVE]? BECAUSE YOU CAN WATCH THIS ON TELEVISION ALL

DAY LONG. AND FOR THE RECORD, THESE DOCUMENTS ARE BASED ON THAT. THANK YOU, CURREN PRICE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS IN PERSON?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ELSE ON THE PHONE?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, ITEM 9 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND IT TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ITEM 10, NEW ACTIONS TO PROVIDE DEBT RELIEF AND SUPPORT TO STUDENT BORROWERS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 10. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. FOR DECADES, THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS WE ALL

KNOW, HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED, AND THESE COSTS HAVE BEEN BORNE BY STUDENTS WORKING TO BETTER THEIR LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION. IN ADDITION TO THESE INCREASED COSTS, SEVERE INFLATION HAS ALSO GREATLY IMPACTED OUR RESIDENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, WAGES HAVE NOT INCREASED PROPORTIONATELY. STUDENT LOAN DEBT IS PREVENTING MANY FROM BUILDING WEALTH. PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY HOMES, START THEIR OWN BUSINESSES, OR SEND THEIR OWN CHILDREN TO COLLEGE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE STUDENT LOAN DEBT IMPACT IS DISPROPORTIONATELY ENDURED BY MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. A REPORT BY THE EDUCATION DATA INITIATIVE INDICATES THAT BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE GRADUATES OWE AN AVERAGE OF $25,000 OR MORE IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT THAN WHITE COLLEGE GRADUATES. AND HISPANIC AND LATINO BORROWERS WERE MOST LIKELY TO DELAY SIGNIFICANT LIFE EVENTS, SUCH AS GETTING MARRIED AND EVEN HAVING CHILDREN, DUE TO THE BURDEN OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT. LAST YEAR, PRESIDENT BIDEN MADE A HISTORIC EFFORT TO CANCEL SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF THE CRIPPLING STUDENT DEBT THAT BURDENS MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. I BROUGHT A MOTION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LAST YEAR, IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S LOAN FORGIVENESS PLAN. THIS BOARD RECOGNIZED THE REMARKABLE STEPS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION UNDERTOOK TO ASSIST STUDENT BORROWERS THROUGH THE PLANNED STUDENT LOAN DEBT CANCELLATION, AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WIDELY DISSEMINATED INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT DEBT RELIEF PROGRAMS TO HELP ENSURE THE FINANCIAL WELLBEING OF OUR RESIDENTS BY ENCOURAGING

ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO APPLY. HOWEVER, AS WE KNOW, ON JUNE 30TH, THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES DEVASTATED THE HOPES OF MANY OF OUR STUDENT BORROWERS, WHEN IT STRUCK DOWN THE PRESIDENT'S LOAN FORGIVENESS PLAN. NEVERTHELESS, ONLY HOURS LATER, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED NEW EFFORTS TO ASSIST STUDENT BORROWERS, DEMONSTRATING THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING RELIEF FROM THE BURDEN OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT. I BELIEVE IT'S INCUMBENT ON GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO AMPLIFY THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS, AND MAKE CLEAR OUR RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION TO APPLY FOR STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF EFFORTS AVAILABLE TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS MOTION ENSURES THAT WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE OUR RESIDENTS AWARE OF THE ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO DEBT RELIEF THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS OFFERED, THE NEW AND MOST AFFORDABLE PAYMENT PLAN EVER CREATED, AND ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE BORROWERS. ALSO, RECOGNIZING THAT MANY OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE PART OF THIS POPULATION SADDLED WITH STUDENT LOAN DEBT, THIS MOTION REITERATES AND BUILDS UPON THE EXPLORATION OF WAYS THAT THE COUNTY CAN IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPACT OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT ON OUR VERY OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WHILE WE SUFFERED A SHORT SETBACK, STUDENT DEBT RELIEF IS STILL A PRIORITY FOR MANY OF US, AND WE'RE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS KNOW ABOUT THE NEW ACTIONS GEARED AT

PROVIDING OUR STUDENT BORROWERS WITH THE SUPPORT THAT THEY SO GREATLY REQUIRE AND DESERVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL? OH, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ASKING ME TO BE A CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION, AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP. I KNOW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION TRUSTS YOUR VOICE, SO WHEN YOU SPEAK, IT'S LOUD, AND THEY LISTEN, AND WE KNOW THAT YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS ITEM WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TRYING TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF WHAT HAS GONE ON. THE SUPREME COURT, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAS ROLLED BACK HARD-EARNED GAINS THAT SOUGHT TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD, PROGRAMS THAT RECOGNIZED THE SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES THAT EXIST, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE ALL DON'T START OUT FROM THE SAME PLACE. AND THESE PROGRAMS MADE THE AMERICAN DREAM POSSIBLE FOR MILLIONS, AND ARE NOW GONE. AND WHILE WE KNOW THAT IT IS NOT ACROSS THE BOARD THAT PREVIOUS GENERATIONS HAVE CREATED THIS REALITY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR MY GENERATION AND YOUNGER TO NOT FEEL LIKE GENERATIONS AHEAD OF US ARE CLOSING THE DOOR ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US, THAT WE'RE AFFORDED TO HELP CREATE EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHERS. AND SO IT'S DEVASTATING, WHETHER IT'S ABORTION RIGHTS, CLIMATE CHANGE, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, L.G.B.T.Q.+ RIGHTS, NATIVE

AMERICAN RIGHTS, AND NOW STUDENT DEBT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO PICK UP THE SLACK, AND I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN SO MANY WAYS TO DO EXACTLY THAT. WE DO THIS TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL, AS THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND HAS, TIME AND AGAIN, RULED AGAINST PROGRESS. THIS MOTION SEEKS TO ONCE AGAIN FILL THE HOLES IN THE SAFETY NET THE SUPREME COURT HAS TORN OPEN. BY STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A STUDENT LOAN DEBT FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE COUNTY WORKERS, WE HOPE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST THIS COUNTY HAS TO OFFER, AND TO ACTIVELY RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A COST TO GET INTO SOME OF THESE JOBS, AS IT RELATES TO THE EDUCATION THAT PEOPLE SEEK, THE TRAINING THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE THE CARE AND SUPPORT THAT ALL OF OUR HARDWORKING COUNTY EMPLOYEES PROVIDE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION, AND FOR ASKING ME TO BE THE CO-AUTHOR ONCE AGAIN. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, WHO WILL CONSIDER THIS MOTION, OF COURSE. WE KNOW THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO MAKE THE AMERICAN DREAM POSSIBLE FOR ALL ANGELENOS. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, TO SAY THAT I'M DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED IN SOME OF THE RECENT ACTIONS THAT OUR SUPREME COURT HAS TAKEN IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT, AND TO REVERSE PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM IS JUST ONE OF THEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS CITED THE RELEVANT STATISTICS FROM THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTE. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CLOSING THE WEALTH GAP, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY, WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR OWN L.A. COUNTY REPORT ON THE STATUS OF BLACK ANGELENOS, IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS DECISION WILL FURTHER HANDICAP MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, IN DISPROPORTIONATE AND, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, UNFAIR WAYS. COLLEAGUES, WE ARE JOINED TODAY BY AN AMAZING GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE MEDICAL SCHOOL. THE INAUGURAL CLASS. THIS IS THE SECOND DAY OF MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO COME AND BE WITH US TODAY AS A REFLECTION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO NOT ONLY STUDY MEDICINE, BUT WHAT THE STUDY OF MEDICINE WILL DO IN THEIR EFFORT TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RACIAL INEQUALITY. AND SO I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE TO WITNESS YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ACTION-- THE GOOD AND THE BAD, IF YOU WILL. AND SO, WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THE EXTRA BURDEN THEY WILL FACE AS FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS, BECAUSE OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION, WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THE NUMBER OF LATINX AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN DOCTORS THIS MEDICAL SCHOOL WILL PRODUCE FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND WE ARE ASKING THEM TO INCUR THIS DEBT ON

TOP OF THE DEBT THAT THEY'VE INCURRED AS UNDERGRADS, PLEASE KNOW THAT WE TIP OUR HAT TO YOU. STAY IN THERE. STICK WITH IT. YOU KNOW, WE NEED YOU. SO, I'M GLAD THAT THIS MOTION ASKS FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO STAY INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS, AND I THINK IT'S GREAT FOR US TO BE PROACTIVE ABOUT OUR OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC. I WAS THRILLED TO CO-AUTHOR WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS OUR MOTION LAST NOVEMBER, DIRECTING D.C.B.A. TO EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE THE UNPAID OR DEFAULTED STUDENT LOAN DEBT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO EARN LESS THAN THE COUNTY AREA MEDIAN INCOME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY. I KNOW THE REPORT BACK ON THAT WILL COME AUGUST 1ST. I HOPE THIS MOTION DOESN'T-- I HOPE D.C.B.A. CAN DO IT ALL. WE ASK A LOT OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BUT I THINK THAT MOTION WAS RIGHTEOUS IN ITS EFFORT TO FOCUS ON COUNTY EMPLOYEES FIRST IN OUR EFFORT, AND THAT THIS MOTION WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY AND NOT DUPLICATIVE IN OUR EFFORTS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD DO, ACKNOWLEDGING THE REALITY THAT FAR TOO MANY OF OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES EXPERIENCE UNDER THE BURDEN OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT. I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AGAIN, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK AUGUST 1ST, FROM THE MOTION FROM LAST FALL, FOCUSED ON A SIMILAR ITEM. IF THE SUPREME COURT IS NOT GOING TO STEP UP AND SUPPORT STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS, WELL, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THIS BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS CERTAINLY WILL. I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, AND I AGREE. I MEAN, THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS OFTENTIMES A BARRIER FOR EVEN US TO GET PEOPLE INTO OUR WORKFORCE. I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS TALKED ABOUT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TUITION IN AREAS, ESPECIALLY WITH MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE-- AND EVEN SOCIAL WORK, AS IT RELATES TO THE FACT THAT WE NEED SOCIAL WORKERS, BUT YET, ONE OF THE BARRIERS TO THEM GOING TO SCHOOL IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO INCUR A DEBT. AND WHEN YOU INCUR A DEBT, WHEN YOU TRY TO BUY A HOME, YOUR CREDIT IS IMPACTED, AND THAT BECOMES A BARRIER TO EVEN BEING ABLE TO HAVE HOME OWNERSHIP. SO, FESIA, MY QUESTION TO YOU, AS I KNOW WE'VE PIECEMEALED IT, AS IT RELATES TO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT, AND THERE WAS A TIME, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS NOW, WHERE WE ACTUALLY OFFERED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, SO THAT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO GO AND GET HIGHER EDUCATION, SO THAT THEY COULD GET A BETTER JOB, AND THEN GET A CAREER. AND I KNOW THAT NOT ALL DEPARTMENTS ADOPTED IT. WHERE ARE WE ON THE COUNTY'S ROLE, AS IT RELATES TO ENCOURAGING OUR WORKFORCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. SO, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS UNEVEN AMONGST COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND WHAT HAPPENED, PROBABLY ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, IS YOU SAW UNIVERSITIES ROLL OUT OFF-SITE DEGREE PROGRAMS, AND THEY OFFERED TO SITE THEM AT SOME OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SO, REGISTRAR-RECORDER HAD ONE. I BELIEVE CHILD SUPPORT STARTED ONE. AND THERE WAS THE, I THINK, ESSENTIAL NEXUS FOR OUR STAFF, BECAUSE NOT ONLY WERE THEY ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE IT ON SITE, WITHOUT HAVING TO GET OFF WORK AND GET ON A FREEWAY, ET CETERA. SO, WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU TO SEE WHETHER THOSE PROGRAMS ARE STILL BEING OFFERED, AND IF THEY ARE, IN WHICH DEPARTMENTS.

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SOME DEPARTMENTS OPTED OUT FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAVE TO ABSORB PART OF THE COST OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR TUITION. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND, I MEAN, WE HAVE A PROGRAM, AND IF IT'S UNDERUTILIZED AND WE'RE PUTTING UP BARRIERS TO ALLOWING PEOPLE TO ACCESS AND DRAW DOWN THAT REIMBURSEMENT, I THINK WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THAT. SO I WOULD ASK THAT YOU PROVIDE US WITH THAT INFORMATION, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AS WE PUT TOGETHER IN THIS REPORT BACK ALL THE

PIECES TO THE PUZZLE, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AND WHAT WE ACTUALLY CAN DO.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: OKAY. I'LL BE SURE TO INCLUDE THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THAT UP. I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO SEE WHAT ROLE THE COUNTY CAN PLAY IN DOING JUST THAT. WE WANT TO RECRUIT, WE WANT TO RETAIN OUR GOOD WORKERS, WHO ARE OUT THERE EVERY DAY, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE A PATHWAY TO ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM. SO, I WOULD BE REALLY INTERESTED, ALSO, IN SEEING WHERE WE ARE IN EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND MAYBE WE NEED TO RELOOK AT HOW WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT.

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, ON THAT NOTE, CAN I JUST ADD SOMETHING?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. SOLIS: I THINK SOMETIMES WE FORGET THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS EFFORT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, AND ESPECIALLY THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, OUR NURSING PROGRAM. WE HAVE A FANTASTIC PROGRAM THAT WE FUND AND PROVIDE FOR OUR OWN NURSES TO WORK AT OUR DIFFERENT

FACILITIES. AND I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE-- I THINK SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE-- ATTENDING SOME OF THEIR GRADUATIONS. AND THAT IS, TO ME, A TREASURE THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND IS AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND IT USUALLY IS FOR PEOPLE THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO A SPECIALIZED VOCATIONAL OR REGULAR COLLEGE PROGRAM. SO, I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER BY ADVERTISING THAT MORE, BUT ALSO SEEING HOW WE CAN RETAIN MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT'S COMPETITIVE, AND SOME OF THE PRIVATE-SECTOR HOSPITALS ARE TAKING OUR STUDENTS, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY STAY WITH US. SO, C.E.O., IF YOU WANT TO RESPOND?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, SUPERVISORS, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE DO A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH. WE HAVE SOME PROGRAMS, SOME DEPARTMENTS, WHEREIN THEIR FUNDING-- USUALLY, IT'S FEDERAL AND STATE-- WHERE THEY WILL ACTUALLY OFFER THINGS LIKE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OR STIPENDS. WE HAVE OTHER PROGRAMS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T NECESSARILY FUND THE TUITION COSTS, BUT THEY MAKE THEIR FACILITIES AVAILABLE, BASICALLY, TO CONDUCT CLASSES. SO WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE INCLUDE THE WHOLE GAMUT OF WHICH DEPARTMENTS ARE ENGAGED, WHETHER IT'S JUST OFFERING FACILITIES, MAKING IT EASIER TO ACCESS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND ALSO WHETHER THEY PROVIDE FUNDING OF ANY TYPE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM? EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP.

SPEAKER: WILL HERMAN HERMAN AND TIFFANY WALLACE PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

DIEGO RODRIGUEZ: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, C.E.O. OF ALMA. AMONG THE MANY SERVICES WE OFFER, WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR THEIR PROACTIVE STANCE OF EASING STUDENT LOAN DEBT. THIS CAN SUPPORT RESIDENTS IN IDENTIFYING AND UTILIZING RELIEF PROGRAMS. IT IS A BEACON OF HOPE IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES. THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAS SKYROCKETED, AND THE CRUSHING WEIGHT OF STUDENT LOANS CAN BE VERY OVERWHELMING. THE SUPREME COURT'S RECENT DECISION TO INVALIDATE PRESIDENT BIDEN'S PROPOSED RELIEF PLAN WAS A DEVASTATING BLOW, LEAVING THEM POWERLESS, FEELING VULNERABLE AND HELPLESS. THE PAUSE IN STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT IS ENDING THIS

FALL, AND THE URGENCY FOR RELIEF IS GREATER THAN EVER. OUR COUNTY CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THIS BY SPREADING AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING THE USE OF NEWLY ENACTED PROGRAMS THAT CAN EASE THE BURDEN OF STUDENT LOANS. THIS COULD POTENTIALLY CHANGE THE COURSE OF LIFE--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

DIEGO RODRIGUEZ: THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: YEAH, HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YEAH, I'M CALLING ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 9.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? EXCUSE ME. HOLD ON, HOLD ON. WE'RE ON 10. WE'VE ALREADY PASSED--

SPEAKER: OKAY. WELL, I TOLD... OKAY. WELL, NEXT TIME. DON'T PASS THIS MOTION. STOP MAKING EXCUSES FOR THOSE OLYMPICS. IT'S GOING TO CAUSE PROBLEMS, AS YOU IDENTIFIED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, SO WE'RE ON 10. IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON 9, YOU CAN WAIT TILL GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END OF THE MEETING. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SPEAKER: YES, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS. I WANT TO SHARE MY DISGUST OF THE 6 REPUBLICAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND THE REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDERMINING THE RULE OF LAW BY NOT FOLLOWING PRECEDENT, AND BY NOT REQUIRING STANDING TO BRING CASES. I THINK IT IS WISE OF THE COUNTY TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT IS CONFUSING, ALL THE PROGRAMS. I RECOMMEND WORKSHOPS TO HELP PEOPLE NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT STUDENT LOAN DEBT ALSO IMPACTS OUR SENIORS, WHO OFTEN TAKE OUT LOANS FOR THEIR CHILDREN, IN TERMS OF PARENT PLUS LOANS, SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUTREACH INCLUDE SENIORS, WHO MIGHT NOT BE AS COMPUTER-SAVVY. ALSO, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THERE IS A LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR PEOPLE ON PERMANENT DISABILITY, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. SO, THANK YOU. PLEASE, PLEASE, DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION. HELP PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. WHAT A HEARTBREAKER THAT PEOPLE WERE MORE OR LESS ENCOURAGED THAT THEIR LOANS WOULD BE FORGIVEN, AND THEN THIS HORRIBLE DECISION, AND PRESIDENT BIDEN, BLESS HIS HEART, HAVING TO IMMEDIATELY JUMP IN. IT'S VERY, VERY UPSETTING. AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S THESE PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE AFFORDABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THAT ALLOW THEM TO ENGAGE AND PARTICIPATE, LIKE THE [INAUDIBLE]. BUT THESE $75,000-A-YEAR TUITION, HARVARD-WESTLAKE IDIOTS HAVE JUST OBLITERATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A LIFE IN STUDIO CITY GOLF AND TENNIS, WHICH THEY CAN DO IT. THEY'VE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY. MUNGER BOUGHT IT FOR $42 MILLION. THEY CAN USE HALF OF IT AS IT WAS, IN A LOVELY WAY, SO THAT KIDS CAN COME AND PLAY WITH THEIR MOMS AND DADS, AND PUTT A LITTLE, AND HAVE A CREAM SODA. YOU KNOW, LIKE MAYOR GARCETTI, A CAR TO THE BEACH WITH AN ICE CREAM AT THE END OF THE DAY. WHY NOT? WHY, INSTEAD, A WALLED CITY PATROLLED BY HARVARD-WESTLAKE COPS? ABSOLUTELY NOT. AND, MS. HORVATH, BARGER, WE LOVE YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE LOANS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES FINNEY-CONLON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JAMES FINNEY-CONLON: HI, THERE. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MY NAME IS JAMES FINNEY-CONLON, AND I AM A SENIOR PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER. I'M CALLING BECAUSE I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING THESE LOAN FORGIVENESS INCENTIVES TO L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES WILL INCREASE OUR WORKFORCE. I BELIEVE THAT L.A. CITY AND EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY SHOULD FOLLOW YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I ALSO FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT MORE EMPLOYEES SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS INFORMATION. IT IS INACCESSIBLE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, AND WE ALL HAVE A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY TO EMPOWER EACH OTHER THROUGH FINANCIAL LITERACY. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: FIRST OF ALL, THE SUPREME COURT DID THE CORRECT THING. DEBT FORGIVENESS IS A BLUE-DOG DEMOCRAT EFFORT TO CREATE A FALSE ECONOMY BY PRINTING MONEY, INCREASE INFLATION, INTERNATIONAL DEGRADE OF THE DOLLAR, AND A NET DECREASE IN THE

PURCHASING POWER FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. HILDA SOLIS PAINTED DEBTORS AS BRAIN-DEAD STUPID, AND THEN WE HAVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL CAST BLACKS AS WOEFULLY INFERIOR IF THEY DON'T ALREADY HAVE A PROBLEM, HISTORICALLY, IN THAT AREA. AND THE PANDERING WITH THIS EQUITY [EXPLETIVE] IS NAUSEATING AT THE VERY BEST. AGAIN, THE SUPREME COURT DID THE RIGHT THING. TIME TO GROW UP, PEOPLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING IN PERSON. GO AHEAD.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A FREE EDUCATION HERE, AND WE'RE SAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO FORGIVE ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY, OR THOSE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY? WELL, I FIND THAT OFFENSIVE. AND I AGREE WITH THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST GOT THROUGH SPEAKING BECAUSE, ONCE AGAIN, COLLEGE IS DIFFERENT FROM UNIVERSITY, TOTALLY. AND UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE ONLY FOR THE ELITE, WHO HAVE THE MONIES AND RESOURCES TO PAY FOR IT. AND EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE MORONS AND IDIOTS, AND INCOHERENT, LIKE SOME OF YOUR ATTORNEYS, WE GET IT. HOWEVER, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD IT. SO, THE ISSUE IS, I'M AGAINST IT. DUM-DUM BIDEN HAS NO CLUE TO WHAT HE'S DOING [EXPLETIVE] THIS COUNTRY, AND IT'S VERY SAD. IT'S VERY SAD THAT WE HAVE TO LET THIS INSTITUTION BE RUN BY A [EXPLETIVE]

MORON OF THE 46TH PRESIDENCY, AND DESTROY AMERICA FOR WHAT IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE, [EXPLETIVE].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS TIFFANY WALLACE, AND I'M A MEMBER OF UNITED TEACHERS LOS ANGELES, AND I WANTED TO SPEAK TO JUST THE NECESSITY OF LOAN FORGIVENESS, AND SUPPORT FOR YOUTH. ONE OF THE BIGGEST BARRIERS THAT I HEAR FROM STUDENTS IS DEBT, WHEN GOING TO COLLEGE. THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT BEING SADDLED WITH DEBT, AND WE HAVE THE BRIGHTEST MINDS COMING IN FROM OUR FUTURE. THEY'RE ADEPT AT TECHNOLOGY, THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SYSTEMS THAT EXIST AROUND THEM, AND FIGHTING AND WANTING TO FIGHT AGAINST THESE SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION. BUT IF THEY'RE HAVING TO CONTINUE TO WORK AND GO TO SCHOOL, AND COMPETING AGAINST THOSE THINGS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THOSE BRIGHTEST MINDS TO CREATE THAT FUTURE THAT IS NECESSARY TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS WITH THE ENVIRONMENT. I CAME HERE TO SUPPORT S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, IN SUPPORT FOR THE WAGE INCREASE OF C.H.W.S. THIS MEANS THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT WORK; NOT JUST THE YOUTH, BUT THE WORKERS THAT ARE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, THAT ARE STRUGGLING, AND CREATE DEBT RELIEF AND WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL WORKERS. SUPPORT THE WAGE INCREASE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY MORE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND NO OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WANT TO COMMENT ON THIS, ITEM 10 NOW IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 14, ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND SUSTAINABLY EXPANDING EVICTION DEFENSE SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE RAFAEL CARBAJAL, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THAT WILL BE HERE. COME ON UP, IF YOU NEED TO BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START THIS OFF?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, I ABSOLUTELY WOULD. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THE

MOTION TO MAKE STAY HOUSED L.A., A PROGRAM FOR TENANTS TO HAVE THE TOOLS AND SUPPORTS NECESSARY TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES, AN ONGOING PROGRAM AND SERVICE. THIS MOTION IS THE NEXT STEP TO THE MOTION THIS BOARD PASSED IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, WHICH ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO ENGAGE PROPERTY OWNERS, TENANTS, AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, AND REPORT BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MAKE STAY HOUSED L.A. A PERMANENT PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE GROWING NEED FOR COUNTYWIDE EVICTION DEFENSE SERVICES. THANK YOU TO D.C.B.A. AND ALL OF YOUR TEAM FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS, AND AUTHORING THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT THAT REALLY PROVIDES US WITH A PATHWAY FORWARD. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE RESIDENTS AND ADVOCATES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORT, BUT REALLY WORKED HARD TO COME UP WITH A MODEL THAT IS GETTING US HERE TODAY. ACCORDING TO THE 2019 STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA REPORT, BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, 55% OF CALIFORNIANS AT ALL INCOME LEVELS HAD EXPERIENCED AT LEAST ONE CIVIL LEGAL PROBLEM IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD WITHIN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. OVER 85% OF CALIFORNIANS RECEIVE NO OR INADEQUATE LEGAL HELP FOR CIVIL LEGAL PROBLEMS. SO, WE HAVE A VISION. OUR VISION IS TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR EVERY ANGELENO, IN BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES, WHERE L.A. RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF INCOME, WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACCESS AFFORDABLE LEGAL SERVICES. THIS MOTION IS A STEP TOWARDS

REALIZING THIS VISION FOR CIVIL CASES, THOUGH WE MUST NOT FORGET ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO PROVIDE ATTORNEYS FOR ALL PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE MOTION ASKS COUNTY COUNSEL AND D.C.B.A. TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION THAT WILL CODIFY LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR ELIGIBLE TENANTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE TENANTS BY FISCAL YEAR '24-'25, CONTINGENT UPON SECURING FUNDING. ADDITIONALLY, THE MOTION ASKS D.C.B.A. TO CREATE A PLAN TO EXPAND COVERAGE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION SERVICES, AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES USING A PHASE-IN APPROACH, TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN HOUSING CASES BY FISCAL YEAR 2031. WHY SHOULD WE ADDRESS THE ACCESS-TO-CIVIL-JUSTICE GAP WITH RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR LOW-INCOME RENTERS? WELL, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOUSING CRISIS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED. LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS EXPENSIVE AND UNAFFORDABLE TO FAR TOO MANY WORKING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY TENANTS WHO ARE ALREADY RENT-BURDENED, SPENDING UPWARDS OF 30% OF THEIR INCOME ON RENT. ACCORDING TO OUR OWN A.R.D.I. RECENTLY RELEASED REPORT ON THE STATE OF BLACK L.A. COUNTY, BLACK AND LATINX RENTERS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN EVERY OTHER RACIAL GROUP IN THE COUNTY TO BE RENT-BURDENED, AT 62% AND 56% RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED TO WHITE ANGELENOS AT 51%. AND CONTRARY TO THE COMMENT MADE BY THE PREVIOUS CALLER, THAT'S NOT A TESTAMENT TO AN INABILITY OF BLACK OR BROWN PEOPLE. THAT'S A REFLECTION OF DECADES-LONG

SYSTEMIC RACISM, AND THE BURDEN PUT ON BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE THAT HAVE HELD THEM BACK. ADDITIONALLY, BLACK AND LATINX ANGELENOS EXPERIENCE THE HIGHEST RATES OF EVICTION COMPARED TO OTHER RACIAL GROUPS. IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT THESE POLICIES WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE, BUT ALSO HELP TO ADDRESS AN EQUITY ISSUE. STAY HOUSED L.A. SHOWS THAT SINCE THE PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED IN 2019, 40% OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE LATINX, AND 27% WERE BLACK. 65% OF ALL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WERE WOMEN. FURTHERMORE, 78% OF ALL STAY HOUSED L.A. PARTICIPANTS EARN LESS THAN 30% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME, AND 65% OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE 40 YEARS OR OLDER. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT BOTH ACCESS TO REPRESENTATION THROUGH POLICIES LIKE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE ARE EFFECTIVE POLICIES IN KEEPING PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY HOUSED IN THEIR HOMES. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM PROPERTY OWNERS IN MY OWN DISTRICT, MANY OF WHO ARE BLACK AND BROWN, THAT THE COUNTY'S HOUSING LAWS ARE COMPLEX AND HARD TO NAVIGATE FOR MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS AND TENANTS ALIKE. IN THEIR REPORT TO THE BOARD, D.C.B.A. CONCLUDES THAT RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND EXPANDING STAY HOUSED L.A. WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HIGHER QUALITY AND CONSISTENT COMMUNICATIONS TO BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. BUT WE KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION TASKS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A SUMMARY OF EXISTING OR NEW POTENTIAL RESOURCES THAT CAN SUPPORT MOM-AND-POP PROPERTY OWNERS, AS WELL AS

EXPLORE POLICIES, INCLUDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEM. FINALLY, IN THE REPORT BACK, D.C.B.A. NOTES THAT A PHASED-IN EXPANSION OF STAY HOUSED L.A., AND ESTABLISHING RIGHT TO COUNSEL, WILL ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF MAKING STAY HOUSED L.A. A PERMANENT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR CONSISTENT MULTIYEAR PLANNING AND THE ABILITY TO SCALE THEIR WORKFORCE WITH CLEAR PROJECTIONS OF DEMAND FOR SERVICES. RIGHT TO COUNSEL CANNOT, NOR SHOULD IT BE, AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. SO, I'M HOPING THAT THIS BOARD WILL AFFIRM THAT IF WE VOTE TO PASS THIS MOTION, THAT WE THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF TRULY PRIORITIZING FUNDING FOR RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND STAY HOUSED L.A. EXPANSION IN FUTURE BUDGET PROCESSES. WE MUST BE IN ALIGNMENT FOR THIS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR ALL. I'M ALSO GOING TO CALL UPON THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ACROSS ALL 88 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, TO HAVE THEIR JURISDICTIONS FINANCIALLY SUPPORT D.C.B.A.'S STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE AND EXPAND SERVICE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE IN INCORPORATED CITIES, ALSO. AGAIN, OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. SO, I HOPE THAT WE, AS A BOARD, AND THE ADVOCATES ACROSS POLICY AREAS, WHO WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO FIGHT FOR HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ALIGN AND PRIORITIZE THE FULL SPECTRUM OF TOOLS THAT CAN SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF HOUSING. PREVENTION, PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION: THAT'S WHAT WILL GET EVERY

ANGELENO HOUSED. RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE TOGETHER ARE TWO OF MANY CRITICAL HOUSING POLICIES THAT ARE PART OF A LARGER REGIONAL HOUSING SYSTEM THAT WILL HELP THIS BOARD TACKLE OUR HOUSELESS CRISIS. FINALLY, I WANT TO NOTE THAT L.A.C.A.H.S.A., THE NEWLY FORMED L.A. COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGENCY, OF WHICH WE ALL SERVE, CAN INCLUDE FUNDING FOR TENANT PROTECTIONS, BUT WE CAN'T PREDICT RIGHT NOW WHEN THE FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE, OR ASSUME THAT STAY HOUSED L.A. WILL BE FULLY FUNDED BY L.A.C.A.H.S.A. SO, AGAIN, IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK FOR OTHER FUNDING SOURCES, AND THINK CREATIVELY TOGETHER. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD ASK MR. CARBAJAL A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BEFORE I TURN IT OVER?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, GO AHEAD.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. SO, I UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ENGAGE ALL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LANDLORDS, ON BOTH THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE, AS WELL AS STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM EXPANSION. SO, AND I'M AWARE THAT DURING THE PANDEMIC, C.E.O. OF OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE USED TO HOLD SOME MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO REGULARLY ENGAGE IN HOUSING ISSUES: ONE SERIES FOR TENANTS AND THEIR ADVOCATES, AND ONE SERIES WITH LANDLORDS AND THEIR ADVOCATES. ARE YOU OPEN TO AND IS THERE A POSSIBILITY FOR YOU TO WORK WITH OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO

RESTART THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS? I THINK IT CREATED A SPACE FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED, AND PERHAPS EVEN RESOLVED, ABSENT OFFICIAL MOTIONS BY THE BOARD. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU THINK IS FEASIBLE, AND YOU'RE WILLING TO DO, AND THAT YOU'RE RESOURCED TO DO?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ABSOLUTELY, IT'S FEASIBLE, AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR C.E.O., H.I., AND ALL OTHER PARTNERS IN THIS SPACE, AND WE DEFINITELY WELCOME REOPENING THAT SPACE. AND IF I MAY, TOO, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THIS BOARD, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR TENANTS AND OUR LANDLORDS DURING THIS TIME.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. I HEARD FROM MADAM CHAIR TODAY ABOUT AN INTEREST IN MAKING SURE MEDIATION IS INCLUDED. AND SO CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN D.C.B.A.'S MEDIATION PROGRAM AND THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM? I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE CLEAR.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YEAH. NO, ABSOLUTELY. SO, I THINK, BEFORE I ANSWER THAT QUESTION, I DO WANT TO PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT, IF YOU'D ALLOW. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND THESE SERVICES THAT WE'RE PROVIDING OUR TENANTS, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS A POWER DYNAMIC-- AN UNEQUAL POWER

DYNAMIC-- THAT EXISTS IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. SAME RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN BUSINESSES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, BETWEEN MYSELF AND MY OWN STAFF. SO WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, AND PART OF ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IS THAT OUR LANDLORDS HAVE MORE RESOURCES, THEY HAVE MORE KNOWLEDGE, AND THEY HAVE MORE POWER THAN OUR TENANTS. TO YOUR POINT, ALL THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING, AND THROUGH OUR A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE, AIMING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE SYSTEMATIC ISSUES THAT CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO SOME OF THIS, AS WELL. AND THEN, IF WE THINK ABOUT THE DIVERSE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY, WHICH INCLUDES LOW-INCOME WAGE WORKERS, OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, OUR SENIORS-- MORE AND MORE, WE'RE SEEING EVERY YEAR OUR TENANT POPULATION IN SENIORS INCREASE. SO, WE KNOW THAT THESE POPULATIONS TRADITIONALLY HAVE CHALLENGES ACCESSING JUSTICE, AND UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEXITY OF SOME OF THESE ISSUES. SO, WITH THAT BEING SAID, WHEN WE TRIAGE ISSUES THAT COME INTO OUR DEPARTMENT, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION THAT OUR TENANTS ARE BRINGING US TO, BECAUSE THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS PUT THEM IN A POSITION WHERE THEY'RE MEDIATING THEIR RIGHTS AWAY. SO WE WANT THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE, WHAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LANDLORDS ARE, AND THEN AND ONLY THEN, IF THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR LEGAL SERVICES OR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THROUGH OUR STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, WILL WE REFER THEM OVER TO OUR

COUNTYWIDE MEDIATION PROGRAM, WHICH EVERY YEAR WE HANDLE BETWEEN 3,000 TO 4,000 MEDIATIONS A YEAR, FROM EVERYTHING RANGING FROM LANDLORD-TENANT ISSUES, TO NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR ISSUES, TO P.T.A. AND TEACHER ISSUES, A VARIETY OF ISSUES. IT'S ONE OF OUR GREATEST PROGRAMS THAT WE'VE BEEN ADMINISTERING IN D.C.B.A. SINCE 1986. SO, DEFINITELY, IT IS PART OF THE WORK THAT WE DO EVERY DAY IN STAY HOUSED. AND THEN, EVEN WITHIN THE PROGRAM ITSELF, MEDIATION BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND THEIR COUNSEL, AND THE COUNSEL THAT WE PROVIDE TO OUR TENANTS, THE MAJORITY OF THOSE RESULT IN MEDIATED AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THEM, THAT RESULT IN BEING DISMISSED FROM COURT, OR NOT EVEN GOING TO COURT AT ALL.

SUP. MITCHELL: OH, GOOD. THAT'S GOOD. AND, MS. LOBIANCO, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT'S SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCLUDE LANDLORDS AS ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS?

KELLY LOBIANCO: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT ON THE LEGAL AID PROGRAM THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY OFFERS RIGHT NOW. WE OFFER THIS PROGRAM, AS OF FEBRUARY OF 2022, THANKS TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. WE'RE INVESTING ABOUT $3 MILLION, THANKS TO THE BOARD, IN LEGAL AID FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. THE CRITERIA FOR THAT DOES INCLUDE COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND LANDLORDS, BUT THE CAVEAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IN TERMS OF THE PROFITS AND NET

SALES, ANNUALLY. SO, THAT IS PRETTY NARROW. SO, FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THE PROFIT NEEDS TO BE LESS THAN $75,000 PER YEAR, AND NET SALES $250,000 PER YEAR. AND THAT'S FOR LEGAL AID, NOT REPRESENTATION. SO, I JUST CALL THAT OUT, BECAUSE THAT'S SORT OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM AS IT EXISTS RIGHT NOW. WE'RE REALLY, REALLY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS TO SMALL BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THAT HAVE NEEDED IT OVER THE LAST... SINCE FEBRUARY OF 2022 AND BEYOND, AND WE'LL BE CONTINUING TO OFFER IT THROUGH THE END OF 2024. WE'LL BE SERVING A LITTLE OVER A THOUSAND SMALL BUSINESSES. AND AGAIN, FOR THOSE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES THROUGH THAT. AND WE'VE ALREADY SERVED NEARLY 700 BUSINESSES THROUGH THAT. SO, THE RESOURCES ARE LIMITED, BUT I LOOK FORWARD THROUGH THIS MOTION TO BE ABLE TO EXPLORE ELIGIBILITY, TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM THIS SUPPORT, AS WELL AS OUR COMMERCIAL TENANTS, HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. AND JUST IN CLOSING, MADAM CHAIR, I'LL JUST VERY QUICKLY SAY, I APPRECIATED THE CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. I'M SURE YOU ALL WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT IT IS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE MOTION. I'VE GOT DRAFT LANGUAGE, AND HAPPY TO ACCEPT IT, BUT I'LL HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE TWO OF YOU FOR

COMING IN AND ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS, AND AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: OH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, I DON'T SEE YOU ON THE... OH, I'M SORRY. I KEEP MISSING THAT.

SUP. SOLIS: THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. WE'RE ALL EQUAL. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS, IN MY OPINION, VERY CRITICAL MOTION TO HELP US ADDRESS THE ONGOING ISSUE OF HOUSING INSTABILITY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ADVOCATES, LIKE THE EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S., PUBLIC COUNSEL, S.A.J.E., AND MANY OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR STORIES WITH US OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. TODAY'S AGENDA INCLUDES ITEM 14, ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND EXPANDING EVICTION DEFENSE SERVICES. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT I FIND VERY DEAR TO ME, DUE TO ITS LONG-RANGING

IMPACTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. JUST INFORMATION THAT I'M LOOKING AT. ALONE, IN MY OWN DISTRICT, WE HAVE OVER 346,334 RENTERS IN S.D. 1, AND THEIR AVERAGE INCOME IS ANYWHERE BELOW $67,000 A YEAR. CAN YOU IMAGINE RAISING A FAMILY OF 4 ON THAT, AND HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING AND KEEPING, SAY, AN APARTMENT OR EVEN RENTAL HOUSING FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING? AS OF LAST WEEK, WE ALSO KNOW THAT, FROM THE 2023 HOMELESS COUNT, WE RECEIVED A 9% INCREASE IN HOMELESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, COUPLED WITH OVER 3,000 EVICTION NOTICES ISSUED ON A MONTHLY BASIS. I THINK IT'S GONE UP SINCE THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE, MR. CARBAJAL. IN YESTERDAY'S LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE STORY OF THE MORALES FAMILY, WHO NOW RESIDE IN BALDWIN PARK, IN MY DISTRICT, IS A TESTAMENT TO THE STRUGGLES THAT MANY FAMILIES FACE. THE FAMILY OF 7 LIVED IN NORTH HILLS, IN AN APARTMENT, UNTIL 2020, WHEN THEY COULD LONGER AFFORD THAT RENT. CALIFORNIA, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS THE MOST RENTER-HEAVY STATE IN THE COUNTRY, WITH 45% OF HOUSING UNITS OCCUPIED BY RENTERS. IN L.A., THAT RATE IS 62%. FAMILIES LIKE THE MORALESES FACE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS OF STAYING HOUSED. THE COUNTY'S CURRENT INITIATIVES DON'T DO ENOUGH TO RESOLVE THOSE GAPS. THAT'S WHY WE'RE FACING HOMELESSNESS OR HOUSING INSTABILITY. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, ISSUED A STUDY IN JUNE, AND IT REVEALS A PICTURE OF HOMELESSNESS THAT IS STARTLING, YET MOSTLY UNHEARD IN THE STATE. MOST OF OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH HOUSING

INSTABILITY PRIOR TO GOING ONTO THE STREETS OR BECOMING HOMELESS, AND AROUND 66% OF RENTERS WHO HAD BECOME HOMELESS HAD BEEN RENT-BURDENED PRIOR TO THEIR SITUATION. AND ACROSS THE BOARD, OUR RESIDENTS DO NOT HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RIGHTS, AND MANY FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF POOR MISMANAGEMENT BY LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. ON JUNE 8, 2022, LAST YEAR, OUR BOARD URGED THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO REACH OUT TO ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS, WHETHER THEY ARE TENANTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, OR ORGANIZATIONS, AND FIND THE BEST SOLUTIONS FORWARD, TO TRY TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS HOUSED DURING A TIME OF INSTABILITY, AND WE ARE STILL GOING THROUGH INSTABILITY. THE FINDING OF THOSE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE A MASSIVE PROBLEM IN OUR MOST VULNERABLE TENANTS GETTING LEGAL COUNSEL. THOSE BARRIERS, OFTEN FINANCIAL, COULD HAVE SENT OUR COUNTY INTO A CRISIS DURING THE PANDEMIC ALONE. INSTEAD, OUR MEASURES, SUCH AS STAY HOUSED L.A., CREATED SECURITY FOR TENANTS WHO ARE SEVERELY UNDER-REPRESENTED, BY PROVIDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND LEGAL COUNSEL. WE, IN MY OPINION, HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY IN NEXT STEPS. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR TENANTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO COUNSEL ORDINANCE WOULD ENSURE THAT TENANTS GET THE ADEQUATE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED, REPRESENT THEMSELVES IN THE COUNTY, WHILE PROVIDING LONG-TERM ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR OUR REGION. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE THAT EVICTION DEFENSE SERVICES CAN

REDUCE THE LONG-TERM COSTS OF HOMELESS SUPPORT SYSTEMS. IN THE COUNTY, A TOTAL OF 82 ATTORNEYS ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED TO KEEP PACE WITH CURRENT DEMAND FOR LEGAL SERVICES JUST NEXT YEAR. AND BY 2030, WE EXPECT THAT WE'LL NEED ABOUT 400 ATTORNEYS TO SUPPORT TENANT PROTECTION RIGHTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ADDITIONALLY, THE MOTION ADDRESSES MOM-AND-POP PROPERTY OWNERS FACING FINANCIAL STRUGGLES. OUR MOM-AND-POP PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE CONNECTED DIRECTLY WITH LEGAL ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED, TO BE AWARE OF OUR COUNTY PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ORDINANCES. THE ADEQUATE TIMELINES WILL ALLOW D.C.B.A. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP THAT PLAN OF ACTION. WITH THESE NEW TOOLS IN PLACE, I AM VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN SUPPORT OUR TENANTS AND OUR MOM-AND-POP PROPERTY OWNERS. WE'RE PROPOSING TO ALLOCATE $5 MILLION FROM OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO GET THE EXPANSION OF THESE SERVICES STARTED. THAT'S A DOWN PAYMENT. AND AS A LONGTIME SUPPORTER OF TENANTS IN THE COUNTY, WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO PRESERVE HOUSING STABILITY, AND AVOID MASS EVICTIONS. I BELIEVE THE PATH THAT IS BEFORE US WILL HELP US TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE PROTECTIONS FOR VULNERABLE RENTERS AND FAMILIES THAT I JUST MENTIONED, FROM BALDWIN PARK. I HOPE THE BOARD CAN SUPPORT THESE CRITICAL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR OUR COUNTY'S TENANT POPULATION, AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND I THANK THE TWO DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ARE HERE, BECAUSE YOU'VE DONE, IN MY OPINION, SOME VERY STELLAR WORK DURING SOME

VERY HARD TIMES, WHEN MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS WERE FACED WITH HARDSHIP, ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, AND LOSS OF LIFE. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD TODAY. THIS BODY HAS SPENT SEVERAL BOARD MEETINGS AND CONSIDERABLE HOURS, OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, ADDRESSING ISSUES RELATED TO OUR TENANTS' AND PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE DO SOMETHING TO MAKE SURE INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE PROPER TOOLS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, I'VE BEEN VISITING VARIOUS SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE FIFTH DISTRICT, AND NONPROFITS THAT SERVE THE HOMELESS, AND THOSE ON THE BRINK OF HOMELESSNESS. THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, I'VE HEARD TESTIMONIALS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCED TOUGH TIMES IN DEALING WITH LANDLORDS TO WHOM THEY'VE OWED BACK RENT. SOME RENTERS WANTED TO MOVE OUT, AND SIMPLY LACK THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO DO SO, AND OTHERS WERE DEALING WITH LANDLORDS THAT WANTED TO EVICT THEM FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO RAISE THE RENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LAST CATEGORY OF RENTERS DID NOT HAVE FINANCIAL ACCESS TO LEGAL RESOURCES, AND FELT COMPLETELY

TRAPPED IN THEIR SITUATION. IF IT WERE NOT FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MY DISTRICT, LIKE DOOR OF HOPE, AND FRIENDS IN DEED, IN PASADENA, MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE ENDED UP ON THE STREETS, HOMELESS. PREVENTION PROGRAMS LIKE THESE ARE KEY TO KEEPING PEOPLE HOUSED, AND KEEPING PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS AT A FASTER RATE, PAIRING THAT WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE FOR CODIFICATION THAT THE COUNTY CAN FURTHER ASSIST TENANTS THAT FIND THEMSELVES IN DIRE NEED OF LEGAL SERVICES AND REPRESENTATION. I WANT TO BE CLEAR IN SAYING THAT, WHILE I SUPPORT ENHANCED PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND MOVING FORWARD TOWARD A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE UTILIZED BY THOSE IN THE MOST NEED, AND NOT COMMANDEERED BY BAD ACTORS LOOKING TO EXPLOIT RESOURCES. ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT, WHILE THIS BOARD IS ASKING D.C.B.A. TO DRAFT A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION, WE DO NOT HAVE A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE IDENTIFIED AT THIS TIME. IT IS THEREFORE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE REPORT BACK ON SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCES BE ROBUST. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE CONSIDER CONDUCTING A FINANCIAL COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF HOMELESS PREVENTION [INAUDIBLE] ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT ONLY COMMITTED TO HELPING TENANTS IN NEED, BUT DOING SO WITH FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND TO THAT END, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT, YESTERDAY, I HAD A MEETING WITH THE CITY OF MONROVIA, WHO IS

USING THEIR MEASURE H DOLLARS FOR THOSE THAT ARE ON THE BRINK OF BEING EVICTED. AND THEY HAVE KEPT 400 FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES, AS A RESULT OF PROVIDING THE RESOURCES TO KEEP THEM FROM ENDING UP BEING EVICTED. SO, I KNOW THAT PREVENTION REALLY SHOULD BE THE FOCUS, AND THAT IS WHY I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. BUT I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU DO HAVE THE MOM-AND-POPS THAT ARE USING THIS PROPERTY AS RETIREMENT, WHO ARE TRYING TO BE GOOD LANDLORDS AS IT RELATES TO KEEPING THE COST DOWN, AND NOT GETTING REIMBURSED OR PAID THE RENT IS CAUSING THEM A HARDSHIP, AND COULD FORCE THEM TO LOSE THEIR PROPERTY, WHICH IS NOT SOMETHING THAT ANY OF US WANT. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT THERE HAS TO BE A BALANCE. THERE'S A BALANCE IN EVERYTHING. AND I, TOO, WANT TO COMMEND BOTH OF YOU FOR THE JOB THAT YOU HAVE DONE, BUT I HAVE A QUESTION. AND, RAFAEL, THIS IS FOR YOU. DOES THE D.C.B.A. CURRENTLY HAVE THE PROPER STAFF AND CAPACITY TO HANDLE ABSORBING SOME OF THE OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED BY STAY HOUSED L.A.? BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING YOU-- YOU'RE THE CAN-DO PERSON, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT OVERBURDENING YOUR STAFF WITH THE REQUEST.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: FROM THE BEGINNING, D.C.B.A. ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO THIS. THAT'S WHY WE WENT OUT AND BROUGHT OUR PARTNERS INTO PARTICIPATION WITH

THIS. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE 13 COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT DO COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. THEY HAVE THE LINGUISTIC CAPACITY, CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AND THEY HAVE THE INROADS TO REACH SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE, AS GOVERNMENT, TYPICALLY DON'T HAVE. I WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, SO THAT WE CAN BETTER ENGAGE, BOTH WITH OUR LANDLORDS AND THE TENANTS. SO, DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH C.E.O. FESIA AND HER TEAM, TO SEE HOW WE COULD [INAUDIBLE] SOME OF THAT.

SUP. BARGER: BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KEEP US UPDATED AS THAT NEED IS ROLLED OUT, BECAUSE THE ASKS THAT ARE BEING PUT ON YOU ARE TIME-SENSITIVE, AS IT RELATES TO THE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASSISTING. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT PUTTING YOU IN A SITUATION WHERE THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ARE THAT WE ARE NOT PROVIDING THE SERVICES THAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE. AND THEN I ALSO HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE D.C.B.A. IS REQUIRED, AS PART OF THE STAY HOUSED L.A., TO POST THE NAMES OF ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS FOR OUTREACH AND SERVICES ON ITS WEBSITE, FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TO MAINTAIN ITS ACCURACY. IS THAT BEING DONE, OR DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THAT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. THEY CURRENTLY ARE. IF YOU GO TO STAYHOUSEDLA.ORG, AND YOU CLICK "ABOUT US," THE

INFORMATION IS THERE. I WILL ADMIT THAT WE DID STAND THIS UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PANDEMIC, ONE MONTH AFTER SHUTDOWN, AND OUR WEBSITE DID HAVE SOME TO BE DESIRED. IT WAS A WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT NOW THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

SUP. BARGER: PERFECT. AND THEN, AS IT RELATES TO LEGAL AID FOUNDATION, I MEAN, I'VE FOREVER BEEN TOLD THEY ALWAYS COME AND SAY THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES, AND THEY DO A REMARKABLE JOB, ESPECIALLY IN OUR COURTHOUSES, WHERE THEY PROVIDE FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND REALLY HELP PEOPLE NAVIGATE A SYSTEM THAT CAN BE OVERWHELMING, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE IN CRISIS. BUT PART OF THEIR CONTRACT TALKS ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDING US WITH MONTHLY REPORTS ON THE WINS/LOSSES IN COURT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT JUST FROM MY OWN EDUCATION, IN TERMS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COURTS FOR THOSE THAT THEY ARE REPRESENTING, IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE EVICTION. ARE WE GETTING THOSE STATISTICS?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: WE ARE. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A DASHBOARD THAT GETS UPDATED ONCE A MONTH WITH ALL THAT INFORMATION I THINK SOME OF THE CONFUSION IS AROUND WHAT WE CALL THINGS, WINS OR LOSSES. FOR US, ANYONE WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS PROGRAM IS 100% WIN, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE REPRESENTATION TO START WITH, AND IN THE END, THEY DID.

SUP. BARGER: I AGREE, BUT I THINK IT WOULD HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND, IN TERMS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOING IN AND BEING REPRESENTED. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE-- BECAUSE, I MEAN, I'M TALKING ABOUT, IN MY COMMENTS, ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING TARGETED BY LANDLORDS. BUT THERE'S ALSO SITUATIONS WHERE THE LANDLORD MAY BE IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY WIN, BECAUSE IT WAS IN FACT LAWFULLY DONE. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THOSE STATS, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING RESOURCES, BUT ALSO GETTING AN ACCURATE PICTURE, IN TERMS OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S AVAILABLE, AND WE CONTINUE TO REFINE THAT, AS WE CONTINUE TO REVISIT THE PROGRAM AND THE INFORMATION THAT WE GATHER. SO, DEFINITELY, WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S AVAILABLE IN A MORE DIGESTIBLE WAY.

SUP. BARGER: EXCELLENT. AND THEN, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, KELLY, WITH THE SMALL BUSINESSES. PEOPLE THINK THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT EVICTIONS, THAT WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT THE RESIDENTS, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE STILL TRYING TO GET ON THEIR FEET, YEARS AFTER WE ALLOWED THEM TO REOPEN, THAT ARE STRUGGLING. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE, AS IT RELATES TO THE FABRIC OF L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE SOME FRIENDLY

AMENDMENTS, BUT I'LL WAIT. OKAY. WELL, I CAN EXPLAIN THEM, IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO EXPLAIN THEM. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT IS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING RENTERS WITH THE GREATEST NEED AND AT RISK OF FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, SO I'M ASKING FOR A FINANCIAL PROGRAM EVALUATION AT LEAST ONE YEAR AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE, SHOULD THIS BOARD FORMALLY ADOPT ONE. AND I ALSO ASK THAT WE INCLUDE LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON SOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TENANTS THAT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL RESOURCES, BECAUSE AGAIN, THERE ARE THOSE THAT THE BARRIER BETWEEN GETTING REPRESENTATION IS FINANCIAL. OBVIOUSLY, IF THEY'RE BEING EVICTED, THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HIRE COUNSEL. AND THEN, AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPORTANCE TO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL PROS AND CONS OF OUR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS ALONGSIDE OUR RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL SERVICES, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE. AND THEN LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO ADD LANGUAGE TO DIRECT OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE STAY HOUSED L.A. OUTREACH PROGRAMS. THIS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR LANDLORDS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE BEING OFFERED FOR TENANTS. AND, OF COURSE, I BELIEVE THIS ASSESSMENT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION TO OUR CURRENT STAFFING AND CAPACITY CAPABILITIES, AND MAKE

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THOSE CAPABILITIES, IF NECESSARY. BECAUSE, AGAIN, I AM SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT THESE ARE TIME-SENSITIVE REQUESTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING IN, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE PROVIDE YOU WITH THE RESOURCES AND STAFFING TO REFLECT THE URGENCY OF THOSE INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS COMING IN. SO THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK THE BEST PART OF THIS MOTION IS THAT IT IS A COLLABORATION, AND IT IS RECOGNIZING A BALANCE. AND WE HAVE GOT TWO REMARKABLE DEPARTMENTS THAT I KNOW ARE READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO ROLL THIS OUT. AND SO I WANT TO THANK BOTH THE AUTHORS, BUT ALSO OUR DEPARTMENT FAMILIES.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. I KNOW THAT THE CONVERSATION FOR RIGHT TO COUNSEL STARTED BEFORE I JOINED THE BOARD, BUT IT IS ONE I HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS MYSELF, AND I AM EXCITED TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION. AS WE KNOW, WE'RE IN A HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. PEOPLE ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS FASTER THAN WE CAN HOUSE THEM, AND I CANNOT SAY THIS ENOUGH: WE MUST KEEP PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING THEY ARE ALREADY IN, IF WE ARE GOING TO TACKLE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT WE ARE SEEING

IN LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY. WE CANNOT SOLVE THIS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS ANY OTHER WAY. CREATING A RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY IS CRITICAL. IT'S ESSENTIAL. WE HAVE TO EXPAND UNIVERSAL ACCESS COUNTYWIDE, THROUGH OUR STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM. HERE'S WHY. STUDIES HAVE ESTIMATED THAT 90% OF LANDLORDS ARE REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS, BUT ONLY 10% OF TENANTS ARE. AND THE MOST SEVERELY RENT-BURDENED, THOSE MOST LIKELY TO FACE EVICTION AND FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS, ARE MARGINALIZED GROUPS, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WOMEN, L.G.B.T.Q. RENTERS. WE KNOW THIS. THERE WAS A STUDY OF BLACK HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE EMBARKING ON A STUDY OF LATINO HOMELESSNESS. THE DATA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. AND I THOUGHT ABOUT WHETHER TO SHARE MY OWN STORY, BUT I KNOW WE'RE ABOUT TO HEAR FROM MAYBE MORE THAN 100 OF YOU, OF YOUR PERSONAL STORIES, SO I THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE THAT I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, NOT JUST BECAUSE I'M A RENTER, BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED AS A RENTER. WHEN I WAS MAYOR, I HAD A THREE-DAY NOTICE POSTED TO MY DOOR. NOW, MIND YOU, I HAD PAID MY RENT. MY NEIGHBOR TEXTED ME. I WAS AT A COMMUNITY EVENT, AND HE SAID, "I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS WAS POSTED TO YOUR DOOR." I WAS HORRIFIED. I WAS EMBARRASSED. I WAS SERVING AS A MAYOR OF A CITY. AND SO I IMMEDIATELY CALLED MY STAFF TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON AND WHAT I HAD BEEN INFORMED ABOUT, BECAUSE THERE'S ALWAYS THE RISK THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS BECOMES PUBLIC. AND SO I THEN CALLED A FRIEND WHO WAS AN

ATTORNEY, AND ASKED HIM TO LOOK AT WHATEVER RECORDS HE COULD, TO UNDERSTAND IF SOMETHING HAD BEEN FILED, AS IT RELATED TO A POSSIBLE EVICTION. AND HE SAID, "WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?" I SAID, "PLEASE LOOK INTO IT." MEANWHILE, I REACHED OUT TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS, AND I ASKED TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THEM ABOUT THE THREE-DAY NOTICE. THEY HAD CLAIMED THAT I HAD NOT PAID RENT, NOT FOR ONE MONTH, NOT FOR TWO MONTHS, BUT FOR THREE MONTHS I HADN'T PAID RENT, AND YET THEY HADN'T NOTIFIED ME FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS? HOW MANY RENTERS HAVE EVER BEEN IN A SITUATION WHERE YOUR LANDLORD DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOU IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR RENT? SO I WENT TO THIS MEETING WITH A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS A LANDLORD IN THE CITY, AS WELL AS A PARALEGAL, JUST TO LISTEN, SO THERE WAS SOMEBODY THERE WITH ME WHILE I SPOKE MY TRUTH, AND HAD TO FACE THE PEOPLE WHO HELD THE FATE OF MY LEASE. MY ABILITY TO CONTINUE LIVING IN MY OWN COMMUNITY, THEY HELD THAT IN THEIR HANDS. IF THEY ARE WILLING TO DO THIS TO A MAYOR OF A CITY-- A CITY THAT, AT THE TIME, FOUGHT FOR RENTERS-- THEY ARE CERTAINLY WILLING TO DO THIS TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE FAR FEWER RESOURCES, FAR FEWER PROTECTIONS. AND IF I HADN'T HAD FRIENDS WHO HAD LEGAL TRAINING TO PROTECT ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED. NOW, IN FAIRNESS, I WANT TO REPRESENT THAT NOT ALL LANDLORDS DO THIS. NOT ALL LANDLORDS COME FROM THIS PLACE. AND IN FACT, I HAVE HEARD STORIES ABOUT LANDLORDS WHO HAVE HELPED PEOPLE THROUGH THIS TIME OF CRISIS, WHO HAVE IN FACT EVEN FOREGONE PAYMENTS OF

MONTHS OF RENT, IN ORDER TO KEEP A VERY SOLID TENANT IN PLACE. SO I WANT TO BE VERY FAIR IN CHARACTERIZING THAT THERE ARE THESE STORIES THAT EXIST, AND I WISH I HAD LANDLORDS LIKE THAT IN THIS CASE. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, I DID HAVE A LANDLORD WHO IS LIKE MANY OF THE HORROR STORIES WE WILL LIKELY HEAR THIS AFTERNOON, AND I WITNESSED IT FIRSTHAND. AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES ME SO PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO PEOPLE WHEN YOU AREN'T PROTECTED. HAVING A RIGHT TO COUNSEL CHANGES THE GAME. I AM SO GLAD WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. I HOPE THAT OUR INCORPORATED CITIES WILL ALSO LOOK TO US AS A MODEL, POTENTIALLY EVEN BE WILLING TO CONTRACT WITH US FOR THIS SERVICE IF WE'RE ABLE TO EXPAND IT IN SUCH A WAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION OF WHAT VITAL RENTER PROTECTIONS WILL EXIST IN L.A. COUNTY. I KNOW WE HAVE ANOTHER ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AS WELL. BUT I CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THESE CRITICAL RENTER PROTECTIONS BEFORE US TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. YOU'VE HEARD A LOT OF PASSION FROM THIS BOARD, AND THIS BOARD IS VERY CONSISTENT IN HOW WE ARE TRYING TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD OUT THERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THIS IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THEM. SO, I THINK FOR SOME PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, WE'RE ASKING FOR A DRAFT ORDINANCE TO COME BACK TO US THAT WOULD GIVE A

RIGHT TO COUNSEL, FIRST, FOR THOSE IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, EXACTLY, GUARANTEEING SOMEONE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. IT MEANS THAT ANYBODY THAT MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SET FORTH BY THIS BOARD WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THIS VERY SPECIFIC--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND WE WOULD PROVIDE THAT AT NO COST?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: AT NO COST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND WHEN YOU SAY "MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT," I THINK THAT SPEAKS A LITTLE BIT TO WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER WAS ASKING, BECAUSE I DID READ ONE LINE THAT SAID, "WITHOUT REGARD TO INCOME," SO THAT THE THINKING IS, ARE WE GOING TO, AGAIN, PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AT OUR COST TO THOSE THAT COULD AFFORD IT ON THEIR OWN?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS CURRENTLY, AS OUR PROGRAM IS OPERATING, 80% A.M.I. OR LOWER. LIKE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL POINTED OUT EARLIER, THE BULK OF OUR CLIENTS ARE AT 30% A.M.I. SO, AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, WE WILL COME BACK WITH

A RECOMMENDATION FOR A THRESHOLD FOR THOSE THAT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE TALKED ABOUT THE $5 MILLION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE COST FOR DOING THIS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY WOULD BE, ANNUALLY?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: SO, IN OUR REPORT, WE'RE TARGETING AROUND 23 TO 25 MILLION. BUT THEN, AS WE START ROLLING DOWN INTO POTENTIAL UNIVERSAL ACCESS-- THIS IS ACCESS FOR REPRESENTATION FOR THOSE OUTSIDE OF THE UNINCORPORATED-- WE'RE LOOKING AT A $30 MILLION PROGRAM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR INCORPORATED CITIES. I KNOW THIS MOTION TALKS ABOUT TRYING TO FIND A FUNDING MODEL THAT WOULD WORK. CAN YOU EXPAND ON THAT, OR ELABORATE ON WHAT YOU THINK THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE FOR OUR CITIES?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YEAH, THERE'S DIFFERENT APPROACHES THAT WE COULD TAKE. RIGHT NOW, CURRENTLY, WE HAVE A MODEL THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH. IN PARTICULAR, THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND OTHER PARTNERS HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING AND AGGREGATING TO THE INVESTMENT THAT THE COUNTY HAS MADE TO EXPAND PROGRAMMING AND

SOME ACUTE ACCESS TO THEIR SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES. IN FACT, WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF CITIES. IN PARTICULAR, YOUR PARTICULAR DISTRICT HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE ABOUT REACHING OUT TO US. WE WERE JUST ON THE PHONE WITH MAYWOOD, AND WE'VE TALKED TO CUDAHY AND OTHER FOLKS AROUND HOW THEY COULD PARTICIPATE AND WHAT THAT COULD LOOK LIKE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND WHAT ARE YOU TELLING THEM, JUST SO I KNOW, IF I RUN INTO THEM?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: SO, CURRENTLY, THERE'S FUNDING THROUGH P.L.H.A. DOLLARS THAT OUR PARTNERS AT L.A.C.D.A. HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PARTICIPATING CITIES. THERE'S ALSO THE PARTICIPATION IN L.A.C.A.H.S.A., WHICH WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE UNTIL WE GET THERE. BUT I ALSO ENCOURAGE THEM TO LOOK AT THEIR OWN BUDGETS, TO LOOK AT THE BENEFIT THAT THIS PROVIDES THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, AND HELPING THEM STABILIZE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK THAT'S GOOD. I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING, COLLEAGUES, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE TO BRING TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION, THEIR CONFERENCES, OR THE CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. THEY HAVE CONFERENCES. THEY'RE ALWAYS WANTING TO LEARN NEW WAYS THAT THEY CAN ALSO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY IN ASSISTING THOSE WHO MOST NEED IT. SO, I

THINK THAT WOULD BE-- WE SHOULD PUSH FORWARD ON THAT. I CERTAINLY, I MEAN, AGREE THAT LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD IS KEY, AS YOU SAID. 80% TO 90% OF THE LANDLORDS THAT COME INTO COURT ARE REPRESENTED. 10% OR LESS OF THE TENANTS ACTUALLY HAVE REPRESENTATION. AND "LEGAL ADVICE" IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE'RE SAYING HERE, RIGHT? GETTING LEGAL ADVICE VERSUS LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THAT?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. LEGAL ADVICE IS TYPICALLY A ONE-OFF ENGAGEMENT WITH THOSE THAT NEED THAT ASSISTANCE, AND WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS THAT FOLKS THAT GET ONE-OFF LEGAL ADVICE TEND TO COME BACK MORE FREQUENTLY, BECAUSE THEY NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. SO, WHEN WE LOOK AT A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH AT THIS, WE'RE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING FOLKS ACHIEVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES IN THIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND ARE WE LOOKING TO INCLUDE OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN THIS PROGRAM?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: ABSOLUTELY. I'VE BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH RICARDO AND ERICA AROUND HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT THERE'S PIPELINES FROM THEIR CLIENTS INTO OUR SERVICES, AS WELL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND I ALSO LIKE THE IDEA THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT OUR MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, BECAUSE I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT SOMETIMES, WHEN THEY GO INTO COURT, THEY'RE ALSO NOT REPRESENTED, AND SOMETIMES DON'T KNOW EXACTLY THE WAYS OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM, AND SOMETIMES DON'T GET THE OUTCOME THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR, EITHER.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: DEFINITELY AGREE. IF WE TALK ABOUT THE STATISTICS, THERE'S ABOUT THAT 10% OF LANDLORDS THAT GO IN THERE UNREPRESENTED. A CASE THAT WE TYPICALLY TALK ABOUT IS WHEN WE THINK ABOUT SOMEONE THAT IS TYPICALLY IN RETIREMENT AGE, LIVING OFF OF SOCIAL SECURITY. THEY'RE RELYING ON A PROPERTY TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR INCOME. TYPICALLY, SOMEBODY IN THAT SITUATION FACES SOME OF THE SAME CHALLENGES NAVIGATING THIS COMPLEX PROCESS. SO, I COMMEND THE BOARD OF THE APPROACH THAT WE'RE TAKING HERE, A VERY BALANCED APPROACH, ENSURING THAT EVERYBODY HAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS SITUATION, BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO SOME EFFICIENCIES IN THIS, RIGHT? IF WE THINK ABOUT-- MUCH AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S EXPERIENCE, I MYSELF HAVE BEEN EVICTED IN THE PAST, AS A YOUNG MAN. I'VE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THESE SERVICES. AND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT, THE STRESS, THE TRAUMA, THE FEAR OF BEING UPROOTED, BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IN A POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAY WITH YOUR LANDLORD, FACING THAT, CONVERSATIONS DON'T GO WELL. SO, WHEN A TENANT HAS A MEDIATOR OR THEIR OWN

LEGAL COUNSEL, AND YOU HAVE CONVERSATIONS COUNSEL TO COUNSEL, IT MITIGATES SOME OF THOSE ISSUES, AND HELPS US COME TO RESOLUTIONS A LOT QUICKER. IF YOU LOOK AT OUR DATA, MOST OF OUR OUTCOMES ARE MEDIATED OUT. THAT MEANS THAT THEY'RE FINDING THOSE SOLUTIONS WITHOUT GOING TO COURT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND I'M GLAD YOU SAID THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I WAS SPEAKING TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABOUT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S AS ROBUST OF AN OFFER AS LEGAL COUNSEL, BECAUSE I AGREE THAT, MANY TIMES, IT'S MEDIATION THAT GETS BOTH SIDES TO WHERE THEY NEED TO BE. AND MANY TIMES, I'VE HEARD, EVEN FOR TENANTS, MEDIATION WORKS TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION. BECAUSE SOMETIMES, NO OFFENSE TO OUR LAWYERS, BUT SOMETIMES THEY CAN GET A LITTLE HOSTILE, AND SOMETIMES THROWING MOTIONS BACK AND FORTH JUST TO PROLONG IT IS, I DON'T THINK, WHAT ANYBODY WANTS. AND I DO THINK THAT'S-- I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM LANDLORDS NONSTOP SINCE YESTERDAY, WHO ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THIS, FOR SOME REASON. BUT PART OF WHAT THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT IS, THIS WILL PROLONG ANY RESOLUTION BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THEIR TENANTS, AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT ANYBODY WANTS. WE WANT GOOD OUTCOMES, AND I THINK MEDIATION CAN GET US THERE QUICKER, SO I JUST WANTED THAT TO BE RIGHT THERE IN THE OFFERING, AS WELL AS LEGAL COUNSEL. SO, THANK YOU. I READ THAT LANGUAGE. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO, MADAM CHAIR, IF I MIGHT, BEFORE WE GO TO THE PUBLIC, CAN I READ IN ACCEPTING YOUR AMENDMENT LANGUAGE, WITH REGARD TO MEDIATION, AS WELL AS [INAUDIBLE]?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL: JUST SO THE PUBLIC HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF WHAT THE MOTION IS THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: EXCELLENT.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, UNDER DIRECTIVE 1, WE WILL ADD IN THE LINE "IN COURT AND MEDIATION." LET ME READ THE WHOLE PARAGRAPH. THAT'S PROBABLY CLEANER. "DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITHIN 10 MONTHS WITH A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION THAT WILL CODIFY LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN COURT AND MEDIATION"-- THAT'S THE NEW LANGUAGE-- "TO ELIGIBLE TENANTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE TENANTS BY FISCAL YEAR '24-'25, CONTINGENT UPON SECURING THE FUNDING. THE ORDINANCE MUST DETERMINE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INCOME THRESHOLD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES." DIRECTIVE 2, NEW LANGUAGE: "AFTER ONE YEAR OF

IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN FISCAL YEAR '25-'26, D.C.B.A. WILL CONDUCT A FINANCIAL PROGRAM EVALUATION, THE COUNTY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MEDIATION PROGRAM." THAT'S THE BARGER-REQUESTED LANGUAGE. THE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT LANGUAGE IS UNDER ITEM 4, SECTION 4, AND IT'S A NEW SUB "A," WHICH READS, "DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY SHOULD INCLUDE AN OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT ANALYSIS THAT EXAMINES AND IDENTIFIES CURRENT OUTREACH EFFORTS WITHIN STAY HOUSED L.A., AND PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER LANDLORD OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WITH CONSIDERATION TO STAFFING AND CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS." AND THOSE BOTH ARE ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS FROM S.D. 4 AND 5.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WE APPRECIATE THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, JUST ON MEDIATION, I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO JUDGES OUT THERE WHO SAY THEY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE MEDIATION IN THEIR COURTROOM, BUT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH. SO, THAT WOULD HOPEFULLY BE IN THIS REPORT BACK; YOU KNOW, A FOCUS ON HOW DO WE EXPAND THE RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO MANY ISSUES. I WOULD THINK LAWYERS, AS WELL. IF WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, WE GOT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE PERSONNEL READY TO STEP UP AND SERVE OUR PUBLIC. THANK YOU. OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE

OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ALMA SAYED, ALONSO LANDEROS, ANA RICO, ANA CARILLON, ANA RODRIGUEZ, ANDRE DONANDO, ANGELICA MENDOZA, ANTONIO SANCHEZ, ATANACIA HERNANDEZ, ARNOLD SACHS, BARBARA SCHULTZ, CARLOS SARAVIA, CARMEN ROCHA, CASSANDRA ARANDA, AND CHAD WILLIAMS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY BEGIN. OKAY. GENEVIEVE DROPPED OUT OF QUEUE. HERE WE GO. GENEVIEVE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, THIS IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD, GENEVIEVE.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: I AM IN FAVOR OF THAT ITEM. WHEN I WAS IN A BAD SITUATION, I COULDN'T GET COUNSEL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, HOLD ON, GENEVIEVE. HOLD ON, HOLD ON. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD YOUR TIME. HOLD HER TIME, PLEASE. OKAY, IT'S GETTING A LITTLE NOISY OUT HERE, SO PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN,

BECAUSE WE WANT TO GIVE EVERYBODY WHO TAKES THE TIME TO CALL IN OR COME THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD. OKAY, GO AHEAD, GENEVIEVE.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, GOOD MORNING AGAIN. YES, WHEN I WAS IN A BAD SITUATION, I COULDN'T GET ANY HELP FOR COUNSEL. EVERYONE WE CALLED TOLD US, "WELL, THAT CASE DOESN'T INTEREST US. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY." I MEAN, I COULD NEVER FIND ANYONE WHO WANTED TO HELP. SO, I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT ITEM, AND I THINK THEY NEED TO BE EDUCATED ON HOW TO HELP THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT THE CASE, RECENTLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT ITEM.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL CHRISTINA CARDENAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHRISTINA CARDENAS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA CARDENAS, AND I AM A PROGRAM MANAGER WITH L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, OPERATING THE WELLNESS CENTER. WE ARE A ONE-STOP DESTINATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR FAMILIES IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND OVER THE PANDEMIC, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST FAMILIES FACING EVICTIONS, MANY OF WHOM DID NOT HAVE THE FUNDS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT THEM WITH VERY AMAZING SERVICES BY STAY HOUSED

L.A., EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S., RENTERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. AND WE ARE HERE TODAY TO STRONGLY SUPPORT RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE EVICTED WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION. RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS ABOUT REDUCING HOMELESSNESS, EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN COURT, AND THE BENEFITS THAT EVERYONE EXPERIENCES WHEN OUR COMMUNITY HAS HOUSING STABILITY. AN EVICTION CASE WILL NEVER BE EQUITABLE AS LONG AS LANDLORDS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS REPRESENTED, AND LESS THAN 10% OF TENANTS HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PAIRED WITH STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS, LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS IN COURT. IT STABILIZES OUR COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS, AND CREATES COST SAVINGS THROUGH THE PREVENTION OF INCREASED DISPLACEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILLIAN TUCKER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO? MS. TUCKER? WE CAN'T HEAR IF SHE'S ON THE LINE.

SPEAKER: OH, I'M SO SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OH, PERFECT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS LILLIAN TUCKER. I'M A RENTER IN EL SEGUNDO. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS, FOR THIS CRITICAL MOTION TO EXPAND TENANT RIGHTS TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE HAVE TO PASS THIS MOTION TO ENSURE ALL OF US HERE IN L.A. HAVE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND ACCESS TO NECESSARY RESOURCES. IT'S BEEN REALLY PAINFUL TO WITNESS THE EVICTION CRISIS AND THE EXORBITANTLY RISING RENTS, PAIRED WITH PRETTY MUCH NEGLIGIBLE INCREASES IN INCOME THAT'S MAKING LIVING HERE UNAFFORDABLE, AND CONTRIBUTING FURTHER TO THE CRISIS OF UNHOUSED PEOPLE. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS MOTION TO USE COUNTY FUNDING TO HELP PROVIDE LEGAL AID TO TENANTS IN NEED, AND I WANT TO KNOW ALL MY NEIGHBORS IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE PROTECTED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JANET GAGNON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: JANET GAGNON, WITH A.A.G.L.A. I APPRECIATE THE TIME, TODAY, TO SPEAK TO YOU ON THIS ISSUE. MOM-AND-POP OWNERS ARE A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY, PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED RENTAL HOUSING. WITH THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY IS WEAPONIZING AN

ALREADY LONG AND DIFFICULT PROCESS FOR SMALL OWNERS PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS. THIS MOTION IS THE WRONG APPROACH, AND DOES NOT ADDRESS THE BASIC PROBLEM OF RENTERS UNABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT. RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS AND RENTERS NEED EACH OTHER, JUST AS ANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS CUSTOMERS, AND VICE VERSA. THE COUNTY SHOULD BE WORKING TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE THAT RELATIONSHIP, NOT UNDERMINE OR DESTROY IT. D.C.B.A. ALREADY HAS A MEDIATION PROGRAM THAT IS WOEFULLY UNDERUTILIZED, WHEN IT SHOULD BE FIRST STOP, NOT LAST STOP FOR EVICTION PREVENTION, AT A MUCH LOWER COST TO THE COUNTY. MOM-AND-POP OWNERS ARE NOT PART OF THE UNEQUAL POWER DYNAMIC STEREOTYPE OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL DURING HIS COMMENTS.

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

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

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO HORVATH FOR THAT DEEPLY MOVING TESTIMONY ABOUT ACTUALLY BEING A RENTER WHO WAS EVICTED. EVEN MORE MOVING IF YOU WEREN'T THE MAYOR AT THAT TIME, BUT STILL VERY MOVING AND A GREAT STORY, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR SAYING THAT EVERY PUBLIC SPEAKER WHO CALLS IN GETS A RIGHT

TO-- I THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO SAY "COUNSEL," BUT SHE SAID, "TO BE HEARD," SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE LAST SPEAKER JUST SAID, ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE ABOUT-- YOU KNOW, I'M NOT AN APARTMENT ASSOCIATION GUY. I DO LIKE MOM-AND-POPS, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHY WE'RE NOT TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, RATHER THAN MAKE IT MORE CONTENTIOUS. AND THE REASON WHY, WE DO HAVE TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM BEING THROWN OUT IMPROPERLY, BUT MEDIATION IS TRICKY. D.C.B.A., THEY CAN'T-- IT'S NOT REQUIRED. SO, IF YOU HAVE AN UNPLEASANT PARTY ON ONE SIDE, IT'S VERY HARD. MAYBE YOU CAN WORK ON A LAW THAT MAKES MEDIATION REQUIRED. BECAUSE THEN IT'S DONE. THERE'S NO BACK AND FORTH, ENRICHING LAWYERS, AS OPPOSED TO ENRICHING LIVES. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS IRMA CERVANTES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HOLD ON.

TRANSLATOR: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DO WE HAVE A TRANSLATOR?

TRANSLATOR: YES.

SPEAKER: SI.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: MY NAME IS IRMA CERVANTES, AND I AM A TENANT, AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT 4.

SPEAKER: NUMBER ONE. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: DISTRICT NUMBER 1. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR BEING ABLE TO SUPPORT THE TENANTS IN THE COUNTY, AND TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE, AND ALSO FOR THE RIGHT TO A LAWYER AND THE R.S.O. IN ARTICLE 23 AND ARTICLE 14. AS A TENANT, I SUPPORT THAT ORDINANCE TO HAVE A RIGHT TO A LAWYER. THAT'S TO REDUCE FOR US TO BE EVICTED, AND ALSO TO HAVE A RIGHT IN COURT, AND A DEFENSE, AND THE BENEFITS THAT OUR COMMUNITY DOES SEE, ONCE WE HAVE STABLE HOUSING. AN EVICTION WILL NEVER BE EQUAL WHEN THE OWNERS ARE ALWAYS REPRESENTED.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, EVERYBODY. JULY IS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH, SO HAPPY PRIDE MONTH, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM ONE OF THE CONSUMERS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS MY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, AND I'M IN GREAT SUPPORT OF THIS. I AM ONE OF THE ALMOST QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE THAT GETS SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. IT'S A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. IT'S A DISABILITY ISSUE. FOR MANY OF US, WE HAVE SAID, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE FUNDED TO SUPPORT OUR INDIVIDUALS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT MANY OF US THAT LIVE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS OR HAVE OTHER DISABILITIES, GETTING HOUSING AND RETAINING HOUSING IS A

SIGNIFICANT ISSUE THAT OFTENTIMES IS DETERMINED NOT ONLY BY OUR DISABILITY, BUT BY THE STIGMA AROUND IT. SO, I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND ALL OF YOU FOR REALLY DOING THIS. THIS IS A REALLY GREAT MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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

SPEAKER: I SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD COUNSEL. 34% OF THE PROPERTIES BEING PURCHASED IN LOS ANGELES IN THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY INVESTMENT FIRMS AND DEVELOPERS. THESE FIRMS TYPICALLY USE A MANAGEMENT FIRM TO RAISE RENTS YEARLY, AND ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO EVICT. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE TICKING TIME BOMB OF PROPOSITION 19. IF HEIRS OF THE MOM-AND-POP PROPERTIES WANT TO KEEP THE PROPERTY, PROPOSITION 19 WILL REQUIRE THEM FINANCIALLY TO INCREASE RENTS, POSSIBLY BY AS MUCH AS $300 TO $400 A MONTH. THE COUNTY SHOULD LOOK INTO FORGIVING THE TAX INCREASE IF THE HEIR AGREES TO KEEP RENTS BELOW THE LOW INCOME LEVEL. I URGE YOU TO LOOK INTO THIS, OR WE MAY SEE MANY MORE HIGHER RENTS AND EVICTIONS. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: YES, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS MOTION, BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN HOW SOME NONPROFITS HAVE WORKED AGAINST LANDLORDS, AND THAT HAS CAUSED GENTRIFICATION. WE HAVE SOME BAD ACTORS THAT DO RENT STRIKES, AND SO THE LANDLORD CANNOT UPKEEP THE PROPERTY, AND SOMETIMES THEIR PROPERTY IS SEIZED. SO, MEDIATION IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS WHO BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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

BARBARA SCHULTZ: AH, YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BARBARA SCHULTZ, FROM LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I AM ALSO ONE OF THE MANY LEADERS OF STAY HOUSED L.A. THAT YOU SEE HERE TODAY. RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS ABOUT ACCESS TO JUSTICE, IT'S ABOUT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AND IT'S ALSO A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PROBABLY AT LEAST A DOZEN STUDIES, COST-BENEFIT ANALYSES, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY OF HOW RIGHT TO COUNSEL WORKS, HOW IT BOTH REDUCES THE NUMBER OF EVICTION FILINGS, BUT ALSO, OF COURSE, IS A COST SAVINGS FOR JURISDICTIONS THAT ENACT IT. THE 2019 STUDY DONE OF L.A. COUNTY FOUND THERE WOULD BE $240 MILLION IN SAVINGS BY

ENACTING RIGHT TO COUNSEL. I ALSO WANTED TO OFFER THIS BODY A BRIEFING OF SOME SORT TO EXPLAIN HOW EVICTION CASES WORK, HOW THEY GO THROUGH THE COURTS, HOW THEY'RE SETTLED, BECAUSE I THINK ALL OF THAT WOULD REALLY HELP EVERYONE UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

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

SPEAKER: HI, YES. MY NAME IS CASSANDRA ARANDA. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M CASSANDRA ARANDA, AN A.C.E. MEMBER AND A TENANT FROM DISTRICT 2, AND RIGHT TO COUNSEL ORDINANCE IS DEEPLY PERSONAL TO ME. IN MY AREA, MY LANDLORD IS KNOWN FOR PURCHASING HOMES ONLY TO DEMOLISH THEM A FEW YEARS LATER, LEAVING TENANTS LIKE ME WITH NO OPTIONS. IF THIS TREND CONTINUES, DISTRICT 2 WILL LACK EQUITABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. LOSING THOSE C.O.V.I.D. PROTECTIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR MADE ME VULNERABLE TO SUCH ACTIONS. DESPITE THIS IMPENDING DISPLACEMENT, I RECEIVED A LETTER NOTIFYING ME OF A $200 RENT INCREASE, TOTALING $2,900 MONTHLY, STARTING SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. THIS IS UNJUSTIFIED, GIVEN THE REDUCED SERVICES AND MY LANDLORD'S PLANS TO BUILD HOUSING FOR SALE IN THE FUTURE. MEANWHILE, MY NEIGHBORS FACE NO SUCH INCREASE. IT'S CLEAR I'M BEING TARGETED. THANKFULLY, MY TENANT UNION, THEY SUPPORT ME, BUT I KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY NEIGHBORS AROUND ME THAT LACK THIS AID. RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS CRUCIAL AND IT LEVELS THE

PLAYING FIELD, PROVIDING RESOURCES TO DEFEND TENANTS' RIGHTS. PLEASE STAND WITH STRUGGLING RENTERS LIKE ME. SUPPORT THE RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A FUTURE WHERE FAIRNESS--

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANA RICO, AND I AM A TENANT FROM DISTRICT 1. AND I AM HERE TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, SOLIS, AND HORVATH, IN SUPPORTING THE TENANTS OF THE COUNTY, AND REPRESENTING US WITH THIS MOTION TO ESTABLISH A LAWYER TO PROTECT AS OUR COUNSEL, TO PROTECT US IN THE COUNTY. SO, I ALSO AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE NEED OF A LAWYER BECAUSE I'M GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT SITUATION. MY HUSBAND HASN'T WORKED FOR THREE WEEKS, AND WE WEREN'T ABLE TO MAKE RENT. AND SO THEN I CONTACTED S.A.J.E., THE ORGANIZATION S.A.J.E., SO THAT THEY CAN SUPPORT ME. AND SO, RIGHT NOW, I'M IN A BIT OF A LIMBO, BECAUSE I AM KIND OF ANTICIPATING THAT I WILL BE APPOINTED TO BE EVICTED. AND I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE MANAGER THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNT OF RENT THAT I WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE, BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET TO THE FULL AMOUNT. AND SO THAT IS THE REASON THAT I AM REQUESTING THAT WE DO NEED HELP AND ASSISTANCE.

SPEAKER: GRACIAS.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ATANACIA HERNANDEZ, AND I AM HERE TO THANK MS. MITCHELL AND SOLIS IN HELPING US TO GET A LAWYER, BECAUSE THE OWNERS OF THESE PROPERTIES DO THREATEN US, SAYING THAT WE CAN'T MAKE IT TO COURT BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD A LAWYER. AND SOME TIME AGO, DURING THE PANDEMIC, THE OWNER OF THE HOME WOULD THREATEN ME AND KICK ME OUT, AND I HAD NOWHERE TO GO. AND I HAVE TWO KIDS, NOWHERE TO GO. NOW I'M ASKING HER TO FIX THE HOME, AND SHE'S NOT DOING IT, EITHER. AND SO NOW I'M HAPPY, BECAUSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IF WE DO MAKE IT TO TRIAL OR COURT, AND NOW I DON'T HAVE TO GET OUT, IN CASE THEY TRY TO GET ME OUT OF THE HOUSE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARMEN. AND I AM HERE TO GIVE MY THANKS TO HILDA SOLIS AND HORVATH FOR SUPPORTING US TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. SO, YOU KNOW, WE FEAR EVICTION. AS IT IS, I DID RECEIVE A LETTER FOR EVICTION, BUT IT TURNS OUT THAT IT WAS A COPY. AND I CAN'T AFFORD RENT RIGHT NOW. I CAN'T REALLY AFFORD RENT, OR TO PAY THE RENT. AND WE'RE JUST COMING UP WITH GATHERING THE MONEY FOR THIS MONTH, AND WE'RE ALREADY THINKING OF THE NEXT MONTH, AND THEN WE'RE BEHIND ON OTHER MONTHS. AND TO THINK OF WHAT WE OWE IS VERY STRESSFUL. IT'S A DEVASTATING SITUATION, NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THAT SITUATION. SO, I WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU WOULD VOTE, AND YOU WOULD JUST APPROVE, SO THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANA CARILLON. I AM A MEMBER OF S.A.J.E., AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT NUMBER 2. AND THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY IS TO ASK ALL OF THE WOMEN, THE BOARD FULL OF WOMEN, THE SUPERVISORS THAT ARE LEADING THIS BOARD, TO SUPPORT ALL OF US TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF SERVICE FOR US IN THE L.A. COMMUNITY, AND TO HAVE OUR HOUSING, SINCE IT IS A RIGHT, BECAUSE WE ARE REQUESTING THIS ON A PUBLIC BUDGET. AND WE ALSO

WANT YOU TO PLEASE APPROVE IT, AND THE GENTLEMAN THAT IS SITTING HERE TO PLEASE COME UP WITH A PLAN WITH THE STATE BAR LAWYERS FROM CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO FOR THIS SERVICE TO BE MONITORED, BECAUSE THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO CHARGE, AND THEY SAY THAT IT IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. AND TRULY, SO THAT IT IS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. NOW, I AM A SINGLE MOTHER WITH FIVE CHILDREN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW, BEFORE WE GO TO YOU, WE'RE GOING TO CALL SOME MORE NAMES.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: CHERYL QUINTANA LEADER, DANIEL JIMENEZ, DAVID BREVARD, DEVON WILLIAMS, DOMINGO SOLARDANOS, DULCE AMBRES, EDGAR VALENCIA, FRANCISCO CONEJO LOVATO, GEORGINA SERRANO, GALAFRIA LOPEZ, HASSAN ZUNIGA, AND HEIDI GONZALEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHAD WILLIAMS. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, A.C.E. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO JUST GO AHEAD AND THANK EVERYBODY WHO IS HERE MENTALLY, PUTTING THE WORK IN, SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY, TO BE HERE FOR THIS IMPORTANT DAY. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 14. I'M GOING TO KEEP IT A BUCK-FIFTY

WITH Y'ALL, LIKE 100%. PEOPLE ARE TIRED, RIGHT? PEOPLE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED, WITH HAVING TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES, PUT ALL THE WORK ON THEMSELVES TO GO INTO THESE COURTS AND HAVE TO DEAL WITH PAGES AND PAGES OF DOCUMENTS, AND HAVE NO ONE STANDING NEXT TO THEM. RIGHT? AS AN ORGANIZER IN THE 10TH DISTRICT, I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH SOMEBODY WHO IS DEALING WITH A U.D., THAT HAS NOBODY. THEY HAVE TO DO ALL THAT WORK, AND ALSO GO TO WORK AT THE SAME TIME. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DATA, RIGHT, IT'S LIKE 10% OF FOLKS WHO AREN'T REPRESENTED, RIGHT? 10% OF TENANTS THAT DON'T HAVE ANY TYPE OF REPRESENTATION. SO, Y'ALL JUST NEED TO MAKE IT REALLY SIMPLE, AND JUST GO AHEAD AND PASS RIGHT TO COUNSEL, AND MAKE THAT DECISION TOGETHER.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: MY NAME IS ALONSO LANDEROS. I AM FROM DISTRICT 9, A MEMBER OF A.C.E. AND MAY WE PLEASE HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PLEASE? I WILL SHARE MY STORY, MY SITUATION. THE OWNER AND THE SON HAD GONE TO THE PROPERTY THAT I LIVE, VARIOUS TIMES, TO SAY INAPPROPRIATE WORDS IN FRONT OF MY SON, AND EVEN TO THREATEN ME WITH A BAT, AND THE POLICE GOT THERE. MONTHS LATER, HE HIT ME AGAIN, AND THE AMBULANCE PICKED ME UP.

SO I HAD TO ASK FOR MONEY, BORROWED MONEY TO GET A LAWYER. PLEASE HAVE THIS STOP, SO OTHER FAMILIES DON'T GO THROUGH WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS HEIDI GONZALEZ. I'M A TENANT ORGANIZER WITH EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S. I WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT THE TENANTS RECEIVE WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN EVICTED. THEY USUALLY RECEIVE IT ON FRIDAYS, AND HAVE FIVE DAYS TO ANSWER. IF THEY DON'T, WE AUTOMATICALLY LOSE OUR CASE. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A LAWYER OVER A WEEKEND, AND IT'S MORE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A LAWYER WITHIN TWO WEEKDAYS. IF YOU DON'T ANSWER, YOU WILL GET AN EVICTION ON YOUR RECORD THAT WILL PREVENT US TO RENT ANOTHER APARTMENT FOR YEARS. I BET YOU NO ONE OF YOU COULD ANSWER ALL THESE PAPERS ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT MAKING ANY MISTAKES. TODAY IS THE DAY YOU CAN APPROVE AND PASS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, TO GIVE US AN EQUAL CHANCE IN COURT TO DEFEND OUR CASES, OUR ROOFS, OUR CASITAS. PLEASE, DO YOUR PART. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANGELICA MENDOZA, AND I LIVE IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. ON JUNE 15TH, I RECEIVED A NOTICE, A LETTER FOR EVICTION OF 60 DAYS. I'VE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THE SITUATION FOR THREE YEARS, AND I'M HERE SO THAT I CAN GET SUPPORT WITH A LAWYER. AND ALSO, I'M A SINGLE MOTHER WITH THREE CHILDREN. AND AT THE MOMENT, I HAVE VERY SMALL AMOUNTS OF JOBS. I'M UP TO DATE WITH THE PAYMENTS IN MY RENT. AND I ALSO FEEL HARASSED, JUST LIKE THE LAST GENTLEMAN, BECAUSE THE GENTLEMAN PUT CAMERAS ALL OVER THE HOUSE. THE OWNER DOESN'T LIVE IN THE PROPERTY, BUT THEY ARE CONSTANTLY GOING INTO THE PROPERTY, OR TO THE PROPERTY. MY CHILDREN AND I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE, BECAUSE THE OWNERS ARE CONSTANTLY GOING. I WANT TO FIGHT, BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL THAT IT'S FAIR THAT THEY WANT TO EVICT ME, BECAUSE I'M UP TO DATE WITH ALL MY PAYMENTS. I DO HOPE YOU CAN HELP ME. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DANIEL JIMENEZ, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH INNERCITY STRUGGLE, ALSO A PROUD MEMBER OF THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED COALITION, AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT ITEM 14 AND 23, AND TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SOLIS, AND HORVATH FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MOVING FORWARD A MOTION THAT IS GOING TO PROTECT SO MANY TENANTS IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMUNITY FACING EVICTION, AND I STRONGLY

SUPPORT A RIGHT TO COUNSEL, BECAUSE I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW HARD IT IS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO OBTAIN LEGAL REPRESENTATION WHEN PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, AND WHEN MOST OF THE INCOME GOES TO THE HIGH PRICE OF RENT. WE KNOW THAT LESS THAN 10% OF TENANTS-- YOU ALREADY SAID IT, RIGHT-- GET REPRESENTATION, WHILE LANDLORDS ARE BEING REPRESENTED LEFT AND RIGHT. JUST TO PROVIDE A SMALL STATISTIC HERE, L.A. IS FACING AN EVICTION CRISIS. ALREADY IN LAST YEAR, WE HAD ABOUT 35,000 CASES BEING FILED. THIS IS CONTINUING TO GO UP. THIS YEAR, IT'S GOING TO GO UP MORE, AND AS LONG AS WE DON'T HAVE STRONG TENANT PROTECTIONS AND RIGHT TO COUNSEL, WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT MORE PEOPLE IN THE STREETS. THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PAIRED WITH THE STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH--

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARLOS SARAVIA. I'M PART OF DISTRICT 1, HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AS A PERSON THAT LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY, AND HERE, LOCALLY, I WANT TO MEET MY REPRESENTATIVES, AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO. I KNOW IT'S A

LOT. AND SO NOW I'M HERE TO MEET YOU AND TO CONVERSE WITH YOU, TO SPEAK MORE ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE TO DEFEND US, TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE WITH THE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, AND ALSO THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE LOW RESOURCES, THAT NEED A LAWYER. AND I DO HOPE THAT YOU VOTE AND THAT YOU APPROVE, SO THAT WE HAVE THOSE RESOURCES FOR THEM. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER: HAPPY TUESDAY. MY NAME IS EDGAR VALENCIA, AND I'M A CITIZEN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR STRUGGLING RENTERS. MY EXPERIENCE OF WHAT IT FEELS LIKE WHEN YOU HAVE NO LEGAL REPRESENTATION, WHEN THEY TRY TO EVICT YOU, WAS HORRIBLE. IT IS UNDESERVED, ABUSIVE, AND IMPROPER THAT LANDLORDS USE THE MONEY THAT THEY MAKE FROM THE HIGH PRICES FOR RENT THAT WE PAY THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN BE WELL REPRESENTED AGAINST US IN COURT, WHILE OUR SITUATION IS THIS: WE EITHER PAY A LAWYER TO PROTECT US FROM BEING EVICTED, OR WE PAY THE HIGH MONTHLY RENT. AND SOME OF US BARELY CAN AFFORD TO PAY THE HIGH RENT WITH OUR INCOME, MUCH LESS WILL WE BE ABLE TO PAY FOR A LAWYER. BUT WHEN I GOT LEGAL

REPRESENTATION-- AND I MAY SAY THAT I GOT HELP FROM S.A.J.E. AND THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION-- I WAS DEFENDED BY PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE RIGHTS TO THE TENANTS, AND HOW THE COURT WORKS AND FUNCTIONS. EVEN THOUGH I STILL WAS NERVOUS, I FELT RELIEF, AND I GOT HOPE THAT THE LAWS THAT ARE PROTECTING US FROM EVICTION WERE GOING TO BE ON MY SIDE.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTONIA SANCHEZ. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, ESPECIALLY THOSE REPRESENTATIVES THAT REPRESENT US. I'M FROM DISTRICT 1, HILDA SOLIS, BECAUSE WE GET A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM HER. I COME FROM A.C.E., AND THE PURPOSE OF MY COMMENT TODAY IS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN LIVING 24 YEARS IN THE PLACE THAT I LIVE NOW. I HAVE RECEIVED HARASSMENT FROM THE OWNER. I DON'T ENTERTAIN HIS HARASSMENT OR HIS COMMENTS. I DON'T GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY. HE CAN'T WITH ME, SO NOW HE'S SWITCHED ON THE TENANTS. NOW HE'S DOING IT TO MY NEIGHBOR. AND SO NOW I HAVE HARASSMENT WITH THAT FAMILY. AND NOW EVEN MORE SO, BECAUSE I AM ALONE. MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY. AND WITH ALL THOSE MOMENTS THAT I'VE GONE THROUGH, THOSE DIFFICULT MOMENTS, NOW I AM ALSO GOING THROUGH DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY. AND THAT'S MY WORRY, BECAUSE IF THEY ASK FOR THE HOUSE, THEN WE'RE GOING

TO HAVE TO LEAVE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY, HI. MY NAME IS DULCE, AND I AM A TENANT IN GLENDALE, DISTRICT 5, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT RIGHT TO COUNSEL. SO, I'M JUST STANDING HERE LISTENING TO EVERYONE, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH REALLY HARD TIMES. AND ESPECIALLY, I WANT TO SPEAK TRUTH TO, LIKE, THE PANDEMIC IS STILL IMPACTING US. SO, IMAGINE YOU GET SICK FROM WORK. YOU'RE UNABLE TO PAY RENT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GO TO WORK. MAYBE YOU'RE SO PHYSICALLY ILL, AND THEN YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH A LANDLORD WHO DOESN'T WANT TO CONSIDER THAT SITUATION, AND YOU DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO COUNSEL. AT THAT POINT, YOU'RE FIGHTING A FIGHT THAT SEEMS REALLY IMPOSSIBLE. SO, I REALLY WANT US TO JUST BE ABLE TO HAVE A RIGHT TO COUNSEL, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME WHEN SO MANY OF US ARE VULNERABLE. SO MANY MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS ARE BEING AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D. SO, I REALLY WANT THE COUNTY TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE TENANTS TODAY, AND GIVE US RIGHT TO COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

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

CHERYL QUINTANA LEADER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHERYL QUINTANA LEADER. I'M AN AWARD-WINNING WRITER, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER FOR INDIVISION 2000, THAT PRODUCES VIDEOS, HIRING, CASTING, AND CREWING DIVERSE WOMEN IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND THE CAMERA. I ALSO HAVE DONE 17 "LATINAS IN HOLLYWOOD: HERSTORIES," EDUCATING OUR YOUTH ON CAREERS IN THE FUTURE, AND DIVERSE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AT L.A. CITY HALL. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR HEARING FROM US TODAY. I'M A TENANT ON G.R. HOUSING SUBSIDY, WHO CURRENTLY RESIDES IN THE 5TH DISTRICT. HAVING BEEN HOMELESS, LIVING IN MY CAR WITH MY TWO DOGS FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS, I SUPPORT A RIGHT TO COUNSELING FOR STRUGGLING RENTERS LIKE MYSELF, WITH LEGAL SUPPORT. WITHOUT LEGAL SUPPORT, IN 2009, I WAS EVICTED AFTER A DIFFICULT DIVORCE IN THE 4TH DISTRICT. FOUR YEARS LATER, WITHOUT LEGAL SUPPORT, I WAS EVICTED IN THE 3RD DISTRICT AFTER HAVING TO SUE THE CITY FOR NONPAYMENT OF $8,000 IN LONG BEACH, ON A VIDEO PROJECT I PRODUCED CALLED "HEALTHY HOMES: EDUCATING FIFTH GRADERS ON ASTHMA TRIGGERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SAFETIES AT HOME," AFTER THE FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC DEBACLE. THREE YEARS LATER--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA COMMENTS THAT YOU DIDN'T GET IN THE MINUTE, YOU CAN CERTAINLY TURN THEM IN, AND WE'LL READ THEM.

CHERYL QUINTANA LEADER: OKAY, THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS HASSAN. I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH A.C.E., BUT I'M ALSO A TENANT IN DISTRICT 1, WITH HILDA. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT, MS. HORVATH, SUPERVISOR, I WENT THROUGH THAT, TOO, AS AN ORGANIZER. I GOT AN EVICTION THREE MONTHS WITH A CORPORATION, GREYSTAR, LAGUNA POINT. AND [INAUDIBLE] IN THE MORNING, ME GOING TO THE COURT TO HELP SOMEBODY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A LAWYER, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WIN THEIR COURT, WHICH THEY DID, BECAUSE OF THE ADVISEMENT THAT I GAVE THEM THAT DAY, AS NOT A LAWYER, BUT THROUGH THE TRAINING, THROUGH [INAUDIBLE] VIDEOS, THROUGH ALSO WORK THAT STAY HOUSED IS DOING. I WAS ABLE TO FIND-- AND THAT SAME DAY, IT WAS 17 PEOPLE ON MY BUILDING RECEIVING A THREE-MONTH NOTICE, FOR THREE MONTHS' FAILED PAYMENT, AND THEY WERE DOING THAT ON PURPOSE TO EVICT PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY DIDN'T HAVE A LAWYER. THEY DIDN'T KNOW THEIR RIGHTS. BUT THEY DID HAVE ME, AND I MADE SURE THAT A LOT OF THOSE PEOPLE KEPT HOME, AND SOME OF THEM LEFT. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. SO MAKE SURE YOU PASS RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR ALL THOSE TENANTS THAT NEED IT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS GEORGINA SERRANO. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2, AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU. AS A HOUSING COUNSELOR, I LISTEN TO THESE STORIES ALL DAY LONG. I NEED TO BREATHE AND RELEASE, BECAUSE I'M BROKEN INSIDE. BUT WHEN I SAY I CAN PROVIDE A FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, IT'S HOPE IN MY EYES AND MY HEART, AND THE PEOPLE WHO LISTEN TO MY VOICE AS A COUNSELOR: "DON'T WORRY. NOBODY EVICT YOU. REST WELL. THERE'S AN ATTORNEY AVAILABLE FOR YOU. THERE'S EDUCATION FOR YOU. I'M HERE FOR YOU." WE ARE [INAUDIBLE] WITH 40 YEARS SERVING THE [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY. SOME PEOPLE DON'T SPEAK SPANISH, [INAUDIBLE] LANGUAGE. BUT WE HERE, TOGETHER IN THIS CRISIS, PLEASE, PLEASE AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING RIGHT TO COUNSEL.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME'S CLARITA LOPEZ. I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH S.A.J.E., AND I FOCUS ON TENANT RIGHTS. EVERY SINGLE TUESDAY, WE HAVE A TENANT ACTION CLINIC, AND WE HAVE TENANTS THAT WILL COME IN WITH UNLAWFUL DETAINER, FRANTICALLY ASKING FOR HELP. A LOT OF THE TIMES, THEY COME WITH THEIR CHILDREN. A LOT OF THE TIMES, WE'RE ACTUALLY FORCED TO SEND THESE TENANTS TO LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE KNOW HAVE LONG

WAIT LISTS, THAT WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THOSE LAWYERS. AND ANOTHER THING THAT WE KNOW IS, IF THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO FIND A LAWYER, 90% OF THE TIME, THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE THEIR CASES. THEY'RE GOING TO END UP HOMELESS. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE SUPPORT A STRONG RIGHT TO COUNSEL. A LOT OF THE TIMES, THESE TENANTS ARE BEING EVICTED UNFAIRLY, JUST BECAUSE THE LANDLORD WANTS TO RAISE RENT. AND BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A LAWYER, THESE TENANTS END UP LOSING. TO STOP DISPLACEMENT, TO STOP HOMELESSNESS, WE NEED TO HAVE A RIGHT TO COUNSEL, AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I THINK WE NEED TO CALL MORE NAMES AT THIS POINT, I'VE BEEN TOLD.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: EMMA VASQUEZ, KATHERINE CLAY, ANDREA MCPHERSON, JAY GAINES, ERICA ELIAS, JAMES HARTMAN, JAMARI BURKETT, JASMINE GONZALEZ, JASON MERCADO, JEFF WU, JEFFREY WEBB, EVA GARCIA, JESSA MCCORMACK, JORDAN WYNN, JOSE FELIX, JULIO JIMENEZ, KAREN QUOK, FLOR HERNANDEZ, KATRINA WILLIAMS, KEITH MOCK, KEVIN WILLIAMS, KENYA WILLIS, AND GABRIELA BORRERO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIR-- OH, I'M SORRY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY ON THE PHONE? NO. OKAY, IN PERSON. WELCOME.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO CONEJO LOVATO. I AM A MEMBER OF A.C.E., AND I LIVE IN BELL GARDENS, AND I AM FACING EVICTION, AND I NEED A LAWYER OR REPRESENTATIVE. AND THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT HOLLY MITCHELL AND HILDA SOLIS, THAT REPRESENT THIS MOTION TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE TENANTS THAT ARE HERE REPRESENTING THE SITUATION. AT THE MOMENT, I DON'T HAVE A LAWYER, SO I DO NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF A LAWYER THAT CAN HELP US, WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THE LEGAL SERVICES, SO THEY CAN SUPPORT US, THE TENANTS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE SUPERVISORS MENTIONED IS THAT THEY WANT TO TAKE US OUT, SO THAT THEY CAN INCREASE THE RENT, EXTREMELY. I AM GRATEFUL TO YOUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. THANK YOU. AND THEY JUST WANT TO KICK US OUT, BECAUSE THEY FEEL LIKE IT, THESE OWNERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT? CAN WE HELP HIM TODAY? BECAUSE HE IS HERE, AND HE NEEDS A LAWYER.

SPEAKER: MY STAFF IS RIGHT THERE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. CAN WE CONNECT HIM? THANK YOU. GOOD LUCK. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. IF YOU LISTEN VERY CLOSELY, YOU'D LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THIS [EXPLETIVE]. IT'S NOT VERY UPLIFTING. THE EFFICACY OF THIS DISCUSSION IS A LOAD OF [EXPLETIVE]. FIRST OF ALL, PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO COUNSEL. LISTENING TO THESE PEOPLE SPEAK, THEY GET THESE NOTICES ON A FRIDAY. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY TIME. THE PROBLEM IS, THEY DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO GET AN EXTENSION ON THEIR COURT CASE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. WHY CAN'T THEY GO TO COURT AND ASK FOR AN EXTENSION, FIND OUT THE PROCEDURE TO GET AN EXTENSION, SO THEY GET MORE THAN FIVE DAYS? THAT WAY, THEY CAN GO SEE AN ATTORNEY, GET FREE LEGAL AID. THIS ORDINANCE IS A LOT OF [EXPLETIVE]. IS IT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY, OR IS IT FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY, WHICH MEANS IT'S FOR THE CORPORATE CITIES? WHICH IS IT, MS. HAHN? SPEAK UP! YOUR BUDDY'S OUT THERE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'LL SPEAK UP. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO. MY NAME IS EUNICIA [INAUDIBLE]. SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE MOTION THAT YOU PRESENTED FOR AN ORDINANCE TO HAVE COUNSEL REPRESENT US. JUST

LIKE MANY TENANTS AND MYSELF, WE NEED THAT ORDINANCE AFTER THE PANDEMIC, WITH ALL THE EVICTIONS THAT WE'VE BEEN FACING. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE SUFFERED A LOT FROM THAT. THEY'VE TRIED TO EVICT US. AND SINCE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SUCCEED, THEY'VE HARASSED US A LOT. THEY BLOCKED THE PARKING, THEY CHANGED THE LOCKS ON THE MAIN DOORS, AND I MEAN, REALLY, IT'S JUST A LOT OF HARASSMENT. AND SO THE TENANT, WHEN HE DOESN'T HAVE REPRESENTATION, HE DOESN'T HAVE COUNSEL IN A COURT, THEN HE FEELS ALONE. THE OWNERS HAVE AN ENTIRE TEAM OF LAWYERS THAT REPRESENT THEM, AND THE TENANT HAS NONE. SO, WHEN THE TENANT GOES, AND HE DOESN'T HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, HE'S GOING TO GO THERE AND LOSE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: GRACIAS.

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

JAI BENTLEY GAINES: GOOD DAY. MY NAME IS JAI BENTLEY GAINES. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GROWING UP HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA AND GOING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WHICH IS ONE OF THE BEST EDUCATIONS ANYBODY CAN GET, AND EVEN WITH THAT, AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER IS A CHALLENGING SET OF DOCUMENTATION. YOU KNOW, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES DID NOT GROW

UP HERE. THEY DID NOT GO TO SCHOOL HERE. THEY CAME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. THIS IS LITERALLY A MELTING POT, AND THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS ARE NOT ENTIRELY EQUAL. SO, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT JUST DON'T HAVE THE CHOPS, EDUCATIONALLY, TO GO THROUGH THE DOCUMENT. AND TO FACE-- LIKE, RIGHT NOW, I'M FACING A PROFESSIONAL ATTORNEY, AND IT'S A TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL ATTORNEYS. AND I HAD THE KNOWLEDGE TO GO OUT AND GET THE INFORMATION THAT I DON'T ALREADY HAVE, BUT IT'S STILL A CHALLENGE. SO, THIS IS DEFINITELY NEEDED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EMMA VASQUEZ, AND I'M SUFFERING FROM AN EVICTION. I HAVE NO LAWYER. I NEED A LAWYER FOR THE 16TH AND 22ND OF AUGUST. AND, REALLY, I HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO IS 26 YEARS OLD, AND SHE'S THE ONE THAT'S COVERING THE LITTLE BIT THAT WE CAN'T FOR THE RENT. SHE'S CRYING BECAUSE SHE HAS A CAT, SHE HAS A DOG, AND SHE'S AFRAID. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF THEY KICK US OUT? ARE WE GOING TO BE IN THE STREETS WITH THE DOGS? I'M REALLY AFRAID THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING. WE'VE BEEN LIVING THERE FOR 17 YEARS. AND, REALLY, IT'S BEEN 17 YEARS, AND WE'VE SUFFERED SO

MUCH WITH A LOT OF ISSUES, ISSUES OF LIVING THERE. AND, REALLY, WE'VE TRIED TO CALL. WE'VE TRIED TO E-MAIL. THEY DON'T LISTEN. THEY DON'T PAY ATTENTION. SO, REALLY, I MEAN, ONCE WE FELL BEHIND, WE DID RECEIVE THE THREE-DAY NOTICE, AND WE PAID HALF, BUT THEY'RE NOT LISTENING. WE NEED A LAWYER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. GOOD AFTERNOON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND IF WE CAN CONNECT HER TO THE STAFF RIGHT HERE THAT CAN HELP HER TODAY? THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HOW YOU DOING. MY NAME IS JAMARI BURKETT, AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF CHANGING FACES OF THE HOMELESS, AND THEY'VE BEEN HERE FOR ME WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. I THINK YOU GUYS NEED TO KEEP THESE PLACES OPEN AND GIVE THESE PLACES OPPORTUNITIES, BECAUSE THEY ARE HELPING THE HOMELESS, AND THEY'RE HELPING PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EVA GARCIA, AND I'M AN ORGANIZER OF COLECTIVO PODER COMUNITARIO, OR COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. DURING THIS TIME OF BEING IN MY COMMUNITY,

WE DO NEED HELP WITH FREE COUNSEL. AND I AM THANKFUL TO THE SUPERVISORS THAT SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND DAY AFTER DAY, WE SEE THESE TENANTS THAT ARE HARASSED. NOT HARASSED WITH MONEY, BUT ALSO SEXUALLY. AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE SEE. AND WE HAVE MEETINGS WHERE THEY GO AND THEY TELL US THEIR STORIES, AND ALL OF THEM, THEY GIVE US THESE STRUGGLES. AND THE SADDEST PART IS THAT THEY CAN'T DEFEND THEMSELVES. THEY DON'T HAVE COUNSEL. THAT'S WHY WE NEED FREE COUNSEL, AND THAT'S NEEDED TO AVOID THAT HARASSMENT, AND BECAUSE WHEN THEY GET TO COURT, THEY'RE FEARFUL. THEY'RE INTIMIDATED TO LOSE THEIR HOME. AND I FEEL THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED A LAWYER SO THEY CAN FEEL SAFE. BECAUSE THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES, AND NOW RENT IS EXCESSIVE, AND NOW THESE OWNERS ARE TRYING TO GET US OUT AND EVICT THESE TENANTS THAT CANNOT AFFORD THESE RENTS.

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

TRANSLATOR: WE NEED FREE LAWYERS NOW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JAMES HARTMAN. I AM A TENANT IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5, ABOUT TO LOSE HIS HOUSING. THIS IS MY PERSONAL STORY. I WAS ABLE TO SECURE TWO RENT RELIEF

PAYMENTS FOR MY LANDLORD DURING, AND DID EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO RECUPERATE MY FINANCES AFTER THE PANDEMIC. IT WAS STILL NOT ENOUGH TO GET MY LIFE ON TRACK. LIKE SO MANY, I WAS FORCED INTO UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. AFTER SUFFERING WORK CLOSURES ACROSS ALL INDUSTRIES. WORK WAS SCARCE, AND EVEN WITH GETTING WHAT LITTLE WORK OPPORTUNITIES THERE WERE, THE DEBT ACCRUED OVER THE PANDEMIC. THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE CAN PICK THEMSELVES UP FROM THEIR BOOTSTRAPS AND GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER IS FINE, BUT NOT APPLICABLE WHEN THE ENTIRE ECONOMY IS AGAINST YOU AFTER SUCH AN UNFORESEEN PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. AT THIS TIME, MY LANDLORD HAS ATTEMPTED AN ILLEGAL EVICTION FOR NONPAYMENT, FOR A PERIOD PROTECTED UNDER C.O.V.I.D. PROTECTIONS. THIS PROCESS HAS PUT A HALT ON MY LIFE, MY ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD FROM THE PANDEMIC, RECOVER MY FINANCES, AND IS CRITICALLY DETRIMENTAL TO MY MENTAL HEALTH, AS WELL AS FOR EVERY SINGLE OTHER PERSON WHO IS FACING THIS EVICTION PROCESS. A RIGHT TO COUNSEL NEEDS TO BE CODIFIED TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, AND CIRCUMVENT THE HORRIBLE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS GROWING HOUSING CRISIS.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERICA LIAS, AND I COME FROM DISTRICT 1. AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THAT WE NEED COUNSEL. I COME FROM A COUNTY THAT WE DON'T HAVE, REALLY, SUPPORTIVE ANYTHING. WE WANT FAIR HOUSING, THAT THEY DON'T RAISE THE RENT. I'VE BEEN STRUGGLING, NOW, FOR A YEAR. I DON'T HAVE LIGHT. I DON'T HAVE WATER. AND THE OWNER DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING IN REGARDS TO MY CASE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO, BELIEVE ME, THIS IS DEVASTATING FOR ME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL MY CHILDREN. WHEN THEY ASK ME, "WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HAVE LIGHT, OR GAS, OR HOT WATER TO BATHE?", I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO RESPOND TO THEM, BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO MOVE FROM THEIR HOME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, CAN WE-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YEAH. I'LL HAVE SOMEONE ON MY STAFF RIGHT HERE. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JORDAN WYNN. I'M THE COMMUNITY ACTIVATION SPECIALIST WITH UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, AND A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1. I WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION,

AND I URGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO PASS THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I WISH IT WERE ON A QUICKER TIME FRAME THAN THIS. I ENVISION A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE NO LONGER EVICTIONS, BECAUSE WE FINALLY TREAT HOUSING AS THE HUMAN RIGHT THAT IT IS. I ENVISION A WORLD IN WHICH CORPORATE LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY DEVELOPERS AND BAD-ACTOR LANDLORDS STOP HARASSING THEIR TENANTS. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF EQUITY. RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL TENANTS. THEY'RE FACING UP AGAINST A MAJORITY OF THESE MAJOR PROPERTY OWNERS THAT HAVE MASSIVE LEGAL DEFENSE. AND MEANWHILE, LESS THAN 10% OF ALL TENANTS ACTUALLY HAVE ANY SORT OF LEGAL RECOURSE. THIS IS A MATTER OF KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. EVICTIONS ON YOUR RECORD ARE A SENTENCE FOR HOMELESSNESS, AND WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO PREVENT THIS EVICTION CRISIS FROM CONTINUING, AND PASS RIGHT TO COUNSEL ACROSS THE COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ANDREA MCPHERSON. I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME OUT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR LISTENING TODAY. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 14, OF COURSE. I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I AM A DISABLED PERSON. I HAD A BRAIN INJURY, AND I HAVE A MENTAL DISORDER CALLED EPILEPSY. I HAD TO MOVE INTO A LOW-INCOME APARTMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN I STARTED HAVING SEIZURES, REPETITIOUSLY. I

COULD NO LONGER WORK OR GO TO SCHOOL, BECAUSE I KEPT HAVING THEM AT WORK AND ON CAMPUS. MY NEW LANDLORD WAS AWARE THAT I HAD A DISABILITY, YET THEY WERE HORRIBLE TOWARDS ME, PUTTING ME ON THE THIRD FLOOR WITH NO ELEVATOR, WHILE HAVING PLENTY OF AVAILABLE APARTMENTS ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THE APARTMENT BUILDING WAS SO STRESSFUL, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE, OF COURSE, GOING THROUGH A LOT, HEALTH-WISE. I STILL HAD TO HAVE BRAIN SURGERY.

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

SPEAKER: SO, WITH THAT BEING SAID, PLEASE SUPPORT THIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR SHARING TODAY WITH US. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JESSA MCCORMACK: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JESSA MCCORMACK. I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING JUSTICE AT THE LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION. I'M ALSO A RENTER IN DISTRICT 2, AND I'M LUCKY ENOUGH TO MANAGE THE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FOR STAY HOUSED L.A., WORKING WITH TRUSTED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY TO EDUCATE TENANTS ON THEIR RIGHTS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING STAY HOUSED L.A., AND I'M EXCITED TO GROW THE PROGRAM WITH YOU ALL, SO WE CAN BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE THIS PROGRAM DESPERATELY NEEDS.

LASTLY, I URGE YOU NOT TO STOP HERE. IT'S FITTING THAT THIS VOTE COMES AFTER YOUR DISCUSSION OF STUDENT DEBT RELIEF AND THE, QUOTE, "AMERICAN DREAM." KEEPING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW, FOR SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THE COUNTY, TO KEEP THEM FROM FALLING FURTHER FROM THAT DREAM. SUPPORTING RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS JUST THE FIRST STEP. THANK YOU.

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

JEFFREY WEBB: HELLO. MY NAME IS JEFFREY WEBB, AND I WORK AT BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES, ONE OF STAY HOUSED L.A.'S LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDERS. BET TZEDEK STRONGLY SUPPORTS A RIGHT TO COUNSEL. OUR PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS PROJECT, AS WELL AS OUR EVICTION DEFENSE PROJECT, REPRESENT AND SERVE TENANTS IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER CASES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN OUR PRACTICE, WE HAVE WITNESSED THAT, WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION, TENANTS ARE TOO OFTEN WRONGFULLY EVICTED AND FORCED OUT OF THEIR HOMES, RESULTING IN HOMELESSNESS. WITH AN ATTORNEY, TENANTS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES, OR AT LEAST RECEIVE A FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT THAT WILL HELP THEM TRANSITION TO OTHER HOUSING. AS OTHERS HAVE NOTED, STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT A RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS COST-EFFECTIVE, AND CAN SAVE THE COUNTY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOMELESSNESS, SUCH AS SHELTERS, HEALTHCARE, AND FOSTER CARE.

BET TZEDEK URGES THAT YOU MOVE THE RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE FORWARD, IN ORDER TO KEEP AS MANY ANGELENOS AS POSSIBLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: I STRONGLY SUPPORT A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS ALWAYS BEEN TRYING TO PUSH POOR PEOPLE OUT. THEY'VE BEEN PUSHING THEM OUT OF LOS ANGELES, PUSHING THEM IN SOUTH L.A. THIS HAPPENED WITH STAPLES CENTER, WHERE PEOPLE USED TO LIVE. THIS HAPPENED IN DODGER STADIUM, WHERE PEOPLE USED TO LIVE. AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE PLAN OF L.A. CITY IS TO PUSH POOR PEOPLE OUT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I THINK WE NEED TO CALL MORE NAMES.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: LETICIA FLORES, KIMBERLY ALVARADO, LUCINA ABAD, KONSTANTINE ANTHONY, MARIA ESCOBAR, LEANNA NOBLE, MARIA ASCENSIO, LEROY MEYERS, MARIBEL GODINEZ, LORENZO LEWIS, IRMA LOPEZ, FRED SUTTON, MARIA LOPEZ, MARIBEL MORALES, NORMA SOLIS, MATT BUCK, OTILIA HUERTA, MAX SHERMAN, RODRIGO ROSAS, AND MYRA GARCIA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS JASON MERCADO. I AM A TENANT, AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, SOLIS, AND HORVATH FOR SUPPORTING RENTERS IN THE COUNTY, AND INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE, ITEM 14, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE R.S.O., ITEM 23. AS A RENTER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE EVICTED WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION. RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS ABOUT REDUCING HOMELESSNESS, HAVING ACCESS TO EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN COURT, AND THE BENEFITS THAT EVERYONE EXPERIENCES WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE HOUSING STABILITY. AN EVICTION CASE WILL NEVER BE EQUITABLE AS LONG AS LANDLORDS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS REPRESENTED, WHILE LESS THAN 10% OF TENANTS HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PAIRED WITH STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS, LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS IN COURT. I STRONGLY THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, FOR SUPPORTING THIS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JOSE FELIX, AND I'VE BEEN A VOLUNTEER OF UNITED TENANTS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SO, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO STAND UP HERE. MY BRAIN, IT'S JUST ABOUT TO EXPLODE. IT'S BEEN MANY, MANY YEARS. SINCE 2020, IT'S BEEN HUNDREDS OF TENANTS THAT HAVE LEFT THESE BUILDINGS, THESE BUILDINGS THAT ARE EMPTY, AND NOW THEY'RE RENTING THEM FOR HIGHER RENTS. AND AT THE SAME TIME, I DO FEEL HOPE. I FEEL HOPE, BECAUSE THERE'S PEOPLE THAT FEEL THIS IN THEIR HEARTS. AND JUST LIKE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND HORVATH, THEY ARE THERE, AND THEY GIVE US STRENGTH, AND THEY GO OUT, AND THEY TAKE THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY AND BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY, TO SUPPORT US. PLEASE, LET'S SUPPORT THIS MOTION, MOTION 14. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL ALSO SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT, KNOWING THAT YOU'VE HELPED US, MANY OF US.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M KAREN QUOK, AND I'M A TENANT ADVOCATE IN DISTRICT 5, IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE. I'M AWARE THAT THIS MEASURE WILL BEGIN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY, BUT IF WE CAN POINT TO A SUCCESSFUL MODEL WHERE RIGHT TO COUNSEL WORKS, THEN IT WILL ALSO HELP THOSE OF US IN

INCORPORATED CITIES CONVINCE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ALSO SIGN ON. IN TERMS OF FUNDING SOURCES, MAY I OFFER TWO SUGGESTIONS? SUPERVISOR BARGER EARLIER MENTIONED AN EXAMPLE WHERE MEASURE H FUNDS WERE USED FOR RIGHT TO COUNSEL, AND I WAS WONDERING IF LANGUAGE COULD BE INSERTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT, AS A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION MEASURE, THAT MEASURE H FUNDS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM, PERHAPS THE NEXT TIME IT COMES UP FOR RENEWAL AT THE BALLOT. SECOND, TWO OF MY 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY SPOKE ABOUT INSTALLING A MANSION TAX AND PUTTING IT IN FRONT OF THE BALLOTS FOR THE VOTERS IN OUR CITY, AND AGAIN, FOLLOWING ON THIS SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE OF MEASURE U.L.A. IN LOS ANGELES. AND, YES, I KNOW THAT THAT WOULD ALSO NEED TO GO INTO THE BALLOT, BUT THAT HAS ALREADY PROVED SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

KATRINA WILLIAMS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATRINA WILLIAMS. I'M THE C.E.O. OF CHANGING THE FACES OF HOMELESSNESS. C.F.H. IS A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM, HOUSING THE HOMELESS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE HOMELESS AGENCIES SUCH AS P.A.T.H., PEOPLE OF CONCERN, ET CETERA. WE ALSO HOUSE AND PROVIDE SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY, WHICH IS IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,

YOUR OFFICE HAS DECLINED TO FUND OR SUPPORT OUR HOUSING PROGRAM. WHY? WE PROVIDE HOUSING SERVICES. WE PROVIDE STABILITY. WE PROVIDE LOVE AND GUIDANCE TO THE COMMUNITY. I AM A HOMELESS AGENCY NOW FACING EVICTION. IT'S NOT RIGHT. IT'S NOT FAIR. WE NEED TO BE FUNDED. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FUNDING ATTORNEYS. IF WE HOUSE THE HOMELESS CORRECTLY, AND FUND HOUSING PROGRAMS, WE WON'T NEED TO PAY FOR ATTORNEYS. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS TREVEON BODEN. I'M A MEMBER OF THE C.F.H. I'M SPEAKING FOR DAVID BRAM. "I AM THE MANAGER OF ZENITH INVESTMENT, L.L.C., THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WHICH MS. KATRINA HAS RENTED. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, ZENITH INVESTMENT, L.L.C., HAS DEDICATED TO BE RENTED TO THE TENANTS, EITHER IN A TRANSITION OF THE TENANTS WHO ARE ASSISTING THE PEOPLE IN TRANSITION IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND MYSELF HAS REVEALED FOR THE BANKRUPTCY AND BEING HOMELESS 10 YEARS AGO, SO I HAVE SYMPATHY TO MS. KATRINA AND WORK THAT DOES ASSIST PEOPLE, AS WELL AS ALL PEOPLE THAT'S NEEDED SUPPORT. MS. KATRINA ALSO RENTED A SECOND PROPERTY OWNED BY A SISTER COMPANY OF ZENITH, ON A PROPERTY WHICH IS ALSO PART OF MS. KATRINA'S PROGRAM. THERE IS A SEED OF $100,000, AND THE RENT AREA THAT OWNS ZENITH IS... ITS SISTER COMPANY HAS ONE--"

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS KIMBERLY, AND I'M A TENANT IN MONTEREY PARK, DISTRICT 1. SO, FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, HORVATH, AND MY SUPERVISOR, HILDA SOLIS, FOR SUPPORTING RENTERS IN THE COUNTY, INTRODUCING THE MOTIONS TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT TO COUNSEL. AS A RENTER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT AND URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE EVICTED WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION. RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PAIRED WITH STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS, WILL REDUCE HOMELESSNESS, ACCESS EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN COURT, AND SUPPORT HOUSING STABILITY. RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS ABOUT RADICAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. WE NEED FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR LOW-INCOME TENANTS, COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AND TARGETED OUTREACH TO BUILD TENANT POWER AND EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE. I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT ITEM 23, BECAUSE STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS ARE CRITICAL TO KEEPING L.A. COUNTY HOUSED, AS EVICTION FILINGS CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS. IN THE NAME OF GOD, I AM HERE TO ASK YOU THAT YOU PLEASE PROVIDE A LAWYER FOR ALL OF US. BECAUSE LAST YEAR, I WENT THROUGH AN EVICTION, AND IT'S STILL GOING, AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE MY ISSUE. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER WITH ONE SON, WHO IS IN THE UNIVERSITY RIGHT NOW. AND I AM JUST HERE TO ASK YOU, IN THE NAME OF GOD, THAT YOU DO PROVIDE A FREE LAWYER. AND I AM THANKFUL TO THE GROUP OF LOS ANGELES TENANTS THAT HAVE BEEN HELPING ME, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE LISTENED TO US. AND I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU'RE HELPING US WITH FIXING THESE PROBLEMS WITH EVICTION. I AM SO STRESSED OUT, I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MOORE. AND SO I AM JUST ASKING, PLEASE, THAT YOU DO PROVIDE FREE COUNSEL, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BE PAYING FOR THAT. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

SPEAKER: GRACIAS.

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

FRED SUTTON: FRED SUTTON, WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST A COST-BENEFIT OUTCOME ANALYSIS IS CONDUCTED OF AN R.T.C. PROGRAM VERSUS AN EXPANDED RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM. IT COSTS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ONE CASE. TAX DOLLARS CAN GO MUCH FURTHER THROUGH A RENTAL SUBSIDY, HELPING MORE OF THOSE IN NEED, PREVENTING A POTENTIAL EVICTION, AND AT LOWER COST PER INDIVIDUAL. THE PROJECTED STAY HOUSED L.A. BUDGET KEEPS DIRECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS STAGNANT, WHILE HAVING LEGAL FUNDING CONSUME OVER 75% OF THE PROJECTED $60 MILLION. R.T.C. IS NOT A HOUSING STRATEGY. THE SHRIVER STUDY FOUND THAT LEGAL COUNSEL WAS NOT EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING THE REMOVAL OF A TENANT FROM A UNIT. OVERWHELMINGLY, THE RESIDENT WAS REQUIRED TO MOVE OUT OF THE UNIT AT THE END OF THEIR CASE. R.T.C. ONLY DELAYS THE PROCESS. IT DOES NOT STOP A LAWFUL CLAIM TO RECLAIM YOUR PROPERTY. THE HOUSING SHORTAGE AND CORRELATING AFFORDABILITY ISSUES DOES NOT NEED A LEGAL SOLUTION; IT NEEDS AN ECONOMIC ONE. THANK YOU.

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

MATTHEW BUCK: HI. MATTHEW BUCK, CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. IF DOLLARS ARE AVAILABLE, THE BOARD SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE MAXIMUM USE OF THOSE FINANCES BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION. WE REQUEST A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND

OUTCOME ANALYSIS BE CONDUCTED OF AN R.T.C. PROGRAM VERSUS A DIRECT RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM. R.T.C. PROGRAMS DO NOT ACHIEVE WHAT PROPONENTS CLAIM. THEY COME AT A HIGH COST, AND DEMONSTRATE LITTLE SUCCESS. A COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDY FOUND THAT R.T.C. POLICIES INCREASE HOMELESSNESS BY 15%. NO OUTREACH WAS CONDUCTED REGARDING THIS ISSUE. THE MEETING PROPERTY OWNERS MARKED ON THE REPORT WAS DEDICATED TO MORATORIUM MATTERS. HAD A FORMAL HEARING TAKEN PLACE, METRICS COULD HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED AND QUESTIONS ANSWERED, TO ENSURE A FULLY INFORMED REPORT BEFORE YOU. WE ALSO REQUEST THAT THE OUTREACH EFFORTS OF STAY HOUSED L.A. BE REVIEWED FOR ABSORPTION IN THE D.C.B.A. FUNCTIONS. D.C.B.A. IS A TRUSTED AND NEUTRAL ARBITER OF INFORMATION, AND SHOULD PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, THE AMENDMENTS OFFERED TODAY DO PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE FISCAL IMPACT ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AFTER IMPLEMENTATION, SO WE'RE ACTUALLY LOOKING AT REAL NUMBERS FOR THAT ANALYSIS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

KONSTANTINE ANTHONY: HELLO. MY NAME IS KONSTANTINE ANTHONY. I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK, BUT I'M ALSO A RENTER, SO I APPRECIATE, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, ABOUT YOUR STORY THAT YOU TOLD EARLIER. IT'S RARE THAT WE SEE RENTERS IN ELECTED OFFICE.

IT IS SURPRISING-- WELL, I GUESS IT'S NOT REALLY SURPRISING THAT C.A.A. AND A.A.G.L.A. IS HERE. THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATIONS DEFINITELY SHOW UP HERE. I KNOW THEY'VE ENDORSED AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE SUPERVISOR BODY FOR RE-ELECTION, AND SO I'M HOPING THE VOTE'S GOING TO BE A 5 VOTE TODAY. AND IF IT'S NOT, WE KNOW WHY. THANKS, GUYS.

SUP. HORVATH: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MAX SHERMAN: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. OR GOOD AFTERNOON, AT THIS POINT. MY NAME IS MAX SHERMAN. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, A.A.G.L.A., STRONGLY OPPOSES THE RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO RIGHT TO COUNSEL. IT WILL RESULT IN THE COUNTY OBLIGATING ITSELF FAR BEYOND ITS CURRENT FINANCIAL ABILITIES, REDUCE AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR EXISTING UNMET LEGAL REPRESENTATION OBLIGATIONS, AND PURPOSELY DRAG OUT AN ALREADY LENGTHY AND COSTLY EVICTION PROCESS FOR COUNTY HOUSING PROVIDERS. HIRING A LAWYER PAID BY THE HOUR DOES NOT CHANGE A RENTER'S ABILITY TO PAY RENT. WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT A PERMANENT RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, COUNTYWIDE, FOR RENTERS TO PAY RENT, NOT LAWYERS. THE D.C.B.A.'S DATA SHOWS THAT 76% OF ALL EVICTIONS ARE DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF RENT. RATHER THAN THROWING TAXPAYER FUNDING ON PRIVATE ATTORNEYS, THE COUNTY SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY

EXPANDING ITS EXISTING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME RENTERS. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS OTELIA HUERTA, AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR LANDLORD IS EVICTING US, AND WE DON'T HAVE A LAWYER. PLEASE APPROVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. I DON'T WANT TO END UP IN THE STREET. SO, YES ON 14. YES, WE CAN. THANK YOU.

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

JULIA WALLACE: YES. AGAIN, MY NAME IS JULIA WALLACE. [SPEAKS SPANISH]. I SUPPORT THE TENANTS AND THIS MEASURE. IN ADDITION TO BEING A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, I'M ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE LENNOX INGLEWOOD TENANTS UNION, AND IF THAT TENANT UNION WAS NOT FORMED, I WOULD HAVE BEEN EVICTED FROM MY HOME THAT MY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE LIVED IN SINCE THE 90'S. IN ADDITION TO BEING A MEMBER OF A UNION FROM MY WORKPLACE, I'M ALSO A RENTERS' UNION, AND I THINK, IN ADDITION TO HAVING THIS ORDINANCE, WE ACTUALLY NEED TO LOWER RENT. RENT HAS TO BE LOWERED. IT'S TOO HIGH, BECAUSE EVEN IF PEOPLE GET

DEFENDED, THEY STILL COULD BARELY AFFORD THE PLACES WHERE THEY LIVE NOW. I'M HERE BECAUSE WE'RE FIGHTING FOR HIGHER WAGES AND WAGE EQUITY, AS MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE PURPLE SHIRTS. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE REPRESENTING, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR HIGHER WAGES, AND WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR LOWER RENTS. I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE LAWYERS THAT ARE GOING TO BE FIGHTING FOR THIS, AND I KNOW Y'ALL ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE, BUT WE NEED TO DO THAT, AND THAT'S GOING TO MEAN COMING UP AGAINST BIG-TIME DEVELOPERS AND THE BOSSES THAT AREN'T PAYING US ENOUGH. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. DO WE HAVE ANY MORE SPEAKERS? GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA GARCIA, AND I COME FROM LONG BEACH RESIDENTS EMPOWERED. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE TENANTS HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, GIVEN THAT IN MANY OCCASIONS, THE LAWYERS FROM THESE LANDLORDS, OR THE CORPORATIONS THAT REPRESENT THEM, THEY VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF THE TENANTS IN ANY LEGAL WAY. AND THEY GO THROUGH THIS IN AN INAPPROPRIATE MANNER. IN MANY OCCASIONS, THEY DON'T ACCEPT PAYMENT, OR THEY JUST CLOSE IT OUT SO THAT THE TENANTS CAN THEN GO INTO VIOLATIONS, AND TO GET THEM

INVOLVED IN AN ILLEGAL EVICTION, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE LANDLORD KNOWS THAT THE TENANTS DON'T HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND THEY'RE VULNERABLE. THIS ALSO PUSHES US MORE TO HOMELESSNESS. WE DO ASK THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND COUNSEL. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE GREAT INTERPRETATION THAT WE HAVE, BECAUSE I ALSO FIGHT FOR LANGUAGE JUSTICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HORVATH: SHE IS GOOD, ISN'T SHE? NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JASMINE GONZALEZ: HI. MY NAME IS JASMINE GONZALEZ, AND I AM A COMMUNITY STABILITY ORGANIZER WITH EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AS WELL AS A TENANT, AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL, SOLIS, AND HORVATH FOR SUPPORTING RENTERS IN THE COUNTY, AND INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE, ITEM 14. AS A RENTER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE EVICTED WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THE TENANTS I KNOW, WHICH ARE MY NEIGHBORS, ARE DOING EVERYTHING CORRECTLY, BUT ARE STILL BEING FORCEFULLY EVICTED AND HAVE EXPERIENCED EXTREME HARASSMENT, TO THE POINT WHERE THEY HAVE TO MISS WORK AND LIVE WITH ANXIETY. THEIR LANDLORD AND PROPERTY MANAGERS ARE REFUSING TO COLLECT THEIR RENT NOW, AND MY NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN LIVING THERE FOR 25 YEARS. THIS IS THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY SHOULD BE OFFERED FREE

LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AS NONE OF THIS IS THEIR FAULT. THIS IS WHY I SUPPORT A RIGHT TO COUNSEL. A RIGHT TO COUNSEL, PAIRED WITH STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS, LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS IN COURT, AND STABILIZES OUR COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL RESIDENTS. WE ASK THAT YOU MOVE--

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LETICIA FLORES. I AM A MEMBER OF COLECTIVO PODER COMUNITARIO, OR COLLECTIVE POWER COMMUNITY. I AM HERE TO REQUEST THE SUPPORT ON MOTION 14, BECAUSE IT'S FAIR FOR THOSE OF US THAT ARE TENANTS TO HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WHILE NOT HAVING LEGAL REPRESENTATION, THEN WE SEE OURSELVES OBLIGED TO GO AND GET OUT OF OUR HOMES, AND NOT HAVE AND BE HOMELESS. AND I THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREETS. THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREETS IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE RESOURCES. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JASMINE. I'M A TENANT IN DISTRICT 1, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTIONS TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE. AS AN ORGANIZER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. AND AS A TENANT NAVIGATOR WITH THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, I REACH OUT TO TENANTS ON A DAILY BASIS TO INFORM THEM OF THEIR RIGHTS AND THE EVICTION PROCESS, BUT TENANTS ARE ALWAYS SEEKING LEGAL ADVICE AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION, WHICH I CANNOT OFFER. PLEASE HONOR YOUR LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN PRACTICE BY VOTING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 14. THIS LAND WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE OWNED. AND HOMES ARE MEANT FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN, NOT OWN. AND WITHOUT A RIGHT TO COUNSEL, LANDLORDS WILL CONTINUE TO DISPLACE TENANTS FOR THEIR OWN FINANCIAL GAIN. A CODIFIED RIGHT TO COUNSEL IS THE FIRST STEP IN TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE WHO YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION ABOUT THE COST OF THE RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE, WELL, THE COST OF NO REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN DEADLY FOR MANY YEARS, AND IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO THAT.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO CALL SOME MORE NAMES BEFORE WE GO TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ROSA CHAIREZ, MARIANA LUNA, ROSALINA CONTRERAS, MYRA GARCIA CORTEZ, ROSARIO ROSAS, MIA ZUBIRI, ZABINA GUZMAN, MONTSERRAT

MORALES, SAUL SANCHEZ, JULIA WALLACE, SALCO SANCHEZ, SHAMAR WILLIAMS, MARIA OSORIO, SILVIA MARROQUIN, SILVIA ARENAS, NILS JEPSON, SOFIA MENDOZA, GWEN LYNN, SOFIA MAYORAL, RED CHIEF HUNT, TONY LOY, VICTOR VELASCO, VICTOR REYES, VIOLETA ZARAGOSA, JANET MARTINEZ, AND TIFFANY WALLACE.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA ASCENSIO. I AM A TENANT, AND I'M AFRAID OF LOSING MY HOME IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. MY NEW LANDLORD IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO THROW US OUT ILLEGALLY, BY HARASSING US AND REDUCING OUR SERVICES. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THE ORDINANCE FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GABRIELA BORRERO, AND AN EVICTION IS A VERY STRESSFUL SITUATION. THANK YOU FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. I AM ALSO BEING EVICTED, AND I

ALSO HAVE A DAUGHTER WITH CEREBRAL PALSY. AND I DON'T WANT TO BE ANOTHER HOMELESS. I NEED A LAWYER TO BE ABLE TO FACE THE SITUATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

MIA LOPEZ-ZUBIRI: HI. MY NAME IS MIA LOPEZ-ZUBIRI, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING. WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL ADVANCE EVERY PERSON'S RIGHT TO SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING. AS WE WORK TO PRESERVE AND BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGHOUT L.A., WE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOLS WE HAVE TO ADDRESS OUR HOUSING CRISIS IS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS BEFORE IT BEGINS. NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE EVICTED WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND LANDLORDS ARE FAR MORE REPRESENTED THAN TENANTS ARE IN COURT. A RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS WILL HELP KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES, STABILIZE OUR COMMUNITIES, AND PROMOTE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY. WE URGE ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MAYA FERNANDA. I'M A RENTER IN COUNTY DISTRICT 4, AND LEAD ORGANIZER FOR LONG

BEACH RESIDENTS EMPOWERED. I FIND MYSELF INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE, HAVING TO ACCOMPANY TENANTS AT LEAST 2 TO 3 TIMES PER WEEK WITH UNLAWFUL DETAINERS, BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT SECURE AN ATTORNEY. I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY. I AM NOT A LEGAL ADVOCATE. I'M A COMMUNITY MEMBER, AND TENANTS DESERVE ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WITH ALL THE LEGAL JARGON AND HOOPS THAT TENANTS ARE FORCED TO NAVIGATE, ON TOP OF DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF POTENTIALLY LOSING THE ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS, TENANTS ARE ALREADY SET UP TO FAIL AND LOSE THEIR CASES FROM THE BEGINNING. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO FACE AN EVICTION WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND TENANTS SHOULD ESPECIALLY NOT BE DENIED REPRESENTATION DUE TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE ONLY A COUPLE DOLLARS OVER THE INCOME. EVICTIONS ARE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM WE FACE IN LONG BEACH AND IN THE COUNTY, AND A LACK OF ACCESS TO AN ATTORNEY IS HELPING THE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM SNOWBALL AT ALARMING RATES. I URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION AND FULLY FUND AN EXPANDED RIGHT-TO-COUNSEL PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS--

SUP. HORVATH: WE CAN HEAR YOU.

TRANSLATOR: OKAY. HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSARIO ROSAS, AND I AM FROM THE COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. OKAY. SO, I LIVE IN EAST L.A. I'M NOT FACING EVICTION AT THE MOMENT, BUT I AM HERE SO THAT 14 CAN PASS, BEING THAT NOW, WHEN I GO TO THESE-- FOR US TO HAVE FREE REPRESENTATION. WHEN I GO TO THE GROUP MEETINGS, I DO HEAR OF THE HARASSMENT THAT HAPPENS TO THE TENANTS, AND SO WE NEED THAT SUPPORT. FOR THE TIME BEING, THAT'S IT, AND WE DO HOPE THAT YOU DO PROVIDE FREE COUNSEL FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

NILS JEPSON: HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS NILS JEPSON, AND I PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR STAY HOUSED L.A. WITH LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION. I'M ALSO A MASTER'S STUDENT IN URBAN PLANNING AT U.C.L.A., AND A TENANT IN KOREATOWN. SO, WE'VE ORGANIZED WITH TENANTS FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS NOW, AND ALMOST EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US HAS AN EVICTION HORROR STORY. THE EVICTION PROCESS, WHEN APPROACHED ALONE, IS PURPOSELY UNCLEAR, INCOHERENT, PERPETUATES THE POWER IMBALANCE PRESENT IN THE LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIP, AND SOMETIMES SEEMS EXPLICITLY STRUCTURED TO MAKE US FAIL. WE KNOW A RIGHT TO COUNSEL KEEPS US IN OUR HOMES, KEEPS OUR COMMUNITIES INTACT, HALTS HOMELESSNESS, AND

ACTUALLY SAVES THE COUNTY MONEY. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS CALLED L.A. HOME MY ENTIRE LIFE, I HAVE SEEN US TRY COUNTLESS PIECEMEAL SOLUTIONS TO THE HOUSING CRISIS THAT HAVEN'T REALLY MADE A DENT. WE NEED A HOLISTIC AND WIDE-REACHING APPROACH. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP. WE NEED A RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, AND THEN, HOPEFULLY, EVERYWHERE. THANKS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSA CHAIREZ. I AM A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. FOR US, EVERY MONDAY, WE ORGANIZE A MEETING WITH THE TENANTS. AND I AM PETRIFIED TO SEE WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS FACING IN THESE TIMES, FROM THE RENT BEING ILLEGALLY RAISED, EVEN SEXUAL HARASSMENT. LAST NIGHT, I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH A TENANT, AS TO HOW THE OWNERS HARASS THE TENANTS. THEY HARASS THEIR FAMILY AND THEM. IT LOOKS LIKE THESE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO JUST INSTILL FEAR IN EVERYONE IN THAT BUILDING. THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR RIGHTS, AND THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS COALITION OF LAWYERS DOES EXIST, AND THAT THEY PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THESE TENANTS. IN THIS FORM,

THEY HAVE A LEGAL BASE TO GO TO, IN CASE THAT'S NEEDED. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: HI, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VICTOR REYES. I AM WITH V.I.C.A., THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, AND TODAY WE ARE HERE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS WITH ITEM NUMBER 14. WE BELIEVE THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE A PROPER USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, AND REALITY IS THAT THE COUNTY SIMPLY DOESN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT IT. THE COUNTY'S PLAN IS TO PAY FOR PRIVATE ATTORNEYS TO FIGHT LAWFUL EVICTIONS, NOT JUST IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, BUT AT SOME POINT ALSO INCORPORATED CITIES. IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT THE COUNTY IS ALREADY STRUGGLING TO FUND SOME OF ITS CURRENT ONGOING OPERATIONS, INCLUDING CURRENT COUNTY STAFF ATTORNEYS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER. THE COUNTY'S PUSH FOR THIS PROPOSAL UNDERMINES THE AUTHORITY AND DULY ELECTED RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS CITY COUNCILS FOR THOSE THAT ARE ESTABLISHED INCORPORATED CHARTERS. INSTEAD OF PURSUING THIS PROPOSAL, V.I.C.A. URGES THE BOARD TO REJECT THE MOTION AND RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF INCORPORATED AREAS, WHILE ALSO LOOKING TO UTILIZE--

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: MY NAME IS SILVIA ARENAS. I'M A MEMBER OF C.P.C. WE ARE HERE SO THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT US AND REPRESENT US, AND TO PROVIDE MORE MONEY, MORE FUNDS, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE LAWYERS TO REPRESENT US, AND TO HELP US. I, PERSONALLY, AM FACING MY SECOND EVICTION, BECAUSE THE OWNER SAYS THAT I PAY TOO LITTLE, AND THAT THEY NEED TO RAISE THE RENT MORE. NO MATTER HOW, THEN SHE'S GOING TO KICK ME OUT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

VICTOR VELASCO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALSO VICTOR. VICTOR VELASCO. I AM AN EVICTION DEFENSE PARALEGAL AT PUBLIC COUNSEL, ONE OF THE SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STAY HOUSED L.A. COALITION. WORKING ON THE FRONT LINES OF OUR EVICTION CRISIS, WE HAVE SEEN THE NUMBER OF TENANTS IN NEED OF LEGAL SUPPORT RISE TO ALARMING FIGURES. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS LAST YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, OUR TEAM CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED 150 REFERRALS EACH MONTH FROM DIRECT REFERRALS, WORKSHOPS, AND ORGANIZING PARTNERS, AND ACROSS THE COUNTY, NEARLY 35,000 EVICTION CASES WERE FILED IN 2022. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY FOLKS IN THIS ROOM

HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE EVICTION PROCESS IS FAST, CONFUSING, AND DEVASTATINGLY UNJUST. BY THE TIME THAT MANY TENANTS GET THE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED TO RESPOND TO AN EVICTION LAWSUIT, THE DEFAULT HAS ALREADY BEEN FILED, BECAUSE LANDLORDS ARE NEARLY ALWAYS REPRESENTED, WHILE LESS THAN 10% OF TENANTS HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. AS A RESULT, TENANTS ARE WRONGFULLY BEING EVICTED, AND HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO INCREASE. WITH CLASSES SCHEDULED TO RESUME NEXT MONTH ACROSS THE COUNTY, WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARE ABOUT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE IF THEY ARE AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR HOME.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

VICTOR VELASCO: THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SOFIA MAYORAL. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND RIGHT NOW, I'M BEING EVICTED, AND I DON'T HAVE A LAWYER. IT'S EXTREMELY SADDENING WHEN I LOOK FOR HELP, AND THEY TELL ME THAT THEY CAN'T HELP ME BECAUSE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOESN'T HAVE PROTECTIONS. I

HAVE 30 DAYS TO GET OUT WITH MY FAMILY AND MY DOGS. PLEASE APPROVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. MY SON AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING THERE FOR 4 YEARS, AND JUST LIKE THE REST, THEY'RE EVICTING US ALL, THOSE OTHER FOUR FAMILIES. 20 YEARS.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE]. I LIVE AT 357 SOUTH ALVARADO STREET, APARTMENT 212, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90057, IN S.D. 1. AND YESTERDAY, I WAS EXPERIENCING AN ILLEGAL LOCKOUT FOR THE PAST THREE TIMES. IT HAS BEEN THROUGH [INAUDIBLE]. AND THANKFULLY FOR HEIDI GONZALES FROM EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S., THAT WAS SUPPORTING ME THERE. L.A.P.D. WAS GIVING ME 20 MINUTES TO LEAVE MY HOUSE THAT I HAD BEEN LIVING IN SINCE JANUARY 1ST, 1999, IN AN R.S.O. UNIT, WHICH I WAS AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND MY SISTER HAD CANCER. AND SHE APPLIED FOR CALIFORNIA RENT RELIEF, AND THE AWARD OF $7,000 NEVER MADE IT TO US, BECAUSE WE PAY $476. THEY ILLEGALLY LOCKED US OUT LAST YEAR, AND IT'S HARD FOR US. AND I WOULD LIKE THE L.A.P.D. TO HAVE MORE SYMPATHY.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: I KNOW THE RIGHTS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY. IF YOU'D LIKE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, SOMEONE CAN HELP YOU OVER HERE IN THE FRONT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS TONY LOY. I NEED A TRANSLATOR. OKAY. OKAY. YEAH, YOU NEED A TRANSLATOR.

TRANSLATOR: OKAY, AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO READ HIS WRITTEN STATEMENT. "MY NAME IS TONY LOY. I AM A DISABLED SENIOR. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HAVE 30 DAYS TO MOVE OUT. I NEED A LAWYER. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM 14. WE NEED A RIGHT TO COUNSEL." ANYTHING ELSE?

SPEAKER: NO. I'M GOING TO MOVE OUT. I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IT. I'M GOING TO MOVE OUT. THE NEW LANDLORD TELL ME TO MOVE OUT. I CAN LOOK FOR THE PLACE NOW.

SPEAKER: IN HIS WRITTEN STATEMENT, HE SAYS HE DOES NEED A RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND A LAWYER NOW.

SPEAKER: I NEED A LAWYER.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE HELP YOU FROM OUR CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE TEAM OVER HERE, TO TRY AND ASSIST YOU

IN THIS MOMENT, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM GOING FORWARD. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS SILVIA MARROQUIN. I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR S.A.J.E., AND THIS HAS BEEN ONLY 4 HOURS OF HEARING THESE STORIES. I HEAR THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A HUMANITARIAN NEED, THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. IN THE CITY OF L.A., WE NEED ANGELS. NO, WE DON'T NEED ANGELS. WE ACTUALLY NEED ATTORNEYS TO DEFEND THESE TENANTS. WE NEED THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR THE LONGEST TIME. WE REALLY CANNOT DO WITHOUT, ANYMORE. EVERY SINGLE DAY, WE'RE HEARING STORY AFTER STORY, AND IT'S SO VERY SAD THAT WE-- OR MYSELF, I HAVE TO SAY I'M SORRY. I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY. I CANNOT HELP YOU. BUT YOU CAN. YOU CAN MAKE HISTORY TODAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS ABOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES, NOT THE CITY OF L.A., JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR.

SPEAKER: YES, THIS IS THE MIGHTY COUNTY OF L.A.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO CALL SOME NAMES BEFORE OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER NAMES TO BE CALLED.

SUP. HORVATH: WONDERFUL. THANK YOU. WE'LL CONTINUE WITH OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

SPEAKER: MY NAME QUINN LEUNG. I WANT TRANSLATOR.

TRANSLATOR: AT THIS TIME, SHE WANTS ME TO READ HER PREWRITTEN STATEMENT. "MY NAME IS QUINN LEUNG. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN MONTEREY PARK, AND THEY BOTH LIVE IN MONTEREY PARK, WHICH IS HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT. AND I LIVE IN MONTEREY PARK, IN AN A-5 UNIT BUILDING. WE DON'T HAVE A LAWYER, BUT WE NEED ONE. PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL. WE ARE 5 FAMILIES. WE WILL BE HOMELESS IF EVICTED, ALL 5 FAMILIES. WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE THE COURT SYSTEM. THANK YOU. AND SO, REQUESTING LEGAL ASSISTANCE FROM HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT IN MONTEREY PARK.

SUP. SOLIS: CHAIR, I THINK THEY CAN TALK TO D.C.B.A., BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A MOTION THAT REALLY COVERS UNINCORPORATED, AND NOT THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, BUT WE DO HAVE SERVICES AVAILABLE. JUST STEP ASIDE, MA'AM OR SIR, IF YOU

CAN DIRECT THEM TO THE D.C.B.A., DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. OKAY, WE GOT STAFF OVER THERE RAISING THEIR HAND FOR YOU, OKAY?

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JANET MARTINEZ, AND I'M A VOLUNTEER OF INQUILINOS UNIDOS, OR UNITED TENANTS. SO, REALLY QUICKLY, I NEED TO ASK, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. YOU HAVE THE POWER, MS. SUPERVISORS, ALL OF YOU, TO APPROVE 14 TO HELP US, AND TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE COUNTY AND THOSE THAT NEED THAT HELP IN THE CITIES, AND ALL OF THEM. IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME. IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT WE'RE PROTECTED. AND IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO BE IN FRONT OF YOU HERE TODAY, TO SEE THE MOTION, AND TO SEE IF YOU'RE GOING TO APPROVE THIS, TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE CHANGE. I HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED PHYSICALLY, VERBALLY, BY MY LANDLORDS, AND BECAUSE I'M AN IMMIGRANT AND I'M POOR, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

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

TRANSLATOR: I HAVE HEALTH ISSUES, AND I JUST CAN'T KEEP GOING, BUT I DON'T OWE RENT, BUT IT'S JUST DEVASTATING.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR TAKING OVER.

SPEAKER: MIKE GREENSPAN. ARE YOU READY? OKAY. I ONCE WENT THROUGH AN EVICTION IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND WON THE CASE. YES. IT WAS IN THE LIP SERVICE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF BERKELEY, WHERE THEY HAVE STRICT RENT CONTROL. THE UNIT WAS NEVER REGISTERED, AND GUESS WHAT? THE PERSON HANDED ME AN EVICTION NOTICE. FIRST THING, GOT A LAWYER WHO GOT THIS THING CALLED AN EX PARTE MOTION. IT'S A 10-DAY EXTENSION. ONE PARTY HAS DO IT; DOESN'T NEED THE OTHER PARTY. YOU GET 10 EXTRA DAYS. SO LOOK UP THAT FORM. IT'S A GREAT FORM. WE WON THE THING BECAUSE THE APARTMENT WAS NOT REGISTERED UNDER RENT CONTROL. YEAH, YOU CAN WIN THEM. I WANTED TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW. IN FACT, THE PERSON WHO HANDLED THE CASE, HIS DADDY RAN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL AGAINST DAN LUNDGREN, A GUY NAMED ARLO SMITH, HIS SON. AND I TOLD PEOPLE, "VOTE FOR LUNDGREN. HIS KIDS DIDN'T TRY TO EVICT ME." ARLO SMITH'S DID.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, YOU HEAR THE SHAME. SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU SIT BACK, AND YOU DON'T LISTEN TO PEOPLE WHO USE VULGARITY TO EXERCISE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT TO GET YOU TO COME HERE AND PROTEST? THIS IS THE RESULT. THE RESULT IS NOW DUM-DUM ATTORNEY, LIKE THE ONE SITTING UP THERE. [EXPLETIVE] DOESN'T WANT TO HELP YOU PEOPLE STAY IN YOUR HOMES. SO, [EXPLETIVE] AND THIS GENTLEMAN HERE IN FRONT OF ME, MR. BALDY, SHOULD REALLY [EXPLETIVE] UNDERSTAND.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: COME ON, HERMAN. COME ON.

HERMAN HERMAN: YEAH, COME ON, JANET. COME ON, JANET.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: KEEP YOUR LANGUAGE--

HERMAN HERMAN: YEAH, I'M KEEPING MY TONE DOWN, BUT YOU'RE INTERRUPTING ME AND MY 60 SECONDS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M [EXPLETIVE] RIGHT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'M HAPPY TO LISTEN TO YOU, BUT DON'T USE THAT LANGUAGE, AND DON'T NAME-CALL PEOPLE WHO ARE SITTING HERE.

HERMAN HERMAN: I DIDN'T SAY ANYONE'S NAME, JANET. SO, FOR THE RECORD, JANET, I WANT YOU TO HAND THIS IN TO HILDA SOLIS, FOR THE RECORD, AND HAVE YOUR STAFF ANSWER THE [EXPLETIVE] PHONE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS, AND SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS WANTING TO SAY ANYTHING, WE'VE GOT ITEM 14, AS AMENDED, BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 14, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 23, STRENGTHENING TENANT PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND RAFAEL IS STILL HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS ITEM WITH ME, TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR RENTERS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS EVERYONE IS WELL AWARE, GIVEN OUR RECENT ITEM AND OUR OVERALL ONGOING CONVERSATIONS, WE ARE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS. THE BOARD DECLARED THIS EMERGENCY IN JANUARY.

THE RECENT POINT-IN-TIME COUNT NUMBERS REFLECT EXACTLY WHY. MORE THAN 75,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ACROSS OUR COUNTY. ONE OF THE WAYS WE CAN STOP INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS IS PROTECTING VULNERABLE RENTERS, AND KEEPING THEM FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. THIS MOTION WILL STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS IN OUR RENT STABILIZATION AND TENANT PROTECTION ORDINANCE, BY DOING THE FOLLOWING: FIRST, IT WILL MAKE SURE THAT ANY VOLUNTARY BUY-OUT OFFERS, THE SO-CALLED CASH FOR KEYS, ARE, AT A MINIMUM, THE AMOUNT THE TENANT WOULD BE ENTITLED TO AS RELOCATION ASSISTANCE UNDER JUST-CAUSE PROTECTION. SO, THERE ARE ALREADY PROTECTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR SOMEONE TO BE PAID A SPECIFIED AMOUNT BY STATUTE. THIS WILL MAKE SURE THAT IF SOMEONE TRIES TO OFFER YOU CASH IN ORDER TO GET YOUR KEYS BACK TO YOUR APARTMENT, THAT THEY PAY THAT AMOUNT, EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT PLANNING TO EVICT THE BUILDING. SECOND, IT REQUIRES THAT IF A LANDLORD ISSUES A NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR VIOLATING THE LEASE, THEY MUST PROVIDE SPECIFIC FACTS, LIKE DETAILS AND DATES OF THE VIOLATIONS, SO TENANTS CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CURE THESE VIOLATIONS. THIRD, IT WILL CLARIFY EXISTING LAW TO ENSURE THAT TENANTS ARE ABLE TO USE THESE PROTECTIONS IN COURT, AS A DEFENSE TO AN EVICTION, WHEN A LANDLORD FAILS TO PROPERLY PROVIDE NOTICE. WE ABSOLUTELY NEED TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR RENTERS, TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS FROM GROWING WORSE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY

NET FOR OUR RENTERS. THERE IS STILL MORE WE ARE DOING, AND MORE THAT WE CAN AND MUST DO, AND OUR BOARD RECENTLY AUTHORIZED $45 MILLION IN RENT RELIEF TO ASSIST LANDLORDS AND TENANTS WITH C.O.V.I.D. BACK-DUE RENT THAT'S STILL OWED. THIS MONEY WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE, AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO INVEST IN PROGRAMS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING THEY'RE ALREADY IN. THE COUNTY HELD A TENANT PROTECTION SUMMIT, AND IS CREATING A TOOLKIT FOR OUR INCORPORATED CITIES. WE'RE PENDING A REPORT BACK ON LANDLORD SCREENING PROCESSES, AND THE NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AGENCY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS L.A.C.A.H.S.A., ONCE FUNDED, WILL DEDICATE 30% OF ITS BUDGET TO RENTER PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS. TODAY, THOUGH, I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND EVERY OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE, GOING FORWARD, TO PROTECT OUR RENTERS. IF WE DON'T, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS THE INFLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND THE CRISIS WE HAVE ON OUR HANDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: LET ME NOW CALL ON THE CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. THANKS SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION. IN 2022, WE UPDATED THE RENT STABILIZATION AND TENANT PROTECTIONS ORDINANCE TO EXPAND TENANT PROTECTIONS IN

THE WAKE OF LESSONS FROM THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. WE NOW HAVE OPPORTUNITIES, IN LIGHT OF THE 2023 HOMELESS COUNT REPORT, TO SUPPORT OUR AT-RISK RESIDENTS FURTHER BY UPDATING AND CLARIFYING THOSE TENANT PROTECTIONS. IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT I REPRESENT, LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES, TENANTS WILL HAVE UPDATED PROTECTIONS TO REMAIN HOUSED. IN THIS ITEM, 23, IT WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE GUIDELINE OF NEW PROTECTIONS THAT WILL MAKE TENANT RIGHTS EASIER TO UNDERSTAND FOR THE RENTER AND FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER. THE TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN THESE NEW PROTECTIONS WILL NOT ONLY SERVE TO HELP TENANTS, BUT SUPPORT OUR LOCAL LANDLORDS, AS WELL. THE THREE MAIN ONES IN THE MOTION INCLUDE, AS WAS SUMMARIZED BY THE AUTHOR, REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY TENANT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA WERE PRESENTED WITH A VOLUNTARY BUYOUT AGREEMENT BE OFFERED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AMOUNT TO A NO-FAULT EVICTION. SECOND, TENANTS WILL HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION, SHOULD A LANDLORD FAIL TO PROVIDE A COPY OF A NOTICE OF TERMINATION OR EVICTION TO D.C.B.A., AS REQUIRED. AND THEN THIRD, REQUIRE NOTICE FOR AN AT-FAULT TERMINATION OF TENANCY; SETS FORTH SPECIFIC FACTS, INCLUDING DATE, PLACE, WITNESSES, AND CIRCUMSTANCES. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THESE CLARIFICATIONS PUT FORWARD WILL HELP TO STRENGTHEN OUR TENANT PROTECTIONS, AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ISSUE?

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ALMA SAYED, AMY TANNENBAUM, ANA RODRIGUEZ, ARNOLD SACHS, BARBARA SCHULTZ, CASSANDRA ARANDA, DANIEL JIMENEZ, DULCE AMBRES, EMMA VASQUEZ, FRED SUTTON, JAI GAINES, JAMES HARTMAN, JASMINE GONZALEZ, KIMBERLY ALVARADO, KONSTANTINE ANTHONY, MARIA LOPEZ, MARIA ESCOBAR, MAX SHERMAN, SASHA HARNDEN, TONY LOY, VIOLETA ZARAGOSA, AND ARNOLD SACHS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES. ON ITEM 15, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DR. CLAVREUL, WE'RE ON 23.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: OH, I'M SORRY. I WAS SPEAKING ON ITEM 15. WELL, I GUESS I MISSED IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, 15. IT'S NEXT, SO HANG UP AND CALL BACK. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS E.J. MIDAL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: SO, I AM CONFUSED ABOUT ITEM 23. YOU'RE STATING THAT IT WILL PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, BUT I'M CONFUSED, BECAUSE THE C.P.I. GOES UP EVERY YEAR, OR EVERY TWO YEARS, AND I'M NOT SURE WHY NO ONE UNDERSTANDS THE BASIC IDEA OF THE C.P.I., WHICH IS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. HERE IN LYNWOOD, WE HAVE TO PAY A PERCENTAGE OF 5% EVERY YEAR, BECAUSE THE STATE PASSED THAT LAW, OF COURSE, TILL 2030, OR WHATEVER IT IS. AND WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE C.P.I., WHICH WE PAY EVERY DAY WHEN WE GO TO THE STORES, OR GET GAS, OR WHATEVER IT IS. SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT? AND THEN, WHEN WE GET A PAYMENT, LIKE IF WE'RE WORKING AND WE GET A PAYMENT OF, LET'S SAY, $23 AN HOUR, EVERYTHING GOES UP. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT IS THIS GOING TO DO? CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT?

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

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

SPEAKER: BUENOS TARDES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU AND ASK YOU TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 23, STRENGTHENING TENANT PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. IT WAS MENTIONED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEM 14. WE HEARD FROM FAMILY MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS, BOTH WITH DISABILITIES, PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, THAT TALK ABOUT THE CHALLENGES WITHIN THE SYSTEM, NOT ONLY TO BE ABLE TO STAY HOUSED, BUT TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR LOVED ONES. THIS PARTICULAR ITEM WILL GO ON TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE TAKING CARE AND HELPING TO PREVENT THEIR LOVED ONES FROM EITHER ENDING UP IN PRISON OR UNHOUSED ON THE STREETS, WHERE WE KNOW PEOPLE HAVE THE MORE LIKELIHOOD TO HAVE THE WORST OUTCOMES. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON BEHALF OF THE OVER QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE THAT GET SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THIS IS A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: I APOLOGIZE. JUST A MOMENT HERE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRAD SUTTON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BRAD?

FRED SUTTON: HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, NOW WE CAN. GO AHEAD.

FRED SUTTON: THANK YOU. FRED SUTTON, WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. WE WANT TO CONTINUE A REQUEST ON THESE ITEMS, TO PLEASE HAVE A FEEDBACK SESSION PRIOR. WE DO HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE WITNESS LANGUAGE IN THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS. IF THERE'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR NUISANCE ACTIVITY, WE DO NOT WANT TO PIT NEIGHBORS AGAINST EACH OTHER, THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE COME FORWARD ON VERY SERIOUS ISSUES. PLEASE, WHEN THESE ISSUES COME UP, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK, SO THE BOARD CAN BE FULLY INFORMED ON THEIR DECISIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, IN PERSON. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

AMY TANNENBAUM: HI. MY NAME IS AMY TANNENBAUM, AND I'M A SUPERVISING STAFF ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNSEL, IN THE STAY HOUSED PROGRAM. TENANTS URGENTLY NEED THE R.S.T.P.O. TO BE UPDATED AND CLARIFIED. I HAVE PERSONALLY LITIGATED AN EVICTION CASE WHERE A TENANT WHO EXPECTED TO HAVE PROTECTIONS UNDER THE EXISTING RENT STABILIZATION AND TENANT PROTECTION ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE THE NOTICE TO D.C.B.A., DID NOT HAVE THAT DEFENSE BECAUSE OF A PROBLEM WITH

THE LANGUAGE IN THE LAW. MOREOVER, REQUIRING SPECIFICITY IN THE LANDLORD'S ALLEGATIONS WHEN THEY ACCUSE A TENANT OF VIOLATING THEIR LEASE, OR OF NUISANCE, IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT HEDGE AGAINST LANDLORD HARASSMENT AND THE BASELESS LAWSUITS THAT LANDLORDS CONTINUE TO BRING, THAT LEAD TO EVICTIONS AND DRIVE THE HOUSELESSNESS CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY. MAKING THESE CHANGES TO THE R.S.T.P.O. WILL PROVIDE TENANTS THE CLEAR PROTECTIONS THAT THE BOARD INTENDED WHEN ORIGINALLY PASSING THE LAW, AND I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THESE CHANGES. THANK YOU.

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

BARBARA SCHULTZ: HI. BARBARA SCHULTZ, LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I AGREE WITH THE LAST SPEAKER, AND A TENANT CAN'T DEFEND THEMSELVES IF THEY DON'T KNOW WHO TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST. SO, IF YOU DON'T STATE WITNESSES, HOW ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO KNOW? I ALSO WOULD JUST LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE COUNTY MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER A DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION PROCESS. BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, ATTORNEYS WOULD HAVE TO SUBPOENA COUNTY STAFF EVERY TIME THEY WANTED, LET'S SAY, TO PROVE THAT A NOTICE HAD BEEN SERVED ON THE COUNTY. AND JUST LASTLY, I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER SOME KIND OF PRIORITY FOR ELECTRONIC SERVICE BY LANDLORDS OF THOSE NOTICES, SO THAT

TENANT LAWYERS CAN HAVE THEM TIMELY, IN ORDER TO USE IT AS A DEFENSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. WE HAVE THAT INFAMOUS "AND." DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER "AND" BUSINESS AFFAIRS. IS THAT INCLUSIVE OR EXCLUSIVE? I RAN INTO THAT ONE TIME WITH SNICKERDOODLE, WHEN I WAS CHECKING OUT SOME WAGES AND BENEFITS. FOUND THAT IT WASN'T INCLUSIVE. CAN YOU BELIEVE THE COUNTY BEING LIKE THAT? I'M WONDERING IF THE CODE IS GOING TO BE CODIFIED. IS THAT IN THE TOOLBOX, MS. HORVATH? DO YOU THINK THAT CODIFICATION OF THE COUNTY CODE WOULD BE IN THE TOOLBOX OR THE TOOLKIT? I'M READING THIS AGENDA ITEM FROM MARCH 21ST, WHERE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DECLARED HOMELESSNESS TO BE A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN JANUARY 10TH OF 2023. THEN I'M READING THIS AGENDA ITEM FROM THE HOMELESS STRATEGY COMMITTEE ON 2/2/23, TWO WEEKS LATER, AND IT'S ALREADY HOMELESSNESS. YOU'RE STEALING MONEY RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR PUBLIC. YOU'RE JUST PLAIN STEALING [EXPLETIVE] MONEY. DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MORALS OR ETHICS?

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

ARNOLD SACHS: WHAT TIME IS IT?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SIT DOWN. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JAI BENTLEY GAINES: HELLO AGAIN. I'M JAI GAINES. THE R.S.O. IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT 23 SHOULD HELP US OUT WITH. IN MY BUILDING, THE R.S.O. IS POSTED RIGHT THERE ON THE WALL. LANDLORD TOTALLY IGNORES IT. YOU KNOW, IF THE LAW DOESN'T HAVE ANY TEETH, IF THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY PENALTY FOR NOT FOLLOWING IT, THEN IT'S JUST A WORTHLESS LAW. IT'S JUST WORDS ON PAPER. SO, YOU KNOW, I COME TO YOU NOW, ASKING, YOU KNOW, ENFORCE THE LAW THAT YOU HAVE. YES, STRENGTHEN THIS, BUT A LANDLORD SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ILLEGALLY OR WRONGFULLY OR FALSELY BRING YOU INTO COURT WHEN THEY DON'T DO IT CORRECTLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

SASHA HARNDEN: GOOD AFTERNOON. SASHA HARNDEN, WITH THE INNER CITY LAW CENTER. I WANT TO APPRECIATE SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, WHICH WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THE PROTECTIONS CONTAINED IN THE COUNTY R.S.O. WORK AS INTENDED, IN PRACTICE, TO KEEP TENANTS HOUSED. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WHEN WE PASS TENANT PROTECTIONS, WE MAKE SURE THEY ARE ACTUALLY OPERATING TO KEEP TENANTS HOUSED, AND THAT TENANTS

ARE ABLE TO USE THEM. AND THIS MOTION WILL GO A LONG WAY TO DOING THAT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SPECIFICITY REQUIREMENT, INCLUDING THE WITNESSES, IS CRITICAL TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN A TENANT RECEIVES A CURABLE NOTICE, THEY ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO TO CURE THAT NOTICE; THAT WHEN THEY RECEIVE ANY NOTICE, THEY ACTUALLY KNOW HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IN COURT, IF THAT NOTICE IS TRUMPED UP, OR IF THEY HAVE A DEFENSE. THE WITNESS REQUIREMENT HAS EXISTED IN THE CITY OF L.A. AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ALIVE, I BELIEVE. WE HAVE NOT HEARD COMPLAINTS, WE HAVEN'T SEEN ISSUES, AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN ATTEMPTS BY C.A.A. TO CHANGE THAT REQUIREMENT. SO I THINK THAT SPEAKS TO THE FACT THAT IT SHOULD BE A NONCONTROVERSIAL POLICY, BUT WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELP TENANTS, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL SEE ME, I PROMISE. SO, THESE TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT ARE MISSING FROM A.B. 1482, THE STATEWIDE BILL, THEY'RE VERY FINE-TUNED. THEY'RE VERY GRANULAR. WHAT I WOULD ASK IS THAT YOU LOOK AT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE ACCORDING TO FAIR MARKET VALUE, AND NOT SIMPLY THE CURRENT RENT OF THE PERSON PAYING THE RENT. BECAUSE SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE MOVING TO HOUSING THAT IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT THEY'RE CURRENTLY PAYING. AND THEN THE SECOND THING WOULD BE THE RENT EVICTION LOOPHOLE. I KNOW WE'VE

TALKED A LOT ABOUT THIS. I THINK THERE'S A WAY TO DO IT WHERE THE LANDLORD, THROUGH THE EVICTION, HAS TO SHOW THAT PERMITS HAVE BEEN PULLED, THAT THERE IS A GUARANTEED MOVING FORWARD ON THOSE PERMITS. AND THEN 30, 60, 90 DAYS LATER, HAVE A REVIEW PROCESS THAT THEY ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH WITH IT. SO, A LITTLE BIT OF THAT STUFF, I THINK, CAN BE PUT IN, AND MAKE SURE. IT'S JUST REALLY GRANULAR AND SPECIFIC. AGAIN, MOST PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT, BUT THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

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

MAX SHERMAN: HI. MAX SHERMAN, APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF THE WITNESSES, SHOULD THEY HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED IN ANY AT-FAULT TENANCY TERMINATION. RESIDENTS SHOULD FEEL THAT THEIR SAFETY WILL NOT BE ENDANGERED IF THEY WITNESS A NUISANCE OR UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE SUBSTANTIAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING RENTERS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND LOCAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS. THEREFORE, WE URGE THE BOARD TO AMEND THE MOTION TO STATE WITNESSES ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY AT-FAULT TERMINATION WHERE SUCH NOTIFICATION WOULD PUT THOSE INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED IN DANGER, AND THAT THERE BE SUBSTANTIAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT WITH ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS

A.A.G.L.A. THESE ARE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS, SO THE PARTIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE TERMS WITHOUT THE COUNTY INTERVENING. THERE NEEDS TO BE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SO PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ABLE TO BE PART OF THAT PROCESS, AND OFFER EXPERTISE OF LOCAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS INVOLVED. THANK YOU.

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

JASMINE GONZALEZ: HI. MY NAME IS JASMINE GONZALEZ, AND I AM A COMMUNITY STABILITY ORGANIZER WITH EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. AND I'VE BEEN SUPPORTING TENANTS, AND THE STORIES THEY TELL ME ABOUT THE ONGOING HARASSMENT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. DURING THE PANDEMIC, THERE WERE LANDLORDS WHO CONTINUED TO INCREASE THE RENT, WHEN THERE WAS A RENT FREEZE. I'VE ALSO SEEN CASES WHERE THERE WAS A FIRE IN AN INSTANCE, AND THERE WAS NO TIMELINE FOR THE LANDLORD TO FIX THE ELECTRICITY OR THE UNIT. AND MEANWHILE, THE TENANT IS STILL PAYING RENT. THEIR RENT WAS NEVER LOWERED. EVENTUALLY, SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE UNIT AND STOLE THE TENANT'S BELONGINGS, AND THEY ENDED UP HAVING TO SELF-EVICT. THERE'S JUST NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL THE HARASSMENT AND THE DAMAGE THAT'S BEING CAUSED TO TENANTS ON BEHALF OF LANDLORDS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, THAT'S THE LAST OF OUR SPEAKERS. ITEM 23 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY

SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. RAFAEL, NOW YOU CAN LEAVE. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO ITEM 15, SUPPORTING THE DOULA WORKFORCE ABILITY TO CLAIM MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT AND PROVIDE QUALITY BIRTHING SERVICES TO AT-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 15. AND I BELIEVE DR. FERRER IS HERE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WANT TO START IT OFF?

SUP. MITCHELL: HAPPY TO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOULA HUB REQUIRES STAFFING TO COORDINATE TRAININGS AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MATERNAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH PLANS, AND OUR PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS. WHILE THIS MOTION INSTRUCTS THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON AVAILABLE FUNDING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE, THE COUNTY MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR SUSTAINED AND STRATEGIC FUNDING FROM THE STATE, IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE STATE'S VISION OF INCLUDING DOULAS AND THE DOULA BENEFIT IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM. IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO PASS LEGISLATION. STARTUP FUNDING FOR THE DOULA HUB IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT DOULAS ARE NOT ONLY ABLE TO BECOME MEDI-CAL

PROVIDERS WHO CAN BE REIMBURSED, BUT ALSO THAT THE RATES ARE COMPETITIVE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT QUALIFIED DOULAS TO JOIN THE NETWORK ITSELF. AS WE KNOW, BUDGETS ARE A STATEMENT OF VALUES, AND IF WE VALUE, AS A BOARD AND AS A SOCIETY, THE RIGHTS OF BIRTHING WOMEN, THEN WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS PRIORITIZED. IF WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT REDUCING THE INEXCUSABLY HIGH RATES OF DEATH OF BLACK WOMEN AND BABIES DURING BIRTHING, WE CAN'T REST UNTIL WE'VE FOUND FUNDING TO REALIZE THE POTENTIAL OF MAKING DOULAS MORE AFFORDABLE AND MORE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS ONE. SO, I URGE THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR FUTURE COUNTY RESIDENTS. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IS THERE A CO-AUTHOR ON THIS? NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I KNOW THIS IS SOMETHING THAT, EVERY TIME I HEAR THE WORD, I THINK OF YOU, BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING I THINK YOU WORKED ON AT THE STATE, AS WELL. AND INCREASING ACCESS TO DOULA CARE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN ACROSS COMMUNITIES, BUT ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WITH LIMITED HEALTHCARE ACCESS. AND I KNOW

IN MY DISTRICT, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS BEEN A PRIORITY AREA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY INITIATIVE, AND SO THIS IS THE TYPE OF PROGRAM THAT I KNOW IS GOING TO ENHANCE THE NEED TO PROVIDE BETTER HEALTHCARE, AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, MORE IMPORTANTLY. I ALSO APPRECIATE THIS MOTION HIGHLIGHTS ENSURING OUR SERVICES ARE INTEGRATED AND COMPLEMENTING ONE ANOTHER, SOMETHING THAT WE'RE NAVIGATING. AND I THINK THAT, ONCE AGAIN, WHEN YOU DO THAT, THE OUTCOME IS FAR GREATER. SO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS. I WAS EXCITED TO SEE IT ON THE AGENDA, AND I WILL BE VOTING YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I ALREADY GAVE YOU YOUR MARCHING ORDERS.

SUP. HORVATH: EITHER WAY. I'M HAPPY TO DO IT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. DOULAS, AS WE KNOW, PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO EXPECTANT MOTHERS. THEIR EXPERTISE, GUIDANCE, AND ADVOCACY HAS THE POWER TO NOT ONLY EMPOWER NEW MOTHERS, BUT TO TRANSFORM OUTCOMES FOR WOMEN AND THEIR BABIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST AT RISK OF PREGNANCY-RELATED MORTALITY. ALTHOUGH DOULA SERVICES MUST BE COVERED BY MEDI-CAL, THE STATE HAS ONLY APPROVED ABOUT HALF OF DOULA APPLICATIONS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, FIXABLE. WE CAN PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE TO DOULAS TRYING TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLEX PROCESS OF BECOMING CERTIFIED MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS, AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE THAT DOULAS ARE PAID A LIVING WAGE FOR THE CRITICAL SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. THE EXPANSION OF OUR DOULA WORKFORCE AND CREATION OF OUR DOULA HUB WILL RESULT IN BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR BABIES, ESPECIALLY BLACK WOMEN. BLACK WOMEN HAVE EXPONENTIALLY HIGHER RATES OF PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS, AND THEIR BABIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO DIE BEFORE THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE, AND I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES DURING SUCH A VULNERABLE AND CONSEQUENTIAL LIFE EVENT. STRENGTHENING OUR DOULA WORKFORCE WILL REDUCE SYSTEMIC RACIAL AND HEALTH INEQUITIES, AND SAVE LIVES. WE MUST SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD TODAY. I HAVE LONG SUPPORTED ESSENTIAL WORK OF DOULAS, ESPECIALLY ON THIS BOARD. AND RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT DOULAS ARE PARAMOUNT TO COMBATING THE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES IN INFANT MORTALITY RATES AND OBSTETRIC CARE CAUSED BY SYSTEMIC RACISM. THAT'S WHY I AUTHORED A MOTION, BACK IN 2020, TO IDENTIFY OPTIONS AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR EXPANDING DOULA SERVICES TO MEDI-CAL

RECIPIENTS. IN THAT SAME YEAR, I ALSO AUTHORED A MOTION TO CONDUCT A CROSSWALK BETWEEN THE ROLES OF PROMOTORAS AND DOULAS IN PROVIDING SERVICES IN COMMUNITIES WITH LARGE NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING POPULATIONS, LIKE OUR 1ST AND 2ND DISTRICT. SO, I'M HAPPY THAT THE STATE HAS NOW TAKEN ACTION TO EXPAND MEDI-CAL COVERAGE TO DOULA SERVICES, AND I'M HAPPY THAT THE MOTION BUILDS UPON THE 2020 MOTION BY ESTABLISHING A HUB FOR DOULAS TO ACCESS NEEDED SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE, AS THEY BEGIN TO ENROLL AS MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS. THIS IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR US, AND IT WILL HELP TO ENSURE BETTER CARE AND SERVICES FOR WOMEN OF COLOR. SO, I AM ALSO IN AGREEMENT, AND I KNOW THAT, TOGETHER, WE CAN COMBAT THE LEGACY OF SYSTEMIC RACISM BY ENSURING THAT DOULAS CAN PROVIDE SERVICES TO MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I, TOO, WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM?

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ARNOLD SACHS, DONALD HARLAND, AND KATRINA WILLIAMS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ANSAR MUHAMMAD. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANSAR MUHAMMAD: I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 15, AND I'D LIKE TO PUBLICLY COMMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD. WELL, YOU JUST ARE SPEAKING ON 15, AT THIS POINT. YOU'D HAVE TO CALL BACK FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANSAR MUHAMMAD: OH, NO, THIS IS 15. YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

ANSAR MUHAMMAD: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD.

ANSAR MUHAMMAD: MY NAME IS ANSAR MUHAMMAD. I'M A FULL-SPECTRUM DOULA SERVING THE A.I.M. PREVENTION INITIATIVE, AND A BOARD MEMBER OF BREASTFEED L.A., WHO I'M COMMENTING ON BEHALF OF. THE ITEM ACKNOWLEDGES THE DISPARITIES WOMEN OF COLOR GO THROUGH WHEN PREGNANT AND DELIVERING, HIGHLIGHTING THE FACT THAT BLACK WOMEN ARE FACING A NATIONAL HEALTH CRISIS IN WHICH

WE ARE DYING AT HIGHER RATES THAN OTHER RACIAL GROUPS. TO PUT IT FRANKLY, WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO WASTE. WE BELIEVE EVERY PERSON SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND SUPPORTIVE CARE, ESPECIALLY IN GESTATIONAL HEALTH. OUR CURRENT HEALTHCARE MODEL REFLECTS BOTH HISTORICAL AND PRESENT SYSTEMIC BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE, AND LACK OF BODILY AUTONOMY. THE MOTION REFLECTS PROGRESS, THE KIND THAT WE NEED MORE OF, TO HAVE HEALTHY OUTCOMES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SUPPORT FOR ITEM 15 IS SUPPORT FOR OUR RIGHT TO EXIST, TO THRIVE, TO BREATHE, TO GROW, AND IT'S ONE STEP IN A LONG WALK TO HEALTH EQUITY, SECURING QUALITY CARE FOR OUR MOTHERS--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR CALLING.

ANSAR MUHAMMAD: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM GLAD YOU ARE DEALING WITH THAT ITEM. FOR MANY YEARS, I HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE CARE OF BLACK WOMEN AND BLACK INFANTS, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THE COUNTY REALLY DEALS

WITH IT. [INAUDIBLE] OF 39 OUT OF 100 BIRTHS. [INAUDIBLE] A BLACK INFANT AND A BLACK MOTHER. [INAUDIBLE] INVESTIGATION OVER THE TREATMENT OF BLACK MOTHERS, SO IT'S A GOOD TIME YOU ARE DEALING WITH IT. THANK YOU FOR DOING IT. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS E.J. MEDDLE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: IT'S E.J. MIDAL, BUT I'M ACTUALLY WAITING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ANNOUNCE PUBLIC COMMENT WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE? THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, I WILL. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI, I'M DONALD HARLAND. THAT'S ABOUT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15, MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR AT-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN. THIS IS A PLAN THAT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS WANT TO USE MEDI-CAL TO PAY FOR TRANSGENDER BIRTHS. I DEFINITELY AM AGAINST

THIS. I BELIEVE THAT WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING IS ABSOLUTELY INSANE, THAT YOU GUYS WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BIRTH. YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR HOUSING. YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR MEDICAL TREATMENT. I MEAN, YOU'RE CREATING A SITUATION WHERE SOMEBODY'S BORN INTO SOCIAL SERVICES STRAIGHT OUT AT THE BEGINNING. THAT WOMAN THAT YOU KILLED TO GET HER EGGS, TO MAKE THOSE ILLEGAL KIDS-- YOU KNOW WHAT I SEE HERE? I SEE A BUNCH OF TRANSGENDER MEN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. PEOPLE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE MAKING BABIES.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AGAIN, THE DEVIL IS RIGHT THERE IN THE DETAILS. THE CLAIM IS MEDI-DASH-CAL. I DON'T BELIEVE THE STATE LEGISLATURE CREATED MEDI-CAL. I BELIEVE THE STATE LEGISLATURE CREATED MEDICAL, ONE WORD. IT WAS CHANGED. WHO CHANGED IT? I KNOW WHO CHANGED IT: YOUR PREVIOUS PERSON. HE ALSO DID AWAY WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN 2017. BUT GUESS WHAT? YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR AGENDA, IN APRIL 2023. L.A. HEALTH PLAN, HEALTH NET, AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. ON APRIL 18TH, AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. I THOUGHT HE DID AWAY WITH IT, JANICE. THEY SIGNED UP 15,000 PEOPLE ON SKID ROW, [INAUDIBLE]. HE STOLE ALL THAT MONEY, USED IT TO BUILD A STADIUM IN INGLEWOOD. AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH NO HOSPITAL IN YOUR DISTRICT? MARTIN LUTHER KING

HOSPITAL HAS BEEN PRIVATIZED, AND THEY'RE GOING TO CLOSE DOWN--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME IS UP. DO WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER IN PERSON?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ON THE LINE?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AND I SEE NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO COMMENT, SO ITEM 15, MY FRIENDS, IS BEFORE US. IT'LL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE NOW TO ITEM 16, FURTHER ADVANCING ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: ADOPT THE COUNTYWIDE RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND CREATION OF BOARD POLICY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 16. WE HAVE DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL

EQUITY, IS HERE WITH US AND AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THIS? HEAD THIS OFF.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. I WAS JUST CHECKING WITH DR. SCORZA TO SEE IF HE WAS GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND FOR THAT OF YOUR TEAM, FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK IN DEVELOPING THE L.A. COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN. I THINK ANY NUMBER OF ISSUES WE HAVE DISCUSSED HERE TODAY, FROM HOUSING TO BIRTH OUTCOMES, REFLECTS THE FACT THAT L.A. COUNTY CERTAINLY NEEDS THIS PLAN. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL 29 DEPARTMENTS, ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS WHICH LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS STRATEGIC PLAN. HAVING LED A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND BEEN A PART OF MANY STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESSES, I KNOW HOW CRITICAL THESE SESSIONS WERE. PART OF A STRONG PLAN IS HAVING A NORTH STAR FOR THE WORK, AND THAT NORTH STAR IS USUALLY REFERRED TO AS THE ORGANIZATION'S VISION. THE COUNTY'S VISION FOR RACIAL EQUITY IS FOR THE COUNTY TO BE, AND I QUOTE, "A PLACE WHERE ALL RESIDENTS ARE HEALTHY, EXPERIENCE JUSTICE, AND CAN THRIVE." AND SO WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY IS THE PLAN TO GET US TO THAT VISION. THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS INDIGENOUS, LATINX, AND ASIAN, IS NOT BY ACCIDENT. THERE HAVE

BEEN INTENTIONAL POLICY DECISIONS TO LOCK OUT NON-WHITE BODIED AND PRESENTING PEOPLE FROM JUSTICE, FROM OPPORTUNITY. THESE POLICIES INCLUDE RACIAL COVENANTS. AND LET'S BE CLEAR, IT WAS JUST SEPTEMBER OF 2021 THAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNED A BILL TO REMOVE THE RACIAL COVENANT LANGUAGE FROM DEEDS. IT IS IN THE DEED ON THE PROPERTY I OWN, AND HAVE SEEN IT ON PROPERTY DEEDS FOR YEARS. THAT, AGAIN, WAS LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO. IN ADDITION, WE CONTINUE TO HAVE REDLINING, WHERE BANKS AND GOVERNMENTS INTENTIONALLY DIVESTED FROM THE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE OF COLOR WERE ALLOWED TO LIVE. THERE ARE POLICIES ON IMMIGRATION, FROM THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT TO THE MEXICAN REPATRIATION, AND SO MANY MORE. THE POINT I'M MAKING IS, THESE POLICIES WERE INTENTIONAL, AND WE AT THE BOARD, AND IN OUR 29 DEPARTMENTS, NEED THAT SAME INTENTIONALITY AND PRECISION TO STOP THE HARM AND TURN THE TIDE TO CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, WHERE EVERYONE HAS OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED TO THEM TO THRIVE. THIS RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN GIVES US FIVE STRATEGIC GOALS WITH OUTCOMES, WHERE ALL DEPARTMENTS AND OUR CONSTITUENTS CAN ACTUALLY SEE HOW WE TURN THAT NORTH-STAR VISION INTO CONCRETE, TANGIBLE STEPS. THE STRATEGIC PLAN ALSO GIVES THE COUNTY A SHARED DEFINITION. THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENTS HAVE WORKED ON EQUITY PLANS, EACH ONE DOING THEIR OWN WORK. AND SO I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT ALL DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS HAVE DONE WITH THEIR TEAMS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT, AS A COUNTY, WE

HAVE ONE COHESIVE DEFINITION AND SHARED DATA POINTS. THE RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALIGNMENT AND TRACKING FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF ALL THE WORK TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF THE THOUSANDS OF COUNTY WORKERS AND OUR PARTNERS, BY IMPLEMENTING A COLLECTIVE COUNTYWIDE GOAL AND OUTCOMES SET FORTH IN THIS FIRST L.A. COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN. THANK YOU, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU--

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, I WAS CO-AUTHOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, MY GOSH.

SUP. BARGER: OH, I DIDN'T SEE THE CO-AUTHOR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, YOU DIDN'T SEE IT, EITHER? OKAY, I DON'T FEEL SO BAD.

SUP. SOLIS: I'LL BE BRIEF.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT'S NOT EVEN IN MY SCRIPT. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ASKING ME TO JOIN YOU AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. I THINK IT'S VERY CRITICAL. AND I KNOW THAT WHEN A.R.D.I. WAS CREATED, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MADE A STATEMENT TO THE WORLD THAT IT WILL CONTINUE FIGHTING TO CORRECT SYSTEMIC RACISM AND HISTORIC WRONGS THAT HAVE LED TO DISPROPORTIONATE OUTCOMES FOR THE COUNTY'S BLACK RESIDENTS. WE KNOW THAT THE IMBALANCES AND INJUSTICES OF OUR INSTITUTIONS HAVE HARMED BLACK COMMUNITIES. THAT WAS KIND OF A THREAD THAT WE HEARD THROUGH AND THROUGH TODAY. BLACK PEOPLE ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY OVER-REPRESENTED IN SOME OF OUR SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY OUR JUSTICE AND HOMELESS SYSTEMS. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO THE 2023 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT, BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MADE UP 31.7% OF THE COUNTY'S UNHOUSED POPULATION, THOUGH THEY ONLY REPRESENT 7.6% OF L.A. COUNTY'S GENERAL POPULATION. AND IN OUR JAILS, OF THE 13,000 PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, 30% ARE BLACK. AS THE ELECTED GOVERNING BODY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE MUST TAKE A STRONG STANCE AGAINST RACISM, TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT WE WILL NEITHER COMPLY WITH NOR ENABLE POLICIES THAT EXACERBATE HISTORIC INJUSTICES. WE MUST ENSURE THAT A.R.D.I. LIVES UP TO ITS NAME AND ITS WORK IT DOES TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE, TO BE

TRULY INCLUSIVE. AND I'M PROUD THAT THE COUNTY HAS A VEHICLE, SUCH AS A.R.D.I., TO DO THAT WORK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: I THINK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'M NERVOUS. I'VE MADE SO MANY MISTAKES TODAY. GO AHEAD.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION TODAY. UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS FURTHER ADVANCING AS A LEADER IN EFFORTS TO CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE AND PROSPEROUS REGION FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THIS BOARD'S ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH DR. SCORZA, ABOUT THE LAGGING PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING EQUALITY FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS DISCUSSED DURING THE REPORT-BACK BY DR. SCORZA LAST WEEK-- OR WAS IT TWO WEEKS AGO? IT WAS THE LAST BOARD MEETING-- ON THE STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE CONTINUE TO SEE DISPARITIES FOR BLACK RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT MULTIPLE INDICATOR AREAS. THE COUNTYWIDE RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN IS A THOUGHTFUL AND INCLUSIVE REPORT, WITH FIVE-- WHICH I LOVE-- ACTIONABLE GOALS FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER AND ADDRESS. AND

IF THESE GOALS ARE SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED, THE STRATEGIC PLAN WILL HAVE PROFOUND IMPACTS. I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT THIS WORK, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED PROGRESS. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, DR. SCORZA, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. I SAID IT LAST TIME, BUT I THINK, COLLECTIVELY, WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT YOU REALLY HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS THAT TRULY ARE GOING TO CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF THIS COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO THE EQUITY THAT WE ALL STRIVE TO PUT INTO PLACE. SO, THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK OUR COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND WANT TO THANK A.R.D.I. FOR YOUR STRONG LEADERSHIP AND MAKING SURE THAT THE COUNTY STAYS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE GOALS THAT WE STATE AT THESE MEETINGS. WITH THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY IS BUILDING ON OUR EFFORTS TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS IN REALIZING OUR SHARED GOAL OF RACIAL EQUITY FOR ALL COMMUNITIES AND ALL PEOPLE. RACE SHOULD NOT DETERMINE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE, NOR THEIR OUTCOMES, SO IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN LIFE OUTCOMES CONTINUE TO EXIST, ACCORDING TO RACE OR ETHNICITY, IN AREAS SUCH AS EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, INCOME, JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, AND INFANT MORTALITY. THIS STRATEGIC PLAN IS THE

RESULT OF DEEP ENGAGEMENT OF ALL COMMUNITIES AND COUNTY LEADERS, AND SETS OUT A ROADMAP WITH 5 GOALS AND 99 STRATEGIES TO FURTHER THIS WORK. AND BECAUSE WE GOT CALLS INTO OUR OFFICE, I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT THIS PLAN INCLUDES HISPANIC, LATINO, LATINX, LATINA COMMUNITIES, HOWEVER YOU IDENTIFY, AND WANT TO BE SURE IF DR. SCORZA COULD HIGHLIGHT HOW LATINO COMMUNITIES WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THIS WORK. AS A COUNTY, WE HAVE MADE SOME STRIDES. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO MOVE FORWARD THIS VISION. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE THE LEADERSHIP AND WILLINGNESS TO RIGHT THESE WRONGS, SO THIS COUNTYWIDE RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ACTUALLY LEAD, AND TO BE MORE EQUITABLE AND JUST IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING PART OF THE PLAN'S IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO RECEIVING REGULAR UPDATES HERE, SO THAT ALL OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN UNDERSTAND THE WAYS WE'RE CHANGING OUR STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS TO BETTER UPLIFT ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. AND, DR. SCORZA, IF YOU COULD PLEASE TALK ABOUT, SPECIFICALLY, HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING LATINO COMMUNITIES IN THIS PLAN.

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU ALL, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE COMMENTS, AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS MOTION. SUPERVISOR

HORVATH, TO BRIEFLY RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO BENEFIT LATINO/LATINA/LATINX COMMUNITIES, I JUST WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR THAT EACH OF THE STRATEGIC GOALS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED CREATE MEASURES AND OUTCOMES, AS WELL AS GOAL TARGETS, FOR EACH COMMUNITY. SO, WHILE THE PLAN IS INTENDED TO CLOSE DISPARITIES ACROSS LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE, IT'S FOCUSED ON CLOSING THOSE RACIAL GAPS IN THE OUTCOMES THAT WE SEE TODAY. SO, THE FACT THAT WE USE LIFE OUTCOMES, I THINK, REALLY SETS THE STAGE FOR HOW THESE STRATEGIC GOALS AND THE SUBSEQUENT STRATEGIES WILL AFFECT EACH SPECIFIC COMMUNITY. SO, INSIDE THE PLAN, WE HAVE IT BROKEN DOWN, NOT JUST BY AFRICAN AMERICANS, BUT ALSO BY LATINO/LATINA/LATINX POPULATIONS. WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED STRATEGIES FOR OUR GENDER-DIVERSE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE STRATEGIES FOR OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY THAT ARE ALL EMBEDDED WITHIN THE PLAN. SO, ULTIMATELY, THE GOAL HERE IS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR INITIATIVES THAT EVIDENCE-BASED, POLICY-CENTERED, THAT'S BASED ON THE LITERATURE AND COMMUNITY INPUT, TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING THE COUNTY'S ZONE OF AUTHORITY, OUR POWER AND OUR LEVERS OF CONTROL, AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERSHIPS, TO FACILITATE CHANGE FOR ALL RESIDENTS. AND THAT'S WHY OUR VISION IS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE CAN EXPERIENCE JUSTICE, BE HEALTHY, AND THRIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. IT'S ULTIMATELY ABOUT GETTING TO A PLACE WHERE RACE NO LONGER MATTERS.

SUP. HORVATH: APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION AND EXPLANATION, SO PEOPLE KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR WORK. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ANDREA MCPHERSON, ARNOLD SACHS, DONALD HARLAND, DONNA WELLS, AND MIKE GREENSPAN. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

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

ERIK ADAMIAN: HELLO. MY NAME IS ERIK ADAMIAN, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF G.A.L.A.S. L.G.B.T.Q.+ ARMENIAN SOCIETY. I'M CALLING IN TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO FURTHER ADVANCE THE A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LEVEL OF OUTREACH IS CRITICAL IN ENSURING THE WELLBEING OF L.A. COUNTY'S UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS L.G.B.T.Q.+ ARMENIANS, AS EVIDENCED THROUGH RECENT ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+ ATTACKS. WE ARE AT AN EXTREMELY VULNERABLE INTERSECTION OF BEING L.G.B.T.Q.+ AND ARMENIAN WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE IN NEED OF SPECIALIZED, CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE, AND EQUITABLE RESOURCES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS

OUR MINORITY COMMUNITY'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS, AND COMBATS THE HARMFUL, RACIST DIALOGUES THAT OUR COMMUNITY FACES ON A LARGE-SCALE LEVEL. WITH MORE [INAUDIBLE], A.R.D.I. CAN DO MUCH MORE FOR L.A. COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDWARD BARSUMIAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI, THERE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, WE CAN.

SPEAKER: PERFECT. SO, AS YOU HEARD, MY NAME IS EDWARD BARSUMIAN. I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AMERICA WESTERN REGION, AND I'M CALLING TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 16. L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO ONE OF THE LARGEST ARMENIAN DIASPORA COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD, COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO FLED PERSECUTION, WAR, ETHNIC CLEANSING, INCLUDING MANY OF WHOM FLED VIOLENCE AT THE HANDS OF TURKEY AND AZERBAIJAN IN RECENT YEARS, FINDING A NEW HOME HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE BELIEVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT L.A. COUNTY SHOULD SERVE AS A SAFE SPACE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL RACIAL, ETHNIC,

OR OTHER IDENTITIES TO LIVE, TO PROSPER, AND TO PURSUE THE SELF-EMPOWERMENT THEY SO DEEPLY DESERVE, SO THAT WE MAY RECTIFY SYSTEMATIC, SYSTEMIC, AND HISTORICAL STRUCTURES WHICH HAVE PERPETUATED INEQUALITY AMONG MINORITY COMMUNITIES. HAVING EXPERIENCED HATE CRIMES, SYSTEMATIC DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND DIRECT THREATS TO ARMENIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSED APPROACH WILL EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT THE COUNTLESS DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME.

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

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HECTOR RAMIREZ. SUPERVISOR HORVATH IS MY REPRESENTATIVE, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR REALLY HIGHLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF OUR LATINX/HISPANIC COMMUNITIES. LATINOS MAKE UP THE MAJORITY OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE LIVE, WE WORK, IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, SO IT'S ALWAYS FANTASTIC TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR STANDING UP FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I REALLY WANTED TO SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR MOTION AND MAKE A SIMILAR REQUEST THAT, IN ADDITION TO JUST BEING

ANTIRACIST, DIVERSITY, AND EQUITABLE, THAT IT ALSO FOCUS ON ACCESSIBILITY, BEING A SIGNIFICANT EQUITY FACTOR THAT REALLY PREVENTS ACCESS, EVEN TO COMMUNITIES FROM THE BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. SO, I REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT THAT FOR THE FOLLOWING MOTION BECAUSE, AS IT IS, IT'S REALLY VERY PRE-C.O.V.I.D., AND HASN'T REALLY ADAPTED TO THE CURRENT CHANGE OF THE LANDSCAPE. THANK YOU.

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

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

JOSE MIGUEL RUIZ: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOTION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M JOSE MIGUEL RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CULTIVA, AND I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT MOTION 16, SPECIFICALLY HAVING GONE THROUGH THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, HAVING USED THE TOOLS, SUCH AS J.E.N.I. AND J.E.S.I, WHICH IS THE JUSTICE EQUITY NEED INDEX, AND THE JUSTICE EQUITY SERVICES INDEX. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THERE ARE SOME GAPS AND, I THINK, A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY WHEN WE LOOK AT INDIGENOUS GROUPS, AND ALSO DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS. FOR EXAMPLE, SOUTH L.A, NOW IT'S SHIFTING TO 68% LATINO. WE HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT, AS WELL. AS DR. SCORZA DID MENTION, HE IS LOOKING AT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE, AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT HIS WORK,

AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT, WITH HIM LEADING IT, WE'RE IN A GOOD PLACE. SO, THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS TREMEL CARTER, AND I AM CALLING TO SUPPORT MRS. MITCHELL ON ITEM NUMBER 16. AND PREVIOUSLY CALLED LAST WEEK AND STATED THAT MS. MITCHELL DOES NOT ASSIST AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT THAT. I PROPERLY DID RESEARCH, AND I FOUND OUT THAT MRS. JANICE HAHN, I PRESENTED MY INFORMATION TO HER, AND HER CHIEF OF STAFF, NICK. THEY IGNORED MY MATTER FOR A YEAR. AND WHEN I MOVED TO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT, THEY NEVER PROPERLY TRANSFERRED MY CASE OVER. MRS. ZAVALA'S EMPLOYEE, KATHY, DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME, AND SHE WOULD TELL SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES THERE WAS WARRANTS UNDER MY NAME, TO DENY ME ASSISTANCE. MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE IS THE ONE WHO'S BEEN ASSISTING ME, AND I ALSO THINK IT'S ALSO STRANGE THAT MRS. HAHN IS MAKING MENTION ABOUT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE, AND HOW IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN, WHEN SHE NEVER PROPERLY INVESTIGATED MY MATTER. AND WHEN MY MATTER WAS SENT TO MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE, MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ALREADY HAD A BURDEN OF THEIR OWN CASELOAD, SO I WAS UNDER THE ASSUMPTION I WASN'T

BEING ASSISTED. SO, IN ORDER FOR THIS MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD, THE DISCRIMINATORY ACTS SHOULD CEASE OUT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' EXECUTIVE OFFICE, COMING FROM KATHY. AND MRS. ZAVALA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAS NEVER, EVER RESPONDED TO ME, AFTER 40 E-MAILS FROM LAST YEAR--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. EVERYBODY IS LIKE, "TIME!" OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. I WAS LISTENING TO HIM.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSA SOTO. ROSA SOTO, YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROSA SOTO: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROSA SOTO, FROM L.A. GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AND THE WELLNESS CENTER. I AM ALSO ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM 16. IT IS INCREDIBLE TO SEE THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REACH ALL OF OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, SO THAT WE CAN FULLY REPRESENT EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY. IN MANY OF OUR ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS, I SEE THE NEED TO ENGAGE COMMUNITIES OFTEN LEFT BEHIND WITH A MORE CONCERTED EFFORT, SUCH AS OUR LATINX, OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES, NATIVE AMERICAN, INDIGENOUS, L.G.B.T.Q.I., AND OTHER RESIDENTS. THE NEED FOR FURTHER OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT STEMS, TOO, FROM THE LACK OF

TRUST IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, DUE TO HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE. THESE COMMUNITIES NEED TO KNOW WE SEE THEM, WE HEAR THEM, AND WE CAN RESPOND TO THEM IN THEIR LANGUAGE. PLEASE CONSIDER THEIR CULTURES AND OUR COUNTY'S DIVERSITY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DENISE AQUINO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DENISE AQUINO: HELLO. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 16. I AM DENISE AQUINO, WITH ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, OR A.J.S.O.C.A.L., THE NATION'S LARGEST LEGAL SERVICES AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FOR THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY. WE SUPPORT A.R.D.I.'S MISSION AND VALUES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE STRONGER ENGAGEMENT BY A.R.D.I. WITH OUR A.P.I. COMMUNITIES, SO THAT A.R.D.I. CAN LIVE UP TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL. LAST YEAR, A.P.I. COMMUNITY LEADERS CALLED FOR A MEETING WITH A.R.D.I. WE DISCOVERED A LACK OF VOTING CENTERS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN ETHNIC ENCLAVES LIKE KOREATOWN AND CHINATOWN, WHICH IS WHERE MANY OF OUR IMMIGRANT AND SENIOR RESIDENTS LIVE. WE'D ALSO HAD ISSUES IN THE PAST YEARS WITH WRITTEN BALLOTS NOT PROPERLY TRANSLATED INTO SOME OF THE A.P.I. LANGUAGES, SO WE THOUGHT THESE ISSUES WARRANTED MORE ATTENTION BY THE COUNTY. THESE

ISSUES HAVE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON OUR A.P.I. IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND SO WE CALLED ON A.R.D.I. TO INFORM THEM OF THESE ISSUES AND TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT. WE HAD OUR MEETING WITH A.R.D.I., WHO LISTENED, BUT THE ENGAGEMENT DIDN'T GO MUCH FURTHER. ULTIMATELY, THE COMMUNITY GROUPS WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. ARE WE GOING IN PERSON? OKAY. MR. SACHS?

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. IT'S TOO BAD RED CHIEF HUNT COULDN'T COME UP TO SPEAK HERE, JANICE HAHN. YOU KNOW WHO THAT WAS? THAT WAS THE AFRICAN AMERICAN WHO CAME INTO CITY HALL BACK IN 2008, DRESSED AS A GRAND WIZARD FOR THE K.K.K. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? AN AFRICAN AMERICAN DRESSED UP IN A K.K.K. UNIFORM?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO ITEM 16?

ARNOLD SACHS: I AM SPEAKING ON-- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ANTIRACISM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO. STICK ON THE SUBJECT.

ARNOLD SACHS: WHAT IS MORE ANTIRACISM THAN THE K.K.K., JANICE HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'LL REFER TO MY COUNTY COUNSEL.

ARNOLD SACHS: ISN'T THAT RACIST, THE K.K.K. RACIST?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, IF YOU COULD KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO THE MOTION, SIR.

SPEAKER: WOULD YOU STOP MY TIME? THEN I'LL SPEAK. I'M NOT GOING TO-- SO, JANICE HAHN, WASN'T HE HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH YOUR SISTER?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, THIS IS YOUR SECOND WARNING.

ARNOLD SACHS: WASN'T THAT HAPPENING?

COUNTY COUNSEL: PLEASE STICK TO THE MOTION.

ARNOLD SACHS: I'M TALKING ABOUT ANTIRACISM. MIKE HUNT, YOUR GUY, K.K.K., GRAND WIZARD. WHY DOESN'T HE GO DOWN TO SOUTH CENTRAL AND GET DRESSED UP IN A K.K.K. OUTFIT DOWN THERE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, YOUR TIME IS SO UP. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND I DON'T HAVE A SISTER.

SPEAKER: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 16, A RACIAL EQUITY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY HOLLY MITCHELL, THE RACIST. YOU KNOW, I DON'T REALLY SEE RACISM IN THE CITY. I REALLY DON'T. THERE'S RACISM BETWEEN THE RACES AND EACH OTHER, THERE'S SOME OFF HUMOR, BUT THERE'S NO REAL RACISM HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE ONLY RACIST PERSON HERE IS HOLLY MITCHELL. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME CRAZY--

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, KEEP YOUR COMMENT TO THE MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, STICK ON-- OKAY, OKAY. STICK ON THE MOTION. ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO--

SPEAKER: HOW IN THE HELL--

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, THIS IS YOUR SECOND WARNING. KEEP YOUR COMMENT TO THE MOTION.

SPEAKER: THESE ARE RACIST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THAT'S HIS THIRD WARNING. TURN HIS MICROPHONE OFF. TURN HIS MICROPHONE OFF. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OKAY, LET'S...

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. THIS WAS YOUR THIRD WARNING. PLEASE MOVE AWAY FROM THE PODIUM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MIKE GREENSPAN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, HI, MIKE.

SPEAKER: AND I USED THE COLORED MEN'S ROOM IN FLORIDA. YES, FOLKS. YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE--

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU ARE OFF TOP-- SIR, YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

SUP. HORVATH: THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. UNACCEPTABLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HOLD YOUR TIME.

SPEAKER: YOU SHOULD NEVER WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT, EVER!

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, HOLD HIS TIME. WE'LL START OVER, MIKE.

SPEAKER: YOU THINK THE GOVERNOR HAS THE RIGHT TO CHANGE A DEED? YOU'RE [EXPLETIVE] WRONG! [EXPLETIVE], [EXPLETIVE] PEOPLE. [CONTINUES SHOUTING]. YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR [EXPLETIVE] MIND! I SWEAR TO [EXPLETIVE] KILL ALL OF YOUR [EXPLETIVE]--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THAT SEEMS CLOSE TO A THREAT. THAT SEEMS-- YEAH. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU YOUR WHOLE MINUTE BACK.

SPEAKER: MIKE GREENSPAN, AND YES, I USED THE COLORED MEN'S ROOM IN FLORIDA. BE SURE YOUR DIVERSITY INCLUDES SOMETHING FOR MENTAL HEALTH. I'M NOT OFF TOPIC, BUT WE JUST SAW A GREAT EXAMPLE OF INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH WITH THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: NOW, WITH RACISM, YOU ALSO HAVE ANTI-SEMITISM. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE TWO TWINS. MAYBE TWINS OF DIFFERENT MOTHERS, BUT THEY'RE TWINS. BECAUSE WHERE THERE ARE NO BLACKS, USUALLY, THERE ARE NO JEWS. I MEAN, MAYBE THERE'S AN EXCEPTION WITH [INAUDIBLE] CLUB. NO JEWS. "I'M SORRY, MR. CHRIST. WE DON'T WANT YOU HERE." BUT AS FAR AS DIVERSITY, WHEN THERE'S DIVERSITY OR NO DIVERSITY-- LET'S SAY JESUS SHOWS UP TO GET

SOME CHRISTMAS DINNER AT TEBOW'S [INAUDIBLE] COUNTRY CLUB. AND GUESS WHAT? TIM TEBOW WOULD THROW HIM FROM THE DINING ROOM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MIKE, STICK TO THE --

SPEAKER: THERE'S NO JEWS WHERE THERE'S NO BLACKS. THAT'S THE MAIN POINT THAT I'M TRYING TO--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. IT'S NOT A GOOD POINT, BUT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. YEAH, JUST BECAUSE THERE'S WORDS IN OUR MOTIONS LIKE "RACISM," THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SPEAK ON. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SPEAK ON THE COUNTY'S MOTION, WHICH IS TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DIVERSITY AND ANTIRACISM. YOU DON'T JUST GET TO PONTIFICATE ON THOSE WORDS. OKAY. NO MORE SPEAKERS? ITEM 16 IS NOW BEFORE US. SORRY, MS. MITCHELL. YOU WERE THE-- YOU HAD TO-- YEAH. ITEM 16 IS NOW BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY YOU, MS. MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. MITCHELL: YES, IT IS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: I'M IN GOOD COMPANY. AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: ENTHUSIASTIC AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO DO 40, 52-A, AND 52-B. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THESE ALL TOGETHER. 40 IS THE REPORT BY OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I, AND WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 52-A, EQUIPPING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH NARCAN, AND ITEM 52-B, PROVIDING THERMAL UNDERGARMENTS TO ALL PEOPLE IN CUSTODY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND SO, FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1-0 NOW TO COMMENT ON 40, 52-A, OR 52-B. IS THAT CORRECT, THAT THEY CAN COMMENT ON ALL OF THESE? OKAY. AND, COLLEAGUES, SINCE WE'RE TAKING THESE ITEMS UP TOGETHER-- OH, I JUST SAID THAT. YOU MAY ADDRESS ALL ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME, COLLEAGUES AND THE PUBLIC. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO.

SUP. MITCHELL: I WAS LOOKING UP TO SEE IF MR. HUNTSMAN IS THERE, AND THERE HE IS SITTING THERE. SO, THANK YOU BOTH FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS. I HAD A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SHERIFF, AND HEARD FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, AND APPRECIATE THE IMPROVED CONDITIONS IN OUR INTAKE CENTER.

AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALWAYS KIND OF-- YOU'RE REPORTING ON... KIND OF IN ARREARS, IF YOU WILL. AND SO I KNOW THAT WE'RE HEARING, TODAY, YOUR JUNE 7TH QUARTERLY REPORT, WHICH SUMMARIZES FINDINGS FROM JANUARY TO MARCH. SO I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW WE'VE HAD IMPROVEMENTS SINCE THEN, BUT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE SEEN DURING THAT FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR. AND, YOU KNOW, I CONTINUE, AS I'M SURE WE ALL DO, TO BE TROUBLED BY THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS IN OUR COUNTY JAILS, AND CONTINUE TO BE DEEPLY DISTURBED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE REPORTED INCIDENTS OF DEPUTY USE OF FORCE, NOT TO MENTION THOSE THAT AREN'T REPORTED AND MAY NOT BE APPARENT TO THE PUBLIC. I CONTINUE TO SAY THAT IT'S IMPORTANT, I BELIEVE, THAT WE ACT WITH URGENCY TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN OUR JAILS, AND I'M HAPPY THAT THE BOARD HAS CONTINUED TO FIND WAYS AND RESOURCES TO EXPAND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AS A WAY TO REACH THAT GOAL. ALSO, HAPPY ABOUT THE WORK THAT J.C.O.D., THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, IS DOING TO PRIORITIZE HOUSING, JOBS, AND SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH CRIMES AND AWAIT THEIR TRIALS. COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL HUNTSMAN. I WANT TO START OFF WITH A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO USE-OF-FORCE INVESTIGATIONS. I KNOW, IN YOUR REPORT FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, WE WERE ABLE TO DOCUMENT THAT THERE WERE EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WHO DIED WHILE IN CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THOSE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE SHOT OR SHOT AT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FIVE FATALLY. I'M CURIOUS. I KNOW, IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF, THAT THE USE-OF-FORCE POLICY IS STILL IN PROCESS. IT'S BEEN A NUMBER OF YEARS. I THINK THE SHERIFF HAS STEPPED UP SINCE HIS ELECTION TO REALLY MOVE THAT POLICY ALONG FURTHER THAN IT HAD BEEN IN THE PRIOR TWO YEARS, BUT I HEAR LOTS OF INQUIRIES FROM CONSTITUENTS WHO LOOK AT OTHER EXAMPLES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TYRE NICHOLS CASE IN MEMPHIS, WHERE WE SAW, IN RELATIVELY SHORT ORDER, THE OFFICERS INVOLVED WERE TERMINATED, CHARGED WITH MURDER, AND THE VIDEO FOOTAGE WAS RELEASED, REALLY, THE SAME MONTH. AND I GET THE SENSE THAT THAT'S KIND OF SET THE STANDARD OF EXPECTATION FOR PEOPLE. SO I'M CURIOUS, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WHAT ARE THE STRUCTURAL BARRIERS THAT EXIST IN L.A. COUNTY THAT SLOW DOWN OR OBSTRUCT A MORE TRANSPARENT, SWIFT, AND DECISIVE ACTION, WHEN WE'VE SEEN EXAMPLES OF EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE THAT HAVE LED TO DEATH?

MAX HUNTSMAN: ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, OR TO THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS?

SUP. MITCHELL: REALLY, ALL OF THE ABOVE.

MAX HUNTSMAN: OKAY. AS TO THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION, OUR CALIFORNIA LAW IS NOW MUCH MORE DEMANDING, AND I THINK ALL WE

NEED IS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW. AND WHEN THERE'S A SHOOTING, THERE'S A REQUIREMENT TO PUT OUT INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY, AND THERE IS NO LONGER A SECRECY VEIL, UNLESS THERE'S AN ACTUAL STATEMENT OF REASONS NOT TO DO SO, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THAT LAW. I HOPE THEY WILL START TO, THOUGH, AS YOU MENTIONED, WE'RE SEEING A LOT MORE RELEASE OF VIDEO THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST, SUCH AS THE LANCASTER INCIDENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT QUICKLY PUT OUT BODY-WORN CAMERA VIDEO IN THAT INSTANCE, SO I THINK THAT'S A POSITIVE. IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL WORK, IN TERMS OF DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAVE BEEN VIOLATIONS OF POLICY, I THINK WE HAVE A VERY LONG WAY TO GO THERE. IN THE QUARTERLY REPORT THAT I'M PRESENTING FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, AS YOU MENTIONED, ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT CASES, THERE IS AN ANALYSIS OF AN INSTANCE IN WHICH A DEPUTY FIRED AT A VEHICLE MOVING AWAY, WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S POLICY. IT CAUSED THE D.A. TO ACTUALLY CHARGE CRIMINALLY, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN A CONVICTION WITH EVIDENCE OF PROOF BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. BUT THAT RESULTED IN NO DISCIPLINE, A FINDING THAT THAT WAS JUST FINE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND IN THAT REPORT, WE'VE ANALYZED SOME OF THE PROCEDURES THAT WENT THROUGH, WHICH I THINK ARE NOT EVIDENCE-BASED. AND SO I THINK THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION ON THE SECOND PART, AT LEAST, IS THAT IF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IMPROVES THE EVIDENCE-BASED NATURE OF ITS

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS, SO THAT FACTS ARE GATHERED ACCURATELY AND RAPIDLY, AND THEN ARE PRESENTED TO DECISION-MAKERS IN A WRITTEN FORMAT IN WHICH FINDINGS ARE MADE, I THINK IT WOULD IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES, WHICH WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO DEPUTIES ABOUT WHAT CONDUCT THEY MAY OR MAY NOT ENGAGE IN. IF YOU HAVE A POLICY THAT SAYS, "DON'T DO SOMETHING," SUCH AS THE USE-OF-FORCE POLICY YOU REFERRED TO, IF NOBODY EVER GETS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED IT, WHEN THEY CLEARLY HAVE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY. SO IT'S NOT THAT YOU NEED TO PUNISH PEOPLE CONSTANTLY, BUT THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT SOMEBODY IS PAYING ATTENTION AND THAT, REALLY, THOSE POLICIES WILL BE ENFORCED.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. AGAIN, TO LEVEL-SET IN TERMS OF OUR EXPECTATIONS, HOW LONG DOES AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION TYPICALLY TAKE, CURRENTLY?

MAX HUNTSMAN: TYPICALLY, IT TAKES A YEAR, AND THAT'S BECAUSE CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES IT, THE EXCEPTION BEING THAT THEY DON'T COUNT CERTAIN SORTS OF TIME, SUCH AS WHILE THERE'S A PENDING CRIMINAL CASE. SO, WHEN A CASE IS SUBMITTED TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND INVESTIGATED, SUCH AS A SHOOTING, WHICH IS ALWAYS INVESTIGATED CRIMINALLY AND ANALYZED BY THE D.A., THAT PART DOESN'T COUNT. SO, AS A RESULT, SINCE WE DON'T DO CONCURRENT INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH I BELIEVE WE SHOULD, WE OFTEN

HAVE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS FOR SHOOTINGS THAT TAKE YEARS, WHEN REALLY THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE A YEAR OR LESS.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO, THE FACT-- AND YOU'VE MENTIONED THIS BEFORE. THE FACT THAT WE DON'T DO CONCURRENT INVESTIGATIONS, IS THAT BECAUSE OF STATE STATUTE?

MAX HUNTSMAN: NO.

SUP. MITCHELL: THAT IS L.A. COUNTY'S SHERIFF POLICY?

MAX HUNTSMAN: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL: EXCLUSIVELY? THERE'S NO OTHER STRUCTURAL BARRIER?

MAX HUNTSMAN: THERE IS A STRUCTURAL BARRIER, WHICH IS THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SOME YEARS AGO, NOT TO COMPEL A STATEMENT DURING THE [INAUDIBLE] OF A CRIMINAL CASE. THAT'S A VERY LIMITED AGREEMENT, WHICH THE COURTS HAVE SAID COULD BE GOTTEN RID OF, IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED. AND THAT WAS BEFORE GEORGE FLOYD, SO I GUARANTEE YOU CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED. BUT IN ANY EVENT, IT DOES NOT PREVENT CONCURRENT INVESTIGATIONS, AND I CAN'T TELL YOU THE NUMBER OF TIMES I'VE HAD PEOPLE FROM THE

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TELL ME THAT IT DOES. NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I EXPLAIN THAT LEGAL RULING, THERE'S A SORT OF A LORE AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT THEY CAN'T CONDUCT CONCURRENT INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS.

SUP. MITCHELL: OKAY. THAT'S HELPFUL. WITH REGARD TO THE USE-OF-FORCE INCIDENTS... FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IF I MAY. WE'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS IN THE PAST ABOUT FEARS WITH REGARD TO RETALIATION. IS IT YOUR OBSERVATION THAT THOSE CONCERNS REGARDING RETALIATION STILL EXIST, OR IS THAT GETTING BETTER?

SPEAKER: I CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT. I DON'T HAVE ANY DIRECT INFORMATION THAT THERE ARE RETALIATIONS RELATED TO SHOOTINGS. I WISH I HAD THE STATISTICS ON THAT, BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE STATISTICS TO SUPPORT THAT THERE ARE RETALIATION INCIDENTS AFTER A DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO, I THINK WE'VE HEARD IN THE PAST-- I WANT TO SAY THERE'S BEEN PAST O.I.G. REPORTS WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT RETALIATION, SO I THINK I WAS OPERATING UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO TAKE ACTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THAT. SO, AM I MISREMEMBERING, OR...

MAX HUNTSMAN: YOU ARE NOT MISREMEMBERING. THIS WAS A MAJOR ISSUE UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. WE WERE NOT PERMITTED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS. WE REPEATEDLY CRITICIZED THE DEPARTMENT FOR NOT PUTTING A POLICY IN PLACE TO CONTROL THE BEHAVIOR OF DEPUTIES, POST-SHOOTING, AND IT WAS A SORE SUBJECT. OUR NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS OFFICIALLY STATED THAT THEY'RE A CHANGE, BUT THEY'VE BEEN SLOW TO CHANGE SOME OF THE PRACTICES OF THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION. SO, I'M NOT AWARE OF A REAL POLICY BEING PUT IN PLACE THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT PROBLEM, OR A MORE ROBUST SYSTEM OF INVESTIGATION, ALTHOUGH THERE ISN'T THE SAME RESISTANCE AND AGGRESSIVE, YOU KNOW, INVESTIGATING-THE-INVESTIGATORS PROCESS. SO, I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT, BUT WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE, SAY, THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING ADVISOR'S OFFICE, WHICH WAS CREATED, ISN'T STAFFED, SO THEY'RE NOT FUNCTIONING YET. AND I THINK THAT'S THE DISCONNECT. THERE'S, I THINK, A WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE, AT LEAST ON THE PART OF TOP MANAGEMENT, BUT IT HASN'T ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE WHOLE PANEL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND LET ME ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS, TOO. COMMANDER MACIAS, THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT ALL DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS WHERE THE DEPUTY

IS CHARGED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MUCH LIKE THE SHOOTING OF FRANCISCO GARCIA-- I THINK THAT'S WHERE THIS RECOMMENDATION CAME FROM-- THE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT IT AUTOMATICALLY GO THROUGH THE INTERNAL CASE REVIEW PROCESS. IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT THIS RECOMMENDATION?

SPEAKER: I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DEFER THAT TO THE CHIEF. THAT'S UNDER HIS AREA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

SPEAKER: YEAH, I'M SORRY. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON MATTERS RELATED TO PATROL, AND THAT IS A RECOMMENDATION THAT WE ARE STRONGLY CONSIDERING. I KNOW WE HAD DISCUSSION WITH OUR CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING ADVISOR ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE YESTERDAY-- AT LEAST, I DID-- AND THAT WAS AN ASK THAT WE BELIEVE IS REASONABLE AND ARE WILLING TO TAKE UPON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WHAT WOULD YOU THINK THE TIMING OF THIS WOULD BE, TO IMPLEMENT THAT RECOMMENDATION?

SPEAKER: I WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. AGAIN, I SPOKE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING ADVISOR, WHO IS THE SHERIFF'S LAWYER, AND WE WERE IN AGREEANCE THAT THIS

WAS AN ASK THAT WE WOULD TAKE ON, SO WE'D HAVE TO GET IT APPROVED BY THE SHERIFF, AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND, MAX, I MIGHT JUST SAY, WHAT'S BEHIND THAT RECOMMENDATION?

MAX HUNTSMAN: WELL, NOT TO PUT TOO FINE A POINT ON IT, WHEN THE D.A. CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE AND EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO CONVICT SOMEBODY FOR MANSLAUGHTER, EVEN IF THEY ARE MISTAKEN ABOUT WHAT THE JURY IS GOING TO DECIDE, I THINK IT'S RECKLESS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOT TO DO A DEEP DIVE INTO THAT, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A POLICY WAS VIOLATED. ONE OF THOSE THINGS OUGHT TO BE VERY HARD TO PROVE, AND THE OTHER ONE SHOULDN'T BE SO HARD, AND THE OUTCOME IN THIS CASE, FRANKLY, WAS SHOCKING, AND LED ME TO MAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO, OBVIOUSLY, HEAR BACK SOONER THAN LATER WHETHER THAT POLICY IS MOVING FORWARD TO BE IMPLEMENTED. SEEMS LIKE A REASONABLE, COMMONSENSE IDEA. MY NEXT QUESTION WOULD BE FOR ASSISTANT SHERIFF-- FOR YOU, SINCE YOU'RE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS, JOHNSON. THE REPORT SUGGESTS THAT THE NARCAN POLICY FOR IN-CUSTODY DEPUTIES IS DIFFERENT FROM THE POLICY FOR DEPUTIES ON PATROL. CAN YOU ELABORATE TO US WHAT THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE BETWEEN THOSE POLICIES?

SPEAKER: SURE. IN A PATROL SETTING, OUR DEPUTIES ARE TRAINED ON NARCAN. THEY'RE ISSUED A NARCAN RESPONSE KIT THAT THEY KEEP INSIDE OF THE PATROL VEHICLES. HOWEVER, THE POLICY AS IT'S WRITTEN FOR PATROL, IT'S NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRED TO BE IN THE PATROL CAR. SO, WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS MODIFY POLICY THAT OVERBROADLY ADDRESSES THE TRAINING ASPECT OF IT, AS OPPOSED TO THE ACTUAL CARRYING AND THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION ASPECT OF IT. WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE A POLICY CONSISTENT WITH CUSTODY, WHERE DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY THEM ON THEIR PERSON, OR AT LEAST HAVE THEM ACCESSIBLE, AND HAVE--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'M STILL HAVING A HARD TIME. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? YOU'RE SAYING THE PATROL OFFICERS HAVE IT IN THEIR CAR, BUT IN-CUSTODY HAS IT ON THEIR PERSON?

SPEAKER: RIGHT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IS THAT THE BIG DIFFERENCE?

SPEAKER: YES, YES. I'LL LET COMMANDER...

SPEAKER: SO, THE ONLY BIG DIFFERENCE IS, WITH IN-CUSTODY DIVISION, THEY GET THE TRAINING WHILE THEY GO THROUGH JAIL [INAUDIBLE]. IT'S SUBSEQUENT TO THEIR GRADUATION FROM THE

SHERIFF'S ACADEMY. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO CARRY IT ON THEIR PERSON, BUT IT'S MADE AVAILABLE IN THE HOUSING UNITS, ALONG WITH ALL THE RESPECTIVE HOUSING UNITS HAVE ACCESS TO NARCAN THEMSELVES. NURSES CARRY IT ON THEIR PERSON, AND THAT'S HOW WE DIFFER FROM PATROL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I SEE. WELL, I KNOW IT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I THINK YOU HAVE A MOTION THAT WILL MAKE THESE TWO POLICIES CONSISTENT. SO, YOU WERE THINKING JUST LIKE I WAS THINKING, SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT FORWARD. AND THEN MY NEXT QUESTION IS, THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT TEMPERATURES WERE LOW IN OUR JAILS LAST WINTER; THEY SAID, I THINK, AS LOW AS 58 DEGREES. WHAT IS THE IDEAL TEMPERATURE IN OUR JAILS?

SPEAKER: SO, OUR FACILITY SERVICES BUREAU IS AIMING TO KEEP EVERY HOUSING UNIT BETWEEN 72 AND 74 DEGREES. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WE'RE NO DIFFERENT, THE EXPERIENCE AND THE CHALLENGES WITH THE H.V.A.C. SYSTEM. AND THEREFORE, IT'S UP TO THE UNIT TO CREATE A WORK ORDER FOR THERE TO BE A RESPONSE FOR THEM TO ADDRESS. THEY ARE TAKING ADDITIONAL EFFORTS AT EACH HOUSING UNIT TO PURCHASE THERMOMETERS IN EACH HOUSING UNIT, SO IF THERE'S ANY FLUCTUATION IN TEMPERATURE, THEY CAN MAKE AN IMMEDIATE WORK

ORDER AT THAT POINT. SO, THERE ARE EFFORTS THAT ARE DOING ABOVE AND BEYOND.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND SO I KNOW THERE WERE ISSUES WITH INMATES REQUESTING THERMAL UNDERWEAR, AS A RESULT OF THE TEMPERATURES. AND SO, HOPEFULLY, THERE'S CONSTANT MONITORING OF THE TEMPERATURE, SO THAT WE DON'T SEE THAT AGAIN, PARTICULARLY AS WE GET INTO THE WINTER MONTHS. AND I ALSO KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ON THAT ISSUE, I THINK YOU'RE BRINGING IN A MOTION TO REQUIRE THERMAL UNDERWEAR TO BE GIVEN. OR DID WE-- WE'VE ALREADY HAD THAT MOTION. YEAH. SO, THANK YOU. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. LET'S SEE. I'M SCARED. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU'RE NEXT.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. BARGER: ASSISTANT CHAIR JOHNSON, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE POSITION YOU'RE IN RIGHT NOW? FOR A WEEK? TWO WEEKS?

SPEAKER: TWO WEEKS, MA'AM.

SUP. BARGER: AND YOU ARE STILL KIND OF GETTING YOUR BEARINGS, AS IT RELATES TO-- I MEAN, HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO REALLY DO A DEEP DIVE INTO WHAT MAX HUNTSMAN'S PUT TOGETHER TO REALLY FLESH OUT SOME OF THE COMMENTS, AS IT RELATES TO THE SHOOTINGS?

SPEAKER: I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

SUP. BARGER: WELL, I MEAN, MY QUESTION IS-- I MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, I MEAN, I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE TIME FRAME THAT IT TAKES TO GET THE INVESTIGATION DONE. I MEAN, THE ALTADENA SHOOTING, FOR ONE, HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN VERY DISRUPTIVE TO THE COMMUNITY. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, MR. HUNTSMAN IS SAYING THAT-- AND I'M NOT REALLY CLEAR. I THOUGHT IT WAS LEGALLY THAT, BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CRIMINAL, THAT YOU CANNOT, AT THE SAME TIME, DO AN INVESTIGATION WHILE THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING THEIR INVESTIGATION. AND YOU'RE SHAKING YOUR HEAD.

MAX HUNTSMAN: YES, THAT'S THE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE GATES-JOHNSON DECISION. IT IS ABSOLUTELY LAWFUL FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO DO AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DURING THE PENDENCY OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VERY NIGHT THAT A SHOOTING OCCURS, INTERNAL AFFAIRS CAN BEGIN QUESTIONING WITNESSES AND CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION.

SUP. BARGER: YOU GET CONTACTED AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AS WELL. DO YOU GO OUT TO THE SCENE, OR DO YOU SEND SOMEONE OUT?

MAX HUNTSMAN: YES.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. AND SO I'M GOING TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO DO US A REPORT BACK, IF YOU WOULD NOT MIND, ON THE INTERPRETATION ON THAT, BECAUSE I'M HEARING TWO CONFLICTING-- I'M HEARING ONE FROM OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND I'M HEARING ANOTHER FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, AND I'D LIKE TO GET A CLARIFICATION ON THAT. AND THEN I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THERE IS A NEW SHERIFF WHO, IN FACT, HAS APPOINTED EILEEN DECKER. AND, ASSISTANT SHERIFF JOHNSON, CAN YOU KIND OF GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT EILEEN DECKER'S ROLE IS, AS IT RELATES TO THE DEPARTMENT?

SPEAKER: SURE. SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE DEPARTMENT OUT OF ALL THE CONSENT DECREES THAT WE HAVE. SHE'S IN CHARGE OF PUTTING TOGETHER A HOST OF ATTORNEYS WITH SPECIALTIES IN SOME OF THE AREAS IMPACTING OUR CUSTODY FACILITIES, OUR PATROL STATIONS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, JUST MAKING SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS IN COMPLIANCE, MAKING SURE THAT WE, AGAIN, ARE TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO GET OUT OF THESE CONSENT DECREES. SHE'S VERY HELPFUL IN OFFERING SUGGESTION ON

CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING AND OTHER AREAS WHERE WE FALL SHORT AND NEED HER ASSISTANCE. SHE'S VERY WELL DEPTH IN THE LAW, AND IS ASSISTING THE SHERIFF IN MAKING THE CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY.

SUP. BARGER: SO, SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE POINTED OUT IN THIS JANUARY-MARCH 2023 ARE PART OF THE CONSENT DECREE. I MEAN, THE D.O.J. IS LOOKING AT THE CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL. AND SO, MAX, HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING WITH EILEEN DECKER? HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING TOGETHER?

MAX HUNTSMAN: I WOULDN'T SAY WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER, BECAUSE SHE WORKS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND I WORK FOR YOU, BUT WE CERTAINLY INTERACT A LOT, AND SHE IS A KEY POINT WHEREBY WE GET INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND SHE'S A VERY EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE LAWYER.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I DON'T VIEW IT AS US AGAINST THEM, SO I WOULD SAY "WORKING WITH." MAYBE NOT "TOGETHER," BUT "WORKING WITH." BECAUSE THE END GOAL FOR YOU, I WOULD HOPE, WOULD BE TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE ACROSS THE BOARD. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE TO HOLD THEMSELVES ACCOUNTABLE, AS WELL. SO IT SHOULDN'T BE A "I GOTCHA." IT SHOULD BE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS-- ESPECIALLY

SINCE SHE WAS BROUGHT ON, TO ADDRESS WHAT WAS FAILING IN THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION.

MAX HUNTSMAN: I AGREE, SUPERVISOR. SHE WAS JUST DESCRIBED AS THE SHERIFF'S LAWYER, AND SHE'S FUNCTIONED THAT WAY AT TIMES, AND THAT MAKES IT A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PROCESS, UNFORTUNATELY, AT TIMES.

SUP. BARGER: WELL, I MEAN, THAT'S FINE. DAWYN, DOES YOUR STAFF TEAM WORK WITH EILEEN?

DAWYN HARRISON: WE DO, SUPERVISOR. AND I THINK, BY DEFINITION, SHE'S NOT THE SHERIFF'S LAWYER.

SUP. BARGER: I KNOW.

DAWYN HARRISON: I KNOW SHE IS A LAWYER, BUT SHE DOESN'T-- COUNTY COUNSEL IS THE LAWYER, AND WE DO WORK WITH BOTH.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. AND THEN, AS IT RELATES TO THE NARCAN, I WILL CONFESS, WHEN I READ YOUR REPORT, AND I WENT OUT TO SANTA CLARITA, AND WE GOT TRAINED, THE COMMUNITY, I ALSO WAS TOLD THAT IT'S WHEN THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS, AND YOU MENTIONED THAT IN HERE. SO I GUESS MY QUESTION-- AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS, BUT IN THE ALTADENA CASE, WHICH IS VERY

CONCERNING TO ME, BECAUSE HE PASSED AWAY, AND I'M NOT CLEAR WHETHER NARCAN WOULD OR WOULD NOT HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE. BUT DID WE CALL IN PUBLIC HEALTH OR ANYONE TO DO RETRAINING FOR OUR FIELD STAFF, AS IT RELATES TO, ESPECIALLY, THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE UNCONSCIOUS IN ORDER TO HAVE NARCAN ADMINISTERED?

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM, AND THAT'S THE MESSAGE WE'RE SENDING TO PATROL. I MEAN, IT'S BEEN REITERATED AT OUR BRIEFINGS, OUR RECURRENT TRAINING ON NARCAN, THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE UNCONSCIOUS FOR THE APPLICATION OF NARCAN TO TAKE EFFECT. IN FACT, THE PERSON DOESN'T SUFFER ANY ADVERSE REACTIONS, AS OPPOSED TO NOT HAVING ANY NARCAN IN THEIR SYSTEM. SO OUR DEPUTIES ARE ENCOURAGED, ONCE THEY SEE THOSE SYMPTOMS INDICATIVE OF A PERSON SUFFERING FROM AN OPIOID OVERDOSE, THAT THE APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TO DEPLOY NARCAN.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, AND THEN ONCE LAST QUESTION. ON THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS, I WAS REVIEWING THE DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING INCIDENTS FOR THIS QUARTER, AND I NOTICED A FEW CASES. THE O.I.G. REPORT'S CONCERNED OVER BODY-WORN CAMERAS NOT BEING ACTIVATED. AND I KNOW, I THINK, THAT UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THAT'S BEEN A SITUATION, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN FOLLOWED ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENTAL POLICY. WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING, IN TERMS OF MESSAGING OR TRAINING, TO ENSURE DEPUTIES

ARE ACTIVATING THEIR BODY-WORN CAMERAS? BECAUSE, AGAIN, THIS BOARD FOUGHT HARD TO GET THAT PUT INTO PLAY. AND I KNOW THAT... A LOT OF EXPENSE, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE DID IT FOR TRANSPARENCY, AS IT RERATES TO THE NEED TO HAVE IT NOT ONLY ON PATROL, BUT ALSO IN THE JAILS. AND WHEN I HEAR THAT THEY'RE NOT BEING ACTIVATED, I JUST HOPE THAT YOU ARE HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE.

SPEAKER: YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. THE MESSAGE IS THAT THE 30-DAY GRACE PERIOD IS OVER. THERE'S A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR DEPUTIES NOT ACTIVATING THEIR BODY-WORN CAMERAS WHEN THEY SHOULD, ACCORDING TO POLICY. FIRST, IT BEGINS WITH A WRITTEN-- CORRECTION, EXCUSE ME-- PERFORMANCE LOG ENTRY. THE SECOND VIOLATION IS A WRITTEN REPRIMAND. AND THEN THE THIRD VIOLATION, WE FOLLOW THE PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE PROCESS. SO, DEPUTIES ARE BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR NONACTIVATIONS, AS WELL AS LATE ACTIVATIONS OF THEIR BODY-WORN CAMERAS.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. THOSE ARE ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAD FOR NOW. I JUST WANT TO, IN CLOSING, JUST SAY THAT I UNDERSTAND THESE REPORTS ARE VALUABLE, BECAUSE THEY SHED LIGHT ON DEFICIENCIES IN AREAS WHERE WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. BUT IN TALKING TO SHERIFF LUNA, HE'S COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. AND, YOU KNOW, I LOOK TO SOMEONE LIKE EILEEN DECKER TO BE A VALUABLE ASSET, AS IT RELATES TO

ENSURING THAT WHEN THESE TYPE OF REPORTS COME IN, IF THERE IS CORRECTIVE ACTION NEEDED, THAT IT'S ACTIONABLE. AND WHILE SOME OF IT IN HERE IS, I JUST FEEL-- I FEEL FRUSTRATED BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE SOME OF THE REPORT IS POINTING OUT DEFICIENCIES, BUT WHEN I TALK TO MY CHIEF OF STAFF, ANNA, WHO I KNOW YOU'VE COMMUNICATED WITH, WHEN WE START TO FLESH IT OUT, IT'S NOT BLACK OR WHITE, AS IS MADE IN SOME OF YOUR REPORTS. THERE'S SOME GRAY AREA, AND I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AND GET A HANDLE AROUND THAT. SO I, PERSONALLY, AM GOING TO BE ASKING FOR MORE REGULAR MEETINGS, MAX, TO KIND OF BETTER UNDERSTAND THE MINDSET AS IT RELATES TO MOVING THIS FORWARD, BECAUSE THE GOAL THAT I HAVE, AND THE REASON WHY I SUPPORTED SHERIFF LUNA, IS BECAUSE I WANT THIS DEPARTMENT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, BUT I ALSO WANT THE MAJORITY OF DEPUTIES THAT ARE WORKING EACH AND EVERY DAY TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, BUT ALSO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AND WHEN I TALK TO THE DEPUTIES OUT THERE, THEY EXPECT NO LESS. THEY WANT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABOVE THE LAW. AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, IT'S CONSTRUCTIVE AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING SOME OF THE DEFICIENCIES AT THE DEPARTMENT.

MAX HUNTSMAN: I AGREE WITH THAT SENTIMENT. IF THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE REPORT THAT YOU THINK IS INCONSISTENT WITH

THAT, I'LL BE HAPPY TO TALK TO ANNA ABOUT WHAT CHANGE WE CAN MAKE.

SUP. BARGER: AND I WILL. WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT.

MAX HUNTSMAN: THANK YOU.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DID HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, TOO. I WANT TO JUST, FIRST OF ALL, PIGGYBACK ON SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL RAISED, AND THAT WAS WITH RESPECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING AND HOW WE'RE LOOKING AT DEPUTIES THAT ARE STILL ANTAGONIZING, IN SOME CASES, WITNESSES, AND IN THE COURT. SO, SAY THERE'S BEEN A SHOOTING. AND THIS HAS HAPPENED, BECAUSE WE'VE HAD FAMILY MEMBERS COME INTO THIS ROOM AND TALK TO US, AND I'VE MET WITH SOME OF THEM AND HAD DISCUSSIONS, AND IT'S JUST REALLY ALARMING FOR ME TO HEAR THAT DEPUTIES ARE STILL NOT BEING DISCIPLINED, WHEN WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE HARASSING FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE THEIR LOVED ONE MAY HAVE PASSED BECAUSE OF A SHOOTING. AND I WANT TO HEAR A RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. WHAT IS YOUR PLAN OF ACTION?

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM, I'M SORRY. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY INSTANCES. HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE FOLKS THAT COME FORWARD AS A RESULT OF THIS SESSION, PLEASE GIVE ME THE INFORMATION AND WE'LL DEFINITELY LOOK INTO IT. AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE ANY STATISTICAL INFORMATION OR DATA TO SUPPORT THAT THAT'S OCCURRING. HOWEVER, IF IT IS, WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT, AND WE WANT TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO HOLD THESE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE.

SUP. SOLIS: I THINK IT'S BEEN IN THE PRESS, AND I DO BELIEVE, IN THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT WE HELD IN EAST LOS ANGELES, WE ACTUALLY HEARD FROM SOME OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS. SO, I'M SURE THAT WE COULD COLLECTIVELY GET THAT INFORMATION TOGETHER. AND I SEE, MAX, YOU'RE NODDING. WE DO HAVE THAT INFORMATION, DON'T WE?

MAX HUNTSMAN: WE DID SPEAK TO THE-- IN THAT INSTANCE YOU'RE TALKING TO, WE SPOKE TO THE COMPLAINANT, AND WE WORKED TO GET THE VIDEO EVIDENCE THAT ALLEGEDLY EXISTED, AND GET IT OVER TO EILEEN DECKER. AND WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

SUP. SOLIS: IS IT THERE, THEN? IS IT THERE?

MAX HUNTSMAN: I'LL HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE WHAT THE STATUS OF THAT IS.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE THOSE WERE SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WE MET WITH. NOT JUST MYSELF, BUT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST HEARINGS THAT-- NOT EVEN A HEAR-- WELL, IT WAS A HEARING, YEAH, THAT WE HAD OUT IN EAST L.A., A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK, AND IT WAS RATHER DISTURBING. BUT THEN TO SEE, ALSO, THAT PLAY OUT IN THE MEDIA WAS VERY DISCONCERTING, AND THAT JUST RAISES A RED FLAG FOR ME. I WANTED TO ASK, TOO, HOW MANY STAFF ARE INCLUDED IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING UNIT? HOW MANY STAFF ARE THERE?

SPEAKER: I KNOW WE JUST RECENTLY HIRED ADDITIONAL ATTORNEYS. IN FACT, THIS WEEK, I'M NOT SURE OF THE NUMBERS, BUT I CAN DEFINITELY LOOK INTO THAT AND GET BACK TO YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: SO IT'S JUST COMING UP TO SPEED, THEN. I MEAN, WE'RE NOT EVEN THERE, YET, WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION.

SPEAKER: RIGHT. MRS. DECKER IS STILL DOING EVALUATIONS AND INTERVIEWS TO BUILD THE RIGHT STAFF THAT SHE NEEDS. SO, AGAIN, WE JUST HAD SOME HIRED, I THINK, THE LAST COUPLE DAYS, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC NUMBER. I CAN DEFINITELY GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT INFORMATION.

SUP. SOLIS: I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER, HAVING KNOWN HER BACKGROUND IN WORKING WITH US. SO, I WOULD JUST URGE THE SHERIFF TO REALLY MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS, BECAUSE IT'S VERY DISCONCERTING THAT WE HAVEN'T MADE AS MUCH PROGRESS. I DID WANT TO JUST TOUCH ON AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN MY DISTRICT, INDUSTRY STATION, WHERE, BACK IN MARCH, THERE WAS, I WOULD SAY, A VERY DISTURBING INCIDENT WHERE A YOUNG MAN WAS BARRICADED IN HIS HOME, AND WE HAD TO BRING OUT SEVERAL OTHER SUPPORTS. AND EVENTUALLY, IT TOOK ABOUT 40 HOURS. AND WE HAD TO EVACUATE-- YOU ALL HAD TO EVACUATE THE COMMUNITY IN VALINDA. AND I WAS OUT THERE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR, OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE PEOPLE HAD TO BE VACATED, AND IT WAS DURING THE DAY, ABOUT 2:30. CHILDREN WERE STILL AT SCHOOL, AND PARENTS WEREN'T HOME YET, AND THEY CLOSED DOWN THE BLOCK, OR BLOCKS. AND SO PEOPLE WERE SEPARATED, AND THEY WERE SENT OVER TO A GYMNASIUM-- WORKMAN HIGH SCHOOL. AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE, TRYING TO HELP OUT. BUT NONETHELESS, WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS, IT WAS RATHER TERRORIZING FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS, AND I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH SOME OF THEM THAT NIGHT AND THE NEXT DAY. AND I WAS WONDERING, BECAUSE OF THE WAY IT WAS HANDLED-- IT WAS, I BELIEVE, SEVERAL ROUNDS GOING BOTH WAYS BY THE PERSON WHO WAS KILLED, BUT ALSO BY OUR SHERIFFS, AND I'M WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANY INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE, AND WERE BODY-WORN CAMERAS USED? BECAUSE WE FOUND, I GUESS, THROUGH THE CORONER'S

OFFICE THAT THE GENTLEMAN DIDN'T DIE FROM ANY OF OUR SHERIFF'S ATTEMPT TO TAKE THIS PERSON OUT, BUT ACTUALLY COMMITTED SUICIDE. SO I'M WONDERING WHAT EVIDENCE OR WHAT INFORMATION DO WE HAVE, IN TERMS OF BODY CAMERA THAT WAS USED BY THE SHERIFFS?

SPEAKER: I'M VAGUELY FAMILIAR WITH THIS INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN THE VALINDA AREA. I KNOW IT WAS A 49-HOUR OPERATION WHERE WE WERE ASSISTED BY A L.A.P.D. S.W.A.T. TEAM. I CAN GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT INFORMATION. IT'S BEING INVESTIGATED BY OUR HOMICIDE BUREAU, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. BUT I'M SORRY, I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT WHAT THE BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE WORN BY THE DEPUTIES CAPTURED, OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE.

SUP. SOLIS: I THINK, FOR ME, JUST THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT THE FAMILIES THAT HAD TO BE EVACUATED, THAT THEY WERE TAKEN CARE OF. AND I KNOW THAT THE CITY OF INDUSTRY REALLY WORKED HARD TO ALLOW FOR VOUCHERS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE SO PEOPLE COULD STAY IN THE HOTEL ADJACENT TO THE HIGH SCHOOL. BUT TO BE PREPARED FOR THINGS LIKE THAT, I MEAN, I JUST WONDER WHAT PLANS WE REALLY DO HAVE IN PLACE, BECAUSE IT WAS RATHER SURPRISING TO SEE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HOME ITSELF; THAT AFTER 49 HOURS, THE HOUSE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. AND I DON'T

KNOW THAT-- OBVIOUSLY, THIS ISN'T MY BAILIWICK, BUT OBVIOUSLY OF GREAT CONCERN.

SPEAKER: YEAH. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE DID AS AN AFTER-ACTION REPORT, IN ESSENCE, DEVELOP A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RED CROSS, WHO STEPPED FORWARD WITH SOME OF THE SERVICES THEY HAVE TO OFFER, WHICH REALLY SCHOOLED OUR PEOPLE UP IN TERMS OF OTHER OPERATIONS THAT MAY GO TO THIS EXTENT, TO WHERE WE HAVE TO DO THOSE MASSIVE EVACUATIONS, WHERE WE RELY ON THEIR SUPPORT TO COME IN AND ASSIST WITH THE TEMPORARY HOUSING OF FOLKS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THE SITUATION.

SUP. SOLIS: I REALLY AM GLAD YOU RAISE THE RED CROSS, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY GET ENOUGH CREDIT. AND WE OUGHT TO BE USING THEM WHENEVER WE HAVE SITUATIONS LIKE THAT, BECAUSE SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO GO TO THE PERSON WITH THE BADGE; FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, OR WHATEVER, OR JUST FULL OF ANXIETY AND TRAUMA BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY'RE EXPERIENCING, BUT TO HAVE OTHER PEOPLE AVAILABLE. AND WE DID HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE COME IN. WE CALLED THEM IN. MY OFFICE DID. BUT RED CROSS WAS THERE. BUT AGAIN, I MEAN, THEY'RE NOT PREPARED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, EITHER. IT WAS RATHER INTERESTING. SO THAT, FOR ME, JUST IS A NOTE OF HOW WE GO ABOUT ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE SITUATIONS. HOPEFULLY, IT DOESN'T HAPPEN EVER AGAIN, BUT WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE PREPARED.

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM.

SUP. SOLIS: MAX, DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT? THIS WAS IN YOUR REPORT.

MAX HUNTSMAN: NO, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY. SO, I WANT TO GO ON. I JUST WANT TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, TOO. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, FOR ALSO RAISING THE TWO ITEMS THAT ARE LISTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA. AND FIRST OF ALL, WE KNOW THAT THE USE OF DRUGS AND ILLICIT SUBSTANCES IS ENTERING INTO OUR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. AND IT ISN'T JUST WITH THE ADULTS; IT'S ALSO WITH OUR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB REALLY WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE BETTER UNIFORM AND CONSISTENT OUTCOMES. AND THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR HAHN REGARDING PATROL DEPUTIES AND WHO SHOULD ADMINISTER NARCAN, I THINK, ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AND THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT ANY PROCEDURES OR POLICIES IN PLACE WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPEDITE THAT. I MEAN, IF WE HAVE PEOPLE ON SKID ROW, OUR OWN STAFF, COUNTY STAFF, AND PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR HOMELESS PROVIDERS TRAINED IN USING NARCAN, I DON'T SEE WHY OUR DEPUTIES AREN'T CARRYING THOSE, OR

HAVING THEM AVAILABLE AND USING THEM, AND BEING PROPERLY TRAINED AS WE SPEAK, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT BIG OF A DIFFERENCE. I MEAN, ALL OF US HERE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ALSO LEARN HOW TO ADMINISTER NARCAN, SO I DON'T THINK IT'S A BIG DEAL, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT, IN A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH, THAT THIS WOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, NO MATTER IF YOU'RE IN THE CUSTODY UNIT OR YOU'RE OUT ON THE PATROL. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR ME, IN THE PATROL, BECAUSE WE'RE FINDING TOO MANY PEOPLE. AND I CAN JUST POINT TO SKID ROW, THAT WE'RE FINDING. AND MANY TIMES, WE HAVE-- AND THIS ISN'T, OBVIOUSLY, YOUR JURISDICTION, BUT REGARDLESS, WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE BETTER TRAINED, AND I WOULD THINK THAT WE NEED TO DO THAT. WE'RE DOING THAT IN OUR PROBATION HALLS NOW, IN OUR CAMPS, SO WE OUGHT TO BE DOING IT WITHOUT AN EXCEPTION. WE NEED TO BE DOING THIS. SO, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO PUT FORWARD HERE IN MY MOTION. ANY RESPONSE TO THAT?

SPEAKER: YES, MA'AM. SO, LIKE I SAID EARLIER, WE ARE REACHING OUT TO SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS, LARGER AGENCIES THAT DEAL WITH THE SAME ISSUES THAT WE DO, IN TERMS OF DEPLOYMENT OF NARCAN. WE'RE REACHING OUT TO L.A.P.D., OTHER LARGER AGENCIES, TO SEE HOW THEY HAVE IMPLEMENTED POLICY WITHIN THEIR ORGANIZATION.

SUP. SOLIS: HOW LONG IS THAT GOING TO TAKE, THOUGH? HOW LONG IS THAT REALLY GOING TO TAKE? BECAUSE, I MEAN, THAT ISN'T WHAT

I WANT TO HEAR. I WANT TO KNOW HOW QUICKLY WE CAN GET THIS OUT THERE.

SPEAKER: I CAN LOOK INTO HOW QUICKLY AND HOW FAR WE ARE IN THE PROCESS. I WAS MERELY UPDATING, AS FAR AS WHAT WE WERE DOING, BUT I CAN DEFINITELY LOOK INTO IT AND LET YOU KNOW. BUT I CAN SAY THAT, THIS YEAR TO DATE, WE'VE HAD-- AND A VAST MAJORITY OF OUR DEPUTIES CARRY NARCAN. A VAST MAJORITY OF THEM DO, IN THE PATROL SETTING. YEAR TO DATE, WE'VE HAD 20 DEPLOYMENTS OF NARCAN THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REVIVED THOSE INDIVIDUALS. AND SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION, SINCE 2019, WE'VE HAD 225 RESCUES WITH NARCAN. SO, DEPUTIES ARE CARRYING IT IN PATROL. WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN PLACE TO MAKE IT MORE MANDATORY, AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE TRAINING TO KNOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE PERSON PASSES OUT.

SUP. SOLIS: AND YOU SAID EARLIER THAT NEW TRAINEES ARE GETTING THAT TRAINING NOW?

SPEAKER: YES. SO, DEPUTIES GOING OUT TO PATROL RECEIVE NARCAN. IT'S AN OPIOID RESPONSE KIT, RIGHT? AND IT CONTAINS NARCAN. DEPUTIES IN PATROL SCHOOL RECEIVE IT, AS WELL AS DEPUTIES IN F.T.O. SCHOOL, AND IT'S ALSO DEPLOYED AT ALL OF OUR STATIONS.

SO, EVERY DEPUTY SHOULD HAVE THIS KIT THAT I'M REFERRING TO, THAT HAS NARCAN IN IT.

SUP. SOLIS: YEAH, I WOULD JUST AGAIN UNDERSCORE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. I MEAN, WE EVEN HAVE OUR AMBASSADORS ON METRO THAT ARE TRAINED, AND IT'S AVAILABLE. HOW ABOUT THAT? EVEN SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS. SO, I MEAN, WE'VE GOT TO REALLY PICK IT UP. I KNOW THE SHERIFF REALLY CARES ABOUT ALL THESE THINGS, BUT HE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME MOVEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THAT. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO BRING UP IS SOMETHING THAT WAS RAISED, AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE THERMAL UNDERGARMENTS. AND I CAN ATTEST TO BEING IN THE JAILS, GOING TO VISIT RECENTLY, AND WHILE IT WAS A LITTLE COLD OUTSIDE, IT WAS A LOT COLDER AND CHILLIER INSIDE. AND I NOTICED THAT MOST OF THE DEPUTIES HAD JACKETS AND COATS. NOT COATS, JACKETS. THEY WERE VERY WELL FITTED. BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM DISTURBED THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THESE THERMAL UNIFORMS OR OUTFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY ALSO HAVE HEALTH NEEDS. SO IT'S ALSO A PREVENTIVE, I THINK, MEASURE THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE SERIOUSLY HERE. AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT WHAT IS THE STANDARD THAT THE SHERIFF FOLLOWS, OR THAT THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWS, IN PROVIDING THERMAL OUTFITS OR UNDERGARMENTS?

SPEAKER: YES, SUPERVISOR. SO, CURRENTLY, WE PROVIDE THERMAL UNDERGARMENTS TO ANYONE IN THE MEDICAL AREA THAT IS REQUESTED

BY MEDICAL STAFF. WE ALSO PROVIDE IT TO ANYONE WITH A.D.A., AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN AREAS THAT ARE EXPOSED TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. WE DO HAVE A SURPLUS OF GARMENTS, AND WE'RE ALSO UNDERGOING AN EXPLORATORY EXPENSE. JUST TO GET AN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE, WE DO HAVE AN EXISTING POPULATION AT THIS TIME OF 13,000, BUT WE CYCLE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 60,000 TO 80,000 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH AN ANNUAL BASIS, AND THEREFORE WE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. WE'RE MAKING SURE WHETHER WE CAN DISSEMINATE DURING FALL AND WINTER SEASON, SO ALL THESE FACTORS ARE BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, SO WE CAN PROVIDE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COST, THE WEAR AND TEAR, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THESE GARMENTS.

SUP. SOLIS: I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US, THOUGH, TO GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN SUPPLY THIS, BECAUSE AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE DID HAVE EXCESS. WE DID HAVE A SUPPLY. THEY WEREN'T BEING DISTRIBUTED.

SPEAKER: SO, WE DO HAVE A SUPPLY, BUT THE NUMBERS WERE A LITTLE SKEWED. I THINK THEY REFLECTED 300,000. IT'S ACTUALLY ABOUT 190 OF TOPS, AND THE REMAINING WHATEVER BOTTOMS. THEY'RE NOT SETS, AND WE DO DEPLOY THEM. I CONFIRMED WITH SOME OF THE UNITS, IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE A MEDICAL REQUEST. WE DO HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT OF WHAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE THOSE WHO ARE WARRANTED, BUT WE ALSO MAKE EFFORTS TO ISSUE THEM OUT WHEN

WE HAVE COLD WEATHER, AND THERE MAY BE AN INCIDENT WHERE THE H.V.A.C. SYSTEMS ARE EXPERIENCING SOME TROUBLES, BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE NORM. BUT WE ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO SEE WHAT IT WOULD COST TO OUTFIT EVERYONE WITH THOSE UNDERGARMENTS.

SUP. SOLIS: MY CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE IS THAT THE O.I.G.'S REPORT SAYS THAT THE REASON WHY THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT GIVING PEOPLE IN CUSTODY THERMAL UNDERGARMENTS IS BECAUSE IT'S NOT MANDATED BY TITLE 15. IS THAT CORRECT?

SPEAKER: THAT IS CORRECT, MA'AM. IT'S NOT MANDATED, BUT WE DO OFFER SEVERAL SERVICES THAT ARE NOT MANDATED. IT'S JUST GOING THE EXTRA MILE. SO WE ALWAYS EXPLORE NEW IDEAS. IF THERE IS FINANCIAL SUPPORT, BY ALL MEANS, WE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO DEPLOY THOSE.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT TITLE 15 IS THE FLOOR, MEANING THAT'S THE MINIMUM STANDARD.

SPEAKER: THAT IS CORRECT, MA'AM.

SUP. SOLIS: WE HAVE TO DO BETTER.

SPEAKER: ABSOLUTELY, AND WE DO IN MANY AREAS, BUT THAT'S AN AREA WE CAN DEFINITELY EXPLORE.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY, MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THAT CONCLUDES MY--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, I KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE YOU GAVE A LOT OF LEEWAY HERE, BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER-- I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY WE'RE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION, TALKING ABOUT, "WE'LL ASSESS IT, WE'LL THINK ABOUT IT." YOUR MOTION BASICALLY SAYS, "DO IT." GIVE THERMAL UNDERWEAR TO EVERYONE WHO REQUESTS IT, AND TO MAKE THE NARCAN POLICIES CONSISTENT. SO, WHY ARE WE EVEN KIND OF WASTING OUR TIME LISTENING TO--

SUP. BARGER: BECAUSE HE'S AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. WE CAN'T MANDATE. I MEAN, I AGREE WE SHOULD, AND I THINK THAT THE SHERIFF'S GOING TO BE COMMITTED TO DOING THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE UP A MOTION THAT BASICALLY SAYS, "DO IT." SO...

SUP. BARGER: DO YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE-- I'M SORRY, LINDSEY. DO YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE SHERIFF IS GOING TO ACT ON THESE MOTIONS?

SPEAKER: ABSOLUTELY, MADAM CHAIR. I MEAN, WE DEPLOY THEM NOW, AND WE'RE OPEN TO IT IF THERE IS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, WE'RE PASSING A MOTION IN ABOUT A MINUTE TO TELL YOU TO DO IT. SO, LINDSEY HORVATH, SUPERVISOR, MADAM, YOUR HONOR, AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IN YOUR OWN RIGHT.

SUP. HORVATH: YOU ARE SO GOOD, MADAM CHAIR. SO, FIRST, I KNOW THAT THESE ARE REGULAR UPDATES, SO JUST SO I HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE CONTEXT, AND I KNOW WE HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP, AS WELL. SO, MAX, WHEN I GET YOUR E-MAILS, I NOTICE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ISN'T COPIED ON THEM, AND THAT'S LIKELY FOR GOOD REASON, PROBABLY LEADING UP TO THIS POINT. SO, HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE FINDINGS IN YOUR REPORT BEFORE WE GET THEM, AND THEN AFTER THE REPORT IS RELEASED?

MAX HUNTSMAN: BEFORE WE EVEN WRITE THE REPORT, WE INTERACT DIRECTLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE GET THE INFORMATION, AND IT ALWAYS COMES FROM THEM. WE DON'T CONDUCT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS. WE DON'T GO DOWN THERE. I MEAN, WE GO DOWN THERE, BUT WE DON'T BARGE IN AND INVESTIGATE OURSELVES. WE PRIMARILY TALK TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AT ALL LEVELS-- AT STAFF LEVEL, AT COMMAND LEVEL-- IN ORDER TO GET ACCURATE INFORMATION. AND THEN, WHEN WE GET CLOSER TO THE

CONCLUSION OF THE REPORT, WE SHARE IT AT THE HIGHER CHAINS OF COMMAND, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT MAKING MISTAKES, OR WE'RE NOT GETTING SOMETHING WRONG. SO WE DO THAT IN ADVANCE. WHEN IT'S TIME TO ACTUALLY ISSUE THE REPORT-- AND WE DID THIS EVEN UNDER THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION, IN WHICH A LOT OF THAT OTHER STUFF WAS CUT BACK A BIT-- WE SEND IT TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND SAY, "IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG HERE, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF THERMAL UNDERWEARS?" AND ASK FOR THEM TO TELL US IF THERE ARE ANY ERRORS, AND WE CORRECT THEM, AND WE TRY TO IN THAT WAY GET A RESPONSE. THAT'S WHY WE GOT THE RESPONSE THAT WE WERE JUST ASKED ABOUT, ABOUT THE, "WELL, WE DON'T DO THAT BECAUSE TITLE 15 DOESN'T MAKE US." NOT THE RESPONSE WE GET TODAY. SO WE GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS WITH MULTIPLE FACT-CHECKING LEVELS, AND WE ALSO HAVE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS. I TALKED ON A REGULAR BASIS JUST LAST NIGHT WITH THE SHERIFF'S CHIEF OF STAFF ABOUT ISSUES THAT ARISE IN THE COURSE OF OUR WORK, SO WE HAVE AN OPEN LINE OF COMMUNICATION. THE E-MAILS I SEND TO THE BOARD, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD, I DO NOT C.C. THEM ON, BUT THE TRANSMISSION OF THE REPORTS, ALL THAT, WE DO. AND THEN WE TALK REGULARLY WITH THEM AFTER THE FACT. OVER THE YEARS, TASERS, FOR INSTANCE, IS A NEW ISSUE THAT'S ARISING WITH A NEW TASER POLICY. WE WROTE A REPORT MANY YEARS AGO, NEVER ACTUALLY RELEASED IT. WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT, TALKED ABOUT IT, TRIED TO TALK THEM INTO WRITING A POLICY THAT WE THOUGHT WAS MORE CONSTITUTIONAL. THAT WAS RIGHT BEFORE THE CHANGE IN

ADMINISTRATION. WE HAVE A NEW ADMINISTRATION NOW. WE'RE HAVING THE SAME CONVERSATION, SO IT'S AN ONGOING PROCESS.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, WHEN WE GET REPORTS, THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY KNOWS THE CONTENT OF THE REPORTS?

MAX HUNTSMAN: THAT'S CORRECT. ALMOST ALWAYS. THERE MAY BE EXCEPTIONS. IF I GIVE YOU SOME KIND OF AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION ABOUT SOME SPOT ISSUE, THAT WOULDN'T GO TO THEM FIRST. BUT OUR PUBLIC REPORTS THAT GO UP ON OUR WEBSITE, THEY SEE THEM BEFORE THE PUBLIC DOES.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. SO, I JUST-- IS THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE HERE? WHEN THE REPORTS-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN PREPARING FOR TODAY'S MEETING TO COME ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS, WERE YOU AWARE THAT THESE REPORTS GO TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEY COME TO US, AND YOU HAD THAT INFORMATION SO WE COULD RESPOND?

SPEAKER: WELL, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I GOT THIS REPORT TWO DAYS AGO.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. SO, I'M HEARING THAT IT'S GOING TO SOMEBODY IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND MAYBE IT'S NOT GETTING TO YOU, BUT YET, YOU WERE ASKED TO BE HERE AND ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS.

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING, WHOMEVER WILL BE HERE, WHETHER IT'S BOTH OF YOU OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THAT REPORT. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS SAYING THAT HE SENDS IT WELL IN ADVANCE, SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS, AND YOU ALL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING THE ABILITY TO REVIEW THE REPORT AND DO THAT DEEP DIVE BEFORE YOU'RE HERE, BECAUSE THAT'S KIND OF THE POINT OF THIS CONVERSATION.

SPEAKER: SO, YEAH, MA'AM. WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE REPORT, AND I'M PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTODY DIVISION.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, GREAT. AND IS THERE A POLICY IN THE DEPARTMENT AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL?

SPEAKER: IN WHAT FASHION, MA'AM?

SUP. HORVATH: IS THERE ANY POLICY AT ALL, AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL?

SPEAKER: PERSONNEL, YES. WELL, WE HAVE INTERNAL SERVICES THAT PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UPON REQUEST, OR ON THEIR BEHALF.

SUP. HORVATH: SO THERE IS NOTHING THAT'S MANDATED FOR PEOPLE TO DO. IT'S JUST AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

SPEAKER: IT'S AVAILABLE. IT'S ALSO PART OF ANY INCIDENT WHERE IT COULD BE TRAUMATIC IN NATURE. WE OFFER THOSE SERVICES, AND THOSE SERVICES REACH OUT TO THEM INDEPENDENTLY, AS WELL.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND HAS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE EVER TAKEN A LOOK AT ENFORCEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH POLICY IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONNEL?

MAX HUNTSMAN: NOT SPECIFICALLY.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. I JUST RAISE THIS BECAUSE I AM AWARE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SUICIDES RECENTLY IN THE DEPARTMENT-- TRAGIC-- AND IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT, BASED ON WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCES ON A DAILY BASIS, THAT COMPOUNDED ISSUES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ONGOING ISSUES IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND PERSONNEL, AND SUBSEQUENT BEHAVIOR RESPONSE. AND I THINK BEING MORE PROACTIVE IN ENGAGING WITH PERSONNEL AROUND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS COULD LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES FOR EVERYONE: THE PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL THEMSELVES, HOW THE DEPARTMENT WORKS. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT POLICY IS, WHAT MAYBE

IT OUGHT TO BE, IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT PERSONNEL IS ACTUALLY GETTING THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED.

SPEAKER: YEAH. AND LIKE THE COMMANDER MENTIONED, SHERIFF LUNA HAS REALLY TAKEN STEPS TO REDEVELOP OUR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES PROGRAM AND SOME OF THE OUTREACH THAT THE PSYCHOLOGISTS OFFER, TO INCLUDE MORE PSYCHOLOGISTS, TO HAVE THEM PLAY A MORE CRITICAL ROLE IN MAKING SURE THEY'RE PRESENT AT SOME OF THE UNITS ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT, MAKING SURE THEY'RE MORE PRESENT AT SOME OF OUR HIGH-PROFILE, CRITICAL INCIDENTS, MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES THEY NEED IN ORDER TO BE MENTALLY PREPARED TO DO THE JOB. AND THAT HAS BEEN HIS PRIORITY, TO GROW THAT PROGRAM, AND IT'S CONTINUING TO GROW. AND THAT'S ONE OF HIS PLATFORMS FOR EMPLOYEE WELLNESS, THAT WE DEVELOP THAT ROBUST PROGRAM TO HELP OUR EMPLOYEES OUT DURING THOSE CRITICAL TIMES.

SUP. HORVATH: I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW A DEPUTY OR A SERGEANT'S BAD DAY COULD LEAD TO AN EVEN WORSE DAY, DEPENDING ON THE INTERACTIONS THAT HAPPEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE INTERVENING AS EARLY ON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. SO, THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THAT, AND THAT'S SOMETHING YOU'LL LOOK INTO MORE.

MAX HUNTSMAN: IF I COULD ADD, THERE'S A PROGRAM CALLED ABLE, WHICH WE HAVE ADVOCATED THE DEPARTMENT INSTITUTE, AND IT'S BECOME MORE OF AN ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, RECENTLY. IT INCLUDES A MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT OF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, IN THE MANNER YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

SUP. HORVATH: I SUPPORT THE MOTIONS OFFERED BY MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROCESS OF TRAINING, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF NARCAN. ARE YOU TRACKING THE FREQUENCY IN TERMS OF HOW OFTEN IT'S USED, AND HOW OFTEN IT'S NEEDED TO RESPOND TO INCIDENTS IN OUR JAILS?

SPEAKER: ABSOLUTELY. WITHIN CUSTODY DIVISION, WE HAVE A CUSTODY DIVISION NARCAN TRACKING SYSTEM THAT ANY TIME A NARCAN IS DEPLOYED, IT IS TRACKED, AND WE ASSESS AREAS. WE ENSURE THERE'S A SUFFICIENT STOCK OF THE DEVICES IN ALL THE RESPECTIVE AREAS. SO, YES.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW OFTEN IT'S NEEDED, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED. WE ARE HAVING THIS ISSUE. I DID SPEAK WHEN I HAD MY MEETING WITH THE SHERIFF LAST WEEK, AND HIS TEAM, ABOUT THIS ISSUE THAT EVEN DOGS ARE ALREADY USED IN OUR JAILS, AND YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND OTHER INTERVENTIONS, BUT STOPPING THE INFLOW OF CONTRABAND INTO THE JAILS IS CRITICAL. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE

NARCAN AS A RESPONSE, BUT STOPPING THE INFLOW IN THE FIRST PLACE WOULD BE THE IDEAL SCENARIO, SO WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT INTERVENTIONS IN THAT REGARD. AND THEN, FINALLY, THERE WAS A NON-HIT SHOOTING, AS IT WAS DESCRIBED, IN THE REPORT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND SO I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP. AND THAT WAS THE ONE THAT WAS NOTED IN MY DISTRICT, AND SO I WANTED TO NOTE YOU HAD MENTIONED THAT THERE IS DEPARTMENT POLICY AS IT RELATES TO BODY-WORN CAMERAS, NOW THAT WE'RE SORT OF OUT OF THAT GRACE PERIOD. BUT IN THIS CASE, IT WASN'T A DEPUTY. IT WAS ACTUALLY THE DEPUTY WHO DID USE HIS BODY-WORN CAMERA. IT WAS THE TWO SERGEANTS, WHO WE WOULD HOPE WOULD BE MODELING BETTER BEHAVIOR. SO, WHAT HAS HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THESE SERGEANTS NOT ACTIVATING THEIR BODY-WORN CAMERAS?

SPEAKER: WELL, THAT WILL BE PART OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS, IN TERMS OF ANY DISCIPLINE THEY'LL FACE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE CORRECT, AND THAT, AS SUPERVISORS, THEY'RE EXPECTED TO MODEL BEHAVIOR TO THE DEPUTIES. THEY, FROM WHAT WE KNOW AT THIS POINT, FAILED MISERABLY. HOWEVER, AGAIN, THAT WILL BE PART OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND IT WILL BE EVENTUALLY DETERMINED WHAT LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE, IF ANY, THEY'LL BE FACED WITH BY OUR EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE, ONCE THEY REVIEW THE CASE.

SUP. HORVATH: UNDERSTOOD. AND I UNDERSTAND THEY WERE ALSO SHOOTING AT A MOVING VEHICLE, WHICH I THINK IS AGAINST DEPARTMENT POLICY. SO, CAN YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE, AND WHY THEY WOULD BE SHOOTING AT A MOVING VEHICLE?

SPEAKER: I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THIS CASE. IT IS AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION. ONCE ALL THE INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN DONE, ALL THE BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGES HAVE BEEN VIEWED, I'LL BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON IT MORE INTELLIGENTLY. BUT I DON'T HAVE THOSE DETAILS, RIGHT NOW, OF WHAT WENT INTO THEIR MIND WHILE THEY CHOSE TO FIRE AT THIS MOVING VEHICLE.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. WELL, I KNOW IT IS CONCERNING. PRIOR TO MY SERVICE HERE, I DID SERVE ON THE LIABILITY [INAUDIBLE] CLAIMS BOARD AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND WE KNOW THAT WHEN OUR DEPUTIES OR ANY PERSONNEL DON'T FOLLOW THE DEPARTMENTAL POLICY, IT'S PROBLEMATIC. SO, I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING TO DISCOURAGE SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES, BECAUSE THAT'S A PRETTY CLEAR POLICY IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND SO IF YOU CAN GET BACK TO ME ON THOSE DETAILS, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT HERE TODAY. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE NEW. I'M NEW, TOO, AND SO THIS WILL HELP US FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN HAVE THIS CONVERSATION GOING FORWARD IN A

DIFFERENT WAY, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE TODAY TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I STILL SEE TWO SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU'RE BACK ON.

SUP. MITCHELL: SORRY. IT WAS A RESPONSE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONSE WITH REGARD TO NARCAN AND TRAINING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GO AHEAD.

SUP. MITCHELL: I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE REMINDED-- I THINK THE RESPONSE WAS, WITH FUNDING SUPPORT IN OUR VERY RECENT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, 70% OF THE NEW N.C.C. DOLLARS PRIORITIZED FOR ALL OF OUR FUNDING PRIORITIES WENT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY; $13.5 MILLION OUT OF $18.9 MILLION. SO, I THINK THAT WE GAVE THE DEPARTMENT THE LION'S SHARE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US, SO I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS WOULD FIND ITS WAY AS A PRIORITY WITHIN THE FUNDING DIRECTED. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OTHER SUPERVISORS? OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THIS GOOD DISCUSSION. AND ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THESE ITEMS?

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: CESAR GALVEZ, CHANTEL ROSSEN, HANS JOHNSON, HERMAN HERMAN, JACOB BREVARD, AND MIKE GREENSPAN. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS E.J. MIDAL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 40, AND ON 6-24-23, I WAS ACTUALLY AT THE COMMISSION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OVER THE GANG-MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIFFS. MR. LUNA WAS THERE, AND THERE WAS AN INSPECTOR GENERAL REPRESENTING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY, GANG TATTOOS, AND WHY IS IT THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS TARGETING, HARASSING, AND INTIMIDATING PEOPLE. THE EXAMPLE IS THIS: FROM THE LATE 1980'S, HERE IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD, WHERE THE VIKINGS ARE HERE, OR WERE HERE, TO 2008, THEY TARGETED ME, HARASSED ME, INTIMIDATED ME. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I WAS ESCORTED BY GANG-MEMBER SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES? I'M NOT EVEN A HEAD OF A STATE, AND ALL OF THAT HAPPENED TO ME. SO, MY QUESTION IS THIS: WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG FOR REFORM AND OVERSIGHT? YOU DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT RODNEY KING? YOU DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT GEORGE FLOYD? ARE YOU SEEING FRIENDS? WHAT IS GOING ON? WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG? MAKE UP YOUR MINDS. AND THEN A JUDGE BLOCKS THE INSPECTION OF THE L.A. DEPUTY GANG MEMBERS' TATTOOS. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? WHAT

IS THE LEGAL COUNSEL GOING TO DO? IT'S LIKE, YOU'RE GIVING THEM MONEY? $5 BILLION, AND THEY'RE USING THAT SAME MONEY TO BLOCK EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO FIND OUT. AND FAMILIES IMPACTED WERE THERE, TOO, AND THERE IS A MEETING COMING UP WHERE I'M GOING THIS SATURDAY, AND THE FAMILIES IMPACTED WILL BE THERE, TOO. SO IT'S THE SAME THING, OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT'S LIKE YOU DON'T SEEM TO LEARN ANYTHING FROM 1992 TO 2023--

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

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. I'M HANS JOHNSON.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, WE'RE GOING IN PERSON. THANK YOU. HANS JOHNSON?

MODERATOR: HI, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, IN MY OWN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY. AND I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THESE MOTIONS AND FOR THE

EXPRESSIONS OF IMPATIENCE BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN, AND HORVATH, AND OTHERS, BECAUSE TODAY'S ITEMS ARE LONG OVERDUE. I WANT TO SPEAK PERSONALLY, IN THAT WE LOST TIME ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NARCAN IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE FORMER SHERIFF DROPPED THE BALL ON THIS IMPLEMENTATION, HAVING BEEN COUNSELED AND URGED STRONGLY TO DO IT. I SEE THAT IT WAS BEGUN IN 2019, BUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAS LAGGED BADLY. AND TO HEAR THE IMPATIENCE AND THE PROMPTING, ESPECIALLY BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND OVERDUE, AND SHOWS THE DESIRE, I THINK, BY ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO STOP THE NEEDLESS LOSS OF LIFE, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT DEPUTIES IN BOTH CUSTODY AND PATROL SETTINGS HAVE THE ADEQUATE TOOLS TO SAVE LIVES. I, MYSELF, CAN SAY I HAVE A FRIEND WHOSE LIFE WAS SAVED BY PROMPT APPLICATION OF NARCAN. WE DON'T HAVE A MOMENT TO LOSE TO GET THIS INTO THE HANDS OF ALL DEPUTIES POSSIBLE. ALSO, HAVING VISITED THE JAILS, I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE NEED FOR THERMALS. THIS IS ALSO AN OVERDUE ITEM. THIS WILL SAVE LIVES AND PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF PEOPLE BEING INCARCERATED. SOME PEOPLE ARE ONLY GIVEN AN ALUMINUM FOIL SHEET UPON ENTRY INTO OUR JAILS. THERMALS, ESPECIALLY ON A DAY LIKE TODAY, WHEN IT'S 90 DEGREES OUTSIDE, WE MIGHT RUN AFOUL OF THINKING THAT THIS IS A SITUATION IN OUR JAILS EVEN IN THE SUMMERTIME, WHICH NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS CHANTEL ROSSEN. I GO AS "APPLE-BELLE" RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE MY APPLE PHONE WAS STOLEN. I DON'T TRUST ICE-T. I DON'T TRUST EVEN MY OWN BABY DADDY'S PA, WHICH IS POST MALONE. I DON'T TRUST DWAYNE JOHNSON AT ALL. THEY STOLE MY APPLE PHONE WITH OPRAH WINFREY. I TOLD YOU GUYS YEARS AGO, I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT. ICE-T IS STEALING, PROBABLY, FROM ME TODAY. I'M ISOLATED FROM MY KIDS. THEY ALSO FORCED ME INTO HOMELESSNESS.

COUNTY COUNSEL: MA'AM, YOU NEED TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD.

SPEAKER: OKAY. I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO KNOW, I DON'T TRUST THEM. KAREN BASS CAME AND GAVE ME A HUG.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GOOD.

SPEAKER: I NEED TO OWN APPLE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE CAN ALL USE A HUG FROM KAREN BASS. OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS CESAR GALVEZ. I'M A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I AM IN SUPPORT

OF 52-B, AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE INCARCERATED ARE PROVIDED THERMALS. BEING FORMALLY INCARCERATED, I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW COLD IT IS INSIDE OUR FACILITIES. THESE CONDITIONS ARE VERY STRESSFUL, AND INCREASE THE RISK OF VIOLENCE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF COUNTY PROPERTY JUST TO STAY WARM. THIS PUTS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT RISK TO OUR INCARCERATED COMMUNITY, AND TO THOSE WHO SERVE INSIDE. I UNDERSTAND WELL THE MANY REASONS FOR THESE CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, LET'S NOT NEGLECT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HUMANIZE OUR COMMUNITY INSIDE, BY PROVIDING PROPER CLOTHING FOR SUCH CONDITIONS. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS MOTION, DISPLAY OF EMPATHY, AND COMPASSIONATE HEART, AS WELL AS ALL THOSE IN SUPPORT.

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

JACOB BREVARD: HI.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HI.

JACOB BREVARD: HI. MY NAME IS JACOB BREVARD, AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF INSIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE WHOLE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING THESE MOTIONS UP AND PASSING THESE

COMMUNITY REFORMS. I ALSO WANT TO SPECIFICALLY THANK MS. SOLIS FOR BRINGING THESE TWO MOTIONS TO THE FLOOR. I AM FORMALLY INCARCERATED. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME INSIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL AS A YOUNG MAN, AND IT'S AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONTROLLED. THE TEMPERATURE IN THERE IS CONTROLLED. IT'S ALWAYS COLD, AND YOU'RE IN THERE FREEZING. THEY GIVE YOU A SHEET, AND THERE'S REALLY NO WAY TO STAY WARM. PEOPLE NEED THERMALS IN THERE. AND EVEN IN THE CONVERSATION TODAY, I HEARD THE NEED FOR A MANDATE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IF IT'S NOT MANDATED, IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. A LOT OF TIMES IN THE COUNTY JAIL, THE OFFICER IN THE UNIT GETS TO DECIDE WHO GETS WHAT. SO YOU'RE GOING, "I'M COLD. I NEED A BLANKET." THE OFFICER, IF HE DOESN'T LIKE YOU, YOU DON'T GET A BLANKET. YOU DON'T GET THERMALS IF HE DOESN'T LIKE YOU. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WHERE IT'S MANDATED, WHERE THOSE OPTIONS ARE TAKEN AWAY, AND PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO TREAT PEOPLE LIKE HUMAN BEINGS. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: MIKE GREENSPAN, THE-- OH, A MINUTE AND A HALF, OKAY-- THE JEW WHO WON'T GO BACK TO FLORIDA. NOW, LET ME TELL YOU, YOU GUYS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WITH AN ICE-COLD JAIL. IT MADE THE NATIONAL NEWS, THE FEDERAL PRISON IN NEW YORK. IT EVEN GOT TO SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER. FINALLY, THEY DID SOMETHING ABOUT

IT. MAYBE WE OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THERMOSTATS IN THESE PRISON PLACES, BE IT FEDERAL, STATE, OR COUNTY. THERMALS ARE NICE, BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE ACTUAL HEATING OR COOLING. ON HOT DAYS LIKE TODAY, COOL IT DOWN. ON WINTER DAYS, RAISE THE TEMPERATURE. WITH ALL THAT GOES TO POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, A LITTLE BIT MORE COULD GO TO HEATING UP A COLD PLACE. NOW, THE THERMALS. I MEAN, NOT THE THERMALS, THE NARCAN THING. IF SOMEBODY TAKES A BUNCH OF BARBITURATES, AND THEY HAVE THE PARAMEDICS COME OUT AND PUMP THEIR STOMACH AT THE HOSPITAL, THEY WAKE UP IN THE MENTAL INSTITUTION. IF YOU'RE USING THE NARCAN BECAUSE SOMEBODY DID FENTANYL OR AN OPIATE, ARE THEY WINDING UP IN THE MENTAL INSTITUTION FOR EXAMINATION? IS IT A FORM OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, OR DO WE JUST SAY, "OH, OKAY. HERE'S THE NARCAN. NOW GO BACK HOME." AND WHAT WILL THEY DO? THEY'LL GO BACK HOME AND DO SOME MORE FENTANYL. IN FACT, SOMEBODY THAT I MET WHO WAS HOMELESS, NOW SHE'S DEAD. SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS BUYING A DRUG, TURNED OUT TO BE FENTANYL. SOMEONE TOLD ME SHE WAS FOAMED AT THE MOUTH WHEN THEY FOUND HER DEAD.

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

HERMAN HERMAN: YEAH. SO, [EXPLETIVE] THE SHERIFF. WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHY. WHY? BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PROVIDE SIMPLE

CLOTHING. YOU CAN'T PROVIDE A THERMAL OR A BLANKET. I RECALL WHEN YOU HAD ME IN THAT [EXPLETIVE] INSTITUTION DOWN THERE IN INDUSTRY FOR THOSE 5 [EXPLETIVE] NIGHTS IN THE COLD DURING THE SUMMER. NO ONE GAVE ME A [EXPLETIVE] BLANKET, UNTIL THE [EXPLETIVE] CAME OVER AT TWO IN THE MORNING AND SAYS, "DO YOU WANT A BLANKET?" WELL, WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] I NEED A BLANKET FOR? IT'S TWO IN THE MORNING. I GOT MY CLOTHES ON. I GOT THERMALS UNDER. WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] DO I NEED A BLANKET FOR? AND THEN I TURN AROUND AND WALK OUT BAREFOOTED. NOT ONE [EXPLETIVE] DECENCY TO PROVIDE ME CLOTHING TO WALK OUT OF THE STATION IN INDUSTRY. SO, [EXPLETIVE] YOU. AND ALL THOSE [EXPLETIVE] LIES ABOUT YOUR CAMERAS? THEY DON'T [EXPLETIVE] WORK, BECAUSE YOU DON'T PUT THEM ON. THEY GAVE YOU CAMERAS TWO YEARS AGO. WE PAID FOR THEM. I PAID FOR THEM. PUT THE [EXPLETIVE] BUTTON ON AND PUSH IT. PUSH IT!

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW...

HERMAN HERMAN: AND IN ADDITION TO THAT-- I'M ON TOPIC! ON THE FENTANYL [EXPLETIVE], IF PEOPLE WANT TO DO DRUGS, AND YOU DON'T SEE THAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE DYING IN THE [EXPLETIVE] STREET FROM IT, THEN YOU'RE TAKING THAT RISK. WE ALL TAKE RISKS. [EXPLETIVE] TAKE RISKS WHEN THEY [EXPLETIVE] MEN AND DON'T USE A CONDOM. IT'S THE SAME [EXPLETIVE], JANET. IT'S THE SAME [EXPLETIVE] OVER AND OVER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'RE NOT ON TOPIC. YOU'RE NOT ON TOPIC.

HERMAN HERMAN: IT IS ON TOPIC. IT IS ON TOPIC, AND I'LL GIVE YOU A SCENARIO, JANET. AND YOU'RE ABUSING MY TIME. YOU NEED TO STOP THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'RE ABUSING MY EARS.

HERMAN HERMAN: OTHERWISE, I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO TELL YOU ABOUT [EXPLETIVE]--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. WHEW!

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMEND YOU ON THE MENTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES. WAS THE BILL OF RIGHTS CHANGED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? WAS IT ALTERED? DID THEY CHANGE THE BILL OF RIGHTS? DID THEY REWRITE THE CONSTITUTION? THEY MADE RELIGION ILLEGAL? I'M JUST WONDERING, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S PRETTY RACIST TO HEAR ABOUT THIS LATINX, AND ALL THIS X, AND THAT BLACKX, AND ALL THIS OTHER STUFF. IS THERE A WHITEX? IS THERE A CAUCASIANX? DOES MONEY GROW ON TREES? YOUR PREDECESSOR GAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WHILE HE WAS IN OFFICE FOR 12 YEARS. YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE

PROBLEMS IN THE JAIL. NOT ONE THING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE DID AWAY WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. MAN, THAT WAS A QUICK 30 SECONDS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE SHOT ON THE HEAD BOARD FOR METRO. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO REOPEN METRO, JANICE? SAY HELLO TO YOUR GUY, MIKE HUNT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, YOUR TIME HAS THANKFULLY EXPIRED. DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS? DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 40 WILL BE RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. 52-A, WHICH IS TO MAKE SURE THAT PATROL DEPUTIES ARE CARRYING NARCAN ON THEM, AND EVALUATE THE TRAINING, BY SOLIS, IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THAT ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 52-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW 52-B IS BEFORE US, AND THAT MOTION REQUESTS THAT THE SHERIFF PROVIDE ALL PEOPLE IN CUSTODY WHO REQUEST THERMAL UNDERGARMENTS WITH THOSE ITEMS WITHIN 30 DAYS, AND SOME OTHER THINGS. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'D LIKE TO SECOND THAT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 52-B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, I KNOW. COUNTY COUNSEL SCOLDED ME AND SAID, "YOU CAN'T TELL THE SHERIFF WHAT TO DO. THIS IS A REQUEST." BUT I SAY, 5 WOMEN MAKING A REQUEST EQUALS A DEMAND. WHAT DO YOU THINK? LET'S GO TO 42, A REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT. FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

ARNOLD SACHS: $44 BILLION BUDGET.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: PLEASE DON'T SPEAK OUT FROM THE AUDITORIUM. COMMANDER MACIAS, ARE YOU GOING TO BE MAKING A PRESENTATION?

COMMANDER MACIAS: YES, MA'AM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. YOU'VE GOT THE FLOOR.

COMMANDER MACIAS: OKAY, PERFECT. THANK YOU, DISTINGUISHED BOARD. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ASSISTANT SHERIFF SERGIO ALOMA TO REPRESENT TO YOU OUR ROSAS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, ALONG WITH OUR STATUS ON SOME OF OUR COMPLIANCE MEASURES. SO, AS WE KNOW, 1.5 PROVISION REQUIRES US TO COME HERE BIANNUALLY TO REPORT TO YOU ON THE STATUS. THERE ARE 6 AREAS I'LL BE SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY ON, WHICH IS THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, THE STATUS OF OUR COMPLIANCE, SOME OF OUR TRAINING ON USE OF FORCE, OUR STATISTICS AND TRENDS, ALONG WITH SOME OF OUR FORCE POLICY

VIOLATIONS AND ANY SUBSEQUENT IMPOSITIONS OF DISCIPLINE THAT WAS GIVEN OUT, AS WELL AS OUR INMATE GRIEVANCE SYSTEM. THE INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO YOU IS A COMPARISON FROM THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2021 AND 2022, WHICH IS THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ALLEGING EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE PRIMARILY IN THE BASIN FACILITIES, WHICH ARE COMPRISED OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, AND TWIN TOWERS. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2015, WHEN THE COURTS AGREED TO IT, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL 2018, ONCE ALL THE COMPLIANCE MEASURES WERE ESTABLISHED, THAT WE BEGAN TO MONITOR SOME OF THE COMPLIANCES. ALL IN ALL, THE PROVISIONS ARE GROUPED IN 7 MAJOR CATEGORIES: ADMINISTRATIVE; USE OF FORCE, WHICH ARE SOME OF THE TRENDS AS FAR AS TRAINING; FORCE REPORTING AND FORCE INVESTIGATIONS, ALONG WITH GRIEVANCES; SOME OF OUR RESTRAINT DEVICES; AND OUR EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, WHICH TRACKS THE USE OF FORCE BY INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED TO BE MONITORED MONTHLY. ALL IN ALL, IT RESULTED IN 104 PROVISIONS AND 402 ASSOCIATED COMPLIANCE MEASURES. SO, WHAT WE CONTINUE TO DO, AND ALTHOUGH IT SAYS, "FOCUSING ON THE BASIN FACILITIES," WHICH IS WHAT THE ROSAS APPLIES TO, WE DO ALL THESE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS DIVISION-WIDE WITHIN ALL OUR 7 FACILITIES. WE CONDUCT WEEKLY FORCE REVIEW WITH THE RESPECTIVE CHIEFS AND THEIR COMMAND STAFF, ALONG WITH THE COMMAND STAFF IN THE RESPECTIVE FACILITY. O.I.G. STANDS IN

THESE MEETINGS, AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY REVIEW THE FORCE THAT'S EXPERIENCED THE WEEK PRIOR. THEY DO A DEEP DIVE AND IDENTIFY ANY CONCERNS AND ANY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, OR EXPEDITING THE INVESTIGATION, IF IT'S REQUIRED. WE HAVE ALSO IMPLEMENTED A HEAD-STRIKING TRACKER TO IDENTIFY ANY TRENDS OR REPEAT OFFENDERS, AND TO CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO REFRAIN FROM USING PERSONAL WEAPONS, SPECIFICALLY TO THE HEAD AND NECK AREA. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE SOME OF OUR COMPLIANCE MEASURES, WE'VE ALSO INTRODUCED A GUIDANCE FOR OUR SUPERVISORS, RECOGNIZING THERE'S 402 COMPLYING MEASURES. THAT'S A LOT OF INFORMATION TO RETAIN, ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE CYCLE INTO CUSTODY DIVISION. AND SO WE ALL KNOW THAT GOOD SUPERVISORS CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. THIS IS A TECHNIQUE TO HELP THEM. WE'VE ALSO INTRODUCED A LIMITATION ON FORCE DIRECTIVE, WHICH ENCOURAGES FOLKS TO RESORT TO OTHER MEANS, INSTEAD OF USING PERSONAL WEAPONS TO THE HEAD OR NECK AREA, AND IT REQUIRES THREE THRESHOLDS. IT HAS TO BE AN ASSAULTIVE. THERE HAS TO BE GREAT BODILY INJURY, OR THREAT OF INJURY, AND THERE CAN'T BE ANY OTHER REASONABLE MEANS TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION. THIS SLIDE ILLUSTRATES SOME OF OUR TRAINING THAT'S REQUIRED FOR THOSE ASSIGNED TO CUSTODY DIVISION. YOU'LL SEE THE COMPARISON FROM THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021, AS OPPOSED TO 2022. THE THRESHOLD FOR COMPLIANCE IS 90%, AND EVERYTHING YOU SEE ABOVE, WE'VE MET COMPLIANCE. THE AREAS WHERE IT SAYS "INITIAL TRAINING," THAT IS TRAINING THAT

EVERYONE RECEIVES PRIOR TO BEING ASSIGNED TO CUSTODY DIVISION. SO, ANYONE GRADUATING FROM THE ACADEMY RECEIVES 6 ADDITIONAL WEEKS. THE DIVERT THAT YOU SEE THERE, IT'S IN A 32-HOUR CURRICULUM THAT TEACHES DE-ESCALATION EFFORTS, AS WELL AS HANDLING THE MENTALLY ILL. THERE'S AN ETHICS COURSE. IT'S A FOUR-HOUR COURSE. AND YOU ALSO RECEIVE AN 8-HOUR COURSE SPECIFIC TO FORCE IN A CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT. THIS SLIDE DEPICTS THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE INITIATED WITHIN OUR DIVISION. AND YOU'LL SEE, SINCE 2019, WE'VE SEEN A TREND WHERE WE CONTINUE TO INITIATE MORE. THERE WERE 67 IN '21, AND 80 IN THE FIRST SEMESTER OF '22. SPECIFIC TO THE BASIN FACILITIES, THESE ARE THE CASES THAT WERE INITIATED THAT WERE DEPICTED OF VIOLATING THE USE-OF-FORCE POLICY. ALL 10 CASES IN 2021 WERE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION, AND DISCIPLINE WAS IMPOSED. OF THE 11 CASES IN 2022, 8 HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND WERE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE POLICY, AND THREE ARE STILL PENDING. SOME OF THE VIOLATIONS THAT ARE IMPOSED ARE ANYWHERE BETWEEN A REPRIMAND AND MULTIPLE DAYS OF SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY. THIS NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE OVERALL USE-OF-FORCE STATISTICS IN THE BASIN FACILITIES BY ALL THREE CATEGORIES, AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE A DOWNWARD TREND. THERE'S A 15% REDUCTION IN OVERALL USE OF FORCE. THIS GOES INTO SPECIFICS IN THREE CATEGORIES. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, CATEGORY 1 IS THAT THERE'S NO INJURY, MAYBE A COMPLAINT OR DISCOMFORT, SUCH AS EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL AGENTS. ON THE CATEGORY 2, WE CONTINUE TO SEE A TREND DOWN, AT

28% REDUCTION. THIS IS WHERE THERE'S AN IDENTIFIABLE INJURY AND/OR THERE'S A COMPLAINT OF PAIN, WHERE A SUBSEQUENT MEDICAL EVALUATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS ASSOCIATED, OR THERE'S A NEXUS TO THE USE OF FORCE. FOR THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS SHOWS OUR CATEGORY THREES. CATEGORY THREES TEND TO BE ANY INJURY THAT RESULTS IN THEM BEING TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL TO BE ADMITTED FOR OR TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL TREATMENT FOR THEIR INJURIES. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WOULD BE AN IMPACT WEAPON FROM A LESS LETHAL ORDNANCE, SUCH AS A RUBBER MUNITION STRIKING THEM IN THE NECK OR HEAD AREA. THESE CASES ARE NOT INVESTIGATED INTERNALLY. THEY'RE INVESTIGATED BY THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU. THIS IS A COMPARISON SIDE BY SIDE FROM THE ROSAS PANELS REPORT BACK, FROM THE 10TH REPORT TO THE MOST RECENT, WHICH IS THE 11TH. YOU'LL SEE, OUT OF THE 104 PROVISIONS, AREAS THAT WE WERE FOUND IN COMPLIANCE, WHICH IS 74, AND 23 WHICH WERE NOT FOUND IN COMPLIANCE. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT, MOST OF THEM HAVE HIGH PERCENTAGES, BUT NOT THE THRESHOLD, WHETHER IT BE 90% OR 95%. AN EXAMPLE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ONE WOULD BE WHERE THEY FELT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE, PERHAPS, BECAUSE HE USED PERSONAL WEAPONS, AND THE JUSTIFICATION WAS JUST NOT STRONG ENOUGH. AN EXAMPLE FOR THE USE OF FORCE WHERE 10 CASES WERE FOUND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WOULD BE DE-ESCALATION EFFORTS WEREN'T SOPHISTICATED ENOUGH OR SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO DE-ESCALATE THE SITUATION. PERHAPS THEY HAD A RECALCITRANT INDIVIDUAL, AND

THEY FAILED TO WAIT FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO ARRIVE BEFORE TAKING ACTION. AS FAR AS THE GRIEVANCES, THE GRIEVANCES HAD TO DO WITH TOWN HALL MEETINGS. THERE IS A REQUIREMENT THAT YOU DO ENOUGH TOWN HALL MEETINGS WITH FOLKS THERE. THE USE-OF-FORCE INVESTIGATION USUALLY RESULTS FROM VAGUE REPORTS, A LACK OF COMPLETING THOROUGH INTERVIEWS FROM EVERYONE THAT WAS PRESENT. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS WHAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS CASES WHERE WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN COMPLIANCE FOR TWO-PLUS YEARS, UP TO 5 YEARS. 54 OF THE 104 PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE, CONSECUTIVELY, FOR OVER TWO YEARS. THESE ARE AREAS WHERE WE HOPE WOULD NOT REQUIRE MONITORING, NECESSARILY, SO WE CAN REDIRECT ALL THIS PERSONNEL THAT TAKES ITS TIME TO DO THIS TO FOCUS ON AREAS WHERE COME SHORT. NOT TO SAY THAT WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED OR BE AUDITED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE CONTINUES. THIS NEXT SLIDE REFLECTS SOME OF THE GRIEVANCES, AND THEN YOU'LL SEE THE OVERALL GRIEVANCES FROM THE FIRST SEMESTER OF '21 TO FIRST SEMESTER OF '22. THERE WAS A DECLINE IN OVERALL GRIEVANCES. COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF DID GO UP SLIGHTLY, BUT THE LARGEST TAKEAWAY HERE IS ON THE IPADS. YOU'LL SEE THAT IN 2021, THERE WAS ALMOST HALF A MILLION REQUESTS THAT WERE MADE, AS OPPOSED TO 89. THAT HAS TO DO WITH AN ARCHAIC SYSTEM. THESE IPADS WERE FIRST PURCHASED IN 2013, AND ANYBODY WHO HAS AN IPHONE RECOGNIZES THAT A PHONE FROM 2013 IS OBSOLETE. SOFTWARE IS NOT SUPPORTED. AND SO WE HOPE, WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND OTHERS, THAT WE IMPLEMENT NEW

TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS A TABLET SOLUTION THAT WOULD PROVIDE US A GREAT ADVANTAGE IN REACHING COMPLIANCE. AND THE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE ABLE TO, PERHAPS, SUBMIT A GRIEVANCE OR A COMPLAINT OR A REQUEST FROM THE COMFORTS OF THEIR OWN HOUSING AREAS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR AREAS WHERE WE IDENTIFY MOST OF THE GRIEVANCES COME FROM: THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS, PROCEDURAL. AND THAT GOES BACK TO THE DELAY IN SYSTEMS ARE VERY ARCHAIC, LABOR INTENSIVE, SHUFFLING OF DOCUMENTS TO GET REQUESTS. IF WE GET TO A POINT WHERE WE CAN HAVE AN IPAD OR SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT, OR A TABLET SOLUTION WHERE A REQUEST COULD BE MADE, AND IT WOULD BE DIRECTED DIRECTLY TO THE UNIT WHO WILL FACILITATE THE SERVICES THAT'S BEING REQUIRED. THAT'S MY LAST SLIDE. IF ANYBODY HAS ANY QUESTIONS, I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. AND AS I-- I'M CLEAR THAT ROSAS IS A PARTICULAR COURT CASE ABOUT A PARTICULAR FACILITY. IT'S A DOWNTOWN FACILITY. BUT AS I LISTEN, AND AS I THINK ABOUT WHAT ROSAS FOUND AND WHAT ROSAS IS ATTEMPTING TO MANAGE, IT'S SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OUT OF THE JAILS. AND SO I'M WONDERING IF, AT ANY POINT, THE POLICIES THAT YOU PUT IN PLACE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ROSAS TRICKLES DOWN OR OUT INTO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

COMMANDER MACIAS: SO, SUPERVISOR, I CAN ONLY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION, SO I WOULD SAY, YES, WE EMBRACE ANY PROGRESSIVE, ANY COMPLIANCE. THE SHERIFF IS HIGHLY ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH O.I.G., THE ROSAS MONITORS, AS WELL AS THE D.O.J. MONITORS. AND EVERY EFFORT IS TO ENSURE WE SHOW ACCOUNTABILITY, TRACKING, PROOF OF PRACTICE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO HAVE ANTIQUATED SYSTEMS, 40-YEAR LEGACY SYSTEMS. AND I'M A TRUE FAN AND SUPPORTER OF A TECHNOLOGY WHICH SHOWS BETTER TRACK. YOU ASK FOR DATA. WE'RE IN A DATA-DRIVEN WORLD, AND WE STILL RELY ON A LOT OF SPREADSHEETS AND OLD SYSTEMS.

SUP. MITCHELL: I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'M NOT ASKING THE QUESTION PROPERLY. GIVEN THE POLICIES YOU PUT IN PLACE TO GET IN COMPLIANCE WITH ROSAS, DO WE SEE EVIDENCE OF SIMILAR POLICIES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

COMMANDER MACIAS: I WOULD SAY YES, IN COURTS, AND DEFINITELY IN PATROL, AS WELL. I THINK IT'S A UNIFIED EFFORT. SPECIFICALLY WHAT THEIR PROVISIONS ARE, I CAN'T SPEAK OF. I WOULD DEFER TO THE CHIEF.

SUP. MITCHELL: I DON'T NEED TO KNOW THE SPECIFICS. I WAS HOPING, GIVEN ALL OF THE RESOURCES-- WELL, FIRST OF ALL, GIVEN

WHAT IT TOOK TO GET US TO THE POINT WHERE THERE WAS A LAWSUIT AND ROSAS CAME INTO BEING, RIGHT? IT HAPPENED BACK IN 2015, SO WE ARE YEARS INTO TRYING TO CHANGE PATTERN AND PRACTICE AND CULTURE AT THE DOWNTOWN FACILITY. SO I WAS JUST REALLY BEING HOPEFUL, GIVEN ALL OF THE RESOURCES AND LOST TIME, THAT SOME OF THE FINDINGS, AND PERHAPS CULTURE SHIFT THAT HAS RESULTED AT THOSE FACILITIES, HAS SOME KIND OF WAY OF PERMEATING BEYOND THE HALLS OF THOSE FACILITIES INTO THE BROADER SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CULTURE.

COMMANDER MACIAS: NO, I WOULD SAY THE ANSWER IS CONTINUITY AND THE TRAINING WE RECEIVED: DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. AS FAR AS DEALING WITH THOSE SUFFERING FROM ANY MENTAL DISORDER, ABSOLUTELY, THERE'S COMMONALITY IN A LOT OF OUR TRAINING.

SUP. MITCHELL: OKAY, ALL RIGHT. I JUST HAVE TO SAY, A "HEAD-STRIKE TRACKER"-- I JUST HAD A VISCERAL RESPONSE TO THE NOTION THAT WE ARE STILL TRACKING IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SOMETHING CALLED "HEAD STRIKES." THAT JUST... STRUCK ME. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS DRIVING THE NONCOMPLIANCE IN THE AREAS OF USE OF FORCE, PARTICULARLY THE CONTINUED USE OF IMPROPER HEAD STRIKES MENTIONED IN THE MONITOR'S REPORT, AND HOW DOES THE DEPARTMENT PLAN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE?

COMMANDER MACIAS: SO, TO YOUR POINT, WHAT YOU MENTIONED RIGHT NOW, THE HEAD TRACKER, HAVING DATA GIVES US BETTER ALGORITHMS TO IDENTIFY AREAS AND PATTERNS AND CONCERNS, AND SO IDENTIFY FREQUENT OFFENDERS. AND SO JUST RECOGNIZE THAT YOU'RE MONITORING, YOU'RE GOING TO GET COMPLIANCE. WE INTRODUCED NEW POLICIES EDUCATING INDIVIDUALS AS TO WHY THEY NEED TO REVERT AND DE-ESCALATE AND REASSESS, AND MAYBE PIVOT. AND SO I BELIEVE IN ALL OUR EFFORTS THAT WE'RE DOING, YOU ARE SEEING A- - I JUST SHARED WITH YOU SOME OF OUR NUMBERS. IT'S PROVEN THAT OUR FORCE INCIDENTS ARE GOING DOWNWARD.

SUP. MITCHELL: YOU KNOW, IT'S INTERESTING. YOU HAVE A POLICY AROUND HEAD STRIKES, AROUND KICKING, AND YET THAT'S THE AREA WHERE WE STILL STRUGGLE WITH COMPLIANCE. I APPRECIATE THE CAUSE FOR THE NEED TO COLLECT DATA, BUT THAT STILL SEEMS TO BE AN AREA WHERE, JUST INTUITIVELY, PEOPLE GO IN THE HEAT OF A SCENARIO. YOU KNOW, WILL TRAINING SUFFICE? HOW DO WE GET OVER THAT HUMP, TO STOP PEOPLE FROM KICKING AND HITTING PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE HEAD REGION, WHEN THEY ARE IN CONFLICT?

COMMANDER MACIAS: SO, I CAN ONLY SPEAK OF MY EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING. I'M NOT A FORCE EXPERT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT, THROUGH MY TRAINING EXPERIENCE, IT'S BEEN KNOWN THAT IT'S A NATURAL REACTION. WHEN YOU'RE A CHILD, YOU PHYSICALLY FIGHT SOMEONE. IF SOMEONE PUNCHES YOU, YOU'RE GOING TO REACT IN A

SIMILAR FASHION. IT'S OUR INNATE TO DO THAT. IT TAKES TRAINING, CULTURE CHANGE, DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES, AND YOU REVERT TO THAT. SO, YES, I SUPPORT TRAINING IN THAT. UNDERSTANDING WHY YOU PUNCH SOMEONE IN THE HEAD, WE HAVE TO EDUCATE. CHANCES ARE YOU MAY INFLICT AN INJURY ON YOURSELF-- BROKEN BONES IN YOUR HANDS-- AND IT'S NOT THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL.

SUP. MITCHELL: MM-HMM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE AND PRESENTATION. ON ONE OF THE SLIDES, YOU SAID THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS NOT HANDLED INTERNALLY, IT GOES TO I.A.B. BUT ISN'T I.A.B. PART OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

COMMANDER MACIAS: YES, BUT THEY'RE NOT INVESTIGATING INTERNALLY, SO THEY'RE A FACT-FINDING ENTITY. THEIR FINDINGS ARE PRESENTED AT THE EXECUTIVE FORCE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS OUTSIDE OUR DIVISION, AS WELL. BUT YES, THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU IS AN ENTITY WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT NOT WITHIN OUR DIVISION.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, "INTERNALLY" MEANS "NOT WITHIN THE DIVISION."

COMMANDER MACIAS: YES. ALL THE OTHER CATEGORIES ARE INVESTIGATED IN HOUSE BY THE RESPECTIVE FACILITY ADMINISTRATION.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. FOR THE ITEMS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DEEMED NONCOMPLIANT, WHAT STEPS ARE YOU TAKING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE BARE MINIMUM OF COMPLIANCE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY CREATING THE CHANGE THAT WAS INTENDED THROUGH THIS SETTLEMENT?

COMMANDER MACIAS: SO, EVERY YEAR, WE INTRODUCE AND REPORT TO YOU SOME OF OUR NEW IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS, AND IT WAS THE FACT WHERE WE'RE REVIEWING FORCE WEEKLY. WE HAVE O.I.G., COUNTY COUNSEL PRESENT. WE'RE DOING NEW POLICIES. WE HAVE NEW DIRECTIVES. WE WORK WITH THE O.I.G., AS WELL AS OUR ROSAS MONITORS, TO IDENTIFY AND REVIEW OUR POLICIES. THEY'RE PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS, AND THEIR FEEDBACK AND CONCERNS ARE SHARED WITH US, AND THEN WE MAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. SO, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE MAKING ONGOING POLICY CHANGES. HOW ARE THEY ADDRESSING THE AREAS THAT YOU HAVE DETERMINED ARE STILL NOT IN COMPLIANCE?

COMMANDER MACIAS: SO, FOR INSTANCE, SOME OF THE THINGS ARE VERY SMALL IN NATURE, BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY PROVISIONS THAT YOU SOMETIMES NEED A GUIDE. AND SO WE INTRODUCED A GUIDE FOR SUPERVISORS, EARLIER THIS YEAR, THAT SHARES WITH THEM SPECIFIC STEPS THAT MUST BE TAKEN, KIND OF LIKE A CHECK-OFF LIST TO ENSURE THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION IS THOROUGH. SO, THEREFORE, WHEN DEALING WHO'S SITTING DOWN IN THAT CORNER, ANOTHER MONITOR, THEY SHARE THAT THE INFORMATION IS BEING CAPTURED FROM THE ONSET.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YEAH. OKAY. YEAH, I THINK, OVERALL, JUST GLOBALLY, IT'S FRUSTRATING, OBVIOUSLY, TO STILL BE HERE, WHERE WE'VE GOT 23 PROVISIONS THAT WE'RE NONCOMPLIANT IN. AND LAST YEAR, IT WAS 24. AND I THINK LAST YEAR, THERE WAS A COMMENT THAT THEY FELT THE DEPARTMENT WAS AT A PLATEAU. AND SO IT ALMOST SEEMS TO BE BEARING OUT, IF THIS YEAR WE'RE ONLY... 23 THAT WE'RE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH. WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS THIS UNREACHABLE? IS IT UNATTAINABLE? I MEAN, WE'RE SITTING HERE KNOWING WE HAVE TO, RIGHT? THIS IS A SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE TO DO IT. PLUS, WE HAVE TO DO IT BECAUSE IT'S A DECENT WAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE TREATED. CAN WE GET THERE?

COMMANDER MACIAS: ABSOLUTELY, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. I THINK YOU CAN'T EXPECT EXPECTATIONS IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS. WE ARE IN A HUGE DEFICIT IN CERTAIN AREAS, AND STAFFING DOES MATTER. THERE IS AREAS WHERE, IF YOU HAD SUFFICIENT STAFFING, APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION, YOU MITIGATE CASES, YOU'RE NOT INUNDATED WITH PAPERWORK. SO, WE COULD HAVE MANY SIDEBARS ON THIS NOTION, BUT YES. I MEAN, TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, IT HELPS REACH COMPLIANCE IN MANY FASHIONS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NOW, HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH EACH OF THESE ITEMS THAT ARE NONCOMPLIANT AND DONE JUST THAT?

COMMANDER MACIAS: PAINFULLY, MA'AM, YES, AND WE CONTINUE--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IS THAT PART OF WHAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO US?

COMMANDER MACIAS: ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY, AND SO THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE HAD IN HOUSE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I KNOW. I WAS THINKING ABOUT OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, RIGHT? AND WE WENT THROUGH EACH ITEM THAT WE WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH, AND NEXT TO IT WAS, "IT'S STAFFING, IT'S"-- I MEAN, IT WAS A VERY DETAILED, "THIS IS A FACILITY

ISSUE. WE NEED BETTER PROCUREMENT TO GET THE RIGHT WINDOWS." I MEAN, IT WAS VERY DETAILED, SO WE WERE ALL VERY AWARE OF HOW WE WERE GOING TO REACH THE GOAL. AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT JUST A FUTILE EXERCISE, BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALSO WE'RE AWARE OF, FOR EACH OF THOSE ITEMS, WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? HOW CAN WE HELP? HOW CAN WE BE A PARTNER? HOW CAN WE GET THERE? BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO HAVE NEXT YEAR BE, YOU KNOW, 22.

COMMANDER MACIAS: NO, I WELCOME THE COLLABORATION, AND ABSOLUTELY THERE'S WAYS. THERE'S REQUESTS, AND THE BOARD HAS BEEN VERY AMICABLE IN PROVIDING US RESOURCES TO REACH THOSE COMPLIANCE. AND I SEE US IN A POSITIVE, FORWARD MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, OKAY. THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NO REMOTE OR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, QUICK. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. THANK YOU. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, LET'S GO TO ITEM 58, APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO

COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER OSCAR VALDEZ, ITEM 58. HERE HE COMES.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. AND, MR. VALDEZ, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'RE AWARE, BECAUSE I THINK MY TEAM SHARED IT WITH YOU, THE L.A. COUNTY ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE NONPROFIT AND PHILANTHROPY WORKGROUP SENT A LETTER EXPRESSING THEIR FRUSTRATION AT THE PACE AT WHICH CHANGES ARE OCCURRING IN THE EQUITY AND COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESS. AND SO I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THEIR LETTER?

OSCAR VALDEZ: YES, I HAVE.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. AND DO YOU HAVE ANY FEEDBACK OR RESPONSES TO THE ISSUES RAISED?

OSCAR VALDEZ: WELL, FIRST--

SUP. MITCHELL: LET ME JUST SAY VERY QUICKLY, I'M PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT THE POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AROUND SAMPLING, UTILIZING RESULTS OF EXISTING AUDITS, IMPROVEMENT TO CONTRACT MONITORING PRACTICES, AND UPDATES TO ALIGN COUNTY CONTRACTING PRACTICES FROM A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE.

OSCAR VALDEZ: WITH REGARDS TO THE LETTER, YOU KNOW, FIRST OF ALL, JUST WANTED TO COMMUNICATE THAT THE OFFICE IS-- WE'RE LOOKING TO CONTINUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE C.B.O.S, WITH THE NONPROFITS, WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL EQUITY CONTRACT ACTION TEAMS, THE WORKGROUPS. WE'VE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THOSE GROUPS SINCE THE INITIAL BOARD MOTIONS: THE FIRST ONE IN APRIL 2021, THE SUBSEQUENT ONE ON AUGUST 9, 2022. WE'VE BEEN A KEY PLAYER IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVEN'T LED THE DISCUSSIONS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING OUR INPUT, OUR CONSULTING. BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WE DO NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR INDEPENDENCE, AND WE HAVE A DIFFERENT FUNCTION WITH REGARDS TO THE GOAL OF THE COUNTY. SO, WE DEFINITELY WANT TO ASSIST WITH THE PROCESS. WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH THE AGENCIES. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PROVIDING MORE EFFICIENCIES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. SO, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE SINCE IS WE'VE PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. WE'VE HELPED THEM OUTLINE THE EXAMPLES OF A STARTUP LOAN PROGRAM DURING THIS PROCESS. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS WORKED IN COLLABORATION WITH I.S.D. TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO BASICALLY, IN THE FUTURE, START TRACKING AND COLLECTING AVERAGE PAYMENT CYCLES FOR THE VENDORS. WE'VE ALSO HAD I.S.D. CONSULT WITH US FOR A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH BASICALLY INCREASED THE DEPARTMENT'S SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCESS FROM 25,000 UP TO 100,000. SO, AGAIN, WE'VE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. I KNOW THE

LETTER ALSO REFERENCED THE COUNTY HANDBOOK. WE'VE ACTUALLY GONE THROUGH A PHASE-ONE UPDATE. WE RELEASED THAT UPDATE JUNE 2021. THAT RELEASE ACTUALLY ADDRESSED 75% OF THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE C.B.O.S. WE'RE ACTUALLY FINALIZING OUR PHASE TWO, THE FINAL PROCESS. WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BE DONE BY MID TO LATE SEPTEMBER. IT'S GOING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS, MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE OKAY BEFORE WE RELEASE. WE'VE ALSO PROVIDED TRAINING TO NOT JUST DEPARTMENTAL STAFF, BUT ALSO TO THE C.B.O.S, TO THE NONPROFITS. WE'VE DONE COST ALLOCATION TRAINING. WE'VE DONE CONTRACTOR FISCAL TRAINING. FOR THE COST ALLOCATION TRAINING OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, MAY '22, WE HAD 450 CONTRACTOR STAFF PARTICIPATE IN THAT TRAINING. MAY/JUNE 2023, WE ACTUALLY HAD 200 CONTRACTOR STAFF ATTEND THAT. WE'VE ALSO DONE CONTRACTOR FISCAL TRAINING, AND THAT WAS DONE JANUARY THROUGH MARCH OF 2022. ROUGHLY 350 CONTRACTOR STAFF PARTICIPATED IN THAT. SO, WE HAVEN'T DONE ONE FOR THE MOST CURRENT YEAR, BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT DOING THOSE. WITH REGARDS TO THE AUDIT PROCESS AND SIMPLIFYING, I THINK THERE ARE SOME COMPLEXITIES THERE. THE COUNTY HAS A DECENTRALIZED APPROACH. YES, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTYWIDE CONTRACT MONITORING DIVISION. WE ASSIST, BASICALLY, FOUR OF OUR TOP DEPARTMENTS, WHICH IS HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN MONITORING THEIR CONTRACTORS. THESE ARE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT REQUIRE MONITORING, SUBRECIPIENT

MONITORING, SO WE TECHNICALLY HAVE TO GO OUT THERE. WE WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS. ANY TIME THAT WE SEE A CONTRACTOR WHERE WE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, WE'RE DOING THAT TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT MORE EFFICIENCY WITH THOSE CONTRACTORS. SO, YES, SOME OF THESE CONTRACTORS ALSO HAVE THEIR SINGLE AUDITS BY THEIR EXTERNAL C.P.A. FIRMS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE SINGLE AUDIT ALSO REQUIRES THE AGENCY THAT'S BASICALLY PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE CONTRACTORS TO HELP MITIGATE THE RISK TO THE COUNTY. THESE ARE DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING OUT TO THE PROVIDERS. I BELIEVE THERE'S ROUGHLY APPROXIMATELY 5,000 PROVIDERS OUT THERE, $3 BILLION IN FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING OUT THERE. SO, AGAIN, FOR US, IT'S REALLY PROVIDING MITIGATION RISK TO THE COUNTY. IF WE SEE ANY AREAS OF CONCERN WHERE A PROVIDER IS NOT FOLLOWING FEDERAL GUIDELINES, OUR PROCESS IS BASICALLY TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALSO REQUESTS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION, AND DO FOLLOW-UPS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE AGENCIES ARE NOT GETTING INTO A SITUATION WHERE YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME DISALLOWED COSTS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING TO BASICALLY COLLABORATE WITH THE C.B.O.S, WITH THE NONPROFITS IN HOUSE, TO MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT MORE EFFICIENT. SO, IF WE CAN FIND OTHER WAYS TO MAKE THESE AUDITS A LITTLE BIT MORE EFFICIENT, WE'LL DEFINITELY TRY TO DO SO.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I APPRECIATE YOU COMING IN AND USING THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OFFICIALLY STATE, ON THE RECORD, A RESPONSE TO THE LETTER. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS. I DIDN'T GET THE LETTER TILL JULY 5TH, SO THANK YOU FOR THE SHORT TURNAROUND. YOU OPENED BY MAKING AN INTERESTING STATEMENT, AND MAYBE IT DOES REQUIRE A LEVEL-SET FOR THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING. YOU TALKED ABOUT YOUR ROLE AS THE COUNTY AUDITOR. AND SO DO YOU THINK SOME OF THE EXPECTATIONS EXPRESSED IN THE LETTER WERE REALLY KIND OF OUTSIDE YOUR PURVIEW? IS THAT FAIR TO SAY?

OSCAR VALDEZ: I WOULD SAY, GIVEN THAT THE BOARD, YOUR BOARD, BASICALLY CREATED THE NEW CENTRALIZED EQUITY AND COUNTY CONTRACT DIVISION WITHIN I.S.D., THEIR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THIS PURVIEW IS BASICALLY TO LEAD CONTINUOUS, EQUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCUREMENTS PROCESS. THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING CONTRACT TRAINING, DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT AND COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTORS, MEETING REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFITS, STAKEHOLDERS, ON ISSUES RELATED TO COUNTY CONTRACTORS. SO, FOR US, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SETTING POLICY AND AUDITING POLICY. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS REALLY TO PROVIDE THAT INDEPENDENT, OBJECTIVE REVIEW, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT. IT'S MANAGEMENT'S

RESPONSIBILITY, ALONG WITH THE PROVIDERS, TO DEVELOP THEIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. AND OUR RECOMMENDATION IS BASICALLY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THOSE TOOLS TO DEVELOP THOSE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.

SUP. MITCHELL: POINT TAKEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RESPONDING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: I'LL BE BRIEF. THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD AND TALKING TO US, AND CLARIFYING, ACTUALLY, THE POINT THAT I WAS GOING TO RAISE. YOU JUST ANSWERED IT, BECAUSE I KNOW I.S.D. PLAYS A BIG ROLE HERE, AND I WOULD JUST SUGGEST THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE COLLABORATION WITH THEM, AND MEET WITH THE GROUPS THAT HAVE ALREADY ARTICULATED THEIR CONCERNS, SO WE CAN SMOOTH THIS OUT MOVING FORWARD UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. BECAUSE I THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL, BECAUSE EVERY DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN HELPING US MEET OUR GOALS, AND THE GOALS ARE TO MAKE SURE WE'RE LISTENING TO OUR CONSTITUENTS AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS, AND THAT'S WHAT A.R.D.I. AND EVERYTHING'S ABOUT THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TODAY. SO, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE IS, AND NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIX IT.

OSCAR VALDEZ: AND EVEN THOUGH WE'RE MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE, WE DEFINITELY WANT TO BE AT THE TABLE COLLABORATING, PROVIDING FEEDBACK, INPUT, IN REGARDS TO SOME OF THESE POLICIES. AGAIN, WE CAN'T BE THE OWNERS OF THOSE POLICIES, BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY COLLABORATE.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK UP ON THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 58? PLEASE CALL THEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: EFRAIN ESCOBEDO, JOE ST. JOHN, MIKE GREENSPAN, AND WILMA FRANCO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TREMEL CARTER. YOU MAY BEGIN. TREMEL CARTER, YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN. WE'LL MOVE ON NOW TO JEFF SMEDLEY. YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN. JEFF SMEDLEY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE IN QUEUE.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, WE DIDN'T HEAR EITHER OF THE SPEAKERS. IF YOU WERE TRYING TO UNMUTE YOURSELF--

MODERATOR: NEITHER ONE OF THEM RESPONDED.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, VERY GOOD.

MODERATOR: NEITHER RESPONDED.

SUP. HORVATH: WE'LL GO TO SPEAKERS IN THE HALL. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

EFRAIN ESCOBEDO: YES, THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT. MR. VALDEZ, GOOD LUCK ON YOUR APPOINTMENT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. MY NAME IS EFRAIN ESCOBEDO. I'M A MEMBER OF THE EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING TASK FORCE, AND ALSO THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT. IN OUR WORK, NONPROFITS HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN UNWAVERING PARTNERS AND AN AUXILIARY PART OF OUR SAFETY NET, BUT YET WE CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM HUNDREDS OF THEM OF HOW EXIGENT, INCONSISTENT PRACTICES THAT DON'T REALLY VALUE THEM AS PARTNERS MAKE IT UNMANAGEABLE, COSTLY, TO CONTINUE TO SUSTAINABLY BE A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY. AND SO, THEREFORE, WE'RE HERE TODAY TO EXTEND OUR INTEREST IN PARTNERING WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, AND ASK THAT THEY PLAY A ROLE-- THEY HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY. WE'VE BEEN AT IT FOR YEARS, AND WE ASK THAT WE ALL TOGETHER, ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, ESPOUSE VALUES

THAT SEEK TO FULLY IMPLEMENT FAIR AND EQUITABLE CONTRACTING PROCESSES, ASSESS THE COUNTY'S EXISTING PRACTICES, IMPLEMENT REFORMS FULLY--

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

JOE ST. JOHN: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JOE ST. JOHN. I'M THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR THE KOREATOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER. WE HAVE ABOUT A DOZEN COUNTY CONTRACTS, AND EACH ONE OF THEM HAS DIFFERENT SERVICES, BUT ALSO DIFFERENT BUDGETING, DIFFERENT INVOICING, DIFFERENT REPORTING, AND DIFFERENT AUDITING REQUIREMENTS. AND THAT'S A HUGE BURDEN FOR THE NONPROFITS TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT, WHEN IT'S ALL COMING FROM THE SAME COUNTY. THAT'S WHY I JOINED THE EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING WORKFORCE, WAS TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS A LOT OF THESE ISSUES, AND BEFORE THAT WITH MS. DAVENPORT ON SIMILAR ISSUES. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS A REALLY CRITICAL ROLE IN THIS, NOT JUST SETTING THE STANDARDS, BUT ALSO HELPING THE NONPROFITS AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE USED CONSISTENTLY ACROSS DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE EQUITY IN THEIR CONTRACTING FOR ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, SO THE NONPROFITS CAN BETTER DO THE WORK THAT YOU'VE ASKED US TO DO. SO, REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, AND APPRECIATE YOU COMING HERE AND HAVING PREPARED AND READ THE DOCUMENTS. REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: MIKE GREENSPAN. WELL, WE GOT ANOTHER APPOINTEE, ONE THAT GOES FROM INTERIM TO THE ACTUAL POSITION OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. DOES THAT MEAN HE'S GETTING UPGRADED IN HIS PAY, $329,389.83? OR WAS HE JUST GETTING THAT ALL ALONG, AND WE'RE JUST GIVING HIM THE TITLE? NOW, THERE'S A TREND WE HAVE WITH OUR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. THEY RETIRE. NOW THEY'RE GETTING ABOUT $150 AN HOUR TO COME BACK AS A CONSULTANT. I'M SURE BY THE TIME HE RETIRES, IT WILL BE $200, $250, $300 AN HOUR, AND WE'VE GOT THIS ATTITUDE MONEY GROWS ON TREES. WELL, I BROUGHT THE GLOVES, SO WE CAN GO PICK THE MONEY OFF THE MONEY TREES. I FOUND OUT WHERE THEY ARE. THEY'RE IN L.A. COUNCIL DISTRICT 5, KORETZ'S DISTRICT. AFTER ALL, JANET THINKS MONEY GROWS ON TREES. KORETZ THINKS MONEY GROWS ON TREES. WELL, HERE'S THE GLOVES. LET'S GO PICK THEM OFF THE TREES, SO WE CAN PAY THIS GUY AND HIS BIG FAT CONSULTING--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO. OKAY. SO, ITEM 58 IS NOW BEFORE US, TO APPOINT OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, OSCAR VALDEZ. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 58 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CONGRATULATIONS.

OSCAR VALDEZ: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL HAVE SPECIALS THAT WILL BE READ IN TODAY, TO BE PLACED ON THE JULY 25TH AGENDA. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. EARLIER IN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING, WE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE COUNTYWIDE RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN. I WAS HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE PURPOSE OF A.R.D.I. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE SETTING UP A.R.D.I. WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION OF INCLUSIVITY. SINCE ITS CREATION, I HAVE HEARD FROM CONSTITUENTS, COMMUNITIES REPRESENTING DIFFERENT PARTS OF L.A. COUNTY, WHO APPRECIATED A.R.D.I.; HOWEVER, HAVE FELT LEFT OUT. WE ALSO

HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF CALLERS TODAY WHO HAVE ALSO PROVIDED PUBLIC COMMENTS, E-MAILS, AND LETTERS FROM VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS THAT ARE ASKING FOR MORE ENGAGEMENT TO FEEL AND TO BE INCLUDED IN A.R.D.I.'S WORK. MY MOTION IS TO ENSURE AND CLARIFY THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF A.R.D.I. FOR OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT THAT IS INCLUSIVE OF COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED. WE KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO A NUMBER OF MINORITY GROUPS. WE HAVE MORE THAN 140 CULTURES, AND OVER 200 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SYSTEMIC RACISM HAS IMPACTED THOSE GROUPS, AS WELL. WE START ALL OUR COUNTY MEETINGS WITH THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. WE CONSCIOUSLY DO THIS TO MEMORIALIZE THE MASSACRE OF INDIGENOUS TRIBES AND THE THEFT OF THEIR LANDS. ACKNOWLEDGING HISTORICAL WRONGS IS HOW WE BEGIN TO MAKE HISTORICAL RIGHTS. I ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT CHINATOWN, A BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC PART OF THE COUNTY THAT I HAPPEN TO REPRESENT. THE COUNTY SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE LYNCHING OF 17 CHINESE RESIDENTS WHO CAME TO AMERICA FOR OPPORTUNITIES, AND WERE KILLED IN THEIR PURSUIT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. TODAY, IMMIGRANTS REPRESENT ABOUT 40% OF THE COUNTY, AND CONTINUE TO BE THE SCAPEGOAT TO FEARMONGERING RELATED TO CRIME, JOB LOSS, C.O.V.I.D., AND HOMELESSNESS. I ALSO HAPPEN TO REPRESENT LITTLE TOKYO, BUT I WOULDN'T SAY THAT I'M EXCLUSIVE IN THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE HAVE DIFFERENT ASIAN AMERICANS THAT ARE ALL OVER THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE KNOW THAT THE

UNCONSTITUTIONAL INCARCERATION OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAD TO ENDURE AND TO PROVE ALLEGIANCE TO THIS COUNTRY. IN THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL THAT IS IN MY DISTRICT, THERE'S A MURAL THAT DISPLAYS THE UGLY HISTORY OF L.A. COUNTY THAT MEMORIALIZES THE FORCED STERILIZATION OF 240 PRIMARILY MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS, WHO DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, IN THE 60'S AND 70'S. AND IT WAS ONLY LAST YEAR WHEN THE COUNTY'S REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE LAUNCHED A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT MODIFICATION PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE REDACTION OF UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN PROPERTY RECORDS. SOME OF THESE CLAUSES MANDATED HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, VETERAN OR MILITARY STATUS, AND THE LIST GOES ON. I'M ACKNOWLEDGING EACH OF THESE COMMUNITIES TO EMPHASIZE THE SCOPE AND WORK OF A.R.D.I., THAT THEY MUST CONTEND WITH AND MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO INCLUDE. THE COUNTY, THROUGH A.R.D.I.'S WORK, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESPOUSING THE VALUES OF ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. INCLUSIVITY IS KEY TO ENSURING THAT REFORMS AND COMPLETE TRANSFORMATIONS OF SYSTEMS ARE MINDFUL OF DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES OF OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. THAT IS WHY MY READ-IN MOTION IS TO, AGAIN, CLARIFY AND ENHANCE THE INTENT OF A.R.D.I.'S WORK THROUGH INCLUSIVE OUTREACH FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. SPECIFICALLY, THE DIRECTIVE IS, "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT A.R.D.I. TO CREATE A DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE TASK FORCE MADE UP OF COUNTY

DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, COMMISSIONS, EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS, TO ENSURE THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES OF A.R.D.I. ARE REFLECTIVE BOTH INTERNALLY OF THE COUNTY, AND EXTERNALLY OF THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, WITHIN 60 DAYS, AND INCLUDE THIS TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A ROBUST, LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE, AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT OUTREACH PLAN TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE ALL VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES. AND THOSE CAN INCLUDE LATINOS, ASIAN AMERICANS, ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, L.G.B.T.Q.+, AMONG MANY OTHERS. I HAVE STRONGLY ADVOCATED FOR AND BELIEVE THAT ROBUST AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE, CULTURALLY COMPETENT OUTREACH FOR OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS ARE KEY. THE COUNTY'S NORTH STAR IS TO BE ANTIRACIST, DIVERSE, AND INCLUSIVE IN HOW IT DELIVERS ITS SERVICES AND HOW IT ENGAGES WITH OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE POLICIES WE DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THAT AFFECTS THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT WE ALL REPRESENT. WHILE OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE EACH FACED THEIR OWN UNIQUE SET OF CHALLENGES, ONLY BY STANDING TOGETHER CAN WE TRULY OVERCOME RACISM AND INJUSTICE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS WE CONTINUE OUR IMPORTANT WORK OF INSISTING THAT EVERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT MAKE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TOWARD CREATING A MORE

DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, AND INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE, I'M MINDFUL THAT THERE ARE SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY THAT MAKE THIS WORK MORE CHALLENGING. THE LEGAL PROFESSION IS ONE OF THOSE SPACES THAT CONTINUES TO BE MORE INACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND EVEN WHEN ACCESS IS ATTAINED, ATTORNEYS OF COLOR TOO OFTEN FACE HOSTILE, UNWELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS THAT DO NOT SUPPORT GROWTH AND SUCCESS. A RECENT L.A. TIMES ARTICLE PULLED BACK THE CURTAIN ON ONE SUCH LAW FIRM, ONE OF THE BIGGEST LAW FIRMS IN THE NATION, LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH L.L.P., AND REVEALED VITRIOLIC E-MAILS BETWEEN TWO HIGH-RANKING PARTNERS. THESE E-MAILS WERE RACIST, SEXIST, ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-L.G.B.T.Q.+, AND QUITE FRANKLY, JUST IGNORANT. THE IMPUNITY WITH WHICH THESE INDIVIDUALS CARRIED ON WAS EMBLEMATIC OF THE CULTURE THAT BIG LAW CAN CREATE WHEN THESE SENTIMENTS GO SYSTEMICALLY UNCHECKED FOR GENERATIONS. AS A CONSUMER OF LEGAL SERVICES, THE COUNTY CANNOT ABIDE BY THAT TYPE OF BEHAVIOR, AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAS ALREADY TAKEN SWIFT ACTION TO ADDRESS THIS INCIDENT. FURTHER, THE COUNTY EMPLOYS OVER 2,100 PRACTICING ATTORNEYS ACROSS FIVE LEGAL DEPARTMENTS. THIS PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THE COUNTY'S EQUITY WORK IN A PROFESSION THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN RESISTANT TO THE EQUITY THAT THE COUNTY STRIVES FOR THROUGHOUT ALL OF ITS DEPARTMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT

COUNTY COUNSEL, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT, AND REQUEST THE D.A., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.D.I., TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING WITHIN 180 DAYS ON, "A," CURRENT EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE WITHIN EACH DEPARTMENT; "B," CURRENT RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ADVANCE DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING WITHIN ALL ASPECTS OF EACH DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT-- HIRING, ONBOARDING, PROMOTION, AND RETENTION PROCESSES-- ENSURING FAIR AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE EFFORTS TO CREATE A MORE ROBUST PIPELINE OF DIVERSE ATTORNEYS BY REACHING STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS, FROM GRADE SCHOOL TO LAW SCHOOL, INCLUDING L.A. COUNTY LAW SCHOOLS AND DIVERSE LAW SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE. DIRECTIVE TWO: TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING WITHIN 180 DAYS ON, "A," EFFORTS TO CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE PROCESS AND POLICY FOR HIRING OUTSIDE COUNSEL, AND INCREASING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL, MORE DIVERSE FIRMS, INCLUDING MEANINGFUL CONSIDERATION OF A FIRM'S COMMITMENT TO CREATING CULTURE WHERE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING EFFORTS ARE OF THE HIGHEST OPPORTUNITY; CREATING A DIVERSE PIPELINE OF ATTORNEYS; PRO BONO REPRESENTATION THAT ADVANCES EQUITY AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN L.A. COUNTY, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FULL- OR PARTIAL-SCOPE CIVIL LEGAL

REPRESENTATION TO LOW-INCOME COUNTY RESIDENTS; FULL-SCOPE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES; OTHER SUPPORT TO SERVICE PROVIDERS WHOSE SERVICES SUPPORT COUNTY INITIATIVES; ADHERENCE TO THE COUNTY'S ANTIRACISM PRINCIPLES. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE REMAINED HERE THIS ENTIRE TIME AND SAT THROUGH THIS BOARD MEETING. OKAY. NOW WE'RE READY TO LISTEN TO YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THREE MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU

MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SPEAKER: WILL MARY RODRIGUEZ, PEDRO RODRIGUEZ, AMPARO OSTOJIC, BELIA LOPEZ, BERTA MARTINEZ, LEAH CHAVEZ, JULIA WALLACE, DARVIN QUINTANA, RHONDA LEIGHTON JONES, AIDA BRAVO, CARRIE GREER, ARLENE PEREZ, SHEILA GRANHAM, HERMAN HERMAN, ANTIGONE ROBINSON, ADAM SUKHIJA-COHEN, BRAYLEN BAKER, LIV GOTT, ZACHARY GREENFIELD, SIENA KOREA, RYAN PHILLIPS, CHANTEL ROSSEN, ZACHARY GREENFIELD, STEPHANIE WATKINS, CHRISTIAN HILLING, IAN JAMESON, AND ANDREA MCPHERSON. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS E.J. MIDAL. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: E.J. MIDAL, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, AS I WAS STATING EARLIER, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO REFORM AND OVERSIGHT THE GANG-MEMBER SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YOU ALREADY KNOW MY BACKGROUND WITH THEM, AND THE EXPERIENCE. ALSO, ALL THAT INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT TOWARDS ME, FROM THE LATE 90'S TO 2008, I'M STILL HERE, AND I'M STILL COMPLAINING. THE OTHER THING IS, ALL THAT MONEY THAT WAS USED TO DO THAT, COULD

HAVE WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE, FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. NOT PUBLIC KILLING, PUBLIC SAFETY. NOT PUBLIC TARGETING, PUBLIC SAFETY. NOT PUBLIC INTIMIDATING, PUBLIC SAFETY. YOU HAVE TO GET THAT MINDSET SO THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND THEY'RE WORKING FOR US. PEOPLE ARE TIRED. THE EXAMPLE AND THE REFERENCE THAT I CAN GIVE YOU IS GEORGE FLOYD, EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND THE OTHER EXAMPLE IS IN FRANCE. PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF PUBLIC KILLINGS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT, LADIES.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES FINNEY-CONLON. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JAMES FINNEY-CONLON: HI. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 13 AND ITEM 48. ON ITEM 13, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, AS SENIOR PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER FOR THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WE SUPPORT CREATING STREAMLINED PERMITTING SYSTEMS THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS. WE PROUDLY BELIEVE THAT SMALL BUSINESSES NEED MORE PIPELINE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE PERMITTING OPPORTUNITIES, AND LESS PAPERWORK AND BUREAUCRACY AND RED TAPE THAT ULTIMATELY PREVENTS THEM FROM DOING BUSINESS IN L.A. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS VOTING YES ON THIS IS GREAT FOR

OUR ECONOMY. ON ITEM 48, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK NEXT, AND I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE NO. WE BELIEVE THAT THE P.H.C.S, THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS, ARE GOING TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO MANY BUSINESSES, AND REALLY NOT FIT IN AN ECONOMY THAT DOES NOT HAVE EMERGENCY HEALTH ORDERS ANYMORE, TIED TO ANY SORT OF PANDEMIC. WE'VE MOVED INTO A NEW PHASE, AND I THINK THAT INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS, IT'S JUST NOT RELEVANT FOR EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AT THIS TIME. AND WE CAN GET A LOT MORE WORK DONE THROUGH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAN SETTING UP THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS. IT'S BURDENSOME, IT'S INEFFICIENT, AND ALSO, IT'S NOT REALLY GOING TO HELP OUR ECONOMY AND OUR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES THRIVE. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ALREADY VOTED CONSENT ON THAT, AND I'D LOVE CLARIFICATION. AND THAT'S IT FOR ME, AND THANKS FOR HAVING MY PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JERARD WRIGHT. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JERARD WRIGHT: THIS IS JERARD WRIGHT, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE GREATER L.A. REALTORS, SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 24. THIS IS JUST GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING THE MOVE TO

INCREASE THE TAX, OR AT LEAST THE FIRST STARTING PORTION OF THIS. WE APPLAUD ASSEMBLYMEMBER SANTIAGO'S LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND PUTTING THE MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS, WE JUST HAVE SOME COMMENTS IN REGARDS TO THERE SHOULD BE A LOCAL RETURN COMPONENT, VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS DONE WITH STORMWATER, ALSO VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX, SO THAT THE CITIES, WHO ARE ON THE GROUND TRYING TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND PREVENT SOME OF THE HOMELESSNESS THAT'S OUT THERE, THEY CAN ACTUALLY DELIVER ON THESE PROJECTS, AND THE PEOPLE CAN SEE THAT DELIVERY HAPPEN. AND I THINK THAT'S AN OPPORTUNITY, IF THERE'S GOING TO BE AN INCREASED TAX. ANOTHER ONE IS MORE ROBUST ACCOUNTABILITY TO HIGHLIGHT HOW MANY BEDS HAVE BEEN DONE, ANNUALLY. HOW MANY UNITS ARE BEING OPENED UP, ANNUALLY, WITH THIS MONEY? WE KNOW THE LEASE-UP PROGRAM, WHICH IS PAID FOR THROUGH MEASURE H, THAT'S ACTUALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE TO MAKING IT MUCH MORE STREAMLINED TO MAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAPPEN FOR CONSTITUENTS. SO, THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE, AND WE'D LOVE TO BE PARTNERS DURING THIS CONVERSATION AS IT GETS TOWARDS THE VOTERS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TREMEL CARTER. PLEASE STATE THE ITEM NUMBERS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 16, THAT WAS PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. DO I BEGIN NOW?

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. THE FIRST THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS, I WILL BE SENDING CERTIFIED LETTERS TO EACH BOARD OF SUPERVISOR IN REGARDS TO JANICE HAHN AND HER CHIEF OF STAFF, NICK-- SHE HAS TWO DIFFERENT CHIEFS OF STAFF-- WHO DENIED ME ASSISTANCE ON REGARDS TO TWO DIFFERENT ISSUES. AND WHEN I LATER MOVED TO MRS. MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, MY CASE WAS NOT PROPERLY TRANSFERRED, MAKING IT LOOK AS THOUGH MRS. MITCHELL DID NOT ASSIST AFRICAN AMERICANS. AND SHE ACTUALLY IS IN THE PROCESS OF ASSISTING ME NOW, THOUGH SHE HAS OTHER PREVIOUS CONSTITUENTS THAT SHE'S WORKING WITH. THE SECOND THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IS MRS. ZAVALA AND HER EMPLOYEE, KATHY, WHO WORKS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. KATHY WENT AROUND TELLING PEOPLE, AFTER I ASKED TO MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST HER, THAT I HAVE A WARRANT AGAINST ME, AND SHE TOLD PEOPLE NOT TO ASSIST ME WHEN I CAME MANY TIMES TO GET ASSISTANCE AT THE BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS. NOBODY ASSISTED ME, INCLUDING JANICE HAHN, WHO I SENT E-MAILS TO, AND NICK, HER CHIEF OF STAFF. AND I WILL BE SENDING E-MAILS SHOWING THE NEGLECT BY MRS. HAHN. THE THIRD THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IS THE SUPERVISOR WHO MADE A COMMENT AFTER MS. MITCHELL'S PROVISION IN REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 16, ASKING, "WHAT WILL HISPANICS GET OUT OF THE BILL?" MS. MITCHELL PRESENTED A BILL DUE TO A DECREASE IN PERCENTAGE IN OTHER RACES. SO, IN ORDER TO ASK WHAT OTHER RACES WILL BE GETTING, SHE WAS TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT PERCENTAGE IS AT A LEVEL, AT AN EVEN BASE. SO, BEFORE YOU CAN ASK WHAT OTHER RACES ARE GETTING, AT LEAST LET THE AFRICAN AMERICANS GET TO THE PERCENTAGE LEVEL OF THE OTHER PEOPLE. AND ONCE AGAIN, JANICE HAHN'S OFFICE DOES NOT PROPERLY ASSIST PEOPLE. AND INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT IT, I'LL BE SENDING CERTIFIED LETTERS, AS I SAID, TO EACH BOARD OF SUPERVISOR TO SHOW THE NEGLECT. AND WHEN TRANSFERRING CASES FROM ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER, THERE SHOULD BE A PROPER WAY OF TRANSFERRING FILES, SO IT DOESN'T MAKE IT SEEM AS THOUGH ANOTHER PERSON, OR A SUPERVISOR, WHO'S GETTING THE FILE IS NOT PROPERLY DOING THEIR JOBS ACCORDINGLY. AND DUE TO MRS. ZAVALA, WHO'S RUNNING HER OFFICE LIKE NURY MARTINEZ DID, IN A DISCRIMINATORY MANNER, SHIELDING MISCONDUCT--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: I'M SURE IT IS. I'M SURE IT IS.

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

SPEAKER: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE ISSUE OF EXIDE. I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT OUR RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE BEING IMPACTED BY THE CONTAMINATION, AND THAT THEY ARE NOT AWARE IF THEY HAVE LEAD IN THEIR BODY, BECAUSE THE ONLY TEST THE COUNTY DOES IS BLOOD TESTS, WHICH ONLY LASTS FOR, LIKE, 30 DAYS. SO, I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO FIND OUT IF PEOPLE ARE CONTAMINATED BY EXIDE, AND TO DO FURTHER TESTING AND REMEDIATION, AND ENCOURAGE THE STATE TO DO SO. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE BERTINELLI. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS MICHELLE BERTINELLI. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, SPECIFICALLY ON ITEM NUMBER 13. I JUST WANTED TO START OFF BY SAYING THAT I WORK AT INCLUSIVE ACTION, A NONPROFIT ECONOMIC JUSTICE ORGANIZATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND

SOLIS'S MOTION TO STREAMLINE PERMITTING PROCESSES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-SERVING PROJECTS. ACROSS OUR REGION, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND MISSION-DRIVEN ORGANIZATIONS ARE GENERATING WAYS TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH REAL ESTATE. SOME PROJECTS ENTAIL DEVELOPING NEW STRUCTURES. OTHERS ARE MERELY ACQUISITION PROJECTS THAT SIMPLY REQUIRE MODEST TENANT IMPROVEMENTS. REGARDLESS, EVERY DAY THAT A PROJECT IS DELAYED, RESULTS IN EXTRA COSTS THAT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, NONPROFITS, AND SMALL DEVELOPERS INCUR. AS A RESULT, MANY SHY AWAY FROM PROPOSING A PROJECT IN OUR COUNTY, EVEN IF THEIR PROJECT IS COMMUNITY-SERVING. INCLUSIVE ACTION HAS EXPERIENCED THIS THROUGH SOME OF OUR VERY OWN REAL ESTATE PROJECTS, AS WELL. HOWEVER, THIS MOTION IS A GREAT FIRST STEP IN MOBILIZING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO STREAMLINE PERMITTING, AND ENCOURAGE MORE COMMUNITY-SERVING INVESTMENT IN OUR REGION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PERSON.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: PERSON. OKAY.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, I FIGURED THAT OUT. OKAY, WELCOME.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S PEDRO RODRIGUEZ. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON THE GENERAL COMMENT. AGAIN, I'M A TEACHER IN WALNUT PARK, A SMALL COMMUNITY BORDERING SOUTH GATE AND HUNTINGTON PARK. I HAVE BEEN TEACHING IN THE AREA FOR 27 YEARS. MY CONCERN TODAY IS THE PROPOSED BUILDING OF A SCHOOL AT [INAUDIBLE] AND SANTA FE AVENUE, ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE WALNUT PARK ELEMENTARY TWO BLOCKS TO THE EAST, PREPA TEC MIDDLE SCHOOL ONE BLOCK SOUTH, AND ALLIANCE HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET, ACADEMIA MODERNA ELEMENTARY DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE STREET, WALNUT PARK ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS FOUR BLOCKS TO THE NORTH, AND ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL TWO BLOCKS TO THE WEST. BUILDING ANOTHER SCHOOL IN AN AREA ALREADY SATURATED WITH SCHOOLS IS AN IRRESPONSIBLE CHOICE. WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER SCHOOL, AND WE DEFINITELY DO NOT NEED K.I.P.P., A SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT VIOLATES BUILDING CODES--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. SIR, I AM GOING TO CONNECT YOU WITH ESTEBAN GARCIA, WHO IS MY STAFF MEMBER, JUST TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME OF YOUR CONCERN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I'VE HEARD PEOPLE SAY, "NO MORE LIQUOR STORES," BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYBODY SAY, "NO MORE SCHOOLS." BUT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR WHAT YOUR CONCERNS ARE. OKAY. HELLO.

SPEAKER: HI. MY COMMENT IS ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CLAIRE RODRIGUEZ. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING A TEACHER IN WALNUT PARK FOR 25 YEARS. I DRIVE THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION AT NADU AND SANTA FE, MOVING BOTH EAST AND WEST EVERY DAY, AND MY CONCERN ON THAT CORNER IS THAT THIS INTERSECTION IS ALREADY VERY BUSY WITH CARS AND PEDESTRIANS, AND THIS CONGESTION IN THE MORNING OFTEN BACKS UP SEVERAL BLOCKS EAST AND TO THE SOUTH OF THAT SAME INTERSECTION. A NEW SCHOOL IN THE AREA IS NOT NECESSARY, AND THE RESULTING TRAFFIC WILL CAUSE FURTHER CONGESTION AND PARKING ISSUES FOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, THIS BUILD GOES IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THE VISION ZERO GOAL TO END ALL TRAFFIC COLLISIONS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS IN THE AREA. THE SCHOOL WOULD BE BUILT ON THE VISION ZERO COLLISION CONCENTRATION CORRIDOR OF NADU. WE'RE JUST ASKING

THAT WE NOT BUILD THAT SCHOOL, AND THAT YOU REVOKE THE PERMITS FOR K.I.P.P. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AMPARO OSTOJIC. I AM A SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER, AND I CREATED THE C.H.W. COLLECTIVE THAT HAS 87 MEMBERS. IN D.M.H., THERE'S OVER 400 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. AND AS A SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER THAT WENT FROM A STEP ONE TO A STEP SIX, I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR A $1,000 WAGE INCREASE PER MONTH. CHANGING THE SENIOR AND SUPERVISING C.H.W. STEP TO A STEP SIX WAS ONLY PART OF THE PROBLEM. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES STILL EXIST, AND AFFECT COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. JOB RETENTION. THREE YEARS FROM NOW, ANYBODY IN A STEP SIX, SOMEONE LIKE ME, WILL BE MAXED OUT AND CANNOT INCREASE ANY FURTHER THAN STEP NINE. THAT'S ONLY THREE STEPS THEY CAN GO UP. THIS INCREASE WAS MEANT TO ADDRESS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE, BUT THE WAY THAT IT WAS DONE WILL AFFECT JOB RETENTION. DISPARATE WAGES. SOME PEOPLE GOT A $200 RAISE, SOME PEOPLE GOT A $1,000 RAISE. I'M SORRY, I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 46 AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, DID WE GIVE HER ENOUGH TIME? OKAY, ONE MORE MINUTE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. IT IS NOT EQUITABLE TO GIVE SOME PEOPLE A MONTHLY RAISE OF $1,000, OTHERS $200, AND ANYONE IN STEP SIX OR HIGHER NOTHING. NO INCREASE FOR PEOPLE IN STEP SIX MEANS PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE MOST EXPERIENCE, WHO TRAIN AND MENTOR NEW EMPLOYEES, GOT NO RAISE AT ALL. NOT RECOGNIZING THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN THERE WITH THE COUNTY THE LONGEST IS DISHEARTENING, MORALLY WRONG, AND MOST IMPORTANT, ILLEGAL. MORALE IS ALREADY LOW AT D.M.H., BUT THE C.E.O. SEEMS TO BE FOCUSING ONLY ON RECRUITMENT, WITHOUT CONSIDERING HOW THEIR DECISIONS AFFECT STAFF RETENTION. NO ORGANIZATION CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT ADDRESSING BOTH. CALIFORNIA PAN-ETHNIC HEALTH NETWORK AND THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS HAVE SUPPORTED US IN THIS DEMAND. WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO BRING THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO THE TABLE, OUR MEMBERS, AND ALL CRITICAL SHORTAGE RECRUITMENT RATE BONUSES, AND RESOLVE OUR CURRENT ISSUES.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RHONDA LEIGHTON JONES. AND I WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE YOU ALL, BECAUSE YOU HAVE A BIG JOB. I WANTED TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR TRYING TO RECRUIT MUCH-

NEEDED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. HOWEVER, I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 16 YEARS. 16 LONG YEARS, WORKING FROM THE BEGINNING WITH CLIENTS DOWN IN THE TRENCHES. AND I AM STILL A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. I'VE BEEN ON PROMOTIONAL ITEMS FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS, AND EVERY TIME I SPEAK OF PROMOTION, I'VE BEEN TOLD IT'S NOT IN THE BUDGET. SO, WE ARE NOW-- THE C.E.O. IS NOW TRYING TO RECRUIT MANY, MANY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, WHICH ARE NEEDED AND NECESSARY. AND I DIDN'T SAY I'M 46 AND PUBLIC COMMENT, SO I GET ANOTHER MINUTE. THANK YOU. BUT THE C.E.O. OFFICE HAS BEEN USING THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE RECRUITMENT RATE LANGUAGE TO BYPASS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNION, IN ORDER FOR US ALL TO HAVE FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAGES. I AM HERE TO IMPLORE YOU TO PLEASE GET THEM TO THE TABLE. I AM AT A STEP NINE. I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. I DIDN'T GET A RAISE. IT DON'T LOOK LIKE I WILL GET A RAISE, IF THEY DO NOT NEGOTIATE TO HAVE EVERY ONE OF US GET INCREASES. I BROKE MY TOOTH. THAT'S WHY I SOUND FUNNY. I CAN'T AFFORD TO GET IT FIXED. I WORK FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I COULD BE ON THE LIST OF HOUSELESS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, BECAUSE I AM NOT GETTING THE RAISE THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE INCREASE OF THE ECONOMY. AND I'M ASKING EVERYONE HERE TO PLEASE HEAR US. WE HAVE BEEN HERE, WORKING.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL COMMENT REGARDING ITEM 46. MY NAME IS BERTA MARTINEZ, AND I AM A CONCERNED CONSTITUENT AND SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOR SERVICE AREA EIGHT. I AM IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WAGE INCREASE FOR EVERYONE THAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. AND WITH THAT SAID, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REVIEW AND RECTIFY THE WAGE DISPARITY THAT HAPPENED ON MARCH 1ST. AND FOR THOSE SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, ON JUNE 1ST OF THIS YEAR, CHANGING THE VALUE OF STEP 6 AND 1 SO THAT ALL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS GET A FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAGE INCREASE FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO UP TO SEVEN STEPS, INSTEAD OF JUST THREE, WHICH IS VERY UNFAIR FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE DEDICATED OUR LIVES FOR OVER TEN YEARS, OR MORE, TO SERVE THE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE ASK THAT ALL SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS GET A RAISE, RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023. IT IS NOT EQUITABLE OR REASONABLE FOR SOMEONE NEW TO GET THE SAME PAY AS SOMEONE WHO HAS WORKED FOR MULTIPLE YEARS, TRYING HARD TO WORK THEIR WAY UP THE LADDER. THESE NEW HIRES COME IN EARNING THE SAME WAGE OR, IN SOME INSTANCES, MORE THAN THEIR SUPERVISORS. TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TRAIN THE NEW HIRES WITHOUT ANY RECOMPENSE

OR FUTURE WAGE INCREASE. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION ON ITEM 46 TODAY. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DARVIN QUINTANA. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEM 46. I AM A CONCERNED CONSTITUENT AND SPOUSE OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. I AM IN SOLIDARITY OF WAGE INCREASE FOR EVERYONE THAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. WE ASK THAT YOU RECTIFY THIS WAGE DISPARITY BY CHANGING THE VALUE OF STEP SIX TO STEP ONE, SO THAT ALL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS GET A FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAGE INCREASE FOR EVERYONE THAT HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO UP SEVEN STEPS INSTEAD OF THREE. WE ASK THAT ALL SUPERVISING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS GET A RAISE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M HERE IN FRONT OF YOU. MY NAME IS BELIA LOPEZ, AND I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 46 AND GENERAL PUBLIC. I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 20 YEARS

AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. I'M A SINGLE MOM, [INAUDIBLE]. IT'S HARD. AND IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR US TO BE WORKING AND NOT GET PAID EQUALLY. SO I'M HERE TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE'RE BEING LEFT BEHIND, AND IT'S NOT FAIR. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT SHOULD BE HERE, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO BE IN FRONT OF YOU GUYS, AND BE IN FRONT OF THE DIRECTORS. I WAS WISHING THAT THEY WOULD STAY TO HEAR OUR VOICE. I JUST ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. IT'S NOT FAIR. WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE LONGEST, AND THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT GOT A RAISE IS THE FIRST THAT JUST GOT HIRED. IT'S NOT FAIR FOR THEM, EITHER, BECAUSE THOSE PEOPLE, ONE OF THEM IS MY SON. WHEN I STARTED WORKING, I WAS A SINGLE MOM, HOMELESS, AND MY SON WAS ONLY THREE YEARS OLD. AND I'M JUST WONDERING, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM? I JUST ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND I ASK NOT ONLY FOR ALL OF YOU GUYS, BUT THOSE THAT ARE NOT HERE, AND THEY'RE PROBABLY HEARING US, SO THEY COULD COME AND GET UNITED WITH US. IT'S NOT FAIR. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. WE'VE BEEN HERE ALL DAY-- I'M DIABETIC-- TO SEE YOU GUYS, TO SPEAK TO YOU GUYS, AND TO SHARE MY STORY. I WAS JUST NOMINATED NATIONALLY, BUT NOT FROM THE L.A. COUNTY. I WAS NOMINATED AS ONE OF THE FIGHTERS. AND I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING IN SPANISH FOR THOSE WHO ARE HERE. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: I'M A SINGLE MOTHER OF A CHILD OF THREE YEARS OLD, AND I CAME HERE-- OR, I BECAME A SINGLE MOTHER OF A CHILD OF

THREE YEARS OLD, AND I WAS HOMELESS, AND I AM STILL WORKING FOR THE COUNTY. AND I WAS HOMELESS. AND I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT, AND SAY IT IN SPANISH, SO THAT EVERYONE CAN HEAR.

SPEAKER: THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF [INAUDIBLE]. AND I CONSIDER MYSELF A LEADER. AND I WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED!

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR BRAVERY FOR COMING AND SPEAKING IN FRONT OF US. THANK YOU. BUT, YOU KNOW, DON'T-- IF YOU NEED SOME FOOD OR WATER, MAKE SURE YOU LET US KNOW. WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY BEING ILL BECAUSE THEY WERE HERE ALL DAY.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS LEAH CHAVEZ. I'M A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. FORTUNATELY, I'M NEW TO THE COUNTY. I'M A YEAR AND SIX MONTHS IN, SO I'M PART OF THE RECRUITMENT OF NEW HIRES. GRATEFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THE PAY INCREASE; HOWEVER, I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER RENEGOTIATING TO FIX THE DISPARITIES IN THE INCREASE THAT SOME OF US GOT, AND SOME OF US DIDN'T GET. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND A FAIR ENVIRONMENT, AND I'M ASKING YOU TO BE A PART OF THAT. I'M ON STEP SIX, SO IN TWO YEARS, I WILL REACH THE MAXIMUM OF HOW MUCH I COULD GET PAID FOR THE POSITION. I LOVE WHAT I DO. I WORK FOR P.M.R.T., THE PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL

RESPONSE TEAM. I GO OUT INTO THE PUBLIC AND RESPOND TO THE CRISES OF THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING SUICIDE AND HOMICIDAL IDEATION, AND I LOVE IT. I FEEL LIKE IT'S MY GOD-GIVEN WORK TO BE DOING IT, AND I'VE RETURNED BACK INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD AFTER WORKING OFF AND ON. AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR REQUESTS. THANK YOU.

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

JULIA WALLACE: YES, MY NAME IS JULIA WALLACE. I'VE SPOKEN A COUPLE TIMES BEFORE. I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I WORKED DURING THE PANDEMIC IN SERVICE AREA 4-- I'M SORRY. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 46, AND I'M SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. JUST MAKE SURE I GET MY TIME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR TIME.

JULIA WALLACE: GOT TO RECLAIM IT, YOU KNOW? SO, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT. DURING THE PANDEMIC, SEVERAL OF MY CLIENTS DIED. OKAY? THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEHIND ME, WE DIDN'T STAY HERE ALL DAY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THIS. WE CARE. AND THE FACT THAT WE CARE, I FEEL LIKE IS BEING EXPLOITED, BECAUSE

WE'RE NOT ABLE TO PAY OUR BILLS, AND WE'RE AFRAID OF OUR CARS BEING REPOSSESSED. WE ARE IN TROUBLE, AND IT'S NOT OKAY. AND FRANKLY, WE'RE ESSENTIAL. EVERYBODY HERE, AND SO MANY FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE'RE THE ONES WORKING IN THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE'RE THE ONES THERE. I'M A HOUSING NAVIGATOR, SO WE'RE THE ONES TRYING TO FIND AND GET PEOPLE HOUSED, AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET PEOPLE HOUSED IN SOME WAYS, BUT IT'S INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT. AND SO THE FACT THAT WE ARE DOING THIS WORK, BUT WE'RE BEING PAID LESS THAN THE FOLKS THAT, FRANKLY, WEREN'T NECESSARILY AROUND WHEN WE WERE VOTING FOR THE STRIKE-- I HOPE THAT'S NOT RELATED-- THAT'S NOT OKAY. WE NEED YOU ALL TO STEP IN AND TALK TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WHO COMES HERE AND SAYS ALL KINDS OF GREAT STUFF. WELL, WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO BE DOING THAT STUFF, AND WE NEED TO BE PAID EQUITABLY. WE'RE THE ONES DOING THE WORK. WE SHOULD BE PAID EQUITABLY. AND I WANT TO JUST SAY, FURTHERMORE, THAT WE'RE DEDICATED, AND WE ARE FIGHTERS. WE STAYED HERE ALL DAY BECAUSE WE'RE COMMITTED, AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP COMING BACK WITH MORE PEOPLE TO FIGHT FOR WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL TAKE AN OPEN POSITION FOR THAT, BECAUSE WE NEED TO BE PAID EQUITABLY, BECAUSE WE NEED TO ALSO NOT BE AFRAID OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH BEING COMPROMISED, AND OUR LOSING OUR STANDARD OF LIVING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

JULIA WALLACE: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ARLENE PEREZ, AND I'M SPEAKING ON 46 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. I HAVE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 5 YEARS NOW. DURING C.O.V.I.D., I WAS ASKED TO BE A DISASTER SERVICE WORKER. SO, DURING THE PUBLIC CIVIL UNREST, WHILE EVERYONE WAS MANDATED TO STAY AT HOME AT 10 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT, MY SHIFT WAS FROM 1:30 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN ON THE FREEWAYS WHILE THERE IS NO ONE THERE. THAT WAS VERY ALARMING, AND SOMETHING THAT I LEARNED A LOT FROM. I ALSO NOW WORK IN SUBACUTE HOSPITALS. I'M ASSIGNED TO TWO HOSPITALS, AND I HELP WITH DISCHARGE PLANNING, AND HELP THEM TRANSITION INTO THE LOWER LEVEL OF CARE. RIGHT NOW, I'M HERE WITH MY MOM, WHO IS SUPPORTING ME. SHE IS RETIRED; SO IS MY DAD. NOT ONLY WAS I EXPOSING MYSELF DURING C.O.V.I.D., BUT I WAS ALSO EXPOSING THEM, BECAUSE I STILL LIVE WITH THEM, BECAUSE I CANNOT AFFORD TO LIVE ON MY OWN. SO, I ASK THAT YOU COME TO THE BOARD, AND COME TO THE UNION, AND MEET WITH THEM AND DISCUSS THESE WAGES, BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING THAT I CANNOT AFFORD TO SUPPORT MYSELF ON. AND I ALSO AM A CERTIFIED PEER MEDICAL SPECIALIST, AND I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A BONUS OR ANY TYPE OF WAGE INCREASE ON

THAT, EITHER. SO, I HOPE THAT YOU COME TO THE UNION AND MEET WITH THEM, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE TIME.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: IT'S ALMOST GOOD EVENING.

SPEAKER: I'M SPEAKING ON TWO ITEMS. ONE IS-- I'VE BEEN HERE SO LONG, BUT ONE IS-- I THINK ONE OF THE PEOPLE UP THERE ADDRESSED ABOUT THE PARKS, AND HOW THEY'RE NOT-- GOOD PARKS AREN'T IN NOT-GOOD NEIGHBORHOODS. SO, IN 2020, I SIGNED A LEASE WITH LONG BEACH PARKS AND REC. I LIVE IN LONG BEACH, AND I AM ON 10,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, AND WE DO GARDENING WITH YOUTH AGES 5-16. AND NOT ONLY DO THAT, WE'VE PARTNERED WITH TOYOTA, OR TOYOTA PARTNERED WITH US, AND THEY COME AND DO S.T.E.M. ENRICHMENT THERE, AS WELL. SO, I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT ABOUT PARKS BEING IN BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS, OR BETTER TAKEN CARE OF IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS. A ZIP CODE THAT I SERVE IS 90813, WHICH IS DEEMED THE POOREST NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGHOUT LONG BEACH. SO, THAT'S THE COMMUNITY THAT I SERVE. AGAIN, I SIGNED THIS LEASE IN JANUARY OF 2020. THERE WAS ONE HOMELESS PERSON THERE. NOW THERE IS CONTINUOUS DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND SEVERE PROSTITUTION GOING ON. RIGHT NOW,

WE'RE HOLDING A SUMMER ART CAMP. LAST YEAR, WE HAD 60 KIDS. TODAY, THIS WEEK, THIS TIME, WE ONLY HAVE 30, BECAUSE THE PARENTS ARE SCARED ABOUT BRINGING THEIR KIDS DOWN THERE. I'VE TALKED TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND ASKED THEM WHAT CAN I DO, BECAUSE I DID BRING YOU SOME PICTURES. AND THERE IS A FENCE, AND THIS FENCE DIVIDES THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. AND EVERY TIME WHEN I GO TO THE CITY, THE MAYOR--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THEY SAY IT'S THE COUNTY.

SPEAKER: UH-HUH. AND THEY SAY THEIR HANDS ARE TIED. AND THEY SAID, "IF YOU WANT TO DO ANYTHING, YOU HAVE TO GO"-- SO THAT'S WHY--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO THAT'S WHY YOUR HERE. OKAY, GREAT. I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU CONNECT TO MY STAFF, BECAUSE LONG BEACH IS AN AREA THAT I REPRESENT, AND WE'LL-- YOU KNOW, WE SHOULDN'T BE POINTING FINGERS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. AND I THINK WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS REALLY ADMIRABLE, AND WE WANT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT BETTER.

SPEAKER: OKAY. THEY TOLD ME TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT AN M.O.U.? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

SPEAKER: OKAY, OKAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT MEANS IT'S YOUR FAULT, NOT MINE. NO, IT MEANS "WORK TOGETHER." OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS SIENA KOREA, AND I'M HERE WITH THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. AND I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M HERE TO JOIN THE MANY VOICES THAT SOMETHING MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT S.T.I.S IN L.A. COUNTY. IN 2021, THERE WERE MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION CASES OF SYPHILIS, CHLAMYDIA, AND GONORRHEA IN THE UNITED STATES. IN LOS ANGELES THAT SAME YEAR, WE HAD 10,000 CASES OF SYPHILIS, AND 28,000 CASES OF GONORRHEA. LAST YEAR, 136 NEW CASES OF CONGENITAL SYPHILIS WERE IDENTIFIED HERE, AS WELL. AND WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT, AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THE 176% INCREASE IN SYPHILIS OVER THE PAST DECADE? A.H.F. AND OTHER S.T.I. CRISIS COALITION PARTNERS ARE EAGER TO SEE WHAT IMPACT THE RECENTLY ALLOCATED $10 MILLION WILL MAKE ON S.T.I. RATES IN LOS ANGELES, MOVING FORWARD. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE S.T.I. CRISIS. IT'S URGENT, AND IT DESERVES FOCUSED ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ZACH GREENFIELD, AND I'M ALSO HERE ON BEHALF OF A.H.F. I'M SPEAKING ON A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, S.T.I.S HAVE ONLY CONTINUED TO CLIMB, AND MANY PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES, INTENDED TO REDUCE RATES OVER THE LONG TERM, HAVE FAILED OR SUFFERED FROM A LACK OF CONSISTENT FUNDING. WE AT A.H.F. ARE HAPPY TO SEE THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS BEING ALLOCATED TOWARD S.T.I.S IN L.A. COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT THIS MONEY IS USED ON THE GROUND, TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE A LARGE SHARE OF TESTING AND TREATMENT SERVICES, RATHER THAN DISAPPEAR INTO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S VAST INFRASTRUCTURE. PLEASE, MADAM SUPERVISORS, HOLD THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ACCOUNTABLE FOR SHOWING THE PUBLIC EXACTLY WHERE AND HOW THIS MONEY WILL BE SPENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

SPEAKER: AGENDA ITEM 48 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, TWO MINUTES? THANK YOU. YEAH. ON AGENDA ITEM 48, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 11.01.015, THIS INSTITUTIONALIZES THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS TO RAT OUT THEIR COWORKERS AND EMPLOYERS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH COUNTY

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT IN A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. THIS IS BEING LEGISLATED, AND IT'S BEING LEGISLATED BECAUSE THE OBJECT HERE IS TO MAKE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES PERMANENT. THERE IS NO BETTER ILLUSTRATION OF THIS MOTIVE THAN THE TESTIMONY OF MY COLLEAGUE, WES SEEGMILLER, WHO IS A FORMER SEX WORKER, AND WHO WORKS WITH SEX WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT OF L.A., WHO MET WITH THE COUNTY MULTIPLE TIMES, LATE LAST YEAR, TO DISCUSS THE FACT THAT THE DATA SHOWED THAT MPOX INFECTION RATES WERE VERY LOW, AND THAT THE COUNTY'S CONTINUED ALARMIST MESSAGING ABOUT THE DISEASE WAS UNNECESSARY AND WITHOUT ANY BASIS IN SCIENCE. AND THE COUNTY PREDICTABLY IGNORED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONTINUED THE ALARMIST HYSTERIA OVER MPOX AND THEY CONTINUED THE ALARMIST HYSTERIA BECAUSE THE OBJECT HERE IS NOT PUBLIC HEALTH. IT IS THE SELLING OF PHARMACEUTICALS, GETTING VACCINES INTO ARMS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE NEEDED. I JUST WANT TO SAY TO THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, YOU MAY HAVE WANTED TO WEAR THE MASKS THIS TIME AROUND, AND YOU MAY HAVE WANTED TO TAKE THE VACCINES THIS TIME AROUND, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN MANDATED TO WEAR A MASK FOR 10 YEARS, AND YOU'VE BEEN MANDATED TO TAKE 32 VACCINES, YOU'RE GOING TO WISH YOU HAD SPOKEN UP SOONER. AND WHAT IS AT STAKE HERE IS LITERALLY, WITHOUT ANY IRONY OR EXAGGERATION, LITERALLY THE SURVIVAL OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. SO I IMPLORE YOU TO PLEASE WAKE THE [EXPLETIVE] UP. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

ANTIGONE ROBINSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON, SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY I STAND WITH A.H.F. TO PLEAD THAT SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT S.T.I.S. THE S.T.I. CRISIS COALITION, A GROUP OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN LOS ANGELES, HAS BEEN WORKING WITH L.A.C.D.P.H. AND D.H.S.P. TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO CARE FOR H.I.V./S.T.I. SERVICES. ALL PARTIES HAVE IDENTIFIED HIGH VOLUME, EXPRESSED H.I.V./S.T.I. TESTING AS A PRIORITY. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF DOING MORE TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS, SOME EFFORTS BY D.P.H., SUCH AS NO LONGER PAYING FOR THE LAB PROCESSING OF C.B.O. SPECIMENS, HAVE ONLY HINDERED OUR EFFORTS TO SERVE. INSTEAD OF MAKING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ULTIMATELY ACT AS BARRIERS, WE ASK D.P.H. AND D.H.S.P. TO COLLABORATE WITH C.B.O.S TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT BENEFIT EVERYONE. DURING A RECENT MEETING BETWEEN THE S.T.I. CRISIS COALITION AND MARIO PEREZ, HE SAID, "IF THERE IS INFORMATION AT THE AGENCY LEVEL AROUND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DIFFERENT TO MAKE THE S.T.D. EXPRESS MODEL COME TO FRUITION, THEN I NEED TO HEAR WHAT IT IS, SO WE CAN ADJUST." AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED: REGULAR MEETINGS BETWEEN OUR ORGANIZATIONS TO STRATEGIZE ABOUT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF H.I.V./S.T.I. CASES IN L.A.

COUNTY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO REVITALIZE PUBLIC HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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

ADAM SUKHIJA-COHEN: GOOD EVENING. ADAM SUKHIJA-COHEN, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE 100,000 CASES OF CHLAMYDIA, GONORRHEA, SYPHILIS, THAT ARE REPORTED IN THIS COUNTY EVERY SINGLE YEAR. WE COME TO HIGHLIGHT, CONSISTENTLY, THE FACT THAT S.T.I.S ARE RISING IN OUR COUNTY AND ACROSS THE U.S., AND WE'VE BEEN PROTESTING TO SHOW THAT REDUCING TRANSMISSION RATES IS ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COUNTY. DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, WE DO FIND IT A BIT CONCERNING THAT THE BOARD WILL RARELY DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS. MOST LIKELY, S.T.I.S ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ON SINCE FEBRUARY, WHEN THE REPORT-BACK CAME FROM THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ACCORDING TO THE BROWN ACT, THE BOARD CAN-- THEY'RE NOT REQUIRED TO, BUT THEY CAN MAKE COURTESY OR BRIEF INFORMATIONAL RESPONSES TO THOSE PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENTS. AND I'VE SEEN SUPERVISORS RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE, AND A.H.F. IS GENERALLY MET WITH SILENCE WHEN TALKING ABOUT CHLAMYDIA, GONORRHEA, AND SYPHILIS. IF WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON $10 MILLION GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, REGARDING S.T.I.S, I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BOARD ABOUT HOW THAT MONEY SHOULD

BE SPENT, BECAUSE THIS IS A CRISIS, AND WE NEED TO FIND BETTER WAYS TO ADDRESS PREVENTION, TESTING, AND TREATMENT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: I'M STEPHANIE WATKINS SMITH. I'M SPEAKING ON NUMBER 46, PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ALSO A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 8 YEARS. SO, ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT I AM NOT AN IMPORTANT PERSON, BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T EVEN OFFER-- I WAS NOT EVEN OFFERED A CHANCE TO GET A RAISE, LIKE SOMEONE WALKING IN OFF THE STREET. I'M THE ONE WHO IS GOING TO BE TRAINING THAT PERSON WHO IS COMING IN OFF THE STREET. I'M THE ONE WHO IS WORKING THE OVERTIME, BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MY STUDENT LOANS, AND I MAY BE EVICTED WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE NO RAISE. CALIFORNIA'S COST OF LIVING HAS CONTINUED TO RISE. HOWEVER, THE WAGES HAVE NOT. WE NEED A LIVABLE INCOME. I LIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COMPTON, AND I CAN'T GET-- THANKFULLY, YOU GUYS JUST APPROVED, BUT NORMALLY, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET COUNSEL, IF I WERE GOING TO BE EVICTED. THANK YOU THAT YOU GUYS JUST APPROVED FOR THE STUDENT LOANS, OR I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAY MY LOANS, POTENTIALLY. SO, YES, WE DO NEED A LIVING RAISE. IT NEEDS TO BE FAIR, ACROSS THE BOARD, AND EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED, NOT EXCLUDING SOME. EVERYONE INCLUDED.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARRIE GREER. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 46, SECTION 54. I'M ALSO A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER, AS WELL AS AN S.E.I.U. 721 UNION STEWARD. I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY D.M.H., FOR 11 YEARS, AND THERE'S NO ROOM PERTAINING TO PROMOTION. THEY PLAN ON HIRING A VAST AMOUNT OF MORE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO RECRUIT MORE STAFF AT D.M.H. IT IS APPRECIATED. BUT WE ARE HERE TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS WITH HOW THESE INVESTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT ARE BEING HANDLED. MORALE IS ALREADY LOW AT D.M.H., BUT THE C.E.O. SEEMS TO BE FOCUSING ONLY ON RECRUITMENT, WITHOUT CONSIDERING HOW THEIR DECISIONS IMPACT STAFF RETENTION. NO ORGANIZATION CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT ADDRESSING BOTH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN HEWLING. I'M HERE TO COMMENT ON ITEMS 46 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, ON BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 PRESIDENT DAVID GREEN, PROUDLY REPRESENTING OVER 55,000 L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS HERE WITH ME TODAY. ALL OF US AGREE WE HAVE NATIONWIDE HEALTHCARE WORKER

SHORTAGE. RECRUITING NEW WORKERS IS CRITICAL IN UPHOLDING THE ALREADY VULNERABLE SAFETY NET. IT IS JUST AS VITAL AND IMPORTANT TO RETAIN THE WORKERS WE ALREADY HAVE. OTHERWISE, WE CANNOT SUSTAIN THE WORKFORCE L.A. COUNTY NEEDS. FRONTLINE STAFF HAVE BEEN OVERWORKED AND INADEQUATELY RESOURCED FOR MANY YEARS, ESPECIALLY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. YET, THESE DEDICATED 721 MEMBERS STAY BECAUSE OF THEIR TRUE DEDICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION. IN ADDITION TO A HEALTHCARE CRISIS, WE ALSO HAVE A CRISIS OF THE UNHOUSED. COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FROM D.M.H. ARE ON THE FRONTLINES OF IT ALL, DEALING ONE-ON-ONE WITH PATIENTS AND CLIENTS. THEY HAVE THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM EXPERIENCE ACCUMULATED OVER THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. THE EXPERIENCE MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND REWARDED, NOT DISREGARDED AND SLIGHTED. THIS IS ABOUT RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND LISTENING TO OUR D.M.H. WORKFORCE. THERE ARE MULTIPLE AREAS THAT THE C.E.O. OPERATES UNILATERALLY TO IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS, WHEN INSTEAD THE C.E.O. SHOULD LISTEN TO THE WORKFORCE. THE DUAL CRISIS OF BOTH THE UNHOUSED AND STAFFING SHORTAGES FACING L.A. COUNTY ARE UNPRECEDENTED, BUT S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 IS EAGER AND READY TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX, ALONG WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, TO KEEP THIS BOARD'S PROMISE OF A SAFE AND HEALTHY L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: I WANTED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 52, 56, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, MOST OF YOU GUYS KNOW ME. MY NAME IS ANDREA MCPHERSON, AND I'VE BEEN SPEAKING PUBLICLY FOR PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME FOR MANY YEARS NOW. BUT I WANT TO SPEAK ON A SPECIFIC THING TODAY. I FELT THAT L.A. CARE HAS SHOWN RACISM TOWARDS ME. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I SPEAK TO YOU GUYS ABOUT IT, BECAUSE THERE'S DIFFERENT THINGS THAT THEY HAVE-- DIFFERENT DECISIONS THAT THEY HAVE MADE, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN OKAYED BY YOU GUYS, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. THE [INAUDIBLE] ARE ON A HIATUS, AND THAT MEANS THAT THE STAFF TOLD US THAT WE COULD NOT COME BACK AND HAVE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT YOU GUYS HAVE, BUT IT'S BEEN TAKEN TO, I GUESS, THE NEXT MEETING THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE, IN TALKING ABOUT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT? WELL, THEY BASICALLY SAID, "LOOK, YOU CANNOT HAVE A MEETING AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY. AND NOT ONLY THAT, YOU HAVE TO FILL OUT ANOTHER APPLICATION, BECAUSE THERE'S NO GRANDFATHERING." BUT... WHAT IS THAT? A.B. 2449 AND S.B. 1100? ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT THINGS HAVING TO DO WITH THE BROWN ACT, IT WAS DELEGATED TO BE AMENDED JANUARY 2023, BUT YET WE'RE STILL NOT GETTING ANY OF THAT FROM THE STAFF. THEY ARE NOT FOLLOWING PROPER PROTOCOL, AND THEY NEED TO BE CALLED OUT. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE DECISIONS FOR US. WE ARE STAKEHOLDERS. WE ARE THE ADVISORY

COMMITTEES. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A VOICE. AND THE STAFF SHOULD NOT DELEGATE AND JUST BASICALLY SPEAK OUT DURING OUR MEETINGS WHILE WE'RE TRYING TO PRACTICE THE BROWN ACT. AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, THAT'S WHY I SAY IT'S HARASSMENT, BECAUSE I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT SPEAK ABOUT BENEFICIAL THINGS LIKE RESOURCE GUIDES, LIKE HOW THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH HAVE EVERYTHING TO DO WITH HOMELESSNESS, AND HOW L.A. CARE NEEDS TO GIVE BACK TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION. THE STAFF WOULD FILIBUSTER BY STATING THAT HOMELESSNESS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HEALTHCARE. BUT YET, 6 MONTHS LATER, $25 MILLION WOULD GO TO ONE SHELTER. AND I'M LOOKED AT AS A VILLAIN, AS AN ENEMY, WHEN ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS TO ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME, THAT HAVE BEEN HOMELESS, THAT ARE LOW INCOME, THAT ARE BLACK, AND THAT NEED ASSISTANCE. AND THAT'S WHAT L.A. CARE HAS THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR, AND I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP ADVISE THEM. BUT YET, THEY TOOK THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AWAY, AS WELL. SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS AIDA BRAVO. I'M SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT, JUST GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY, SO I AM AIDA BRAVO. I AM A TEACHER IN THE SOUTHEAST FOR 29 YEARS. I LIVE IN JANICE HAHN'S DISTRICT. I WAS A PETITIONER ON A LAWSUIT AGAINST K.I.P.P. SOCAL CHARTER SCHOOLS. I HAVE THE RULING

HERE, I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU, IF YOU CAN GIVE THAT TO THEM. AND IN THE LAWSUIT, WE FILED IT BECAUSE K.I.P.P. SOCAL CHARTER SCHOOLS DID NOT DO THE PROPER REVIEWING OF THE SOIL BEFORE THEY WANTED TO BUILD ON IT. THE RULING INDICATED BY THE JUDGE THAT THEY COULD NOT BUILD ANY MORE, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW THE C.E.Q.A. REQUIREMENTS. AND SO THEY ABANDONED THE PLAN IN CUDAHY, AND THEN WENT OVER TO WALNUT PARK TO START BUILDING, AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW. SO, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY PROVIDED A BUILDING PERMIT TO K.I.P.P. SOCAL VIA A MINISTERIAL PROJECT, WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF C.E.Q.A. THEY ATTEMPTED TO DO THE SAME THING IN CUDAHY, AND THEN WE STOPPED THEM FROM DOING THAT. K.I.P.P. SOCAL CHARTER SCHOOLS IS NOT EXEMPT FROM PROPER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. I OPPOSE THE BUILDING PLAN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER: AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP US.

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS LIV GOTT, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M HERE WITH THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES FROM A.H.F. TO TALK ABOUT S.T.I.S AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN. THE C.D.C.'S HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030 GOALS

IDENTIFIES A NEED FOR INCREASED PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING INVESTMENT IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, TO EXPAND OUR CAPACITY FOR A RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS. IF WE FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE EXPERTS, WE WOULD BE INVESTING TOWARDS SURGE MODELS, POP-UP CLINICS, AND MOBILE TESTING UNITS. WE WOULD INVEST IN REDUCING BARRIERS TO S.T.I. TESTING AND TREATMENT PROCESSES. IF WE WERE LISTENING TO THE EXPERTS, L.A. COUNTY WOULD WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPROVE CAPACITY AT THE STRUCTURAL LEVEL BY REDUCING COMPLICATED PAPERWORK AND HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR S.T.I. TESTING. THE LACK OF TRUST AND COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNING BODIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY HAS INCREASED BARRIERS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE BOTH AIM TO SERVE. IF WE LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS AND WORK COLLABORATIVELY, WE CAN HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M BRAYLEN, HERE WITH AHS, SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE CUTS TO LABORATORY FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S. MANY PEOPLE COME TO A.H.F. AND OTHER C.B.O.S, LIKE THE L.G.B.T. CENTER AND A.P.L.A., AS OPPOSED TO THEIR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER, BECAUSE WE DO NOT JUDGE THEM. WE DO NOT SEND E.O.B.S TO THEIR HOMES, AS SOMEONE

ELSE MIGHT READ. AND OUR CLINICS ARE A SAFE SPACE TO ADDRESS THEIR SEXUAL HEALTH. WITH THE EVER-RISING RATES OF S.T.I.S., AND THE THREAT OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT GONORRHEA, WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO DISRUPT DISCREET SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST? A.P.L.A., L.G.B.T. CENTER, A.H.F., AND OTHERS ARE TRUSTED IN THE COMMUNITY AS PLACES TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITHOUT JUDGMENT. PLEASE DON'T INTERRUPT THAT PROCESS WHEN S.T.I. RATES ARE SO DIRE, AND CONSIDER RE-ESTABLISHING FREE LAB PROCESSING FOR C.B.O.S. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: MIKE GREENSPAN. I WANT TO SPEAK ON 11, 12, 17, 52-C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. 11: JOHN WALSH ALWAYS SAID, "SNITCHES GET STITCHES." THE CITY OF L.A. PAYS $50,000 REWARDS, AND THEY STILL DON'T GET ANY TAKERS. AND THAT 11 IS NOW OVER 6.5 YEARS OLD; 17 IS 8 YEARS OLD. YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYBODY YET. NOW, 52-C. OH, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PRAYER BREAKFAST. GEE, I WONDER IF THE OFFICERS CAN AFFORD THE $4? I JUST WONDER IF THEY CAN. YES, PRAISE JESUS, NOW PASS THE HAM. EXCUSE ME, JESUS NEVER ATE A SLICE OF HAM. MAYBE YOU GUYS OUGHT TO LEARN SOME FOOD LAW IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT WOULD REALLY HELP. NOW, THE PARK MONTH. LET ME QUOTE THIS: "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER." I HAVE UMPIRED BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, EVERYTHING FROM T-BALL TO THE OLD FOLKS, THE SENIORS IN

SOFTBALL. DONE FAST PITCH, SLOW PITCH. DONE SYNAGOGUE LEAGUES, DONE CHRISTIAN LEAGUES, YOU NAME IT. I THINK I'VE DONE ABOUT EVERYTHING THERE. AND IT'S ALWAYS INTERESTING, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THAT CLAIM TO BE GOOD SPORTS ARE USUALLY THE WORST. I MEAN, POLITICIANS, JUDGES, MINISTERS, THEY'RE SOME OF THE WORST. AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY GET CAUGHT CHEATING IN A CHRISTIAN LEAGUE? YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS? THEY JERK THEIR [EXPLETIVE] AND BLAME THE UMPIRE, THAT'S WHAT.

COUNTY COUNSEL: THAT'S OUT OF LINE. PLEASE STICK TO THE MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

HERMAN HERMAN: SO, YES, IN THE STORY OF BRANDENBURG V. OHIO, U.S. 395 444 (1969), MADAM ATTORNEY, GET YOURSELF INTO GEAR. IT IS PROTECTIVE SPEECH. IT'S AN OPINION BY THE COURTS, AND I HAVE A RIGHT TO EXERCISE MY FIRST AMENDMENT TO REPEAT WHAT THE TESTIMONY OF THAT OPINION IS. AND, JANET, GET IT STRAIGHT. YES, CURREN PRICE DE MILLE, A DIRTY [EXPLETIVE]. YES, AND I WILL SAVE AMERICA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO, YOU'RE DONE. THANK YOU, GOOD NIGHT. ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

SPEAKER: JUST ME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, YOU ALREADY SPOKE. CAN YOU JUST GIVE IT TO OUR STAFF MEMBER, AND THEY WILL SHARE IT WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US? OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WANT TO ADDRESS US, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1, 3 THROUGH 5, 7 AND 8, 11 THROUGH 13, 17 THROUGH 22, 24 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 25 THROUGH 34, 36, 38 AND 39, 41, 43 THROUGH 51, 52-C, 55, 57, 1-D THROUGH 6-D.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS, AND I THINK I'M STARTING. WE'RE GOING IN

ORDER OF 4, 5, 1, 2, AND 3. I MOVE, COLLEAGUES, THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JIMMY KIM, WHO WAS A FORMER GOLD-MEDAL OLYMPIAN AND CERRITOS RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 56. JIMMY WAS RAISED IN CERRITOS, AND GRADUATED FROM CERRITOS HIGH IN 1985. HE WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN MALE TO EVER WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN TAEKWONDO AT THE OLYMPICS. JIMMY BEGAN HIS TAEKWONDO TRAINING WHEN HE WAS 2 YEARS OLD, AND BEGAN COMPETING BY AGE 7. BY 1988, HE HAD COLLECTED BETWEEN 45 AND 50 MEDALS, INCLUDING 3 NATIONAL GOLD MEDALS, THREE GOLD MEDALS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS. JIMMY WAS THERE AT THE OLYMPICS, COMPETING WHEN THE SPORT OF TAEKWONDO WAS FIRST INTRODUCED AT THE GAMES, WHICH WERE HELD THAT YEAR IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. HE WAS A REAL HOMETOWN HERO OF CERRITOS. THE LOSS OF THIS ATHLETE AND TEAMMATE IS A TREMENDOUS LOSS FOR THOSE WHO KNEW HIM. JIMMY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LAUREN, THREE SONS, HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND TWO SISTERS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JULIAN DENIS KITCHENS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. DENIS WAS THE HUSBAND OF THE MAYOR OF SIGNAL HILL, TINA HANSEN. HE MET TINA IN 1980 AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. AND AGAIN, SHE'S CURRENTLY THE MAYOR OF SIGNAL HILL. I'VE KNOWN HER AND DENIS FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME. DENIS AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF BETHANY CHURCH OF LONG BEACH SINCE 2011. HE WAS A STAY-AT-HOME DAD, DOING VOLUNTEER WORK FOR HIS KIDS' SCHOOL. HIS HOBBIES INCLUDED COOKING, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON SOUL

FOOD AND SOUTHERN CUISINE. HE WAS RAISED IN A SMALL TOWN OF BLAKELY, GEORGIA. HE ALSO HAD STINTS IN ACTING, INCLUDING PRODUCTIONS OF "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS," "MURDER WITH ORCHIDS," "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE," AND VARIOUS ONE-ACT PLAYS FOR DINNER THEATER, AND TWO CHRISTMAS PLAY PRODUCTIONS AT HIS CHURCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 37 YEARS, TINA, AND THEIR TWINS, KAITLIN AND BENJAMIN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PATRICIA HAPONSKI. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. PATRICIA GREW UP IN PROSSER, WASHINGTON. AFTER GRADUATING FROM NURSING SCHOOL, SHE MOVED TO SANTA MONICA, WHERE SHE WORKED AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, ARTHUR, MOVED TO TORRANCE IN 1956, WHERE THEY SETTLED IN TO RAISE THEIR 5 CHILDREN. THEIR SOCIAL LIFE REVOLVED MOSTLY AROUND ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH IN LOMITA. PATRICIA WAS ACTIVE IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA GUILDS FOR MANY YEARS, AND LATER IN THE STEVENS MINISTRY. HER INTERESTS INCLUDED TAKING COOKING CLASSES AND OIL PANTING, WHERE SHE CONCENTRATED ON SEASCAPES. SHE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF 57 YEARS, ARTHUR, AND SURVIVED BY HER 5 CHILDREN, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD SCANDALIATO, WHO WAS ONLY 23 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A BELOVED SON, BROTHER, GRANDSON, NEPHEW, COUSIN, AND FRIEND. HE WAS RAISED IN BOTH SAN PEDRO AND ROLLING HILLS ESTATES. I KNEW HIS GRANDFATHER, RICHARD, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF OUR

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IN THE SOUTH SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD OF SAN PEDRO, AND HE TOLD ME ABOUT HIS GRANDSON RICHIE'S PASSING. HIS PASSION WAS LEARNING. AS A RESULT OF RICHIE'S NATURAL INTELLECT AND HARD WORK, HE EARNED THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR AWARD, AND GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN MATRICULATED TO U.C.L.A., WHERE HE PURSUED HIGHER EDUCATION WITH RELENTLESS DETERMINATION, AND VACILLATED BETWEEN STUDYING ART AND SCIENCE. HIS LEGACY AS AN INSPIRING SCHOLAR WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED BY THE INSTITUTIONS HE ATTENDED, AND THE MINDS HE INFLUENCED. RICHIE'S LOVE OF LIFE WAS CONTAGIOUS, AND HE APPROACHED EACH MOMENT WITH ZEST AND ENTHUSIASM. HE ADMIRED THE BEAUTY OF HIS HOMETOWN, ENJOYED LONG WALKS ON THE CLIFFS OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, AND SPENT MANY HAPPY DAYS AT THE BEACHES OF THE SOUTH BAY. HE GREW UP A U.C.L.A. AND A NEW YORK YANKEES FAN, AND SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD PLAYING BASEBALL AT BOTH PALOS VERDES AND SILVER SPUR LITTLE LEAGUES. RICHIE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS QUICK WIT INTELLECT, SENSE OF HUMOR, KIND SPIRIT, BOUNDLESS ENERGY, UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORLD, AND HIS RADIANT SMILE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, RICH AND KATHY, BROTHER MICHAEL, GRANDPARENTS RICHARD AND JO-ANN, AND MANY OTHER LOVING FAMILY MEMBERS. THANK YOU. WHO IS NEXT? SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSILYN RUIZ AND

BRANDY ESCAMILLA. JOSILYN RUIZ AND BRANDY ESCAMILLA WERE TRAGICALLY KILLED AT THE BEYOND WONDERLAND ELECTRIC MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, LAST MONTH. ESCAMILLA AND RUIZ, WHO LIVED IN SEATTLE BUT WERE BOTH ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BOTH WALNUT AND NORWALK, WERE THE DEFINITION OF SOUL MATES. THE PAIR MET IN HIGH SCHOOL. TOGETHER, THEY GRADUATED FROM MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY IN 2018, AND LATER WENT ON TO WORK AS NURSES IN THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 UNIT AT THE CITY OF HOPE IN DUARTE. AFTER GETTING ENGAGED, THEY MOVED TO SEATTLE AS TRAVEL NURSES, TO REALIZE THEIR DREAM OF GROWING AND BEING A TEAM. THEY BROUGHT OUT THE BEST OF THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES. THEY ARE GONE, TOO FAR YOUNG, AND TOO FAR, TOO SOON. BOTH ESCAMILLA AND RUIZ LIVED A FULL LIFE. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE, AND MAY THEIR FAMILIES BE IN ALL OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS FOR THE DAYS TO COME. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN WE ADJOURN THIS EVENING, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RALPH DOUGLAS SUTTON. MR. SUTTON WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 22, 1946, IN LOS ANGELES, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST JUNE 16TH AT THE AGE OF 76. HE PROUDLY RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHERE HE ATTENDED MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS A STUDENT

ATHLETE WHO PLAYED FOOTBALL AND RAN TRACK. HE WAS ALSO A GLEE CLUB MEMBER, AND LOVED MUSIC. IN 1964, HE JOINED THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, AND WAS STATIONED IN AFGHANISTAN AND JAPAN. HE PROUDLY ROSE TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT BEFORE HIS HONORABLE DISCHARGE. UPON DISCHARGE, MR. SUTTON RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE RECEIVED AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM FROM L.A. CITY COLLEGE. THEN, IN 1974, HE TRANSFERRED TO CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION, WHILE WORKING AS THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA DIRECTOR FOR THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE. THROUGHOUT HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER, HE WORKED AS AN ANCHOR AND WRITER AT PROMINENT NEWS STATIONS, SUCH AS K.G.J.F., K.F.W.B., AND K-EARTH 101. MR. SUTTON WAS COMMITTED TO THE WELLBEING AND EDUCATION OF HIS COMMUNITY, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY HIS WORK AS THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA FOR OVER 12 YEARS. HE LATER BECAME THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR FOR ONE LEGACY, THE NATION'S LARGEST ORGAN, TISSUE, AND EYE DONATION PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION SERVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. CHARGED WITH EDUCATING PEOPLE ON THE BENEFITS AND IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN DONATION, HE BECAME A TRUSTED VOICE AS HE DEVELOPED A SERIES OF POWERFUL OUTREACH PROGRAMS. ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE NATION CREDIT THEIR AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO HIS WORK. AFTER 6 YEARS WITH ONE LEGACY, MR. SUTTON SEMI-RETIRED AND JOINED ENTREPRENEUR EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC., A WATTS-

BASED NONPROFIT DESIGNED TO NURTURE AND PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS CREATION AND EXPANSION IN THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES OF WATTS, WILLOWBROOK, COMPTON, CARSON, AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HIS WORK LED TO THE CREATION OF OVER 35 SMALL MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. MR. SUTTON WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN, VINCENT AND SELAH; 5 GRANDCHILDREN; HIS BROTHER JAMES; AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. I WOULD FIRST MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ESTHER BAUM, WHO WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY. SHE DIED LAST MONTH, AT THE AGE OF 98. A 33-YEAR RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ESTHER WAS INVOLVED IN THE CIVIC LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY, PLANNING THE ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT FOR MANY YEARS IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD. A NATIVE ANGELENO AND TRAINED ACCOUNTANT, ESTHER GAVE BACK, AFTER RETIRING IN 2017, BY HELPING LOCAL SENIORS WITH THEIR TAXES. HER VOLUNTEERISM ALSO INCLUDED 28 YEARS ON THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, A ROLE THAT LED HER TO CHAMPION THE SENIORS IN ACTION PROGRAM. SHE WAS A LONGTIME ADVOCATE FOR SENIOR ISSUES, AS WELL AS RENT CONTROL. SHE WAS ALSO A BLOCK

CAPTAIN FOR HER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP. OTHER VOLUNTEERISM IN THE THIRD DISTRICT INCLUDED: SERVICE AT THE CANCER CENTER IN SANTA MONICA, WHERE SHE RECONSTRUCTED THE FILES AND PAYROLL RECORDS AFTER THE BUILDING CAUGHT FIRE. SHE VOLUNTEERED AT PROJECT ANGEL FOOD, THE MAPLE COUNSELING CENTER IN BEVERLY HILLS, AND A.A.R.P. ESTHER WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI. SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND, ROBERT, HAD ONE DAUGHTER, WHO IS ALSO AN ACCOUNTANT. THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF THIS IMPORTANT AND DEDICATED PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY. MAY HER MEMORY BE A BLESSING. AND I WOULD ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REVEREND STEVE PIETERS, AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ACTIVIST, WHO DIED ON JULY 8TH. HE WAS 70 AND A RESIDENT OF SILVER LAKE, WHOSE IMPACT HAS BEEN FELT THROUGHOUT AND ACROSS OUR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES. IN 1982, REVEREND PIETERS CAME TO LOS ANGELES AFTER RESIGNING AS THE PASTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, WHERE HE WAS A LEADING GAY ACTIVIST. WHILE IN L.A. IN APRIL 1984, HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A.I.D.S. AND STAGE IV LYMPHOMA. HE WAS TOLD BY ONE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL THAT HE WOULD NOT LIVE TO SEE 1985. THAT YEAR, HE BECAME PATIENT NUMBER ONE ON THE FIRST ANTIVIRAL DRUG TRIAL. BOTH CANCERS WENT INTO COMPLETE REMISSION, AND HE BEAT ALL ODDS. REVEREND PIETERS SERVED FOR THE NEXT 11 YEARS AS FIELD DIRECTOR OF A.I.D.S. MINISTRY FOR THE M.C.C. DENOMINATION. HE TRAVELED THE WORLD, TEACHING AND PREACHING

ABOUT HOPE, GRIEF, AND SURVIVING A.I.D.S. HE SERVED ON THE LOS ANGELES A.I.D.S. TASK FORCE, AND ON THE BOARDS OF BOTH THE A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES AND THE A.I.D.S. NATIONAL INTERFAITH NETWORK. HE WAS REGULARLY LOOKED TO BY THE MEDIA AS AN IMPORTANT VOICE. HE WAS FEATURED IN "LIFETIME" AND "OMNI" MAGAZINES, AS WELL AS THE L.A. TIMES. HE REGULARLY APPEARED ON C.N.N., AND WAS FAMOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY TAMMY FAYE BAKKER IN 1985, A POIGNANT NATIONAL MOMENT RECENTLY CAPTURED IN THE FILM "THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE." HE SAID OF THAT INTERVIEW, "MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE I'VE DONE, SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID MY INTERVIEW WITH HER HELPED THEM COME OUT, OR EVEN SAVED THEM FROM SUICIDE, BY HELPING THEM REALIZE THEY COULD BE GAY AND CHRISTIAN, OR THAT GOD WAS NOT PUNISHING THEM WITH A.I.D.S. FOR BEING GAY. IN OCTOBER 2019, EXAMPLES OF HIS WORK IN A.I.D.S. MINISTRY, AND OF HIS LIFE AS A PERSON WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S., WERE PLACED IN THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY. I'LL CLOSE WITH MORE WORDS FROM REVEREND PIETERS. "THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE LENGTH OF LIFE, BUT BY THE FULLNESS WITH WHICH WE ENTER INTO EACH PRESENT MOMENT. AND AS LONG AS WE ARE ALIVE, WE ARE CALLED UPON TO LOVE." LET US ALL BE CALLED UPON TO LOVE, WITH HIS LEGACY TO SHOW US THE WAY. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JOIN?

SUP. HORVATH: ABSOLUTELY. WE CAN HAVE IT FROM EVERYONE, IF YOU'D LIKE. YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. WE'RE CONCLUDING OUR MEETING. CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW QUICKLY IT WENT TODAY? [LAUGHTER] BUT LET ME THANK EVERYONE WHO KEEPS THIS BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAYS GOING: ALL OF OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF, OUR D.A. SECURITY, OUR OWN SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHO ARE HERE; OUR FLOOR TEAM, WHO IS OUT THERE CONSTANTLY MAKING SURE EACH-- THANK THE DOG. HI, WINSTON. KEEPING THE PUBLIC MOVING, GET IN THEIR PLACE, COORDINATING. THANKS TO OUR MODERATOR, WHO MODERATES ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CALL IN. A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK WE COULD DO HALF CALLING IN AND HALF IN PERSON. I THINK WE HAVE DONE IT REALLY WELL. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYBODY. THANK YOU TO OUR I.S.D., AND OUR SOUND, AND OUR TECHNICIANS. THANK YOU, ALL. IT TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE TO KEEP THESE 5 WOMEN GOING. OKAY, SO THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. WE WILL BE SHOWING A VIDEO PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A VIDEO PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING FIONA CURRIE AS THE YOUNGEST STUDENT TO GRADUATE FROM LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. I WONDER HOW OLD SHE WAS. THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING AND CLOSED-SESSION MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JULY 18TH, AT 9:30. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JULY

25TH, 2023, AT 9:30. I DON'T THINK YOU CAN CALL ANY OF OUR MEETINGS REGULAR, BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO CALL IT. SO, WE'LL SEE YOU ALL. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT. EVERYBODY DRIVE SAFELY, AND WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME.

SUP. BARGER: FIONA, I AM SO HONORED TO CELEBRATE YOU TODAY. AS THE YOUNGEST STUDENT TO EVER GRADUATE FROM LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE, AT 12 YEARS OLD, YOU HAVE MADE HISTORY. WHEN I HEARD YOUR STORY ABOUT EARNING YOUR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE WHILE MAINTAINING STRAIGHT A'S AND A 4.0 G.P.A., AND I LEARNED YOU LIVED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, I WAS SO PROUD TO KNOW YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF THE GREAT FIFTH DISTRICT. YOU HAVE SET SUCH AN INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL EXAMPLE FOR OTHER YOUTH ABOUT BREAKING THE MOLD AND FORGING YOUR OWN PATH. WHEN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HEAR ABOUT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS, THEY'LL BE ENCOURAGED TO SET THE BAR HIGH FOR THEMSELVES, TOO. WHILE YOU ACHIEVE THIS INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT, I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO ENJOY YOUR TIME AS A 12-YEAR-OLD, AND GIVE YOURSELF GRACE AS YOU NAVIGATE THE YEARS AHEAD. YOU HAVE UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD OF YOU, AND SUCH AN INCREDIBLY BRIGHT FUTURE. I HOPE YOU ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF IT, AND HAVE FUN BEING YOUNG AND FIGURING OUT YOUR NEXT STEPS. PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS CHEERING YOU ON EVERY SINGLE STEP OF THE WAY. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FIONA, I WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU COULD SHARE A

LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, AND WHAT YOU HAVE PLANNED NEXT.

FIONA CURRIE: AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, IT'S BEEN VERY HARD TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS FROM DIFFICULT CLASSES. BUT I'VE ALSO FOUND OUT IT'S BEEN FUN TO LEARN SUBJECTS SUCH AS ANTHROPOLOGY, AND ASTRONOMY, AND ALSO MY FAVORITE, WHICH IS ART. I JUST FOUND OUT THAT IT'S JUST A REALLY INTERESTING AND FUN EXPERIENCE TO BE IN COLLEGE AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. AND THOUGH I AM VERY BUSY AT TIMES, I STILL MANAGE TO FIND SOME TIME TO HAVE FUN AND PLAY AND DO WHAT I ENJOY, LIKE RIDING HORSES OR DRAWING OR READING BOOKS. AND IN THE FUTURE, I'M THINKING OF CONTINUING COLLEGE TO GET TWO MORE ART DEGREES, ONE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ONE IN GENERAL ARTS. AND WHEN I HAVE COMPLETED THOSE TWO DEGREES, I'M THINKING OF TRANSFERRING TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY, MAYBE U.C.L.A., OR MY DREAM WOULD BE TO TRANSFER TO [INAUDIBLE] COLLEGE.

SUP. BARGER: FANTASTIC. AND I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DAD. I KNOW THAT THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT COME FROM WITHIN. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LIFTING UP YOUR DAUGHTER AND SHOWING HER THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU HAVE NOT ONLY THE WILL, BUT ALSO THE SUPPORT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. AND I AM EXCITED TO WATCH YOUR FUTURE IN ANY FIELD THAT YOU GO INTO, BUT IT SOUNDS

LIKE ARTS IS YOUR PASSION, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE CHEERING YOU ON, ALL THE WAY.

FIONA CURRIE: THANK YOU.

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