



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023, 9:30 AM

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF OUR L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2023, AND PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL BE ABSENT TODAY. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST, AND WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SUP. HAHN, 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



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1 THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND
2 SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL
3 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO
4 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA
5 INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA
6 SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF
7 MISSION INDIANS-KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION
8 INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE
11 REVEREND KAREN DAVIS, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA, IN
12 THE FIFTH DISTRICT; AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED
13 BY OUR VERY OWN SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FROM THE FIRST
14 DISTRICT. AND IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

15
16 **REV. KAREN DAVIS:** LET US PRAY. GOD OF ALL PEOPLE AND PLACES,
17 AS WE GATHER TODAY, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A PRAYERFUL SPIRIT
18 ALWAYS HAS GIVEN US STRENGTH AND SUSTAINED US IN MOMENTS OF
19 JOY, AND IN TIMES OF CHALLENGE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY MINDFUL OF
20 THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS,
21 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, THOSE WHO SEEK
22 FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE, AND THOSE WHO SEEK SHELTER AND CARE ON
23 OUR STREETS. IN OUR COUNTY AND IN OUR NATION, WE ARE GRATEFUL
24 FOR THOSE WHO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, COURAGE, VISION, AND EVEN
25 SACRIFICE IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PUTTING



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1 SERVICE ABOVE SELF. WE LIFT UP OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEIR
2 RESPECTIVE STAFF, AND ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTY. WE PRAY THAT
3 YOU GIVE THEM WISDOM AND INSIGHT. BLESS THEM AND GUIDE THEM IN
4 THEIR DECISIONS, DELIBERATIONS, AND THEIR SERVICE TO OUR WIDER
5 COMMUNITY. AND AS IT IS A GOVERNMENT FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE, WE
6 ALSO PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GUIDE EACH OF US IN BEING GOOD
7 CITIZENS, AND EMPOWER US TO DO OUR PART IN RESPONSIBLY
8 EXERCISING OUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. MAY WE EACH STRIVE TO
9 PARTICIPATE IN THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT STRENGTHEN THE BONDS
10 BETWEEN NEIGHBORS, AND REINFORCE THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY.
11 BLESS OUR NATION, OUR COUNTY, AND OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES,
12 THIS DAY AND EVERY DAY. AMEN.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLACE
15 YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND PLEASE REPEAT. I PLEDGE
16 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO
17 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
18 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING CITY OF GLENDORA
21 COUNCILMEMBER AND REVEREND KAREN DAVIS FOR LEADING US IN THIS
22 MORNING'S INVOCATION. PASTOR DAVIS WAS BORN IN BURBANK,
23 CALIFORNIA, AND RECEIVED HER B.A. IN COMMUNICATION ARTS FROM
24 THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, IN STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, AND
25 HER MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM TEXAS CHRISTIAN



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1 UNIVERSITY BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL, IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS. HER
2 FIRST CAREER WAS AS A SPORTS JOURNALIST, AND SHE SAYS HER
3 FAVORITE INTERVIEW WAS WITH MUHAMMAD ALI. SHE ENTERED THE
4 MINISTRY IN 1983, AND WAS ORDAINED IN 1988. KAREN HAS SERVED
5 CHURCHES IN STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA; FORT WORTH, TEXAS; FRANKTON,
6 INDIANA; AND GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA. PASTOR DAVIS HAS BEEN
7 SERVING AT THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN GLENDORA SINCE 1993.
8 SHE HAS SERVED AS CHAPLAIN FOR THE GLENDORA POLICE DEPARTMENT
9 SINCE 2002, AND SHE VOLUNTEERS AT L.A. MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS.
10 PASTOR DAVIS AND HER HUSBAND, PASTOR GREG, HAVE TWO ADULT TWIN
11 DAUGHTERS, WHICH I CAN'T BELIEVE, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I HAVE
12 WATCHED THEM GROW UP. ONE IS A TEACHER, AND THE OTHER JUST
13 COMPLETED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
14 PASTOR DAVIS, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION, AND
15 FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. LET'S GIVE HER A ROUND OF
16 APPLAUSE.

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18 **REV. KAREN DAVIS:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, LET'S DO BUTTERS FIRST. I HAVE SOME GREAT
21 PETS FOR YOU ALL THIS MORNING. THE PERFECT PUP IS BUTTERS, A
22 FIVE-MONTH-OLD CHIHUAHUA. THAT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE A CHI-- IS
23 THAT A CHIHUAHUA? IT'S GOT A LITTLE MORE THAN CHIHUAHUA IN IT.
24 HE WOULD LOVE TO FIND A FOREVER HOME. YOU CAN CALL THE DOWNEY
25 ANIMAL CARE CENTER AT 562-940-6898 FOR DETAILS. THIS IS



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1 BUTTERS. YOU'RE BIGGER THAN A CHIHUAHUA, I'M TELLING YOU.
2 YEAH, THIS IS BUTTERS. DO ANY OF YOU ALL WANT IT? I KNOW.
3 BUTTERS IS A LITTLE NERVOUS. I DON'T BLAME YOU. TURN HIM
4 FORWARD? I CAN'T. BUTTERS DOESN'T WANT TO TURN. THERE YOU GO.
5 AND IF YOU ARE NOT WANTING TO ADOPT A DOG, WE HAVE A KITTY
6 NAMED CARMICHAEL, A THREE-MONTH-OLD ORANGE TABBY. THE NUMBER
7 AGAIN, IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT, IS 562-940-6898. NOW IS THE
8 PERFECT TIME TO ADOPT, BECAUSE AUGUST IS THE ANNUAL "CLEAR THE
9 SHELTERS" PROMOTION. ADOPTION FEES ARE REDUCED TO JUST \$20 PER
10 ANIMAL, SO THAT IS A BARGAIN. ALL SEVEN ANIMAL CARE CENTERS
11 ARE PARTICIPATING THE ENTIRE MONTH, SO CHECK OUT ALL OUR PETS
12 AT ANIMALCARE.LACOUNTY.GOV TO FIND YOUR NEW FURRY FRIEND. THIS
13 IS CARMICHAEL. HOW IS CARMICHAEL?

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15 **SPEAKER:** HE'S GOOD.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. HERE IS CARMICHAEL, IF YOU ALL WANT. SARAH?
18 NO? OKAY, BABY.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MEOW.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** DID YOU MEOW?

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3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I DID NOT MEOW. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT CAME
4 FROM. OKAY. WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA.
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
8 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
9 BEGIN ON PAGE 2, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS
10 1 THROUGH 21. ON ITEM 1, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 3 AND 4,
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ALSO,
13 THESE INCLUDE A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
14 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 9, 10, AND 11, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS
15 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
17 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR
18 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A
19 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18,
20 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUEST THAT THIS
21 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 21, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 22
22 THROUGH 89. ON ITEM 22, THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION, AS
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER
25 12TH, 2023. ON ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS



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1 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 38, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT
2 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AS INDICATED ON
3 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSES
4 HERSELF, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308. ON ITEM
5 58, SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSES HERSELF, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
6 CODE SECTION 84308. ON ITEM 75, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT
7 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 76, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION
8 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 12,
9 2023, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 64, THIS
10 INCLUDES THE MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE
11 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
12 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 87-D, SUPERVISOR
13 HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 65, ORDINANCES
14 FOR INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 66, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 92
15 THROUGH 93. ITEM 92 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION
16 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2023-2024 TAX AND REVENUE
17 ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES "A," ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH
18 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF
19 PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
20 NOT TO EXCEED \$15 MILLION. ITEM 93 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
21 ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO LEVY THE 2023-2024 SPECIAL TAXES FOR
22 COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 3, IMPROVEMENT AREAS "B" AND
23 "C," C.F.D. NUMBER 7, C.F.D. NUMBER 2021-01, IMPROVEMENT AREA
24 NUMBERS 1 AND 2, AND C.F.D. NUMBER 2021-02; LEVY THE
25 OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID 2022-23 SPECIAL TAXES FOR C.F.D. NUMBER



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1 2021-01, IMPROVEMENT AREAS NUMBER 1 AND C.F. NUMBER 2021-02,
2 ON THE 2023-24 TAX ROLL. ON PAGE 67, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA.
3 THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
4 AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 69, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL
5 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES,
6 THROUGH 1-P, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

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

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NOW PLEASE PLAY THE CODE
16 OF CONDUCT.

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18 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
19 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
21 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
22 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
24 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
25 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED



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

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24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. COLLEAGUES AND THE PUBLIC, TODAY WE
25 ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 30, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY



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1 ITEMS 18, 75, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 17, AND ENDING WITH 87-D,
2 WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE
3 REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. SO, BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
5 THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA,
6 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

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8 **SPEAKER:** FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE
9 REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL 877-226-
10 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. MEMBERS OF THE
11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL
12 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE
13 MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
14 ITEMS HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES
15 ON ALL OF THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR
16 A TOTAL OF SIX MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR
17 TIME AND THE ITEMS YOU ARE SIGNING UP FOR, AS YOUR NAME WILL
18 NOT BE CALLED ONCE YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY, WHEN THE BOARD MOVES TO THE ITEM
20 YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, PROMPTLY PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE ENTERED
21 INTO THE SPEAKING QUEUE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN DOWN THE
22 VOLUME ON YOUR DEVICE AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU,
23 OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 FOR
24 EACH ITEM ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. TO ENSURE WE HEAR
25 FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE



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1 BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING QUEUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
2 IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE
3 SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM, AND
4 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL
5 DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON
6 SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE
7 TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM 30,
10 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF 2023 TAX ROLL, WHICH I HELD. AND FOR
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0
12 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 30. AND WE ARE VERY HONORED
13 THIS MORNING TO HAVE OUR ELECTED COUNTY ASSESSOR. JEFFERY
14 PRANG IS WITH US THIS MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION. ALSO,
15 OSCAR VALDEZ, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, IS AVAILABLE IF WE HAVE
16 ANY QUESTIONS. AND BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO YOU, ASSESSOR
17 PRANG, I JUST WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK
18 YOU ON BEHALF OF MY RESIDENTS IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, WHO
19 TRAGICALLY LOST THEIR HOMES. THEY LOST THE LAND BENEATH THEIR
20 HOMES, AND THEY LOST, REALLY, ALL THEIR WORLDLY BELONGINGS IN
21 LESS THAN 24 HOURS. AND ASSESSOR PRANG CAME OUT, HIMSELF, TO
22 THE DISASTER SCENE, TOURED IT, AND THEN SPOKE TO THE RESIDENTS
23 INDIVIDUALLY, AND ASSURED THEM THAT THEY WOULD NOT FACE A
24 NORMAL TAX BURDEN THAT THEY WERE USED TO PAYING, AND HE WAS
25 GOING TO WORK TO REASSESS THEIR PROPERTY, OR THEIR LACK OF



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1 PROPERTY. AND IT WAS ONE THING THAT REALLY GAVE THEM JUST ONE
2 LITTLE TEENY BIT OF RELIEF WHEN THEY WERE FACING THE BIGGEST
3 DISASTER IN THEIR LIFE, SO I JUST WANTED TO PERSONALLY THANK
4 YOU FOR THAT. IT WAS A GREAT WAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE ACQUAINTED
5 WITH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.

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7 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND, MR. ASSESSOR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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11 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.
12 IT IS GREAT TO BE HERE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
13 INDULGENCE IN ALLOWING ME TO GO A LITTLE BIT EARLY, SINCE I AM
14 ON MY WAY TO A CONFERENCE EARLY THIS AFTERNOON. SO, WHILE THE-
15 - YOU KNOW, THE ANNUAL TRANSFER OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FROM
16 THE ASSESSOR TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS A CRITICALLY
17 IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. IT MAY BE SOMETHING
18 THAT ONLY SOMEONE IN PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION CAN REALLY
19 GET EXCITED ABOUT, AND I DO, BUT I ALSO THOUGHT IT WAS AN
20 IMPORTANT THING TO SHARE. IF YOU'VE EVER HEARD ME GIVE MY
21 STANDARD SPEECH ABOUT MY OFFICE, I ALWAYS EMPHASIZE THAT THE
22 PRIMARY DUTY OF THE ASSESSOR IS THE PRODUCTION OF THE ANNUAL
23 ASSESSMENT ROLL, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE INVENTORY OF ALL
24 TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, BOTH REAL PROPERTY AND
25 BUSINESS PROPERTY, AND THE ASSESSMENT ROLL IS THE FOUNDATION



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1 FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM. I AM NOT A
2 REVENUER, BUT PROPERTY TAX REVENUES ARE DERIVED FROM THE
3 ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LARGER THE ASSESSMENT ROLL, THE MORE
4 MONEY THAT THERE IS. AND AS I EMPHASIZED, I AM NOT A REVENUER,
5 PER SE, BUT WE ARE CHARGED WITH BEING FAIR AND ACCURATE IN
6 INDIVIDUAL EVALUATIONS. HOWEVER, BEING THOROUGH AND COMPLETE
7 DOES RESULT IN BETTER REVENUES FOR LOCAL AGENCIES. SINCE I'VE
8 BEEN ASSESSOR, I HAVE WORKED WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO
9 CEREMONIALLY TRANSFER THE ASSESSMENT ROLL, WHICH WE COMPLETED
10 AT THE END OF JUNE. WE TYPICALLY WILL TAKE A PICTURE AND PUT
11 THAT IN NEWSLETTERS. BUT I WAS RECENTLY INFORMED THAT, MANY
12 YEARS AGO, THE ASSESSMENT ROLL WAS ACTUALLY FORMALLY
13 TRANSFERRED FROM THE ASSESSOR TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
14 USUALLY, IN HUGE REAMS OF PAPER AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
15 MEETINGS, AND IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT IT MIGHT BE INSTRUCTIVE
16 TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, AND TO CEREMONIALLY TRANSFER
17 THE ASSESSMENT ROLL. BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT
18 FUNCTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT
19 JUST TO EXPLAIN THIS, MAYBE TO YOU, IF YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
20 IT, BUT PARTICULARLY TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. AS YOU MAY
21 RECALL FROM THE MEMO I SENT TO YOUR OFFICES LAST WEEK, THE
22 ASSESSMENT ROLL, THE GROWTH OF PROPERTY VALUES IN THE COUNTY,
23 GREW 5.91% LAST YEAR, BRINGING THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL
24 PROPERTY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ABOUT \$2 TRILLION. IN
25 PREPARING FOR ROLL CLOSURE, MY OFFICE WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH



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1 THE C.E.O. TO HELP PROVIDE DATA THAT WILL HELP BETTER PLAN THE
2 COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUDGET IN ANTICIPATION OF PROPERTY TAX
3 REVENUES, AND AS YOU MAY KNOW, WE MAKE REGULAR FORECASTS
4 LEADING UP TO THE ROLL CLOSURE ON JUNE 30TH. THIS YEAR, OUR
5 BEST ESTIMATE WAS THAT ROLL GROWTH WOULD BE AROUND 5%, WHICH
6 WOULD HAVE EXPANDED THE ASSESSMENT ROLL BY \$94 BILLION, AND
7 LEAD TO A TOTAL ROLL VALUE OF ABOUT \$2 TRILLION. THAT'S
8 TRILLION. THAT'S WITH A "T." HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY FACTORS
9 THAT COULD INFLUENCE ROLL GROWTH AS WE FINISH PRODUCTION.
10 SOMETIMES THOSE ARE POSITIVE, AND SOMETIMES NEGATIVE. THIS
11 YEAR I AM REALLY THRILLED THAT THOSE FACTORS, WHICH CERTAINLY
12 INCLUDES THE VERY HARD WORK OF MY EMPLOYEES AND THE EFFECTIVE
13 DEPLOYMENT OF OUR NEW TECHNOLOGY, RESULTED IN A STRONGER-THAN-
14 ANTICIPATED ASSESSMENT ROLL. INSTEAD OF THE 5% GROWTH THAT WE
15 FORECAST, WE CAME IN AT 5.91%. THAT .91% INCREASE REPRESENTS
16 \$17 BILLION IN ROLL VALUE, WHICH 1% WILL BE ALLOCATED TO LOCAL
17 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THE STRONGER THE ROLL MEANS THAT THERE
18 WILL BE ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL
19 AGENCIES THAT RELY ON PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS, AND I APPRECIATE
20 THAT... WELL, THE MORE MUNDANE ELEMENTS OF MY JOB MAY ONLY BE
21 OF CASUAL INTEREST TO YOU, BUT I ALWAYS KNOW THAT BRINGING
22 HOME THE BACON CERTAINLY CATCHES ATTENTION. SO, AT THIS POINT,
23 I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR NEW AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, OSCAR VALDEZ, TO
24 TELL A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ROLL FROM HIS SIDE OF THE SHOP.
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1 **OSCAR VALDEZ:** THANK YOU, ASSESSOR PRANG AND MADAM CHAIR,
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. JUST WANTED TO WALK YOU THROUGH WHAT OUR
3 NEXT STEPS TO OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE GOING TO BE, AGAIN.
4 THIS IS A CRITICAL FUNCTION, NOT JUST FOR L.A. COUNTY, BUT FOR
5 THE REMAINING 600 TAXING JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF
6 LOS ANGELES. SO, NOW THAT WE ACCEPT THE ROLL FROM THE
7 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, OUR NEXT STEP IS REALLY TO WORK AND RECEIVE
8 THE EQUALIZED ROLL FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. THIS
9 IS ALL THE UNITARY. THIS IS THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES. THIS IS
10 THE ELECTRIC, THE RAILROADS, AND OTHERS THAT WE NEED TO
11 INCORPORATE. WE NEED TO BUNDLE THAT UP WITH A SECURED ROLL,
12 AND ACTUALLY START SENDING THAT OUT TO THE REST OF THE TAXING
13 JURISDICTIONS, SO THEY CAN ACTUALLY START DOING SOME OF THEIR
14 CALCULATIONS FOR THEIR VOTER-APPROVED DEBT SERVICE
15 REQUIREMENTS. SO THAT'S THE NEXT STEP, SO THAT'S COMING IN. WE
16 HAVE ALREADY ACTUALLY RECEIVED THE ROLL. WE GOT THAT FROM THE
17 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE JULY 17. WE HAVE ALREADY EXTENDED THE
18 EQUALIZED ROLL TO THE REMAINING TAXING JURISDICTIONS, AS OF
19 JULY 25TH. NEXT STEP IS REALLY TO START CALCULATING AND
20 ACCEPTING ALL THE DIRECT CHARGES FROM VARIOUS TAXING
21 JURISDICTIONS. THE COUNTY HAS SOME OF THOSE. THOSE ARE THE
22 PLEASURE B'S. SO, MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE COME IN AND
23 FINALIZED. WE'RE ALSO DOING THE CALCULATION FOR THE SCHOOL
24 DISTRICTS, FOR ALL OF THEIR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, MAKING
25 SURE THAT WE CALCULATE THAT CORRECTLY, BASED ON AVAILABLE CASH



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1 AND WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO
2 NOT DEFAULT ON THEIR REQUIREMENTS. SO, THOSE ARE THE NEXT
3 STEPS. ONCE WE HAVE ALL OF THAT PUT TOGETHER, OUR EXPECTATION
4 IS TO COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD TO PRESENT THE NEW TAX CHARGES
5 TO THE BOARD, AND BASICALLY PROVIDING THAT TAX CHARGE TO THE
6 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PRINT BILLS AND
7 COLLECT THOSE BILLS, BASED ON TWO INSTALLMENTS: ONE IN
8 DECEMBER, AND ONE IN APRIL. SO, ONCE THOSE MONIES START COMING
9 IN, OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS GOING TO BE TO START APPORTIONING
10 THOSE DOLLARS TO THE 600-PLUS TAXING JURISDICTIONS. LAST YEAR,
11 WE APPORTIONED IN EXCESS OF \$22 BILLION. SO, AGAIN, THIS IS
12 WHAT IS USED BY ALL TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY,
13 FOR EDUCATION, FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS
14 IS THE MAJORITY OF THE DISCRETIONARY REVENUE FOR THOSE TAXING
15 JURISDICTIONS. SO WITH THAT, I CONCLUDE.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, DO WE HAVE WHAT PERCENTAGE DO
18 WE KEEP VERSUS WHAT WE GIVE BACK TO ALL THE TAXING
19 JURISDICTIONS?

20
21 **OSCAR VALDEZ:** AT LEAST FOR L.A. COUNTY, I BELIEVE WE ARE
22 ROUGHLY 20%, 25% OF THE ROLL THAT STAYS WITH THE COUNTY OF
23 L.A. IN FLOOD CONTROL. EVERYTHING ELSE GOES OUT TO THE TAXING
24 JURISDICTIONS.



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT, AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR
2 PEOPLE TO REALIZE. THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE THAT THINK WE
3 KEEP ALL THE TAXES THAT WE COLLECT. I HAD TO CORRECT EVEN THE
4 ELECTED OFFICIALS OUT THERE IN CERTAIN CITIES, SERIOUSLY
5 BELIEVED THAT WE KEPT ALL THE TAXES WE COLLECT. AND I HAD TO
6 EXPLAIN TO THEM, "NO, IT GOES BACK TO YOUR CITY, FOR YOUR
7 ROADS, AND YOUR SCHOOLS, AND YOUR HOSPITALS, AND YOUR PUBLIC
8 SAFETY." SO, I THINK IT'S A MESSAGE WE HAVE TO KEEP GIVING OUT
9 THERE. ASSESSOR PRANG, SO THIS IS GOOD NEWS. THIS IS GOOD
10 NEWS. SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY.

11
12 **JEFFREY PRANG:** IT IS. I WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE HEADS-UP: IT
13 MAY NOT BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC NEXT YEAR.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. SO, WHAT DO WE ATTRIBUTE IT TO THIS
16 YEAR, AND WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

17
18 **JEFFREY PRANG:** SO, WE NEVER QUITE KNOW. WELL, ONE, THE MARKET
19 IN THE LAST HALF OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR SLOWED DOWN, SO WE'RE
20 ANTICIPATING THAT THAT SLOWDOWN IS GOING TO BE REFLECTED IN
21 OUR ROLL PRODUCTION GOING FORWARD. SO WE BELIEVE THAT THERE
22 WILL BE POSITIVE GROWTH NEXT YEAR; WE DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL BE
23 AS STRONG AS IT IS THIS YEAR. AT LEAST WE'RE IN THE BLACK, AND
24 NOT IN THE RED, BUT THINGS ARE SLOWING DOWN IN THE COMMERCIAL
25 OFFICE SPACE MARKET. SINGLE-VALUE HOME VALUES, WHICH WERE



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1 REALLY OVERHEATED DURING C.O.V.I.D., ARE NOW STARTING TO
2 CORRECT AND COME DOWN. THEY ARE STILL STRONG. WE ARE STILL
3 APPROACHING NEARLY \$1 MILLION FOR A MEDIAN SALES PRICE FOR A
4 SINGLE-FAMILY HOME, COUNTYWIDE. IT'S OVER \$900,000. BUT IT IS
5 CLEARLY A SLOWING MARKET, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS GOING TO
6 STABILIZE. THE THINGS THAT WERE REALLY HELPFUL THIS YEAR, WE
7 HAVE BEEN DOING A BETTER JOB, WE'RE GETTING MORE EMPLOYEES TO
8 DO THE WORK. OUR TECHNOLOGY IS HELPING INCREASE OUR
9 EFFICIENCY. AND THEN THERE'S ALWAYS A NUMBER OF VARIABLES THAT
10 HAPPEN AT THE END OF ROLL CLOSURE THAT ALLOW US TO WORK FASTER
11 OR SLOWER THIS YEAR. WE'RE ABLE TO WORK HARDER AND GENERATE
12 MORE...

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. ON THAT NOTE, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU:
15 IF WE HAD MORE PROPERTY APPRAISERS IN YOUR SHOP, WOULD THAT
16 YIELD...

17
18 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WE ESSENTIALLY-- I ALWAYS DESCRIBE TO THE
19 PUBLIC, IN A LOT OF WAYS, WE ARE WIDGET-COUNTERS. IF I HAVE
20 ENOUGH WIDGET-COUNTERS TO COUNT ALL OF THE WIDGETS, WE HAVE
21 THE MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT ROLL. WE ARE INSUFFICIENT, LIKE A LOT
22 OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. I THINK EVERY GOVERNMENT
23 DEPARTMENT IS STRUGGLING WITH HIRING. BUT ONE EXAMPLE THIS
24 YEAR, REGRETTABLY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO PROCESS ABOUT 60,000 NEW



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1 CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT ROLL, BECAUSE
2 WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE--

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO IT IS REASONABLE TO SAY, IF WE HAD
5 MORE WORKERS, EMPLOYEES IN YOUR SHOP, THAT WOULD YIELD BETTER
6 BENEFITS? AND AS WE JUST HEARD, THAT ULTIMATELY WOULD HELP
7 COUNTY SERVICES, AS WELL AS HELP ALL THE 88 CITIES OUT THERE.

8
9 **JEFFREY PRANG:** ABSOLUTELY. IF WE HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO
10 DO ALL THE WORK, WE MAXIMIZE THE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE LIKE THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT BRING IN
13 REVENUE. DON'T WE, FESIA? I SEE ON THE QUEUE SUPERVISOR
14 HORVATH, THEN SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15
16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
17 MR. ASSESSOR, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. I AM HAVING FLASHBACKS TO
18 2009, WHEN WE WERE ON A DIFFERENT DAIS, SO IT IS NICE TO SEE
19 YOU HERE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF FOR THEIR BEHIND-
20 THE-SCENES WORK, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A FULL
21 UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING. AND I
22 APPRECIATE SEEING THAT THE 2023 ASSESSMENT ROLL HAS SURPASSED
23 OUR BUDGET EXPECTATIONS BY A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT, SO THAT'S ALL
24 GOOD NEWS, AND I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU EVEN THINK THERE
25 MIGHT BE, WHILE MODERATED, EVEN SOME POSITIVE NEWS IN THE



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1 FUTURE. YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE,
2 AS IT RELATES TO HOME RESALE AND THE IMPACT. I AM ALSO
3 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT FUTURE DECLINES IN COMMERCIAL
4 PROPERTIES, GIVEN THE CHANGE IN USE, IN MANY CASES, OF
5 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN THE WAKE OF C.O.V.I.D., HOW PEOPLE
6 ARE NOT USING THOSE PROPERTIES GOING FORWARD, ESPECIALLY AS IT
7 RELATES TO DOWNTOWN, WHICH IS FACING A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES.
8 HOW DO YOU SEE THESE SCENARIOS PLAYING OUT? DO YOU ANTICIPATE
9 ASSESSMENT VALUE REDUCTIONS? I KNOW THAT SOME OF THESE
10 BUILDINGS HAVE DEBT MATURING WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. CAN
11 YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW YOU SEE THE IMPACT, AS IT
12 RELATES TO SOME OF OUR SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES?

13
14 **JEFFREY PRANG:** CERTAINLY. I DID ALSO WANT TO INTRODUCE NICOLE
15 WHITE-GAMBLE, WHO IS ONE OF OUR DIRECTORS OF OPERATIONS, WHO
16 IS A MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED APPRAISER THAN ME. BUT WE ARE
17 MONITORING PARTICULARLY THE DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING MARKET
18 VERY, VERY CLOSELY. THERE IS A LOT OF CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR IN
19 THE MARKET, POST-C.O.V.I.D. WITH TELEWORKING. THE NEED FOR
20 CLASS "A" OFFICE SPACE HAS REDUCED, OR AT LEAST THEY ARE
21 REDUCING THEIR PROFILE. SO, PER-SQUARE-FOOT RENT FOR A LOT OF
22 THOSE SPACES IS BEING REDUCED. THERE IS INCREASING VACANCY. IT
23 IS POSSIBLE THAT A LOT OF THOSE BUILDINGS MAY BE REPROGRAMMED
24 FOR OTHER USE, PARTICULARLY RESIDENTIAL, BUT THOSE CHANGES
25 TAKE PLACE SLOWLY, OVER TIME. WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT WE MAY



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1 ACTUALLY BE REDUCING THE ASSESSMENTS ON SOME MAJOR OFFICE
2 BUILDINGS, PARTICULARLY DOWNTOWN, LESS SO IN THE OUTER PARTS
3 OF CENTURY CITY, BUT THAT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT.

4 NICOLE, DID I GET EVERYTHING?

5

6 **NICOLE WHITE-GAMBLE:** I THINK YOU DID, YES.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR, FIRST OF
13 ALL, THE REPORT THAT YOU SENT IN THE LETTER. I MEAN, IT
14 ACTUALLY SPELLS OUT EXACTLY HOW THIS IS ALL PLAYING OUT. BUT I
15 THINK THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT IT WENT UP. THE BAD NEWS IS, IT
16 KIND OF SHOWS US THAT HOUSING IS BECOMING MORE EXPENSIVE,
17 WHICH IS REALLY COSTING PEOPLE OUT OF BEING ABLE TO EVEN
18 PURCHASE A HOME. BUT MY QUESTION, AND ACTUALLY THE FOLLOW-UP
19 ON WHAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH JUST SAID, I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT
20 THE APPEALS. DO WE KNOW HOW MUCH IS GOING TO BE APPEALED, AS
21 IT RELATES TO PROPERTY? AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT DOWNTOWN
22 OFFICE BUILDINGS, THE ONES THAT HAVE GONE INTO DEFAULT, THAT
23 WENT FROM, LET'S SAY, \$400 A SQUARE FOOT TO \$120 A SQUARE
24 FOOT, ARE WE DOING REASSESSMENTS ON THOSE, OR HOW DOES THAT
25 PLAY OUT?



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1
2 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WITH A CHANGING MARKET LIKE THIS, WE ANTICIPATE
3 THAT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN PARTICULAR, EVEN IF WE LOWER
4 THEIR ASSESSMENTS, THEY ARE STILL LIKELY TO FILE APPEALS. WE
5 THINK IT'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE ASSESSMENT
6 APPEALS BOARD. CORPORATE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING
7 FOR A WAY TO REDUCE THEIR TAX LIABILITY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
8 EVEN WHEN WE GRANT REDUCTIONS PROACTIVELY, THEY STILL WILL TRY
9 TO JIGGER THEM A LITTLE BIT SMALLER. WHAT I CAN SAY IS MY
10 OFFICE HAS WORKED REALLY CLOSELY OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS
11 WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND WE HAVE REDUCED THE CASELOAD OF
12 ASSESSMENT APPEALS, DRAMATICALLY. IT WAS 40,000 CASES AT THE
13 HEIGHT OF C.O.V.I.D.; WE ARE NOW DOWN UNDER 20,000. AND AN
14 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPEALS BOARDS, PLUS THE APPLICATION
15 FEE THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPTED LAST YEAR, HAS REALLY HELPED WEED
16 OUT THOSE TAX AGENTS WHO HAD MONETIZED THE SYSTEM, AND REDUCED
17 THE NUMBER OF THOSE... WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE MERITLESS APPEALS
18 RATHER DRAMATICALLY. AND ONCE WE GET-- I THINK CELIA AND I CAN
19 BOTH AGREE, ONCE WE GET THAT NUMBER A LITTLE BIT LOWER, THAT
20 WILL FREE UP RESOURCES TO REALLY FOCUS ON THOSE BIG APPEALS
21 THAT WE SEE COMING DOWN THE ROAD.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, REFRESH MY MEMORY. WHEN SOMEONE APPEALS, THEY
24 STILL PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAX. AND THEN, IF THE APPEAL IS
25 SUCCESSFUL, WE REIMBURSE THEM. CORRECT?



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1

2 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE ANNUALLY, WOULD YOU
5 SAY, THAT ARE SUCCESSFUL IN APPEALING? I MEAN, BECAUSE I AM
6 LOOKING AT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE COMING
7 IN, AND I JUST WANT TO KIND OF GET A FEEL FOR WHAT MAY BE...

8

9 **JEFFREY PRANG:** I DON'T KNOW THAT I HAVE THAT NUMBER OFFHAND.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, THE NUMBER THAT YOU ARE SHOWING US COULD
12 CHANGE A LITTLE, BASED ON APPEALS.

13

14 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WHAT I THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN, AS WE WEED OUT
15 A LOT OF THESE MERITLESS APPEALS, THOSE THAT ARE LEFT WILL
16 HAVE ARGUMENT. SO IT'S POSSIBLE THAT MORE OF THEM MAY PREVAIL,
17 BUT IT MEANS THAT WE ARE FOCUSING OUR TIME ON CASES THAT
18 DESERVE TO HAVE OUR ATTENTION.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN LAST QUESTION. YOU MENTIONED THE YEARS
21 PROCEEDING FORWARD. SO, YOU SAID THAT YOU SEE A SLOWDOWN,
22 POSSIBLY, OR DID I MISUNDERSTAND YOU?

23

24 **JEFFREY PRANG:** YEAH, WE BEGAN THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR START-
25 OFF VERY, VERY STRONG IN THE MARKET, AND IT HAS BEGUN TO SLOW



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1 DOWN. HOMES SAT ON THE MARKET FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME,
2 SALES PRICES WERE REDUCED, AND THEN WE BEGAN TO SEE THIS
3 DECLINE IN THE OFFICE MARKET. SO, THE SECOND HALF OF THE LAST
4 FISCAL YEAR WAS SLOWER THAN THE FIRST, AND THAT IS CONTINUING
5 TODAY. SO WE ANTICIPATE THAT WILL CARRY ON THROUGH THE END OF
6 THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE STILL GOING TO SEE POSITIVE GROWTH;
7 IT WILL JUST BE AT A SLOWER RATE.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YOU KNOW, MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED ALL THE
14 QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD HAVE ASKED, AND REALLY WANT TO THANK
15 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, BECAUSE I REALLY THINK YOU'RE THE
16 GOOD MEDICINE THAT WE NEEDED. AND YOU HAVE BEEN APPLYING THAT
17 TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF YOUR SYSTEM, WHETHER IT IS DATA,
18 CREATING A BIGGER DATA INFORMATION SYSTEM. YOU WERE ACTUALLY
19 ON THE FOREFRONT OF THAT FOR MANY YEARS, AS I RECALL, BEING ON
20 THE BOARD, THAT YOU REALLY FOUGHT HARD TO SECURE THE FUNDING,
21 AND THAT WE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT,
22 AND ALSO FOR EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF CLASSES THAT ARE BEING
23 OFFERED AT OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO EXPAND YOUR DEPARTMENT. I
24 KNOW THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE PUT FORWARD, WORKING WITH YOU,



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1 AND I KNOW-- AND HOW IS THAT GOING? ARE WE FINDING PEOPLE THAT
2 ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN COMING TO WORK?

3
4 **JEFFREY PRANG:** WE ARE. IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN REMARKABLE. WE HAVE
5 GOT A PROGRAM AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE WHICH HAS HAD, I THINK,
6 THREE DIFFERENT CLASSES FOR APPRAISER ASSISTANTS. WE ARE GOING
7 TO LAUNCH A NEW PROGRAM FOR OUR OWNERSHIP TECHNICIANS AT MT.
8 SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE, AND I THINK WE HAVE GONE THROUGH TWO OR
9 THREE CLASSES AT WEST L.A. COLLEGE FOR OUR APPRAISERS.

10
11 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. SO, CONGRATULATIONS, AND I DO HOPE THAT WE
12 CONTINUE ON THIS TRAJECTORY THAT WE'RE ON RIGHT NOW. BUT I AM,
13 TOO, CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN,
14 SINCE MUCH OF MY DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES LARGE PARTS OF THAT, AND
15 JUST THE IMBALANCE I AM SEEING WITH THE HOUSING. COSTS ARE
16 GOING UP FOR HOUSING. LET'S LOOK AT THAT REALISTICALLY, AND
17 THEN COMMERCIAL RETAIL ARE GOING DOWN. AND THEN, WHAT DOES
18 THAT PRESENT FOR US IN THE FUTURE? SO, JUST THINGS TO THINK
19 ABOUT, I GUESS.

20
21 **JEFFREY PRANG:** AND, SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOUR
22 STAFF A BRIEFING ON WHAT WE SEE IS HAPPENING DOWNTOWN, IF YOU
23 WOULD BE INTERESTED.



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD APPRECIATE IT, YES. OKAY, GREAT. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **JEFFREY PRANG:** IF I MAY, JUST ONE LAST THING. I NEED TO SIGN A
5 DOCUMENT, AND OSCAR NEEDS TO COSIGN IT, INDICATING THAT HE HAS
6 GOT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL, THAT WE ARE ATTESTING THAT IT IS
7 LEGAL. THIS IS THE CEREMONIAL PART.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY.

10

11 **JEFFREY PRANG:** SO, IF I MAY, JUST... IT IS AN EASY ONE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO. HOPE SOMEBODY IS CAP-- WAIT,
14 PHOTOGRAPHER! PHOTO OP! WAIT, HOLD ON. GREAT.

15

16 **JEFFREY PRANG:** SO IT IS NOW OFFICIAL. SOMEHOW OR OTHER, IF THE
17 NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP THE WAY THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, IT MAKES ME
18 LOOK LIKE A LIAR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU AGAIN, ASSESSOR
21 PRANG, AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR PUSHING
22 THE IDEA OF THE RAISING THE FEE FOR THE APPEALS. AND I KNOW
23 SOME OF US MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT SKEPTICAL, BECAUSE IT
24 WAS SUCH A HIGH FEE, BUT YOU MADE THE CASE THAT IT WAS ABOUT
25 THOSE WHO ARE OUT THERE, THAT WERE SORT OF BUNDLING A LOT OF



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1 THESE APPEALS TOGETHER, THESE COMPANIES, AND SO THE FACTS
2 SEEMED TO BEAR OUT THAT IT ACTUALLY GOT RID OF SOME OF THE
3 FRIVOLOUS APPEALS, AND WE'RE LEFT WITH THE ONES THAT WE SHOULD
4 BE FOCUSING ON. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP THERE.

5

6 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM THE
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE CALLED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
11 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 30.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR:

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES? I AM LIKE, "IS THAT THE VOICE OF GOD?
16 WHO IS SAYING 'MADAM CHAIR'?"

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, THERE'S NO IN-PERSON
19 SPEAKERS. SO, WE HAVE TWO TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU MIGHT WANT TO WAIT AROUND HERE FOR
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE PHONE. OR NOT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY, I AM SPEAKING ON A DIFFERENT--

25



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, ALL RIGHT.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY, I AM SPEAKING ON A DIFFERENT ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS IS ITEM 30, THE ASSESSOR'S
6 PRESENTATION. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, ON ITEM 30.

7

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

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR, AS
11 WELL. I SAW THERE WAS YET ONE MORE PRIDE PARADE, I NOTICED.
12 THE TWO OF YOU WERE IN AN OPEN CAR. IT LOOKED VERY, VERY NICE.
13 I JUST WANT TO TOUCH BASE ON WHAT HAPPENED IN 2012 AND '14.
14 THIS WAS THE LAST ASSESSOR, BEFORE OUR HERO PRANG SHOWED UP,
15 AND JOHN NOGUEZ WAS WHEELING AND DEALING AND INFLUENCING
16 APPRAISALS. SO, I THINK THE TECHNOLOGY HAS CONTRIBUTED A LOT
17 TO THAT, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO PROVIDE UNBELIEVABLE SCRUTINY.
18 THIS IS A DIRTY, DIRTY CESSPOOL WHERE VERY, VERY POWERFUL
19 PEOPLE CAN FLICK A LITTLE NUMBER THIS WAY OR THAT, AND, "OKAY,
20 FINE," AND THE STAKES ARE ENORMOUS, AS WE ALL GAG AT THESE
21 NUMBERS. SOME OF THE BIGGEST PROPERTY OWNERS LIVE IN
22 SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S DISTRICT, SO IT IS VERY TEMPTING TO SIDLE
23 UP TO ALL THE BIG MONEY PLAYERS AT HARVARD-WESTLAKE. IT IS
24 VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP IT HONEST AND REAL AND LEGITIMATE,
25 BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY COUNTY NEEDS, AND WE CANNOT BE GIVING



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1 AWAY THE TAXES DISPROPORTIONATELY TO THE RICHEST IN OUR MIDST.
2 BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DEPEND ON YOU TO KEEP US
5 HONEST AND REAL, MR. PREVEN. SO, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, THIS REPORT WILL BE
11 RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES,
12 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR AUDITOR-
13 CONTROLLER AND OUR ASSESSOR. THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US THIS
14 MORNING. NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 18, ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL
15 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR HOMELESSNESS, WHICH WAS HELD BY
16 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON
17 THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS
18 ITEM, ITEM 18. AND WE HAVE WITH US CHERI TODOROFF, EXECUTIVE
19 DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
20 SARAH DUSSEAUT, CO-CHAIR; AND BRANDON YOUNG, THE BLUE-RIBBON
21 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, AND THEY ARE ALL AVAILABLE FOR
22 QUESTIONS. AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE MERCEDES MARQUEZ, WHO IS
23 REPRESENTING OUR WONDERFUL MAYOR KAREN BASS, WILL ALSO ADDRESS
24 THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF?

25



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK SARAH
3 DUSSEAUT AND BRANDON YOUNG, FROM THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION,
4 FOR BEING HERE TODAY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. AND OF COURSE, I'D
5 LIKE TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF CHERI AND YOUR STAFF
6 FROM THE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE, WHO HAVE PUT FORWARD
7 RECOMMENDATIONS INTO IMPLEMENTING WHAT IS GOING TO BE BEFORE
8 US TODAY. BACK IN JULY OF 2021, I AUTHORED THE BLUE-RIBBON
9 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS MOTION, ALONGSIDE SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
10 BECAUSE THERE WAS A GROWING NUMBER OF CONCERNS REGARDING THE
11 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND A WIDE AMOUNT OF
12 DISTRUST BETWEEN THE 87 CITIES AND THE COUNTY ON HOMELESS
13 ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO MEASURE H. THE BODY WAS
14 TASKED WITH TAKING A COMPREHENSIVE AND HOLISTIC REVIEW OF OUR
15 REGION'S HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM, AND PRESENTING A REPORT
16 BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING.
17 IN MAY OF 2022, THE BOARD FORMALLY ADOPTED ALL SEVEN KEY
18 RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON
19 HOMELESSNESS. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND IDEAS INCLUDED TOPICS
20 SUCH AS THE CREATION OF A COUNTY ENTITY OR HOMELESSNESS
21 DEPARTMENT, STREAMLINING L.A.H.S.A., REFORMING MEASURE H, AND
22 PUTTING TOGETHER A NEW BODY DEDICATED TOWARD GOVERNANCE. THE
23 SEVENTH RECOMMENDATION WAS DEVELOPED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
24 THE L.A. REGION LACKS A UNIFYING WHAT THEY CALL A NORTH STAR
25 DRIVING POLICY MAKING RESOURCE ALLOCATION DECISIONS. THE



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1 MOTION TODAY AIMS TO PROVIDE A SOLUTION. BY ESTABLISHING AN
2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND A LEADERSHIP TABLE, WE WILL BRING THE
3 KEY DECISION-MAKERS FROM THE CITIES, COUNTY, AND STATE
4 TOGETHER, SO WE CAN OPENLY DISCUSS AND FORMULATE A MORE
5 UNIFIED HOMELESS PLAN. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
6 SHALL CONSIST OF NINE REPRESENTATIVES. TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE
7 SUPERVISORS FROM THIS BOARD, AND THEY WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE
8 CHAIR. A SEAT SHALL GO TO THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, AND
9 ANOTHER SEAT SHALL GO TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
10 PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH I KNOW SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS AMENDMENTS,
11 WHICH SHE CAN DISCUSS. FOUR SEATS WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR MAYORS
12 OR COUNCILMEMBERS OF OUR 87 OTHER CITIES, AND REPRESENTATION
13 SHALL BE DETERMINED THROUGH AN ELECTORAL PROCESS FACILITATED
14 BY THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE, MEANING THAT CITIES WILL
15 NOMINATE THEIR RESPECTIVE CANDIDATES WITHIN THEIR OWN SECTORS--
16 - NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST-- BEFORE CONFIRMING ONE
17 INDIVIDUAL WITHIN EACH SECTOR. AND FINALLY, WE WILL HAVE A
18 MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY THE GOVERNOR,
19 WHICH WILL HELP ENSURE THAT WE HAVE REPRESENTATION AT THE
20 STATE LEVEL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE EXECUTIVE
21 COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED LARGELY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO ARE
22 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC. MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
23 SHALL TAKE THE FEEDBACK AND COLLECTIVE SOLUTIONS DISCUSSED
24 BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE, AND BEGIN TO
25 ADOPT POLICY DECISIONS THAT DRIVE ALIGNMENT IN THE REGION,



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1 SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE IS REALLY LACKING. THE OTHER BODY
2 ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE MOTION IS THE LEADERSHIP TABLE. MEMBERS
3 OF THE LEADERSHIP TABLE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
4 COMMITTEE, AND SHOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR DIVERSE
5 REGION, SUCH AS SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS LIKE L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR
6 SERVICE PROVIDERS, STAFF FROM 88 CITIES, AND COUNTY
7 PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS, FAITH COMMUNITIES,
8 ACADEMIA, VETERANS, AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS. THIS BODY
9 SHALL ADVISE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND WILL HELP MOBILIZE
10 RESOURCES WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP SPHERES OF INFLUENCE TO ALIGN
11 WITH THE POLICYMAKING PRIORITIES DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE
12 COMMITTEE. FURTHERMORE, IF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WANTS TO
13 IDENTIFY AND LEVERAGE A FUNDING SOURCE, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
14 THAT BOTH THE CONRAD HILTON FOUNDATION AND THE WEINGART
15 FOUNDATION HAVE OFFERED IN THE PAST TO ASSIST WITH THAT
16 FUNDING. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT, FOR TRANSPARENCY
17 PURPOSES, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE BROWN
18 ACT. BEFORE I CLOSE, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME CONCERNS
19 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED REGARDING THESE GOVERNANCE BODIES AND
20 THE RELATIONSHIP TO L.A.H.S.A. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR: THE
21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP TABLE IN THIS MOTION ARE
22 NOT DESIGNED TO SUPPLANT OR REPLACE EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE
23 HOMELESS SERVICE SPACE, SUCH AS THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION. IT
24 IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, BECAUSE A NEW AND REFORMED L.A.H.S.A.
25 WOULD REQUIRE RENEGOTIATION OF THE J.P.A., DEPENDING ON THE



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1 CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS KIND OF L.A.H.S.A. REFORM WOULD ALSO TAKE
2 TIME TO NEGOTIATE. ADDITIONALLY, THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND
3 ADMINISTRATIVE SCOPE OF L.A.H.S.A. IS MUCH MORE LIMITED THAN
4 WHAT THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ENVISIONED THE EXECUTIVE
5 COMMITTEE WOULD BE OVERSEEING. THAT INCLUDES KEY TOPICS
6 RELEVANT TO HOMELESS GOVERNANCE, DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS MENTAL
7 HEALTH, THE M.H.S.A. DOLLARS, CALA.I.M., LAND USE, HOUSING,
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER ENTITIES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE
9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP TABLE COMPLEMENTS THE WORK
10 BEING DONE ON THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION, WORKING TOGETHER. I
11 WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR HER
12 SERVICE ON THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION, AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE
13 CHAIR NOW, AREN'T YOU? AND WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR
14 BEING SELECTED. I WOULD LIKE TO QUICKLY TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO
15 SARAH DUSSEAUT, BRANDON YOUNG, AND CHERI-- WELL, ACTUALLY, I
16 THINK I WILL LET MY CO-AUTHOR AND--

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SINCE SHE HELD
19 IT, WILL BE NEXT, AND THEN YOUR CO-AUTHOR.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S FINE, BUT LET ME JUST SAY THAT THIS HAS
22 BEEN A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING, AND IN ORDER FOR IT TO WORK,
23 WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
24 RECOGNIZE THAT I HEAR FROM PEOPLE, ANOTHER GROUP GETTING
25 TOGETHER. BUT I HAVE TO SAY, THIS IS UNIQUE FROM THE



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1 STANDPOINT THAT IT ACTUALLY IS REGIONAL. AND I WAS AT AN EVENT
2 WHERE WE WERE TALKING TO SOMEONE WHO SAID, "WHY IS IT THAT ONE
3 CITY DOESN'T HAVE THIS PROBLEM WITH HOMELESS, AND THE OTHER
4 CITY DOES?" OR EVEN WITHIN L.A. CITY, THERE'S A HIGHER
5 CONCENTRATION IN CERTAIN AREAS. IT IS BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
6 WORKING TOGETHER. REGIONALLY, I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN, AND WE
7 WILL ACCOMPLISH A REGIONAL APPROACH THAT WILL ADDRESS WHAT IS
8 HAPPENING ON OUR STREETS WITH THE LACK OF NOT ONLY HOUSING,
9 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE CARE, AND OTHER
10 ISSUES, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. BUT I AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT
11 THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR WORKING WITH US TO
12 GET THIS DONE, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO HAS BEEN
13 WORKING WITH ME ON THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION. THANK YOU,
14 MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WHO
17 ALSO HELD THIS ITEM, YOU CAN MAKE SOME REMARKS. AND IF YOU
18 WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR AMENDMENTS, THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE,
19 TOO.

20
21 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. YOU WANT ME TO DO IT ALL TOGETHER?

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH.
24



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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. THEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU
2 TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. I THINK IT'S
3 VERY CLEAR THAT-- AND WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS MOTION IS THE
4 ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR REGIONAL COORDINATION.
5 THERE IS A CLEAR GAP, AS IT RELATES TO THIS PRIMARY ISSUE, AND
6 SO I THINK THAT'S THE MOTIVATING INTENTION BEHIND THIS MOTION.
7 AS YOU MENTIONED, I HAVE NOW JOINED THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION.
8 THE MAYOR NOW COMES TO OUR MEETINGS, AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE
9 HER PARTICIPATING THERE. I HAVE BECOME CHAIR, AND IN FACT TWO
10 OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALSO APPOINTED ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM
11 SMALL CITIES AT THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION. SO, THE LEADERSHIP
12 OF THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION IS STARTING TO REFLECT, IN FACT,
13 WHAT IS CALLED FOR IN THIS EXECUTIVE TABLE. SO I AM EXCITED TO
14 SEE THE CHANGE THAT'S HAPPENING. IT IS LONG OVERDUE AND MUCH
15 NEEDED, AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE
16 MAKING THOSE CHANGES, AND THAT I HEAR THAT THE INTENDED
17 GOVERNANCE THAT'S PROPOSED TODAY IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR
18 L.A.H.S.A., BUT IN COMPLEMENT TO. AND SO I THINK THAT'S WHY I
19 JUST WANTED TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY BEFORE I
20 PROPOSE MY AMENDMENTS, JUST SO I AM SURE I AM CLEAR ABOUT
21 WHERE WE ARE GOING, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE WANT TO MOVE
22 SOMETHING FORWARD TODAY. MY QUESTIONS ARE IN THREE PRIMARY
23 BUCKETS: THE AUTHORITY OF THESE BODIES, THE PURVIEW OF THESE
24 BODIES, AND THEN FUNDING. SO, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE
25 AUTHORITY OF THESE BODIES, THEY WOULD BE BROWN-ACTED, BECAUSE



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1 THEY ARE APPOINTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS; THAT NO ONE HAS TO
2 PARTICIPATE, BECAUSE WE CAN'T REQUIRE THEM TO, BUT PRESUMABLY
3 EVERYONE WOULD, BECAUSE THEY ARE ASKING FOR THIS BODY TO BE
4 CREATED. IT IS NOT A J.P.A. OR A LEGISLATIVE BODY, LIKE
5 L.A.C.A.H.S.A. OR METRO, BUT IT IS-- YOU KNOW, IT IS CREATED
6 IN ADDITION TO L.A.H.S.A. AM I RIGHT SO FAR? OKAY. AND THEN,
7 IS IT ENVISIONED AS A TEMPORARY OR AN ONGOING BODY?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE UP TO YOU. YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD
10 BE UP TO YOU. IN TERMS OF WHAT THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION WAS
11 ENVISIONING, I THINK THAT THE GOAL HERE-- IT WASN'T JUST
12 ABOUT-- I WOULD JUST ALSO ADD, IN ADDITION TO REGIONAL, THERE
13 IS THE ISSUE OF, A LOT OF TIMES-- AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
14 REGULAR PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH: HER TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE
15 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. YOU THINK, "OH, IT IS ALL ABOUT
16 MEASURE H," OR, "IT'S ALL ABOUT L.A.H.S.A." WELL, PEOPLE ARE
17 STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, AND PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING WITH
18 SUBSTANCE USE. AND SO THE OTHER GOAL HERE WAS TO BRING
19 TOGETHER THE MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS AS PART OF THIS, SO THAT'S WHY
20 THE LEADERSHIP TABLE INCLUDES SUCH A WIDE ARRAY OF PEOPLE. SO
21 IT WAS BOTH, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S COMPLEMENTARY TO L.A.H.S.A.

22

23 **SUP. HORVATH:** SO, THAT TAKES ME INTO MY QUESTIONS AROUND
24 PURVIEW. SO, I'M CLEAR THAT THERE'S A REGIONAL COORDINATION
25 FOCUS, BUT I ALSO HAVE HEARD THAT THERE IS CONCERNS AROUND



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1 MEASURE H, WHICH LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE POTENTIALLY
2 EMPOWERING THIS BODY TO TALK ABOUT FUNDING. SO, ARE WE
3 EMPOWERING THIS BODY TO DECIDE WHICH PROVIDERS GET FUNDING, OR
4 HOW THE COUNTY SPENDS FUNDING, LIKE MEASURE H DOLLARS? IS THAT
5 WHAT WE ARE EMPOWERING THIS BODY TO DO? EITHER OF THESE
6 BODIES?

7

8 **BRANDON YOUNG:** NOT SPECIFICALLY. OBVIOUSLY, THE EXECUTIVE
9 COMMITTEE, ONCE IT CONVENES, CAN DETERMINE THE PURVIEW OF ITS
10 AUTHORITY, AS WELL AS THE DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE ITSELF.
11 BUT THE CRITICAL POINT, JUST TO UNDERSCORE IT, IT'S MORE ABOUT
12 THE ALIGNMENT OF FUNDING, RIGHT? BECAUSE THERE ARE MULTIPLE
13 BODIES. THERE ARE MULTIPLE FUNDING STREAMS. SO, EACH OF THE
14 DELEGATES IN THAT COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE A VOICE, TO THE EXTENT
15 THAT THEY REPRESENT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT THEY ALSO HAVE
16 FUNDING THAT COMES TO BEAR ON THE SYSTEM.

17

18 **SUP. HORVATH:** SURE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THIS BODY, IN THE
19 COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS, DETERMINED, JUST AS A
20 HYPOTHETICAL, THEY WANTED TO GIVE 75% OF MEASURE H DOLLARS AS
21 A LOCAL RETURN BACK TO CITIES, INSTEAD OF WHAT WE'RE DOING
22 WITH IT NOW, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT. IT
23 WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR US TO DECIDE THAT.

24



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1 **BRANDON YOUNG:** CORRECT. IT WOULD BE DICTATED BY WHATEVER
2 MEASURE H REQUIRES, IN TERMS OF FUNDING DECISIONS.

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND THEN, MY LAST BUCKET IS AROUND
5 FUNDING. SO, I'M PRESUMING THAT THERE ARE ONGOING MEETINGS,
6 AND IF IT'S A BROWN-ACTED BODY, THEY'LL NEED COUNSEL, SOMEBODY
7 TO TAKE MINUTES, THINGS LIKE THAT. DO WE KNOW WHERE THE MONEY
8 WOULD BE COMING FROM TO FUND THESE MEETINGS, AND IS THIS A
9 PLACE WHERE THERE'S AN INTENTION TO REDIRECT MEASURE H FUNDS
10 TO THIS BODY IN THE FUTURE, AND AWAY FROM, MAYBE, L.A.H.S.A.
11 OR OTHER PLACES?

12
13 **SPEAKER:** NO. SO, SPECIFICALLY, AS SUPERVISOR BARGER AND, I
14 BELIEVE, SOLIS HAVE MENTIONED, BOTH THE WEINGART FOUNDATION
15 AND THE HILTON FOUNDATION HAVE REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT TO
16 FUND-- I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT. I'M NOT GOING TO COMMIT
17 THEM, BUT THE IDEA WAS, AGAIN, TO TRY AND CREATE THAT PLACE
18 WHERE, NOT JUST REGIONALLY, BUT ALSO ACROSS DIFFERENT SYSTEMS
19 AND SILOES, THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE HAPPENING.

20
21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THAT'S GREAT. I KNOW A PRIMARY MOTIVATOR BEHIND
22 THIS WAS THE PARTICIPATION OF SOME OF THE SMALLER CITIES, AND
23 IN SPEAKING WITH THE CITIES IN MY DISTRICT, THEY WERE JUST
24 MOST INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE FUNDING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS.
25 THEY DIDN'T WANT MORE BUREAUCRACY. THEY JUST WANTED MORE



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1 FUNDING, OR AT LEAST CLARITY AROUND WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE, MENTAL
2 HEALTH BEDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE NEARBY TO THEIR COMMUNITY.
3 SO, UNLIKE WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE
4 EXPERIENCING FROM THEIR SMALL CITIES, WHO WANT THIS CREATED,
5 MY SMALL CITIES DIDN'T QUITE EXPRESS THAT, BUT I KNOW THAT
6 THERE IS A DESIRE TO CREATE THIS REGIONAL BODY. AND SO, IN THE
7 SPIRIT OF TRYING TO BE COLLABORATIVE, I CAME UP WITH A COUPLE
8 OF AMENDMENTS THAT I THINK, IF WE'RE INTENTIONALLY TRYING TO
9 KEEP IT OPEN-ENDED, MIGHT HELP, IN TERMS OF HOW THEY WOULD BE
10 COMPRISED, AND KEEP BOTH THIS NEW ENTITY MOVING, AS WELL AS
11 THE MUCH-NEEDED REFORMS AT L.A.H.S.A., WHICH I THINK IS ALSO
12 CALLED FOR BY THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION. SO, IN SECTION 1,
13 ITEM "C," WE WOULD STRIKE "THE PRESIDENT OF THE," AND REPLACE
14 IT WITH "A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, WHO SHALL
15 BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES." IN
16 SECTION 2, WE WOULD ADD 4 ITEMS, "J," "K," "L," AND "M," WHICH
17 READ: "MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE VETERAN COMMUNITY," "MEMBERS
18 REPRESENTING THE LABOR COMMUNITY," "MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE
19 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY," AND "MEMBERS
20 REPRESENTING PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES," WHICH WE ALL THOUGHT
21 SHOULD HAVE A SEAT AT THAT TABLE. AND THEN THE THIRD DIRECTIVE
22 IS TO KEEP US MOVING WITH THE PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING AT
23 L.A.H.S.A., TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO NEGOTIATE
24 CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING SERVICES AUTHORITY J.P.A.
25 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, INCLUDING SECTION "A," COMMISSION



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1 CONTINUUM OF CARE AND POLICY COUNCIL COMPOSITION,
2 RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY, INCLUDING
3 POTENTIAL CONSOLIDATION; "B," HOW SMALL CITIES ARE REPRESENTED
4 WITHIN THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE; AND "C," RECOMMENDATIONS
5 REGARDING BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS BY
6 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND FROM SPECIFIC REVENUE SOURCES. AND
7 THAT ALLOWS US TO BOTH ESTABLISH SOMETHING NEW AND KEEP THE
8 CHANGES GOING AT L.A.H.S.A., WHICH I HOPE IS AMENABLE TO ALL
9 MY COLLEAGUES. THOSE ARE MY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND, I MEAN, WE WOULD CALL ON THE
12 AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR TO EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT THOSE
13 AMENDMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I'LL LET SUPERVISOR SOLIS SPEAK, BUT I
16 WOULD BE OKAY WITH IT.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I REALLY
21 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR
22 THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR
23 YEARS. I FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN SPENDING-- LONG BEFORE OUR
24 CURRENT COUNTY COUNSEL WAS HERE, WE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE
25 INVOLVED IN THIS. AND BELIEVE ME, IT DAWNED ON ME HOW



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1 IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THIS DISCUSSION IS TAKING PLACE, BECAUSE
2 OUR CITIES, AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL PROVIDERS THAT SERVICE CITIES
3 OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF L.A., WAS REALLY WHAT WAS THE DRIVING
4 FORCE FOR BOTH SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MYSELF. AND WHAT WE ENDED
5 UP DOING, IN OUR OWN WAY, WAS CREATING FUNDING: A FUNDING
6 MECHANISM TO HELP SERVE SOME OF THOSE CITIES THAT WERE SAYING,
7 "WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE, AND WE DON'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW." BUT
8 WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW CARVE OUT ASSISTANCE FOR THEM, AND A
9 SERVICE AREA, SO THAT THEY COULD APPLY FOR THOSE FUNDS, AND WE
10 DID THAT STRATEGICALLY WITH THE C.O.G.S. I KNOW, IN THE SAN
11 GABRIEL VALLEY-- AND, CHERI TODOROFF, MY HAT GOES OFF TO YOU
12 AND SARAH, BECAUSE WE SPENT HOURS, AND YOU SPENT HOURS OUT IN
13 THE FIELD, TALKING WITH MY CITIES, CONVINCING THEM ABOUT THE
14 NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH US, AND TO WORK WITH US, AND TO
15 UTILIZE NOT JUST MEASURE H FUNDING, BUT THE SERVICES, THE
16 DEPARTMENT SERVICES THAT ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE THIS
17 SERVICE. AND YOU HELPED TO CUT THROUGH THAT MESS, BECAUSE
18 THAT'S WHAT I WAS HEARING EVERY TIME I WAS GOING HOME INTO THE
19 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND OTHER PLACES. BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY I
20 DON'T CARE ABOUT L.A. CITY, BECAUSE I HAVE L.A. CITY, AND I DO
21 CARE. AND WE DO HAVE, STILL, AN EFFORT TO WANT TO COORDINATE,
22 AND A NEED TO DO THAT, AND COLLABORATE. SO I VIEW THIS AS THE
23 RIGHT STEPPING STONE FOR US TO MOVE IN. AND WHILE WE HAVE
24 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PEOPLE THAT WILL SIT ON THIS BODY, IT'S
25 GOOD FOR THAT DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE. AND WE CAN REALIZE AND



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1 SHARE GOOD IDEAS THAT WORK. AS A RESULT OF YOUR HARD WORK,
2 CHERI AND SARAH, I KNOW, IN FACT, THAT MY CITIES, THE ONES
3 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT NOW, HAVE BECOME MORE
4 ENGAGED, AND ARE HELPING TO CONVINCE OTHER CITIES AND
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO BE MORE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE OF HOUSING
6 FOR THE UNHOUSED, IN PARTICULAR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT
7 I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO SOME OF MY CITIES, LIKE THE CITY
8 OF EL MONTE, WHO ACTUALLY TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO IDENTIFY
9 MOTELS AND HOTELS, AND NOW THEY'RE INTO THE PERMANENT HOUSING
10 ASPECT OF THIS. AND THEY STARTED OUT WITH JUST DISCUSSIONS
11 THAT WE HAD, AND A LOT OF IT HAD DO WITH BUILDING TRUST. AND
12 TO BE HONEST, I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. AND
13 IT'S NOT IN ANY ATTEMPT TO TRY TO MARGINALIZE L.A.H.S.A. WE
14 KNOW WHAT THEIR GOAL AND JOB SHOULD BE, AND IT WAS ALREADY CUT
15 OUT FOR US IN TERMS OF LEGISLATION. I THINK OVER THE PAST FEW
16 YEARS, THOUGH, IT CHANGED, AND THERE WASN'T AS MUCH
17 ACCOUNTABILITY AND MONITORING, IN MY OPINION, THAT COULD HAVE
18 TAKEN PLACE. AND THAT LAYS ON US, TOO-- NOT JUST THE CITY, BUT
19 ALSO THE COUNTY. AND SO I THINK, MOVING FORWARD, WE KNOW WHAT
20 SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ARE, BUT NOW LET'S FIX IT. AND I THINK
21 THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HARD WORK AND PEOPLE THAT WERE VERY
22 TENACIOUS, INCLUDING OUR PROVIDERS, OUR PROVIDER COMMUNITY,
23 WHO ARE STRETCHED THIN, AND ALSO WANT TO HAVE A SPACE TO BE
24 ABLE TO SAY, "HEY, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET OUR
25 REIMBURSEMENTS IN PLAY." BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO PAYING MONTH BY



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1 MONTH FOR THEIR STAFF AND FOR SERVICES, AND I HAVE SEEN THAT.
2 WHEN WE WERE IN A PICKLE FOR MANY THINGS DURING C.O.V.I.D.,
3 MANY OF THEM STOOD UP. AND THEY WERE VERY ANXIOUS, BECAUSE
4 THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD TO LAY OFF PEOPLE, AND SOME OF THEM HAD
5 TO. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. THIS IS A VERY FRAGILE
6 SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE, AND I WANT TO SEE THAT WE CAN STRENGTHEN
7 IT, AND ESPECIALLY WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT WE HAVE NOW.
8 WE HAVE A BETTER COLLABORATION, THANKS TO OUR C.E.O. AND TO
9 THIS BOARD. WE HAVE A NEW MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, DR. LISA
10 WONG, WHO IS JUST SPINNING HER WHEELS AND DOING GOOD, GOOD
11 THINGS IN A POSITIVE WAY TO HELP US KIND OF CUT THROUGH
12 CLUTTER, AND ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW WE COULD USE BETTER SYSTEMS
13 OF FUNDING DIRECTLY, WHERE IT MEETS THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND.
14 AND THOSE ARE INNOVATIVE THINGS THAT I THINK ALL OF US CAN
15 BENEFIT FROM. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I KNOW IF
16 WE ARE INTENT ON GETTING ANOTHER MEASURE PASSED, THAT WE HAVE
17 TO HAVE THE BUY-IN OF OUR CITIES. AND THAT MEANS ALL 88 OF
18 THEM, AND THAT'S KIND OF HOW I SEE IT. IT'S A LONG, HARD
19 PROCESS, AND IT'S ONE THAT KEEPS CHANGING. BUT IT'S OKAY, AS
20 LONG AS WE'RE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY. SO, I THANK THIS PANEL. I
21 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I THANK THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING
22 TO BE CALLING IN OR COMING HERE TODAY AND SPEAKING ON THIS
23 ITEM. AND I THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I KNOW I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
2 FROM MERCEDES, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
3 MAYOR. OKAY, SO I'M THAT PERSON WHO I FEEL LIKE MY VOTE KEPT
4 THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION GOING FORWARD BY A THREAD, WHEN
5 THERE WASN'T A LOT OF SUPPORT. AND EVEN I SAID, "ARE WE REALLY
6 GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER COMMISSION LOOK AT THIS?" AND SO I FEEL
7 LIKE MY VOTE KEPT IT ALIVE, AND SO I WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF
8 THE RECOMMENDATIONS, OBVIOUSLY, THAT COME FORWARD, BUT I GOT
9 TO SAY, I BET THERE'S PEOPLE OUT THERE SAYING, "ARE YOU
10 KIDDING? WE HAVE L.A.H.S.A., WE HAVE L.A.C.A.H.S.A., WE HAVE
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE HAVE METRO, WHO IS SPENDING A LOT
12 OF EFFORT AND TIME AND MONEY ON THEIR HOMELESS. WE HAVE THE
13 HOMELESS INITIATIVE. WE'VE ALL APPOINTED PEOPLE. THERE IS A
14 COMMITTEE THAT HELPS US TO COME UP WITH HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY
15 IN OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND MEASURE H. REALLY? WE'RE
16 CREATING ANOTHER COMMITTEE? WHAT WILL MAKE THIS DIFFERENT?"
17 WE'VE ALL TALKED ABOUT A LOT OF HOPES THAT WE WANT TO FIX. HOW
18 WILL THIS FIX THAT? AND I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM-- BECAUSE
19 HONESTLY, IN THE BEGINNING, I THOUGHT, "OH, THE MAYOR IS NOT
20 GOING TO LIKE THIS. SHE'S NOT GOING TO WANT ONE MORE COMMITTEE
21 THAT SHE HAS TO BE-- SHE JUST WANTS TO BE MAYOR OF LOS
22 ANGELES. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SIT ON ANOTHER COMMITTEE." BUT I
23 UNDERSTAND SHE'S HERE IN SPIRIT THROUGH YOU, MERCEDES, AS A
24 BIG SUPPORTER OF THIS. WHY?

25



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1 **MERCEDES MARQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING. I'M MERCEDES MARQUEZ. I'M THE
2 MAYOR'S CHIEF OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS. IT'S MY
3 PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS MORNING. I THINK I WOULD SUM
4 UP THE REASON WHY I AM HERE TODAY ON THE MAYOR'S BEHALF IN
5 FOUR WORDS: LEADERSHIP, COLLABORATION, INNOVATION, AND
6 INTEGRATION. YOU ALL KNOW WE'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF THE MAYOR
7 HOSTING EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THINK WE'VE
8 PROBABLY HAD DINNER WITH AT LEAST 50 MAYORS IN THE COUNTY IN
9 THE FIRST 7 MONTHS OF THE MAYOR'S TERM. AND A THEME THAT HAS
10 PLAYED THROUGH THE ENTIRE WAY, IN ALL THESE WONDERFUL DINNERS,
11 HAS BEEN THE ISSUE OF LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION, THE
12 MAYOR'S ABSOLUTELY CLEAR COMMITMENT, AND I THINK, AT THE END
13 OF THESE DINNERS, A PRETTY CLEAR CONSENSUS THAT IF WE ALL WORK
14 TOGETHER, WE WILL HAVE A MUCH CLEARER VOICE, A STURDY
15 PLATFORM, AND THE LEADERSHIP WITH WHICH TO SPEAK TO THE
16 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AND TO EACH OTHER
17 ACROSS ELECTED BODIES, AS WE SEEK TO SOLVE THE MOST DIFFICULT
18 PROBLEM, I THINK, OF OUR GENERATION. SO, SHE STANDS FIRM ON
19 THAT: THAT, COLLABORATING, WE WILL DO BETTER. AND I THINK IT
20 IS FOR THAT REASON THAT SHE'S WILLING TO SIT ON ONE MORE
21 COMMISSION. SO THERE'S THAT: LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION. AND
22 I THINK THE OTHER TWO, INTEGRATION AND INNOVATION. HOUSING, IN
23 GENERAL, OUR PROBLEMS IN HOUSING, ARE OBVIOUSLY ABOUT A LACK
24 OF INCOME AND EQUALITY, AND MANY OTHER THINGS HAVING TO DO
25 WITH EQUITY: RACE, CULTURE, GEOGRAPHY, ALL KINDS OF THINGS.



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1 BUT THE ISSUE OF THE UNHOUSED, RIGHT, PREDOMINATES THE ISSUE
2 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AND SO WHILE INDIVIDUAL
3 CITIES, AND THE SMALLER CITIES, WORKING WITH THE SUPPORT OF
4 SUPERVISORS, CAN DEAL BETTER WITH THE ISSUES OF STRAIGHT-UP
5 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, DEALING WITH THE UNHOUSED, IF WE DO NOT
6 CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT INNOVATING ACROSS BOTH CITIES
7 AND DIFFERENT, HONESTLY, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BOTH HEALTH AND
8 MENTAL HEALTH, SO THAT WE ARE TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT WHAT OUR
9 STRATEGIES ARE, AND MAKING SURE THAT THE WAY WE DELIVER
10 SERVICE FROM THESE COUNTY AGENCIES NOW INNOVATES FORWARD TO
11 MEET THE STRATEGIES WHERE WE ARE, WE WILL BE HERE A MUCH
12 LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, AND PERHAPS WE WOULD HAVE FAILED. SO
13 THE MAYOR IS SUPPORTIVE OF NOT ONLY WORKING WITH OTHER LEADERS
14 AND GOING FORWARD WITH ONE VOICE, BUT OF UNDERSTANDING THAT
15 OUR SYSTEMS HAVE TO BETTER INNOVATE, AND HAVE TO BETTER
16 INTEGRATE ACROSS HOUSING, ACROSS MENTAL HEALTH, ACROSS
17 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND ACROSS HEALTH IN GENERAL, IN ORDER FOR US
18 TO MOVE FORWARD. AND FOR THAT REASON, HAVING THIS LEVEL OF
19 DISCUSSION JUST MAKES SENSE. AND SO IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT
20 SHE ASKED ME TO COME HERE TODAY TO GIVE HER GREETINGS, AND TO
21 SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MERCEDES. AND I SEE BACK ON THE
24 QUEUE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. AND, MERCEDES, THANK YOU. I MEAN, YOU HAVE
2 BEEN A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. AND I THINK ALL MY COLLEAGUES
3 WOULD AGREE, THE TONE COMING FROM THE CITY HAS CHANGED, AND IT
4 IS ABOUT COLLABORATION. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT
5 ALL MY CITIES, THE MAYORS HAVE MET WITH MAYOR BASS AND WITH
6 YOU, AND THEY WALKED AWAY FEELING HOPEFUL AND GRATEFUL THAT
7 THERE'S COLLABORATION GOING ON. AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR
8 HAHN, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE ABOUT-- OR CHAIR HAHN. EXCUSE ME.
9 I DIDN'T MEAN TO DEMOTE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT WILL HAPPEN IN ABOUT A COUPLE MONTHS.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. BUT YOU MAKE MY POINT. WE HAVE ALL THESE
14 SILOES WORKING, BUT WE HAVE NO COLLECTIVE COMING TOGETHER. AND
15 TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I WOULD SAY, IF YOUR NUMBER 3 PANS OUT,
16 AS IT RELATES TO RECONFIGURING L.A.H.S.A., THIS WILL SUNSET,
17 BECAUSE THERE IS NO REAL COLLABORATION IN PLAY. I MEAN, I HAD
18 THE SAME THOUGHT ABOUT BRINGING TOGETHER ANOTHER GROUP. WHAT
19 MAKES THIS DIFFERENT IS, WE'RE BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE THAT,
20 INDIVIDUALLY, ARE WORKING, BUT NOT COLLABORATING. AS YOU SAID,
21 MERCEDES, IT'S IMPORTANT, AND WE HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
22 THIS HAPPEN. NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER THAN TO SUNSET THIS
23 IN PLACE OF SOMETHING THAT REFLECTS WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE,
24 AND THAT IS HAVING A REGIONAL APPROACH, HAVING EVERYONE AT THE
25 TABLE, WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS AT THE TABLE, AND BREAKING DOWN



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1 THE SILOES. BECAUSE EVEN WITHIN THE COUNTY-- AND I'M SURE
2 WITHIN THE CITIES, AS WELL-- YOU HAVE DEPARTMENTS THAT DON'T
3 NECESSARILY COLLABORATE, THAT NEED TO COLLABORATE. AND IS THIS
4 GROUP GOING TO FIX IT OVERNIGHT? ABSOLUTELY NOT. BUT WE, AS
5 THE BOARD, HAVE THE POWER TO PUSH THAT, AND REALLY REIMAGINE
6 OR RE-ENGINEER THE THOUGHT PROCESS ON HOW RESOURCES ARE
7 ALLOCATED. AND, REALLY, I'LL USE THE EXAMPLE OF MENTAL HEALTH.
8 MENTAL HEALTH RIGHT NOW DOES NOT HAVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG UNDER
9 ITS PURVIEW. IT'S UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE
10 THAT WE SHOULD BE EXPLORING-- AND WE ARE EXPLORING-- MOVING IT
11 FROM PUBLIC HEALTH OVER TO MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE I THINK
12 THERE'S MISSED OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE STANDPOINT OF FUNDING,
13 BUT ALSO OTHER SERVICES THAT MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDES THAT WOULD
14 BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING TO COME IN, ESPECIALLY
15 THOSE-- I CALL IT "DUAL DIAGNOSIS." IT'S NOW CALLED "CO-
16 DISORDER." AND SO I THINK THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO
17 RETHINK EVEN OUR OWN BUREAUCRACY, AND I'M HOPING THAT THIS
18 GROUP OF LEADERS WILL HELP DRIVE THAT NARRATIVE. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

22
23 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THE
24 AMENDMENTS. AND, SINCE MERCEDES IS HERE, I JUST WANTED TO HEAR



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SUPERVISORS

1 YOUR POINT OF VIEW. DO YOU THINK THE CITY CAN WORK WITH THESE
2 AMENDMENTS, AS WELL?

3

4 **MERCEDES MARQUEZ:** I THINK SO. I MEAN, YOU ARE LEADING
5 L.A.H.S.A., AND YOU'RE RIGHT: THE MAYOR IS THERE AS YOUR
6 WINGMAN.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** SHE'S BEEN AMAZING. I'M SO GLAD THAT SHE'S
9 THERE. SO, OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE, BECAUSE I THINK
10 HAVING ALL OF US CONTINUING TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP IS
11 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, SO I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, COLLEAGUES, I'LL
14 SUPPORT THIS WITH THE AMENDMENTS, BUT I JUST WANT THE PUBLIC
15 TO KNOW THAT WE ARE COORDINATING A LOT MORE THAN WE USED TO. I
16 MEAN, WITH THE MAYOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION, IMMEDIATELY, SHE
17 GOT ME INVOLVED AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OUR
18 C.E.O. WAS SORT OF EMBEDDED IN THOSE EMERGENCY OPERATION
19 MEETINGS. CHERI, YOU ALSO HAVE BEEN COORDINATING A LOT MORE
20 WITH THE CITY. SO I THINK MAYOR BASS HAS MODELED THIS NEW
21 BEHAVIOR OF NOT POINTING FINGERS, BUT LOCKING ARMS. SO I DON'T
22 WANT THE PUBLIC TO THINK THAT WE HAVEN'T MADE HUGE STRIDES, IN
23 MY OPINION, OF COORDINATING, WORKING TOGETHER, AND THE MAYOR'S
24 EFFORT IN HOSTING ALL THE MAYORS OF THE 87 CITIES IS
25 IMPRESSIVE. AND I THINK THEY ALL COME AWAY FROM THOSE MEETINGS



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1 WITH HER VERY IMPRESSED WITH HER LISTENING TO THEM, BECAUSE
2 HISTORICALLY, LOS ANGELES DOESN'T ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE OTHER
3 CITIES, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE TO. YES. BUT, SO I JUST WANT
4 PEOPLE TO KNOW, I THINK, SINCE THE MAYOR HAS BEEN IN OFFICE,
5 WE'VE TAKEN HUGE LEAPS AND BOUNDS TO COORDINATE THIS REGIONAL
6 APPROACH. I HOPE THIS GETS US FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD, BUT WE'VE
7 ALREADY CHANGED, IN MY OPINION, HOW WE WORK TOGETHER. YES, MS.
8 MARQUEZ.

9

10 **MERCEDES MARQUEZ.** I'D LOVE TO SECOND THAT. IT IS NIGHT AND
11 DAY. I CAN SAY THAT I SPEAK WITH EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR
12 HOUSING AND HOMELESS DEPUTIES REGULARLY. I WOULD EVEN TELL YOU
13 WE GIVE EACH OTHER A HUG ON SIGHT. SO, WE'RE SPEAKING ALL OF
14 THE TIME. I CERTAINLY SPEAK WITH CHERI A LOT. AND THE STAFFS,
15 AS A WHOLE, I DON'T KNOW. I'M SURE IT'LL BE REPORTED, BUT LAST
16 FRIDAY, WE MET FOR 3 HOURS, CITY STAFF AND COUNTY STAFF
17 WIDELY, TO DISCUSS WHERE WE HAVE COME SO FAR, TO DO AN HONEST
18 ASSESSMENT, AND TO MAKE COMMITMENTS ABOUT HOW WE WILL CONTINUE
19 TO WORK TOGETHER. I THINK ALL OF THAT WORK NOW MAKES THIS KIND
20 OF GROUPING DEEPLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE ALL OF THAT FIRST
21 GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU WORK HAS BEEN DONE, AND THAT ALLOWS US NOW
22 TO DO A DEEPER LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING. AND SO, FOR
23 ALL OF THOSE REASONS, WE'D WANT TO ECHO OUR GRATITUDE FOR--
24 IT'S NOT JUST ONE ARM LOCKING, RIGHT? WE'RE DOING THIS ALL
25 TOGETHER. SO, THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, I SEE HER LOCKING ARMS ALL THE TIME
3 WITH OTHER PEOPLE THAN ME. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, DID YOU-- NO.
4 OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE WE WILL SEE IF
5 THERE'S ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
6 ITEM 18. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AND CAN I JUST SAY, SARAH, THANK YOU. I SPEAK FOR
10 MY STAFF: YOU'RE A GODSEND. I TALK ABOUT THE NORTH STAR. YOU
11 ARE THE NORTH STAR WHEN IT COMES TO THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY
12 WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU,
13 BECAUSE YOU PUT YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO THIS. SO, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SARAH DUSSEAUT:** YOU ARE SO WELCOME. AND I DO WANT TO
16 RECOGNIZE MY CO-CHAIR, CHRISTIAN HORVATH, IS HERE.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** OH, HE'S GOING TO TALK?

19

20 **SARAH DUSSEAUT:** AND I THINK HE'S GOING TO TALK, AS WELL AS
21 SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU, CHAIR HAHN. THE
22 MOMENTUM IS SO SIGNIFICANT, AND WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP BUILDING
23 ON THAT MOMENTUM. AND THAT'S THE PURPOSE HERE TODAY, SO THANK
24 YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. WE JUST GOT ALL THESE COMMISSIONS AND
2 COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND AGENCIES. WE JUST HAVE TO NOT LET
3 ANYONE GET TRAPPED IN BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, OR GET TRAPPED IN
4 THE PROCESS, AND THEN WE NEVER MOVE FORWARD, SIGNIFICANTLY
5 MAKING THE IMPACT THAT WE ALL WANT TO MAKE ON THIS HOMELESS
6 CRISIS.

7
8 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. AND THANK YOU, BRANDON.

9
10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHERE ARE WE? CALLING THE MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

12
13 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
14 BEA DIERINGER, BECKY SHEVLIN, CHRISTIAN HORVATH, LOUIS
15 ABRAMSON, MICHAEL PITKIN, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, PAUL
16 RUBENSTEIN, AND ARNOLD SACHS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
17 REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

18
19 **MODERATOR:** THE FIRST SPEAKER IS MARCEL RODARTE. YOUR LINE IS
20 NOW OPEN.

21
22 **MARCEL RODARTE:** I'LL SAY A QUICK SHOUT-OUT TO MY CO-B.R.C.H.
23 MEMBERS THAT ARE THERE THIS MORNING. SORRY I COULDN'T BE THERE
24 IN PERSON, BUT MY NAME IS MARCEL RODARTE. I WAS A MEMBER OF
25 THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. AND YES,



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE COMMISSION ALIVE,
2 BECAUSE WE DID VERY IMPORTANT WORK OVER SOME VERY LONG
3 MEETINGS, OVER ABOUT 6 MONTHS OR MORE. SO, IT'S SO LONG, I
4 DON'T REMEMBER. BUT FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
5 GIVING SMALLER CITIES A VOICE THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY ON THE
6 B.R.C.H., AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE FORWARDED TO YOU,
7 THEY WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE ENTIRE COMMISSION. SO,
8 HI AGAIN TO OUR CHAIR, SARAH. AND, CHRISTIAN, WE APPRECIATE
9 ALL THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DID AS OUR CO-CHAIR. AND TODAY'S
10 MOTION BRINGS TO LIFE ONE OF THE B.R.C.H.'S RECOMMENDATIONS,
11 AND I'M OFFERING MY FULL SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF ITEM 18. IT'S
12 EXACTLY WHAT SMALLER CITIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY HAVE ASKED
13 FOR, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND I ENCOURAGE A YES VOTE FROM YOU
14 ALL. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEE KANE. YOUR LINE IS NOW
19 OPEN.

20
21 **LEE KANE:** -- KATHRYN BARGER AND HILDA SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION TO
22 ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CREATE A REGIONAL APPROACH
23 TO COMBATING HOMELESSNESS. MY NAME IS LEE KANE, AND I AM A
24 PROGRAM DIRECTOR WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSORTIUM ON
25 HOMELESSNESS. NEARLY 2,000 STAKEHOLDERS MAKE UP THE



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1 CONSORTIUM, FROM EDUCATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO MUNICIPAL
2 STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, FROM THROUGHOUT THE 31 MOSTLY
3 SMALL CITIES OF THE S.G.V. ITEM NUMBER 18 HELPS ENSURE THAT
4 THE WORK OF EMPOWERING SMALL CITIES IN PROVIDING LOCAL
5 HOMELESS SERVICES CONTINUES. IT ALSO ENSURES THAT SMALL CITIES
6 WILL HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE IN CREATING ONE REGIONAL,
7 MEASURABLE PLAN TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS: A PLAN THAT WILL
8 IMPACT THESE COMMUNITIES AND THE RESIDENTS. THANK YOU AGAIN TO
9 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR PRESENTING THIS PLAN FOR
10 GIVING SMALL CITIES SOME LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONTROL OVER THE
11 COUNTY'S PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH
12 LYONS, MY MENTOR AND FORMER MAYOR, I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON
13 ITEM 18.

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID TORRES.

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19 **DAVID TORRES:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THIS IS
20 DAVID TORRES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I WANT TO THANK
21 SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND HILDA SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION TO
22 ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT WILL HELP SET A REGIONAL
23 APPROACH TO HOMELESSNESS. FOR MANY YEARS, SMALLER CITIES HAD
24 LIMITED SAY IN THE DIRECTION AND APPROACH FOR THE REGIONAL
25 HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM. THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON



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1 HOMELESSNESS WAS ESTABLISHED IN PART TO GIVE SMALLER CITIES A
2 VOICE, WHEN IT COMES TO HOMELESSNESS. ITEM 18 HELPS TO ENSURE
3 THIS WORK CONTINUES. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS BY THE
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE DIRECT FUNDING AND
5 COLLABORATION TO CITIES TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY, AND
6 CITIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY CAN STEP UP AND BE A PART OF THE
7 SOLUTION BY DELIVERING SERVICES LOCALLY, EVEN WITH LIMITED
8 RESOURCES, AND IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO, WE HAVE BEEN VERY
9 PROUD WITH OUR MONTEBELLO COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OUR
10 OPERATION STAY SAFE TINY HOMES TO BE PART OF THAT SOLUTION.
11 HOWEVER, CITIES NEED TO HAVE A LARGER SAY IN CREATING ONE PLAN
12 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, ESTABLISHING A COMMON SET OF
13 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, ALIGNING RESOURCES, AND PROVIDING
14 OVERSIGHT TO OUR HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
17 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TIM HEPBURN.

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21 **TIM HEPBURN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
22 IS TIM HEPBURN, MAYOR OF LA VERNE. I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF
23 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. I WANT TO THANK
24 YOU FOR THIS PROPOSAL AND THIS NEW REGIONAL GOVERNANCE
25 STRUCTURE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, SUPERVISOR



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1 SOLIS, AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR THOSE THOUGHTFUL CHANGES TO
2 THIS PROPOSAL. I'M IN 100% AGREEMENT WITH THIS. I ALSO WANT TO
3 THANK THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION AND OUR PAST PRESIDENT AND
4 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, BECKY SHEVLIN, AND MARISA
5 CRETER, OUR DIRECTOR OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G., AND HER
6 STAFF, WORKING TOGETHER AS A REGIONAL APPROACH TO THIS, AND
7 ALSO A CITY APPROACH. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS,
8 AND I SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE, AS I SAID, THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A
9 TEAM EFFORT, AND THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT
10 SOLUTIONS FOR OUR HOMELESS AND OUR MENTALLY ILL IN THE VERY
11 FUTURE. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL. APPRECIATE THIS, AND I
12 SUPPORT IT.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOUR
17 LINE IS NOW OPEN.

18
19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS. I AM PLEASED WITH THIS MOTION, BUT I THINK THE
21 SIZE OF IT WILL MAKE IT VERY PROHIBITIVE TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE.
22 I HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE PAST, WHEN WE HAD THE H.I.V.
23 COMMISSION. WE HAD MORE THAN 42 MEMBERS, AND SO ON. THOSE ARE
24 VERY DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH ACTIONS. ALSO, MORE THAN
25 ANYTHING, L.A.H.S.A. SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. THERE'S A LOT OF



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1 BAD THINGS HAPPENING THERE ALL THE TIME. RECENTLY, THEY HAD
2 TWO POSITIONS. ONE OF THEM, THERE WERE 20 PEOPLE THAT APPLIED.
3 NOBODY WAS INTERVIEWED, BUT THEY FILLED THOSE TWO POSITIONS.
4 WHAT'S GOING ON? AND I THINK, ALL TOGETHER, THERE WERE THREE
5 MORE MEMBERS [INAUDIBLE] IN L.A.H.S.A. SOMETHING IS GOING ON.
6 PLEASE CHECK WITH THAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING. HAVE
7 A GOOD WEEK. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALICE LUNG. YOUR LINE IS
12 NOW OPEN.

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14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALICE LUNG. I'M REPRESENTING THE
15 CITY OF COVINA, IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1. I WANT TO THANK
16 SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND HILDA SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION
17 TO ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS. AS A
18 SMALLER CITY, WE HAVE HISTORICALLY HAD A LIMITED SAY ON THE
19 DIRECTION AND APPROACH FOR THE REGIONAL HOMELESS SERVICES
20 SYSTEM. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
21 REPORT PRODUCED BY THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS,
22 WHICH GAVE SMALLER CITIES A VOICE. ITEM 18 HELPS TO ENSURE
23 THIS WORK CONTINUES. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE BOARD'S
24 LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
25 LEADERSHIP TABLE, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE SMALLER CITIES



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1 LIKE OURS A VOICE AND A CHANCE AT RECEIVING NECESSARY
2 RESOURCES WHEN IT COMES TO TACKLING THE REGIONAL ISSUES OF
3 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU AGAIN TO SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS
4 FOR THIS MOTION. THE CITY OF COVINA URGES THE BOARD TO VOTE
5 YES ON ITEM 18.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADELE ANDRADE.

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11 **ADELE ANDRADE-STADLER:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS ADELE ANDRADE-
12 STADLER, AND I'M THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA. MADAM
13 CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS BARGER,
14 SOLIS, AND HORVATH. ALSO, A THANK-YOU TO MAYOR BASS FOR
15 INVITING ALL THE MAYORS IN TO COLLABORATE THROUGH A RECEPTION
16 AND SMALL GROUP. I APPRECIATE THAT. ALHAMBRA, FOR THE FIRST
17 TIME, IT BROKE GROUND ON 100% SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND WITH A
18 BIG THANK-YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE COUNTY FOR COMING IN
19 AND HELPING US PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. PREVENT HOMELESSNESS--
20 I'M GOING TO SAY THAT AGAIN. I SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 18, 100%.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONYIELLE HOLLEY.



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1
2 **DONYIELLE HOLLEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DONYIELLE HOLLEY,
3 AND I AM THE HOUSING STABILIZATION MANAGER WITH THE CITY OF
4 POMONA, WHICH PROVIDES HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS
5 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G.,
6 AND HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS ACROSS THE REGION. I WANT TO
7 GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND HILDA
8 L. SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
9 THAT WILL HELP TO SET A REGIONAL APPROACH TO HOMELESSNESS.
10 CITIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY CAN STEP UP AND BE AN
11 INTEGRAL PART OF THE SOLUTION BY DELIVERING HOMELESS SERVICES
12 LOCALLY, WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. HOWEVER, CITIES NEED TO HAVE
13 A VOICE IN CREATING A SINGLE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS,
14 ESTABLISHING A COMMON SET OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, ALIGNING
15 RESOURCES, AND PROVIDING OVERSIGHT TO OUR HOMELESS SERVICES
16 SYSTEM. MUCH APPRECIATION AGAIN TO SUPERVISORS BARGER, SOLIS,
17 AND HORVATH FOR THIS INCREDIBLE MOTION. THE CITY OF POMONA
18 URGES YOU TO VOTE YES.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOUR CALL. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHARLIE KLINAKIS. YOUR LINE
24 IS NOW OPEN.



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1 **CHARLIE KLINAKIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHARLIE KLINAKIS.
2 I'M THE MAYOR FROM THE CITY OF LA PUENTE. I WANT TO THANK
3 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN
4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO HELP SET A REGIONAL APPROACH TO
5 HOMELESSNESS. FOR YEARS, SMALLER CITIES HAVE HAD LIMITED SAY
6 ON THE DIRECTION AND APPROACH FOR THE REGIONAL HOMELESS
7 SERVICE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, CITIES NEED TO HAVE A LARGER SAY IN
8 CREATING AND PROVIDING OVERSIGHT TO OUR HOMELESS SERVICE
9 SYSTEM. I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 18.

10

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

12

13 **CHARLIE KLINAKIS:** THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEREMY WOLF.

18

19 **JEREMY WOLF:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JEREMY
20 WOLF, AND I'M AN AGOURA HILLS COUNCILMEMBER, AND I AM CALLING
21 TODAY TO REQUEST A CONTINUANCE ON THIS ITEM 18. WHILE I
22 SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON
23 HOMELESSNESS, PARTICULARLY THE EFFORT TO ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE
24 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS ACROSS THE REGION, I ALSO SUPPORT THE
25 CREATION OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH CITIES OF VARYING



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1 SIZE REPRESENTED TO DRIVE THESE EFFORTS. HISTORICALLY,
2 REGIONAL DECISIONS RELATED TO HOMELESS STRATEGY AND FUNDING
3 HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT CONSULTATION AND CONSENT FROM ALL-SIZE
4 CITIES IN THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, TIME IS NEEDED TO LAY THE
5 PROPER FOUNDATION FOR SUCH A COMMITTEE TO REALLY SUCCEED. THE
6 PURVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE, WHERE IT GETS ITS AUTHORITY, AND HOW
7 THE COMMITTEE COORDINATES WITH AND IS DIFFERENT FROM EXISTING
8 AGENCIES ARE JUST A FEW ITEMS TO BE DETERMINED. SO THIS IS A
9 DEEPLY PERSONAL ISSUE FOR ME, AS I HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER
10 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND I APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR TAKING
11 STEPS TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS FACING OUR COUNTY, BUT I FEEL THAT
12 THIS ITEM NEEDS MORE TIME TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. THAT IS WHY
13 I'M ASKING FOR THIS ITEM TO BE CONTINUED FOR A FUTURE BOARD
14 MEETING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO,
15 SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW, I
18 THINK WE HAVE ABOUT THREE MORE CALLERS ON THE PHONE. FOUR. OH,
19 5. OKAY, WE WERE GOING TO TAKE THEM, AND THEN WE WERE GOING TO
20 GO TO THOSE IN PERSON. SO, JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE HAVEN'T
21 FORGOTTEN YOU. OKAY, NEXT CALLER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OKAY, THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. YOUR
24 LINE IS NOW OPEN.



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS EFFORT, I
2 THINK, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I DO HAVE TO SAY, THE QUESTION
3 OF, "DO WE NEED ANOTHER COMMITTEE?" AND OF COURSE, THE NEWS
4 FROM JUDGE CARTER, WHERE SKIP MILLER AND THE FIRM LET THE
5 COUNTY DOWN, BECAUSE OF COURSE THE APPELLATE COURT FOUND THAT
6 THE COUNTY IS NOT DOING ENOUGH, AND JUDGE CARTER WAS RIGHT TO
7 SAY IT'S NOT ENOUGH. SO, WE REALLY SHOULD TRY NOT TO PAPER
8 OVER THINGS, AND MOVE FORWARD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I DON'T
9 KNOW. I'M HOPEFUL THAT BRINGING THE SMALL VOICES FROM THE
10 CITIES IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. I'M HOPEFUL IT'S NOT A BIG,
11 ELABORATE SCHEME TO GO FOR ANOTHER MEASURE TO GET BIG VOTER
12 MONEY FOR THIS. WE NEED TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS BEFORE WE GET
13 MORE BIG FUNDING. MEASURE H WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING, EVEN
14 THOUGH EVERYBODY WAS SO HOPEFUL. WE REMEMBER MARK RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS, OUR HERO. NOW, SIX YEARS, BUT THAT'S GOING TO BE
16 REDUCED. I'M TAKING CARE OF REDUCING THAT. BUT LOOK, IT'S A
17 GOOD IDEA, AND DUSSEAUT-- BARGER CALLED HER THE "NORTH STAR."
18 LET'S NOT GO CRAZY. SHE'S A VERY HARD WORKER AND A GREAT
19 PERSON, BUT I THINK WHEN YOU CALL SOMEONE THE NORTH STAR, THEY
20 FEEL A LITTLE OVER-- IT'S NOT ONE PERSON.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ERIC. OKAY, NEXT
23 CALLER, PLEASE.



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1 **SPEAKER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
2 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, PLEASE
3 PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR,
4 MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT CALLER, PLEASE?

5
6 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. YOUR LINE IS
7 NOW OPEN.

8
9 **SPEAKER:** I'M ROY HUMPHREYS, AND BRAVO ON THIS COMMITTEE. BUT
10 THE PROOF, AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, IS IN THE PUDDING, AS IT
11 IMPLEMENTS ITSELF, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S COMMENTS ARE WELL
12 TAKEN. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE R.A.C.C. ASKED FOR A
13 DELINEATION OF WHAT THESE VARIOUS-- WHAT IS "HOMELESSNESS"?
14 PLEASE, GET THAT LIST OUT THERE SO WE KNOW IT. POST IT ON YOUR
15 SITE THERE, SO WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. AND THE OTHER THING
16 THAT YOU ALL HAVE IGNORED WITH DRAMATIC IMPUNITY IS THE
17 TRANSIENTS. THEIR HOME IS WHERE THEIR SHOPPING CART IS, OR
18 SHOPPING CARTS, OR WHATEVER ELSE THEY'RE USING TO HAUL THEIR
19 GOODS AROUND, AND THEY'RE PLAGUING OUR COMMUNITIES. YOU CAN GO
20 TO MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON THERE, AND THE
21 INTERVENTIONS BY THE SHERIFF AND OTHERS. IT'S APPALLING WHAT
22 THESE PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO JUST PLAGUE OUR SOCIETY. IN
23 ROWLAND HEIGHTS, WE HAVE THOSE WHO HABITATE--



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MR. HUMPHREYS. YOUR TIME IS
2 UP. OKAY, LET'S GO IN PERSON. MS. BEA DIERINGER, WELCOME.

3
4 **BEA DIERINGER:** THANK YOU. HI. I'M BEA DIERINGER, PRESIDENT OF
5 THE L.A. COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES,
6 REPRESENTING 86 CITIES IN THE COUNTY. I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM
7 18. LAST YEAR, THE DIVISION SUPPORTED THIS RECOMMENDATION FROM
8 THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. OUR CURRENT
9 HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM IS NOT BASED ON A COLLABORATIVE,
10 EFFECTIVE PLAN DESIGNED TO MEET ALL THE NEEDS OF OUR UNHOUSED
11 POPULATION, AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY.
12 HOMELESSNESS IS INCREASING, NOT DECREASING. A COLLABORATIVE,
13 REGIONAL COMMITTEE IS NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THIS COUNTYWIDE
14 HOMELESSNESS PLAN. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE
15 NEEDS THIS BOARD TO PROVIDE IT WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS, FUNDING,
16 AND ASSURANCE THAT THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THIS COUNTYWIDE
17 PLAN, AND SWIFTLY IMPLEMENT TO ADDRESS THIS URGENT CRISIS. WE
18 STRONGLY REQUEST THE BOARD ADD ANOTHER SEAT ON THE COMMITTEE
19 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY DIVISION, TO MAXIMIZE REGIONAL
20 COLLABORATION WITH AND REPRESENTATION OF L.A. COUNTY CITIES.
21 THANK YOU TO EACH OF OUR GREAT POWERHOUSE WOMEN SUPERVISORS.
22 WOO-HOO!

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BEA. NEXT SPEAKER IN PERSON.
25 WELCOME.



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1
2 **BECKY SHEVLIN:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
3 THE TIME. I'M BECKY SHEVLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA,
4 AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF
5 GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS HAVING THE DISTINCT HONOR OF SERVING
6 AS A COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G.S.
7 ON THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, THE B.R.C.H.
8 COMMITTEE, HAVING PREPARED A REPORT FOR THIS BOARD, DATED
9 MARCH 30TH, 2022. I AM HERE THIS MORNING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
10 18, CREATING AN EXECUTIVE BODY, AS RECOMMENDED IN ITEM 7 OF
11 SAID B.R.C.H. REPORT, WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES, "ESTABLISH AN
12 EXECUTIVE-LEVEL ACTION TEAM TO DRIVE URGENTLY NEEDED REFORMS,
13 DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON INTERESTS, AND FACILITATE DATA,
14 DEVELOPMENT, AND SHARING." ON BEHALF OF MY REPRESENTATION ON
15 THE B.R.C.H. COMMISSION, I STRONGLY URGE AND REQUEST THAT YOU
16 SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE BOARD IN
17 FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH I
18 BELIEVE WILL GENUINELY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BROADER AND
19 DIVERSE INPUT, AND ESPECIALLY FOR CITIES AND OTHERS WHERE THEY
20 CURRENTLY HAVE NONE OR ARE VERY LIMITED IN ADVANCING THE
21 EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS--

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MAYOR. THANK YOU.
24 THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING.



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1 **BECKY SHEVLIN:** THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS LOUIS ABRAMSON. I'M A COMMUNITY
6 ORGANIZER IN HOLLYWOOD, WHICH, AS YOU ALL KNOW, IS ONE OF THE
7 MOST HEAVILY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES OF THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS,
8 AND ALSO A LIMINAL POINT. IT IS AT THE BORDER OF TWO
9 MUNICIPALITIES, AND SO WE UNDERSTAND HOW BALKANIZATION AFFECTS
10 OUR ABILITY TO END THIS CRISIS, BOTH AT A DIRECT SERVICE
11 LEVEL-- I'M SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL, BUT I'M ON THE BOARD OF
12 DIRECTORS OF THE S.E.L.A.H. NEIGHBORHOOD HOMELESS COALITION--
13 AND AT A STRATEGIC INITIATIVE LEVEL; I'M ALSO ON THE BOARD OF
14 THE HOLLYWOOD FORWARD COALITION. AND IN BOTH CAPACITIES, THE
15 LACK OF REGIONAL AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL SHARED OBJECTIVES,
16 SHARED VISIONS OF SUCCESS, BREEDS CONFUSION, IT BREEDS
17 FRUSTRATION, AND IT BREEDS A LACK OF SURETY AMONGST ANY
18 STAKEHOLDER IN THIS DISCUSSION, HOUSED OR UNHOUSED, AS TO WHAT
19 SUCCESS WOULD LOOK LIKE, WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT IN THEIR JOURNEY
20 TO HOUSING, OR IN OUR COMMUNITY'S JOURNEY TO HEALTH. SO, I
21 KNOW THIS IS A NEW ERA OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALL OF THE
22 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES SURROUNDING THIS ISSUE. I THINK THE
23 CREATION OF THIS BOARD IS A NECESSARY NEXT STEP, AND I URGE
24 THE BOARD TO SUPPORT IT TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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

2

3 **CHRISTIAN HORVATH:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR HAHN AND
4 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN HORVATH. I'M A RETIRED
5 REDONDO BEACH COUNCILMEMBER, CURRENT ROLLING HILLS STAFF
6 MEMBER, AND THE FORMER CO-CHAIR OF THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION
7 ON HOMELESSNESS. BEFORE YOU TODAY IS BUT ONE OF 7 UNANIMOUSLY
8 APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS BY OUR COMMISSION, DESIGNED TO
9 GENERATE MOMENTUM IN OUR SHARED EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS
10 AND BEGIN THE REFORMS NECESSARY TO DO SO. I SHOULD NOTE THAT
11 OUR BODY COMPLETED ITS WORK ALMOST A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, AND
12 WE UNDERScored OUR REPORT WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. EACH
13 RECOMMENDATION CAN BE ACTED ON INDEPENDENTLY AND IRRESPECTIVE
14 OF THE OTHER 6. THERE IS MUCH TO DO, AND THE EXECUTIVE-LEVEL
15 ACTION TEAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVENE DECISION-MAKERS,
16 THOUGHT LEADERS, AND EXPERTS, AS A COLLABORATIVE AND
17 COMPLEMENTARY PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP TO THE COUNTY ENTITY,
18 ENSURING WE CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM NEEDED FOR SUCCESS. I
19 RESPECTFULLY URGE AN AYE VOTE ON THE MOTION, AND CONTINUE
20 BRINGING FORTH THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WE HAVE FOR ACTION.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. A YEAR AND A HALF IS URGENT
24 AROUND HERE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** MICHAEL JOSEPH PITKIN. I AM A NEW CITIZEN OF SANTA
2 MONICA, CALIFORNIA. I AM HOMOSEXUAL, H.I.V.-POSITIVE,
3 DEMOCRAT, MULTIRACIAL, EUROPEAN, UNHOUSED, UNEMPLOYED,
4 THEISTIC SATANIST, 58-YEAR-OLD MALE. TODAY, I ASK THIS BODY TO
5 IMPLEMENT CURRENT LAW OF THE LAND BY U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE
6 ON HOMELESSNESS, MARTIN V. BOISE. SANTA MONICA DOES NOT HAVE
7 ENOUGH SHELTER BEDS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS IS YOUR
8 NOTICE. BEING TRANSPORTED TO SKID ROW, OVER 15 MILES AWAY, IS
9 FAILING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT REASONABLENESS TEST. I WAS
10 ARRESTED LAST WEEK, BY L.A.P.D., FOR BEING HOMELESS ON THE
11 BLUFFS. I AM NOW IN PROTEST MODE, AND EXERCISING MY RIGHTS AND
12 FREEDOMS. THANK YOU.

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

15
16 **PAUL RUBENSTEIN:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING
17 THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY HERE TODAY. MY
18 NAME IS PAUL RUBENSTEIN. I AM DEPUTY CHIEF OF EXTERNAL
19 RELATIONS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, L.A.H.S.A.'S NEW C.E.O., DR. VA
20 LECIA ADAMS KELLUM, IS COMMITTED TO MAKING L.A.H.S.A. MORE
21 ENGAGED, MORE TRANSPARENT, AND MORE FOCUSED ON OUR PURPOSE.
22 WITH BOOTS ON THE GROUND ACROSS THE COUNTY, L.A.H.S.A. SEES
23 EVERY DAY THAT HOMELESSNESS KNOWS NO JURISDICTIONAL
24 BOUNDARIES. IT DEMANDS STRATEGIC AND COORDINATED SOLUTIONS
25 THAT ARE CONCEIVED AND CARRIED OUT ON A REGIONAL BASIS. BEING



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1 HERE WITH YOU, OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS, AND REPRESENTATION FROM
2 THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, IS A GREAT ILLUSTRATION OF US ALL
3 CONTINUING TO LOCK ARMS IN THIS EFFORT. WE WELCOME THIS
4 OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER REGULARLY WITH ELECTED LEADERS
5 FROM CITIES LARGE AND SMALL, AND KEY-SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS FROM
6 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND CITY OF LOS ANGELES, TO COORDINATE
7 OUR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE
8 REGION. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. THIS CASE TO
13 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, I'M LOOKING THROUGH YOUR AGENDA. YOU
14 HAVE AN ITEM HERE, A-4, IN THE BACK. A-6. EXCUSE ME, A-4,
15 WHERE THE COUNTY ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM "HOMELESS" IN JANUARY
16 OF... JANUARY 10TH OF 2023.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARNOLD, MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THIS ITEM, ITEM
19 18.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING SPECIFIC
24 ON ITEM 18.

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, AND I'M
2 EXPLAINING--

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CREATING A REGIONAL
5 GOVERNANCE.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. ANOTHER REGIONAL GOVERNANCE.
8 ANOTHER HOMELESS PLAN. WHEN DID IT BECOME "HOMELESSNESS,"
9 MADAM CHAIR? I DIDN'T HEAR A PLOP-PLOP. DID YOU HEAR A PLOP-
10 PLOP? DID YOU HEAR THAT? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
11 THE EFFICACY OF THIS COUNCIL [EXPLETIVE]. YOU HAD A GREAT
12 HOMELESS OPPORTUNITY TO HOUSE HOMELESS PEOPLE ABOUT 15 YEARS
13 AGO, BUT SOMEBODY SAID NO.

14

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I'VE BEEN WORKING TO GET MY
19 PEOPLE, BLACK PEOPLE, OFF SKID ROW FOR 10 YEARS. THE FORMER
20 L.A.H.S.A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PETER LYNN, I'M THE REASON WHY
21 HE RESIGNED. I GOT A COPY OF WHO THEY'RE HOUSING. THEY'RE
22 HOUSING--

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAKE SURE YOU SPEAK TO ITEM 18.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT L.A.H.S.A., AND THEY'RE HERE,
2 SO DON'T TELL ME WHO I CAN TALK ABOUT, OKAY?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, I CAN TELL YOU WHO YOU CAN TALK ABOUT.
5 THIS IS ITEM 18.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. I KEEP UP WITH YOU GUYS, EVEN THOUGH I'M
8 NOT HERE. YOU HAVE ADVERTISED THAT YOU WANT THESE ILLEGAL
9 ALIENS, THESE MIGRANTS, COMING TO L.A. COUNTY.

10

11 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MA'AM, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. PLEASE DISCUSS ITEM
12 18.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** AND THEY WON'T BE DEPORTED.

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** IF YOU TAKE THESE JOBS AWAY FROM THEM, AND GIVE THEM
19 TO THE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES--

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IF YOU DON'T GET BACK ON ITEM 18, WE'RE
22 GOING TO HAVE TO-- ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME
23 HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
24 NO, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

25



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1 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MA'AM, NOW YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. PLEASE
2 CEASE YOUR DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M LISTENING TO MY LAWYER, WHO SAYS YOU'RE
5 OFF TOPIC. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6
7 **CELESTE T. RODRIGUEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CELESTE T. RODRIGUEZ,
8 AND I SERVE AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. I AM
9 HERE TODAY TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER
10 SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S AMENDMENTS TO THIS ITEM. AS A SMALL CITY
11 SURROUNDED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE DISCREPANCY AND
12 ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND DATA TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN
13 CITIES IS CLEAR. IN SAN FERNANDO, WE HAVE DEDICATED OUR OWN
14 RESOURCES TO ADVANCE OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF
15 OUR COMMUNITY. MY HOPE IS THAT ALL EFFORTS ACROSS THE REGION
16 CAN BE COORDINATED, BUT UNTIL A STRONG ENTITY IS IDENTIFIED
17 AND ESTABLISHED, LOCAL LEADERS ARE DOING WHAT WE HAVE TO, TO
18 SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE WORK
19 OF THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION. I BELIEVE IN A COLLECTIVE
20 EFFORT TO SUPPORT ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE REGION.
21 HOWEVER, THERE ARE A LOT OF ITEMS THAT ARE UNCLEAR ABOUT THIS
22 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND MY HOPE IS THAT THE AMENDMENTS
23 OFFERED CAN HELP SUPPORT US IN TRULY HELPING SMALL CITIES LIKE
24 MINE ADDRESS THIS CRISIS, AND WE STAND READY TO PARTNER WITH
25 YOU IN THAT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S SOME MORE
3 PEOPLE ON THE PHONE. IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY. LET'S GO TO THE
4 PHONE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NILS NEHRENHEIM. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **NILS NEHRENHEIM:** THANK YOU, SIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AM
10 NILS NEHRENHEIM, COUNCILMEMBER OF REDONDO BEACH, AND ALSO
11 PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO
12 THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR MOVING THIS FORWARD, AND THESE
13 AMENDMENTS FORWARD. THIS PAST MARCH, WE HAD THE HONOR OF
14 MEETING MS. FESIA DAVENPORT AND HER TEAM. WE WERE TALKING
15 ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, AND I PUT TOGETHER A MEETING, AND THE
16 HARDEST PART FOR US TO GET CITY MANAGERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS,
17 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THIS MEETING WAS THE SIMPLE,
18 CONSISTENT VERBIAGE OF, "WILL THIS BE THE SAME SONG AND DANCE
19 THAT COUNTY AND L.A.H.S.A. HAVE TYPICALLY PUT ON?" A QUICK
20 ANSWER WAS, "NO, BECAUSE WE HAVE IDENTIFIABLE PROBLEMS AND
21 ACTUAL SOLUTIONS BEING PUT FORWARD TO HELP US ALL." LOCAL
22 CITIES HAVE SPOKEN. I WORKED PROJECT ROOMKEY DURING C.O.V.I.D.
23 CITIES HAVE SPOKEN LOUDLY. WE NEED SOLUTIONS FOR CITIES, NO
24 MORE TALK. I REALLY APPRECIATE THESE AMENDMENTS. THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR MOVING THIS FORWARD.



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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPATE IS YURIKO RUIZESPARZA. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **YURIKO RUIZESPARZA:** HI. MY NAME IS YURIKO RUIZESPARZA,
9 COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR WITH THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK. I
10 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HILDA
11 SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
12 THAT WILL HELP SET A REGIONAL APPROACH TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS.
13 THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK HAS DEMONSTRATED HOW LOCAL
14 MUNICIPALITIES HAVE TRANSFORMED THE WAY LOCAL CITIES OF ANY
15 SIZE CAN TAKE A LEADERSHIP APPROACH IN COMBATING HOMELESSNESS
16 WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. OUR CITY COUNCIL AND LOCAL LEADERS
17 TOOK A BRAVE AND BOLD ACTION TO CREATE NOT ONE, BUT TWO FIRST-
18 TIME INTERIM HOUSING SITES TO CREATE A TOTAL OF 75 BEDS FOR
19 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN A MATTER OF LESS THAN ONE YEAR,
20 THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS CITIES, REGION
21 AND C.O.G.S, COUNTY, AND STATE. THIS RESULTED IN OUR CITY
22 BEING ONE OF THE BIGGEST DROPS IN THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT FOR
23 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF
24 THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TO CONTINUE THIS GREAT WORK
25 BY THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS THAT IS



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1 ESSENTIAL IN BUILDING A COLLECTIVE VOICE IN CREATING ONE PLAN
2 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, AND ESTABLISH A SET OF PERFORMANCE
3 INDICATORS, ALIGNING RESOURCES, AND PROVIDING OVERSIGHT TO OUR
4 HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM.

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
7 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

8
9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SASHA PEREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10
11 **SASHA RENEE PEREZ:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.
12 MY NAME IS SASHA RENEE PEREZ, AND I'M THE VICE MAYOR OF THE
13 CITY OF ALHAMBRA, AND A COMMISSIONER WITH THE LOS ANGELES
14 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY COMMISSION. I WANT TO THANK
15 SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND HILDA SOLIS FOR THEIR MOTION TO
16 ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT WILL HELP SET A REGIONAL
17 APPROACH FOR HOMELESSNESS. FOR YEARS, SMALLER CITIES HAVE HAD
18 LIMITED SAY ON THE DIRECTION AND APPROACH FOR THE REGIONAL
19 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES SYSTEM. THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON
20 HOMELESSNESS WAS ESTABLISHED IN PART TO GIVE SMALLER CITIES A
21 VOICE WHEN IT COMES TO HOMELESSNESS. ITEM 18 WILL HELP US TO
22 ENSURE THAT THIS WORK CONTINUES. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF
23 EFFORTS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE DIRECT FUNDING
24 AND COLLABORATION TO CITIES TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY,
25 AND CITIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY CAN STEP UP AND BE A PART OF



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1 THE SOLUTION, BY DELIVERING HOMELESS SERVICES LOCALLY, WITH
2 LIMITED RESOURCES. HOWEVER, CITIES NEED TO HAVE A LARGER SAY
3 IN CREATING ONE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, ESTABLISHING A
4 COMMON SET - -

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TIME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR
7 CALLING IN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8
9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MONTE MOORE. YOU MAY BEGIN.
10 I'M SORRY, MONTE MCKAY. MONTE MCKAY, YOU MAY BEGIN. GO AHEAD,
11 PLEASE.

12
13 **MONTE MCKAY:** OH, HELLO. MY NAME'S MONTE MCKAY. I'M AN ANTI-
14 RECIDIVISM COALITION YOUTH ADVOCATE. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
15 ITEM NUMBER 75, REGARDING THE RECENT DRUG INCIDENTS--

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, YOU KNOW WHAT, MONTE? I'M SORRY. WE'RE
18 ON ITEM 18. SO, IF YOU WANT TO STAY ON THE QUEUE AND COME BACK
19 FOR ITEM 75, WHICH IS THE NEXT ITEM. 75 IS THE NEXT ITEM, BUT
20 WE'RE ON 18, STILL. SO, HANG ON. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

21
22 **MONTE MCKAY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, NEXT SPEAKER FOR ITEM 18.



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERNEST MOORE. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, HELLO.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I WAS STILL UP. I THOUGHT
13 YOU GUYS WENT TO PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE MEETING.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE DID, BUT WE CAME BACK TO THE PHONE. GO
16 AHEAD.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THE PROBLEM WITH YOUR HOMELESS INITIATIVES IS THAT
19 THEY DO NOT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE PROBLEM. YOU SHOULD
20 BE DIAGNOSING WHAT IS CAUSING THE HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY FOR
21 BLACK AMERICANS. THEY MAKE UP THE BIGGEST HOMELESS POPULATION.
22 THINGS THAT YOU SEEM TO ALWAYS OVERLOOK IS, WHY DO THESE
23 PEOPLE NOT HAVE INCOME? FOR THOSE THAT HAVE INCOME, WHY IS
24 THEIR INCOME TOO LOW TO PAY FOR HOUSING? WHAT DOES YOUR
25 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES HAVE TO DO WITH LACK OF INCOME,



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1 ESPECIALLY FOR BLACK AMERICANS? WHAT HAS THIS DONE TO THE
2 BLACK AMERICAN POPULATION? WHY ARE CONSTRUCTION COSTS SO HIGH
3 FOR BUILDINGS, WHEN JUST ABOUT ALL CONSTRUCTION IN L.A. IS
4 DONE BY ILLEGAL ALIENS? WHY ARE PROPERTY TAXES SO HIGH FOR
5 L.A. COUNTY? THE STATE USED TO HAVE A BILLION-DOLLAR SURPLUS
6 BUDGET. AND NOW, BECAUSE OF THIS CORRUPT GOVERNOR, HE'S
7 TALKING ABOUT GOING INTO A RECESSION.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR
10 CALLING.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** A LOT OF THIS IS CORRUPTION.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING. NEXT SPEAKER ON THE
15 PHONE, PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARTIGO DEAN. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** IT'S MARTIN O'DEAN. I'VE BEEN CALLED WORSE, THOUGH.
21 THAT'S OKAY. I'M WITH THE LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD,
22 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND I'M NOT REALLY HERE TO TELL YOU
23 YOU'RE DOING RIGHT OR WRONG, MERELY TO ADD TO THE-- YOU KNOW,
24 A COMMITTEE ENRICHED WITH MEMBERS WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH THE
25 VARIOUS SCENARIOS WE SEEK TO ADDRESS BRINGS A UNIQUE AND



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SUPERVISORS

1 VALUABLE PERSPECTIVE TO THE TABLE. THIS KIND OF EXPERIENCE
2 OFFERS INSIGHTS TO TEXTBOOKS AND THEORIES THAT CAN FULLY BE
3 ADJUSTED. WHETHER IT'S IN BUSINESS, GOVERNANCE, OR ANY FIELD,
4 THOSE WHO HAVE NAVIGATED THE TRENCHES FACE UNEXPECTED
5 OBSTACLES, AND WITNESSED THE IMPACT OF CHOICES FIRSTHAND,
6 POSSESS A WISDOM THAT CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED. IN ESSENCE, A
7 COMMITTEE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE IS NOT JUST A COLLECTION OF
8 INDIVIDUALS; IT'S A HARD-EARNED WISDOM. THEIR INSIGHTS CAN
9 ELIMINATE HIDDEN AVENUES, AVOID POTENTIAL BLUNDERS, AND IN
10 TIME, PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DECISION-
11 MAKING.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING. THANK YOU.
14 DO WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE PHONE? YES?

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EMMANUEL ESTRADA. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18
19 **EMMANUEL ESTRADA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMMANUEL ESTRADA,
20 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, AND BALDWIN PARK HAS BEEN
21 AT THE FOREFRONT IN HOMELESSNESS MITIGATION. IN TWO YEARS,
22 WE'VE BUILT TWO TINY HOME PROJECTS, ONE FOR ADULTS AND ONE FOR
23 FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. WE HAVE A ROOMKEY, SOON TO BE A
24 HOMEKEY, AND A POTENTIAL SECOND, AND BOTH WILL HAVE LOCAL
25 PREFERENCE. WE'VE WORKED HARD AND DILIGENTLY TO PARTNER WITH



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SUPERVISORS

1 MULTIPLE AGENCIES AND COORDINATE RESOURCES, AND BECAUSE OF
2 THIS, WE'RE USING OUR HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE MENTIONED
3 LOCAL-PREFERENCE HOMEKEYS, AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FUND OUR
4 TINY HOMES WITH FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY, L.A.H.S.A., AND THE SAN
5 GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST. OUR STAFF SPENT
6 COUNTLESS HOURS PUTTING THESE PROJECTS TOGETHER. IT'S NOT A
7 MATTER OF SIMPLY GIVING CITIES FUNDS. IF CITIES DON'T
8 COMMUNICATE, THOSE ALLOCATED FUNDS WILL BE SPENT ON A CONSTANT
9 EFFORT TO REINVENT THE WHEEL IN 88 CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY.
10 THAT WOULD TRULY BE A WASTE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. HOMELESSNESS
11 EFFORTS AREN'T STALLED BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRACY. THEY ARE
12 STALLED BY ELECTEDS THAT ARE UNWILLING TO TAKE ACTION. I WOULD
13 ASK THAT THIS COMMISSION BE SEATED BY CITIES MAKING TRUE
14 EFFORTS. MAYOR BASS HAS TAKEN STEPS TOWARDS COLLABORATION WITH
15 NEIGHBORING CITIES, AND IT HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED. THIS
16 COMMITTEE CAN CONTINUE THAT WORK, AND CREATE THE SYNERGY
17 NEEDED AMONG CITIES TO TRULY COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO
18 THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS
19 CONVERSATION.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING
22 IN. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FERNANDO LOPEZ. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, EVERYONE WHO IS IN THE
3 MEETING. I HATE MEETINGS, SO I'M REALLY GLAD YOU GUYS ARE
4 DOING THE MEETINGS FOR US. SO, THE TERMS LEADERSHIP,
5 COLLABORATION, INNOVATION, AND INTEGRATION-- MERCEDES
6 MENTIONED EQUITY-- THE DEFINITION OF "HOMELESSNESS" IS VERY
7 IMPORTANT WHEN PUTTING TOGETHER ANOTHER BOARD. I DON'T THINK
8 THAT A COMMISSION IS THE RIGHT MOVE. I ALSO DON'T THINK THAT
9 CONTINUING IS A BAD IDEA, EITHER. I THINK THIS ESTABLISHING A
10 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED. IN THE CITY OF
11 WHITTIER, WHITTIER IS DOING A LOT OF SERVICES TO HELP OUT WITH
12 THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY, BUT THE COUNTY OFTEN DOESN'T WORK WITH
13 THE CITY. I MEAN, THEY DO, IN A SENSE, BUT WITH DEFINITIONS
14 AND CLEAR-- YOU KNOW, TERMS LIKE "HOW TO END THE CRISIS," IT
15 BREEDS PSEUDO-TERMS AND CONDITIONS. WE NEED REAL DEFINITIONS,
16 BECAUSE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LOCK ARMS AND CONTINUE TO MOVE
17 FORWARD IF WE DON'T HAVE THOSE DEFINITIONS. SO, THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD HOPKINS. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **RICHARD HOPKINS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS RICHARD HOPKINS. I'M
25 WITH THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS.



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SUPERVISORS

1 WE'VE BEEN AROUND SINCE 1994, PROVIDING A VARIETY OF SERVICES,
2 FROM AN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CENTER IN LA PUENTE, BRIDGE
3 HOUSING, AS WELL AS A WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. A POINT I WOULD
4 LIKE TO REALLY EMPHASIZE IS THAT THE HOMELESS SITUATION NEEDS
5 TO BE EDUCATED TO THE PUBLIC, SO THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND
6 WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH. AND I THINK THAT THE BLUE-RIBBON
7 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS WILL BE A WORTHWHILE EFFORT FOR THE
8 COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
9 EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF ACTIONS IT WILL TAKE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S OUR LAST SPEAKER
12 ON THE PHONE, LAST SPEAKER IN THE AUDITORIUM. SO, COLLEAGUES,
13 ITEM 18, AS AMENDED, IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 18, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

25



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER?
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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.
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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?
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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, AYE.
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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0.
11
12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD ON
13 THAT ITEM. THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
14 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT MOTION. WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO ON TO ITEM
15 75, TREATMENT AND SAFETY: FURTHER ADDRESSING DRUG-RELATED
16 INCIDENTS IN THE COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION FACILITIES, WHICH WAS
17 HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
18 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.
19 AND WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE. THIS IS OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
20 ON GOVERNANCE OF ADDRESSING DRUG-RELATED INCIDENTS IN COUNTY
21 YOUTH DETENTION FACILITIES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE
22 TO MAKE REMARKS, OR DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION, OR
23 DO YOU WANT TO SET THE STAGE? THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
24



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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,
2 ALSO, FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION THAT WE PRESENTED BACK IN
3 JULY 25TH WITH THIS BOARD, THAT WOULD REQUIRE US TO LOOK AT
4 HOW WE ARE DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE THAT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST,
5 I THINK, IN MANY OF OUR MINDS. SO, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE
6 FOR BEING HERE, ESPECIALLY OUR PANEL THAT IS MADE UP OF MANY
7 OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF
8 YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE THIS TUESDAY, BECAUSE THIS
9 IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER, I THINK, FOR ALL OF US. YOU KNOW, LET
10 ME JUST GO OVER WHAT THE MOTION DIRECTED US TO DO. THE MOTION
11 THAT WAS PRESENTED DIRECTED SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
12 ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE INTERIM PROBATION CHIEF, TO PRESENT TO
13 THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC ON ANY AND ALL ACTIONS THAT WERE AND
14 ARE BEING TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE VERY SERIOUS ISSUES STEMMING
15 OUT OF THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS, AND THAT IS ILLICIT
16 SUBSTANCE USE AND OVERDOSES. WE'VE ALREADY LOST, AS YOU KNOW,
17 ONE LIFE TO DRUG OVERDOSE, AND HAVE HEARD OF OTHER YOUTH
18 ENGAGING IN DRUG USE. AND I KNOW THAT THE BOARD TAKES THIS
19 ISSUE VERY SERIOUSLY. IN FACT, THIS IS AT LEAST THE FOURTH
20 MOTION REGARDING ILLICIT SUBSTANCES IN THE JUVENILE HALLS,
21 INCREASING SECURITY AND SAFETY IN THE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS
22 EQUIPPING NOT JUST THE PROBATION OFFICERS, BUT ALSO THE YOUTH,
23 WITH NARCAN. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
24 ALONGSIDE THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH,
25 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AND THE PROBATION



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1 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AS WELL AS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, ARE
2 ALL COMMITTED TO TAKING ACTIONABLE NEXT STEPS TO REDUCE, IF
3 NOT ERADICATE, ILLICIT SUBSTANCES ENTERING INTO THE
4 FACILITIES, AND TO HELP OUR YOUNGSTERS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE
5 DEPENDENCIES. SO, IN FACT, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO ARE
6 PRESENT HERE TODAY, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT
7 EACH OF YOU, AS STAKEHOLDERS, IS DOING; AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,
8 HOW YOU'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER. TODAY'S THEME AT THE BOARD
9 MEETING, I THINK, IS ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION. SO
10 I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PUBLIC, AS WELL
11 AS THE BOARD, TO HEAR FROM YOU ON THAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
12 THE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, SUCH AS
13 THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, WHOM I KNOW HAVE BEEN GOING IN
14 FREQUENTLY, INTO OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND OUR CAMPS, TO WORK AND
15 ENGAGE WITH OUR YOUTH, AND ESPECIALLY, CURRENTLY, AT LOS
16 PADRINOS. IN FACT, I HAD GONE OUT TO VISIT LOS PADRINOS AT
17 THAIR REOPENING, AND HAVE GONE IN WITH SOME MEMBERS FROM
18 A.R.C. OVER THE PAST WEEKENDS, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, IT WAS
19 A VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE TO SEE THE CHANGE OF THAT FACILITY
20 THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, AND I WANT TO
21 COMMEND OUR C.E.O. AND I.S.D., AND OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT
22 AND STAFF FOR DOING AS MUCH AS THEY COULD TO CREATE A BETTER
23 SITUATION AND ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I WILL SAY
24 THAT IT WAS MOVING FOR ME TO BE THERE AND TO SPEAK TO SOME OF
25 THE YOUTH THAT HAD JUST ARRIVED THAT WEEKEND, AND ALSO TO BE



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1 ABLE TO MEET WITH SOME OF THEIR PARENTS OUTSIDE. THERE'S A LOT
2 OF WORK TO BE DONE; THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND. BUT I THINK
3 IF ALL OF US HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT CAN HELP DIRECT AND
4 BETTER FOCUS, STRATEGICALLY, WHERE WE NEED TO BE, I THINK A
5 LOT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. I HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN MANY OF YOU,
6 AND I ALSO HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN THE PARENTS OF THESE
7 YOUNGSTERS, WHO ALSO NEED TO HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON, AND WHAT
8 KINDS OF SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE THEIR CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING.
9 I THINK WE OWE IT TO THEM. THERE'S A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS THAT
10 WE'VE HAD ON THIS BOARD ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD GO ABOUT IMPROVING
11 THE SITUATION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND TODAY I'M HOPING THAT
12 WE CAN HAVE YOU, HEARING DIRECTLY FROM YOU ALL, HELP PROVIDE
13 US INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THINGS MIGHT WORK TO HELP CURB THE
14 USE OF SUBSTANCE AND ADDICTION THAT TAKES PLACE, SOME OF WHICH
15 I HOPE YOU'LL TOUCH ON, WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING OR LOOKING
16 AT HOW WE CAN PROVIDE TREATMENT COUNSELORS, USING ALSO
17 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, WHO ARE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED AS
18 COUNSELORS, AND ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT ENHANCEMENTS NEED TO BE
19 TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW AT LOS PADRINOS, IN TERMS OF THAT
20 FACILITY, TO MAKE IT MORE-- I DON'T WANT TO USE THE WORD
21 "USER-FRIENDLY," BUT SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE ADAPTABLE
22 AND SITUATIONAL FOR HOW WE MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
23 THERE. I'M ALSO INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT ANY SECURITY
24 ENHANCEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED. I'M NOT GOING TO GO OVER WHAT
25 TOOK PLACE IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS THERE, BUT I WILL SAY THAT



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1 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO TALK ABOUT IT, AND TO SEE WHAT YOU
2 ALL HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT. INVESTIGATIONS, I THINK, ALSO ARE
3 VERY CRITICAL IN TERMS OF ANY VIOLATIONS THAT TAKE PLACE,
4 KNOWING WHAT THAT IS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM, AND THEN ALSO
5 LOOKING AT THE FULFILLMENT OF K-9 SEARCH CONTRACTS, ANY
6 UPDATES THAT WE MIGHT HEAR ABOUT THAT, UPDATES ON POLICY
7 CHANGES IN THOSE SEARCHES, AS WELL, AND ANY ADDITIONAL
8 RECOMMENDATIONS, SPECIFICALLY FROM THE P.O.C. AND O.I.G. ON
9 ENHANCING SAFETY FOR OUR YOUTH. FROM THE C.E.O., I'D LIKE TO
10 HEAR FROM HER AND HER STAFF ABOUT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO
11 KEEP OUR YOUTH SAFE. SO I HAVE ASKED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
12 TO BE HERE: PROBATION, D.Y.D., D.P.H., S.A.P.C., L.A. COUNTY
13 OFFICE OF ED, P.O.C., O.I.G., AND C.E.O. SO, BEFORE WE KICK IT
14 OFF AND I SEND IT TO DAVID CARROLL, DAVID, I WANT TO THANK YOU
15 FOR HELPING TO PUT THIS TOGETHER, BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE
16 COMING IN IN A SITUATION THAT'S VERY CHALLENGING. AND IDEALLY,
17 YOU'LL HOPEFULLY PLAY A BIG ROLL HERE WITH US, IN GIVING US
18 THE RIGHT INFORMATION, HELPING US TO GATHER ALL THE RESOURCES,
19 AND HELPING US LOOK AT HOW WE REIMAGINE HOW WE TAKE CARE OF
20 OUR CHILDREN. I WANT TO JUST SAY, BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO
21 YOU, DAVID, IS WHAT I HOPE TO GET OUT OF THIS PANEL TODAY IS,
22 ONE, IS WHAT YOUR ROLE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT OR ENTITY IS IN
23 ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF ILLICIT DRUGS ENTERING INTO THE
24 JUVENILE FACILITIES, ENGAGING WITH YOUTH, PREDISPOSITION,
25 POST-DISPOSITION, AND S.Y.T.F. WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN USING



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1 DRUGS OR HAVE SUBSTANCE USE DEPENDENCY; NUMBER 2, THE STEPS
2 YOU'RE TAKING TO ADDRESS THAT; AND THEN LASTLY, HOW YOU'RE
3 ENGAGING WITH OTHER PARTNERS ON THE DAIS TO ADDRESS THIS
4 ISSUE. SO I'D LIKE TO HEAR SPECIFICALLY, ALSO, FROM THE C.E.O.
5 ABOUT FUNDING PLANS TO SUPPORT THOSE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
6 INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS, AND I HOPE BY DOING SO IN THIS MANNER
7 THAT WE COULD COLLECTIVELY, AS A BOARD, THEN LOOK AT HOW WE
8 COULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS. SO, DAVID, WHY DON'T
9 YOU KICK IT OFF, AND WE'LL GO FROM THERE? THANK YOU, DAVID.

10

11 **DAVID CARROLL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
12 THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE IN
13 THE CRISIS THAT WE ARE FACING. CERTAINLY, IT WAS A CRISIS
14 BEFORE THE DEATH OF BRYAN DIAZ, AND THAT HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED
15 SINCE HIS PASSING. THE GOOD NEWS, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
16 GAVE US A LITTLE BIT OF COMFORT IN COMING IN TODAY, IS THAT WE
17 STARTED THIS OVER A MONTH AGO. MANY, IF NOT MOST OF THE
18 DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU WILL HEAR FROM TODAY HAVE BEEN WORKING
19 CLOSELY TOGETHER, CONVENING TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION,
20 SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT BARRY J. NIDORF, BUT WITH IMPLICATIONS
21 AT THE OTHER FACILITIES, ALSO, SO WE WERE A LITTLE BIT FAR
22 DOWN THE ROAD. SO THIS LAST TWO WEEKS WAS NOT A HEAVY LIFT,
23 BECAUSE WE HAD BEEN WORKING, AGAIN, FOR ABOUT A MONTH ON
24 DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS. AND I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT,
25 WHILE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND



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1 GREAT COLLABORATORS, THE BOARD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE
2 AND OFFERED SOME GUIDANCE, AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, THE COMMUNITY
3 HAS BEEN A PART OF THIS PROCESS ALONG THE WAY. IN FACT, THE
4 CATALYST FOR ONE OF THE IDEAS THAT YOU'LL HEAR A LOT ABOUT
5 ABOUT TODAY CAME FROM THE COMMUNITY VIA ONE OF OUR BOARD
6 OFFICES, AND I AM HAPPY TO IDENTIFY WHICH ONE, IF ASKED. I
7 DON'T KNOW THE PROTOCOL AROUND THAT. SO, DEFINITELY EXCITED TO
8 SHARE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SO FAR IN THIS
9 PROCESS, AND WE KNOW IT IS A MULTIFACETED, COMPLICATED
10 APPROACH. WE KNOW THAT, AT THE TOP, IT'S KEEPING THE
11 SUBSTANCES OUT OF THE FACILITIES, THEN CERTAINLY TREATMENT,
12 AND OBVIOUSLY PROGRAMMING TO GO ALONG WITH THAT. SO, WITH
13 THAT, I WANT TO HAND IT OFF TO S.Y.T.F. BUREAU CHIEF SCOTT
14 SANDERS TO DESCRIBE THE ISSUE AT HAND, AND START TO TALK ABOUT
15 SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS.

16
17 **SCOTT SANDERS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SCOTT SANDERS. I'M THE
18 NEW BUREAU CHIEF FOR THE NEW BUREAU OF S.Y.T.F. SO, TO NOT
19 STEP ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT DAVID SAID, BECAUSE WE HAVE
20 BEEN WORKING SO WELL TOGETHER THAT WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO
21 REPEAT SOME OF THE SAME THINGS. SO, WE HAVE STARTED-- HE SAID
22 A MONTH. IT'S BEEN A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN A MONTH AGO SINCE WE
23 STARTED MEETING. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
24 OFFICE, BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY REACHED OUT TO ME, PROBABLY MY
25 FIRST OR SECOND WEEK-- IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FIRST OR SECOND DAY--



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1 - ABOUT, "WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THESE DRUGS THAT ARE COMING INTO
2 THE FACILITY?" SO WE REACHED OUT TO THE PARTNERS THAT YOU SEE
3 HERE TODAY, TO START LOOKING AT, "HOW DO WE ADDRESS THIS?"
4 THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES; NOT COMPLAINTS, BUT JUST
5 CHALLENGES. BUT AS YOU START LOOKING AT THE IMPORTANCE OF
6 THINGS, AND PRIORITIZING THINGS, THIS WAS MY NUMBER-ONE
7 CHALLENGE: WHAT DO WE DO TO ACTIVELY CHANGE WHAT IS GOING ON?
8 TO DO WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE WILL GET US WHERE WE HAVE
9 ALWAYS BEEN. SO WE HAVE LOOKED AT WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH
10 DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND RELATIONSHIPS WERE REALLY FORMED BECAUSE
11 OF THIS, AND THEY'RE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS. WHEN WE WERE IN THE
12 BACK, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW-- LIKE DAVID SAID, THIS IS
13 KIND OF EASY TODAY, BECAUSE WE HAD ALREADY STARTED IT. SO,
14 WHEN THE BOARD MOTION CAME OUT, WE WERE KIND OF A LITTLE BIT
15 AHEAD OF IT, WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION. SO, THE THINGS THAT WE
16 HAVE DONE IS REALLY KIND OF REMARKABLE. IN LESS THAN, LIKE I
17 SAY, A MONTH OR SO, WE'VE KIND OF REALLY PUT SOMETHING
18 TOGETHER THAT WILL BE A TREATMENT MODEL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,
19 WHERE WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH PROBATION, WITH D.Y.D., AND
20 THEN CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, WITH D.P.H. AND S.A.P.C., TO DO THE
21 TREATMENT PORTION OF THIS. AND I AM NOT GOING TO SPEAK TO
22 ERIC'S PORTION, BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT THE SECURITY
23 ENHANCEMENTS THAT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED TO DO, BUT WE KNOW IF
24 WE KEEP THE KIDS IN THE MIDDLE, AND WE ARE ON THE OUTSIDE
25 WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, BECAUSE IT IS



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1 ABSOLUTELY SOLVABLE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE CHIEF AND I
2 HAVE TALKED ABOUT: IS THIS FIXABLE? AND MY ATTITUDE IS, IT'S
3 ABSOLUTELY FIXABLE. I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT A LITTLE
4 DIFFERENTLY THAN WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. SO, I AM GOING TO
5 LEAD-- THIS WILL LEAD INTO-- ERIC IS GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT SOME
6 SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS THAT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED.

7
8 **ERIC STRONG:** GOOD MORNING. AND FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS ERIC STRONG. I
10 HAVE BEEN WITH PROBATION MAYBE 30 DAYS, JUST A LITTLE BIT LESS
11 RIGHT NOW, COMING IN AS THE CHIEF SAFETY AND SECURITY OFFICER.
12 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IS
13 BASICALLY AN ASSESSMENT FOR SECURITY AND SAFETY FOR OUR YOUTH
14 AND OUR STAFF. OVERALL, I HAVE OBSERVED SOME HARDWORKING,
15 DEDICATED PEOPLE THAT ARE DEDICATED TO THE MISSION OF SERVING
16 OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. I HAVE ALSO SEEN A LOT OF
17 SIGNIFICANT ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. DIRECTLY, WHEN IT RELATES TO
18 THE SAFETY AND SECURITY, I LOOKED AT TWO MAIN FUNCTIONS, AND
19 THESE WERE THINGS THAT THE INTERIM CHIEF WAS ALREADY LOOKING
20 AT, AS WELL. OUR EXTERNAL CONCERN FOCUSED ON THE ABILITY OF
21 OUTSIDE INFLUENCES, OUTSIDE PEOPLE, TO COME IN AND INTRODUCE
22 THREATS OR RISKS INTO THE LOCATION, BASED ON STRUCTURE. IT
23 MIGHT BE BASED ON DESIGN OR THE EQUIPMENT. OUR INTERNAL
24 SECURITY CONCERNS FOCUS ON THE FUNCTIONS, PROTOCOLS, THE
25 INTERNAL POLICIES OUR EMPLOYEE ACTIONS AND THE EQUIPMENT THAT



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1 ALLOW RISK TO BE INTRODUCED FROM WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. THE
2 KEY TASK TO ADDRESS BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL RISKS, NUMBER
3 ONE, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING SOME MAJOR
4 TECHNICAL SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AND ADVANCES, AND WE WILL TALK
5 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THOSE. NUMBER TWO, WE ARE ENGAGING IN A
6 CONCERTED EFFORT TO DEVELOP SECURITY-CONSCIOUS EMPLOYEES
7 THROUGH TRAINING, EXPECTATIONS, POLICIES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
8 AND THREE, WE REALLY WANT TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE THE
9 STRUCTURAL SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR OUR FACILITIES, AND WE
10 WILL TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE NETTING AND SOME OF THE WAYS THAT
11 WE CAN INTRODUCE SOME THINGS. ONE OF THE MAJOR FOCUSES THAT
12 WE'VE BEEN ON IS OUR STAFFING; SECURITY STAFFING. WE HAVE
13 DOUBLED THE SECURITY STAFFING WITH THE SECURITAS. WE HAVE
14 UPDATED THE TRAINING AND EXPECTATIONS OF OUR ENTRY SECURITY
15 PERSONNEL. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED REGULAR SECURITY PERIMETER
16 CHECKS AROUND THE FACILITIES. WE HAVE POSTED SUPERVISORS, AS
17 WELL AS OUR SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, AT THE ENTRANCE OF
18 OUR FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY DURING SHIFT CHANGE, WHEN OUR
19 EMPLOYEES ARE COMING IN. PRIOR TO THAT, WE DIDN'T HAVE
20 SUPERVISORS THAT HAD AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THE EMPLOYEES
21 COMING IN. K-9. WE HAVE POSTED OUR DOG HANDLERS, AS WELL AS
22 THE INTERQUEST CONTRACTED VENDORS, AT BARRY J. NIDORF AND AT
23 L.P., AND WE ARE BASICALLY SCHEDULING THEM TO BE THERE AS
24 OFTEN AS POSSIBLE, AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, ON THE FIRST 2
25 SHIFTS OF THE DAY. SOME OF OUR COMPLETED EFFORTS ARE,



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1 OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE THE CLEAR BAG POLICY. WE'VE REIMPLEMENTED
2 OR REINITIATED THE NO CELL PHONE POLICY. METAL DETECTORS ARE
3 BEING DEPLOYED, AND WE'RE UPGRADING TECHNOLOGY FOR THOSE.
4 WE'VE ORDERED ULTRAVIOLET FLASHLIGHTS, WHICH HELP IN THE
5 DETECTION OF NARCOTICS. HANDHELD METAL DETECTORS. WE'VE PLACED
6 R.F.I.D. TAGS AROUND THE PERIMETER, SO THAT WE KNOW THAT THE
7 PERIMETER CHECKS ARE ACTUALLY BEING DONE, BECAUSE THEY NOW
8 HAVE TO SCAN THESE LOCATIONS. WE HAVE DEPLOYED PERSONNEL INTO
9 THE FACILITIES. WE'VE PUT EXTRA PEOPLE IN THERE, SO THAT WE
10 CAN HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO PROPERLY SERVICE, AND GET THE MINORS
11 AND GET THE YOUTHS TO THEIR CLASSES, TO THEIR EDUCATIONAL
12 COMPONENTS, AS WELL AS TO THEIR REC. IN PROGRESS, WE HAVE SOME
13 QUOTES FOR PERIMETER NETTING THAT WILL REALLY, REALLY DECREASE
14 THE ABILITY FOR ANYBODY TO THROW THINGS OVER THE WALL. THAT'S
15 SOMETHING WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT. WE HAVE HAD VENDORS COME
16 OUT AND PRESENT MAIL SCREENING TECHNOLOGY. A LOT OF NARCOTICS
17 THESE DAYS ARE GETTING IN VIA PAPER AND VIA MAIL, SO WE WILL
18 BE IMPLEMENTING THAT WITH TECHNOLOGY. ENHANCED BAGGAGE SCANNER
19 TECHNOLOGY. THE CONTRACTED ITEM WE CURRENTLY HAVE IS OVER A
20 DECADE OLD. SO WE KNOW, WHEN WE ARE DEALING WITH TECHNOLOGY,
21 THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE OUT THERE. SO WE HAVE ALREADY SCHEDULED A
22 DEMONSTRATION, AND WE'LL BE ENHANCING THAT, AS WELL. SIELOX
23 ACCESS CONTROL, WHICH WILL HELP MONITOR OUR EMPLOYEES, PUT
24 ELECTRONIC LOCKS, AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC SCREENING THAT WILL
25 TELL US WHERE OUR EMPLOYEES ARE, WHEN THEY ARE THERE, WHEN



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1 THEY ARRIVE TO WORK, AND WHAT BUILDINGS THEY ACCESS IS GOING
2 TO BE HUGE. AND THEN WE ARE ALSO DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING
3 SOME NEW POLICIES, AS WELL AS UPGRADING OTHERS, PARTICULARLY
4 EMPLOYEE SCREENING, ENTRY INTO FACILITIES, AND OUR PERIMETER
5 AND SAFETY CHECKS. AND TO JUST ADDRESS THE K-9 SEARCHES, AS
6 FAR AS THE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT, WE ARE ACTUALLY
7 MAXIMIZING THAT AGREEMENT RIGHT NOW WITH THE K-9 VENDOR THAT
8 WE HAVE. SO WE ARE MAXIMIZING THAT, UP UNTIL THE POINT,
9 HOPEFULLY, WE GET SOME OF THESE OTHER TECHNOLOGY AND NETTING
10 IN PLACE TO SLOW THINGS DOWN FOR US A LITTLE BIT.

11
12 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION. THESE SOUND
13 REALLY GREAT. WHAT'S THE TIMELINE?

14
15 **ERIC STRONG:** FOR... FOR ALL OF IT, HUH? SO, THE--

16
17 **SUP. SOLIS:** I MEAN, SO WE CAN EXPECT SOMETHING.

18
19 **ERIC STRONG:** SO, THE NETTING TAKES SOME SIGNIFICANT
20 ENGINEERING, BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NETTING THAT'S GOING
21 TO GO 50 TO 75 FEET HIGH, DRILLING DOWN. SO, THE TWO COMPANIES
22 THAT WE'VE CONTRACTED WITH, THEY ARE SAYING, WITH THE
23 ENGINEERING, WITH THE PERMITS, THEY CAN BE STARTED BREAKING
24 GROUND AS EARLY AS DECEMBER, AND THEN DONE 30 DAYS AFTER THAT,
25 WHICH WOULD BE JANUARY.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, MAN. THAT'S DISAPPOINTING. RECLAIMING
3 YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M JUST SAYING, IS THERE A WAY TO CONTINUE TO
6 EXPEDITE THAT? MAYBE THAT'S A C.E.O. QUESTION.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, I AM NOT SURE WHAT CAUSES
9 THAT TIMEFRAME, AND I AM ASSUMING THAT THE PERMITTING
10 AUTHORITY IS THE CITY OF DOWNEY OR LAKEWOOD. BUT WE WILL WORK
11 WITH PROBATION TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP GET IT EXPEDITED,
12 AND SEE IF WE CAN ALSO GET ASSISTANCE FROM DIRECTOR PESTRELLA.

13

14 **ERIC STRONG:** AND AS FAR AS THE OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES,
15 AS SOON AS WE GET THOSE DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN
16 DOING THE LAST TWO WEEKS, WE CAN START MAKING THOSE PURCHASES
17 RIGHT AWAY. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE BUYING THE
18 BEST TECHNOLOGY THAT'S OUT THERE, THAT'S GOING TO GIVE US THE
19 BEST SERVICES TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE INSIDE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I MEAN...

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK WE HAVE MORE. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE
3 REST OF THE PANEL.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS...

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I SEE SUPERVISOR BARGER ON THE QUEUE.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I DO. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK
12 THAT YOU ARE DOING. I MEAN, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT, WHEN I
13 HAVE GONE OUT TO VISIT AT BARRY NIDORF-- AND ACTUALLY, I THINK
14 I TALKED TO YOU YOUR SECOND DAY. IT WAS THE DAY AFTER THE
15 THREE OVERDOSES, AND I HAD BEEN THERE TALKING TO THOSE THREE
16 YOUNG MEN. AND THE COMMON THEME WAS, THEY ARE BORED. AND ONE
17 OF THEM SAID-- BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THEY HAD
18 OVERDOSED. THEIR COMMENT WAS, WHEN THEY TAKE THE DRUG, THE DAY
19 GOES BY FASTER. AND, DAVID, YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT.
20 AND THE COMMENT MADE TO ME WAS, "I WANT TO GET HELP. I DIDN'T
21 COME IN HERE ADDICTED. I NEED HELP." AND THAT WAS MISSING. AND
22 SO I HAVE TO COMMEND YOU, SCOTT, BECAUSE YOU HIT THE GROUND
23 RUNNING, WORKING WITH DAVID. AND, FESIA, I WANT TO THANK YOU,
24 BECAUSE IT WAS AN ALL HANDS ON DECK. THESE KIDS NEED A PLACE
25 THAT THEY CAN GO TO GET HELP WITHIN THE FACILITY. AND I THINK



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1 THE MOST FRUSTRATING THING FOR ME HAS BEEN THE BUREAUCRACY,
2 AND THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT AS EASY AS IT SEEMS. WE ALL KNOW
3 WHO HAS THE CONTRACT. WE EVEN LOOKED AT THE CONTRACTS THAT ARE
4 CURRENTLY IN PLACE WITH [INAUDIBLE], TO SEE IF WE COULD, IN
5 FACT, GET THAT GOING RIGHT NOW. AND WE ARE GOING TO FIGURE IT
6 OUT, FOR SURE. BUT PREVENTING THE DRUGS FROM GETTING IN IS THE
7 FIRST STEP, BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO REALIZE THAT, FOR SOME OF
8 THESE KIDS, THEY ARE GOING TO NEED TREATMENT, BECAUSE THEY'RE
9 GOING TO HAVE WITHDRAWALS, AND WE NEED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH
10 ALL THE SUPPORT. BUT LONG TERM-- AND I KNOW GUILLERMO IS HERE,
11 AND GUILLERMO KNOWS THIS. AND THIS IS NOT A DIS ON YOU,
12 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU ALL HAVE INHERITED A HOT MESS, BUT WE
13 NEED TO FOCUS ON THE PROGRAMMING. AND ONE OF THE BARRIERS TO
14 PROGRAMMING IS STAFFING. AND THAT IS THE MOST FRUSTRATING PART
15 FOR ME. AND I KNOW WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THAT, BUT WE
16 NEED TO DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE
17 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, THEY ARE INCREDIBLE. THEY ARE MAKING A
18 DIFFERENCE. PEER TO PEER, WORKING TOGETHER, UNDERSTANDING THE
19 LIFE CHOICES THAT THEY MADE, AND TRYING TO HELP KIND OF
20 COUNSEL THESE YOUTH ABOUT, THEY CAN CHANGE THEIR LIVES, THEY
21 CAN DO BETTER, IS SOMETHING THAT I PUBLICLY WANT TO THANK ALL
22 OF THEM, BECAUSE WHEN I GO OUT AND I SEE THEM THERE, THEY ARE
23 COMMITTED. I WOULD ARGUE THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THEM THERE AT
24 NIGHT, BECAUSE THAT IS ALSO WHEN A LOT OF THE ISSUES ARE
25 TAKING PLACE, AS WELL, BUT I'M GOING TO LEAVE THAT TO YOU ALL



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1 TO FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS
2 PRESENTATION THAT WE ARE GOING TO HEAR, BECAUSE THIS IS
3 SOMETHING THAT IS LONG OVERDUE. AND TARZANA TREATMENT, I KNOW,
4 IS IN THERE, BUT THEY'RE SHORT-STAFFED, AND I WANT TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT THE STAFFING MODEL ACTUALLY REFLECTS THE NEED. I
6 FEEL THAT WE OWE IT TO THESE YOUTH, AND WE OWE IT TO THEIR
7 FAMILIES, TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER WE DO, WE DO IT 110%, AND
8 WE DON'T CUT CORNERS. SO, I DON'T KNOW, DAVID. I GUESS MY
9 QUESTION TO YOU WOULD BE, WHERE-- OR SCOTT, WHERE ARE WE, IN
10 TERMS OF THE CONTRACT AND MOVING IT FORWARD?

11
12 **DAVID CARROLL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND
13 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WITHIN THE PRESENTATION,
14 WE'RE GOING TO BE REALLY GOING OVER THE TWO BIG SOLUTIONS,
15 WHICH IS THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE UNIT THAT WE ARE PROPOSING, THAT
16 WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED DEVELOPING, AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL
17 RECREATION AND PROGRAMMING. THAT'S KIND OF TOWARDS THE END. I
18 THINK THE NEXT SECTION WAS MORE ABOUT THE INVESTIGATIONS.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S FINE. I WON'T JUMP AHEAD. BUT, SCOTT, DID
21 YOU YOU WANT TO SAY-- I JUST-- I'LL WAIT, BUT GO AHEAD.

22
23 **SCOTT SANDERS:** SO, I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING DAVID
24 SAID, BUT I DO WANT TO KIND OF STEP AHEAD AND MENTION WHAT YOU
25 SAID ABOUT THE YOUNG FOLKS WHO WERE HAVING THE ISSUES WITH



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1 THE-- I'M GOING TO SAY "WERE," BECAUSE WE WANT THIS TO BE A
2 THING OF THE PAST. SO, SOME OF THE ONES WE WON'T NAME THEM,
3 THAT WE'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW. I SPOKE TO ONE OF THEM
4 YESTERDAY, AND WHAT YOU JUST SAID IS EXACTLY RIGHT. HE IS AT A
5 MUCH BETTER PLACE, BECAUSE I THINK WHAT WE HAVE DONE-- EVEN
6 THOUGH TARZANA TREATMENT IS LIMITED WITH THEIR STAFFING, THEY
7 HAVE ONE PERSON WHO IS OUTSTANDING. AND SO WITH THOSE, WE HAVE
8 CREATED A PROGRAM WHERE THEY ARE SEEING THE ONES THAT ARE
9 HIGHER RISK ON MORE INTERVALS. THEY ARE SEEING THEM FOUR DAYS
10 A WEEK, AND IT'S ACTUALLY WORKING. AT FIRST, THEY WERE
11 RELUCTANT. THE KIDS WERE RELUCTANT, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT
12 TO DO THAT. BUT LIKE YOU SAID, THEY HAVE ADMITTED, "YES, WE DO
13 HAVE A PROBLEM." SO IT'S WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION. WE WILL
14 COVER MORE OF THAT LATER, BUT I WANTED TO SAY THIS NOW,
15 BECAUSE I WOULDN'T REMEMBER.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

18
19 **SCOTT SANDERS:** OKAY.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I, WE'RE ANXIOUS
22 TO ASK QUESTIONS, BUT THERE'S BEEN A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS
23 THAT THERE ARE SOME PRESENTATIONS. SO, THERE'S A NUMBER OF YOU
24 THAT WOULD LIKE TO JUST GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THIS GOAL
25 OF ADDRESSING DRUG-RELATED INCIDENTS IN OUR FACILITIES, AND I



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1 HAVE BEEN TOLD YOU HAVE BEEN FOREWARNED BY OUR EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICE TO KEEP THE WHOLE THING MAYBE AROUND 20 MINUTES. NOT 20
3 MINUTES EACH OF YOU, BUT THE WHOLE THING. SO, WHY DON'T WE DO
4 THAT, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH
5 SOME QUESTIONS.

6

7 **SCOTT SANDERS:** OKAY, SO THE NEXT PIECE WE HAVE--

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND OF COURSE, WHATEVER YOU DON'T GET TO
10 PRESENT, HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE IT TO GIVE TO US AND OUR STAFFS.
11 OKAY, THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SCOTT SANDERS:** OKAY. SO, REAL BRIEFLY-- BECAUSE I HEARD YOU--
14 REAL BRIEFLY, THE NEXT PORTION FOR ME IS ABOUT INVESTIGATIONS.
15 OBVIOUSLY, I CAN'T SPEAK DIRECTLY TO ANY ONGOING
16 INVESTIGATIONS, BUT I DO WANT THE BOARD TO UNDERSTAND AND KNOW
17 THAT WE ARE WORKING REALLY CLOSELY WITH OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS
18 BUREAU. ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE IT IS OUT OF POLICY, WE ARE
19 REFERRING IT. THERE'S ALREADY BEEN SOME GOING ON. AND
20 ANYTHING, IF THERE'S A SUSPICION THAT WE HAVE, IMMEDIATELY,
21 THE MANAGERS ON GROUNDS KNOW, WHETHER IT IS STAFF, PARENT,
22 WHOEVER IT IS, ANYBODY WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF OUR CONTRABAND
23 POLICIES, IF IT RISES TO THAT LEVEL, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 WILL BE CONTACTED. SO I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS



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1 WHERE WE ARE GOING. THIS KIND OF GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH WHAT
2 ERIC WAS MENTIONING ABOUT SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5
6 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM. WITHOUT YOU, NOTHING
8 SPINS IN THE COUNTY, UNFORTUNATELY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
9 ALREADY, THE TWO SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE SPOKEN HAVE DIRECTLY HIT
10 THE POINTS THAT MATTER; COLLABORATION, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
11 SAID, TO BEGIN WITH. THERE'S TWO COLLABORATIVE PARTIES THAT
12 ARE NOT PRESENT HERE. I AM COUNTING C.E.O. AS PRESENT, BECAUSE
13 THEY ARE ON THE LIST OF PRESENTATIONS, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE
14 PRESENTING. THAT'S THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COUNTY
15 COUNSEL. COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH
16 PROBATION, AND DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB, AND NEEDS TO BE PART OF
17 ALL THESE SOLUTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WE ALL KNOW
18 FROM READING THE PAPER WHAT THEIR ROLE IS. MY OFFICE WROTE A
19 REPORT JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, THE LATEST ON REPORTING ON OUR
20 STATUS IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN INVESTIGATORY ELEMENT, WHICH IS
21 TIMELY USE-OF-FORCE REPORTS, AND WE ARE STILL AT 0%
22 COMPLIANCE. SO I WILL JUMP FORWARD TO KATHRYN BARGER'S POINT,
23 WHICH IS ALSO CORRECT, WHICH IS OUR PROBLEM IS THE NATURE OF
24 THE CONDITIONS WITHIN THESE FACILITIES THAT ARE TRIGGERING A
25 MARKET FOR DRUGS. SO, INTERDICTION WILL NEVER STOP THE FLOW OF



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1 DRUGS. WE ACTUALLY PRESCRIBE DRUGS TO THE KIDS IN THERE TO GET
2 THEM TO SLEEP-- BENADRYL, NOT A SERIOUS DRUG, BUT STILL A
3 DRUG-- AND BOREDOM IS A BIG PIECE OF IT. SO THAT MOVE TO TRY
4 TO CREATE A HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT, TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING, AND
5 TO PROVIDE HELP TO THE YOUTH IN OUR CARE IS ABSOLUTELY
6 CRITICAL. IT IS A HARD GOAL, BUT IT IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WILL
7 REALLY SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. AND AS WE HAVE HEARD OVER AND OVER
8 AND OVER, EVERYTHING COMES BACK TO STAFFING. WE HAVE
9 INSUFFICIENT STAFFING. I WON'T GO INTO ALL THE REASONS, BUT
10 THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE NEED TO DISBAND FIELD UNITS. WE HAVE A
11 CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE TO TAKE CARE OF THE YOUTH IN OUR
12 CUSTODY, AND WE NEED TO DISBAND FIELD UNITS TO MAKE STAFF
13 AVAILABLE, TO GET A HANDLE ON THE PROBLEM WITHIN OUR CUSTODY
14 OPERATIONS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A HANDLE ON. IT IS A
15 CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE, IT IS A LEGAL MANDATE FROM THE
16 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WE HAVE ALREADY ENTERED INTO FROM THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY A PRACTICAL
18 MANDATE. WE GOT FACILITIES SHUT DOWN BY THE STATE, AND THE
19 SAME THING WILL HAPPEN AGAIN IF WE DON'T GET A HANDLE ON OUR
20 INSUFFICIENT STAFFING. AND I DON'T MEAN A FEW TRANSFERS; I
21 MEAN CLOSING UNITS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE FLEXIBILITY FOR
22 REASSIGNING COUNTY WORKERS TO APPROPRIATE TASKS, TO GET THESE
23 THINGS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DONE. THANK YOU.

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1 **WENDE JULIEN:** GOOD MORNING. I AM WENDE JULIEN, EXECUTIVE
2 DIRECTOR OF THIS BOARD'S PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I
3 CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS ISSUE IS TO THE
4 COMMISSION, AND HOW THANKFUL WE ARE TO THIS BOARD FOR YOUR
5 ACTION AND ATTENTION, AND TO OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE INSPECTOR
6 GENERAL'S OFFICE AROUND THE INVESTIGATIONS. THE WORD
7 "CONTRABAND" SHOWS UP 36 TIMES IN THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
8 COMMISSION'S 2022 INSPECTIONS REPORT OF THE FACILITIES. WE
9 HAVE HAD UPDATES ON THE ISSUES, AND AGENDIZED THE ISSUE NEARLY
10 EVERY MEETING THIS YEAR; HAVE BEEN MAKING REGULAR VISITS, BOTH
11 MY STAFF AND THE NINE COMMISSIONERS, TO THE FACILITIES, BOTH
12 PLANNED AND UNPLANNED INSPECTIONS, AND HAVE ENCOUNTERED OUR
13 COLLEAGUES FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE
14 LEADERSHIP THERE MANY TIMES. THE COMMISSION HAS PASSED A
15 NUMBER OF MOTIONS AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SOME OF
16 THE THINGS THAT YOU FORTUNATELY HEARD HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED
17 AROUND THE FULL UTILIZATION OF THE K-9 CONTRACT, AROUND BETTER
18 SCREENING. I WAS VERY HAPPY TO HEAR MR. STRONG REPORT ON THE
19 NEED, NOT JUST FOR TECHNOLOGY, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A NEED FOR
20 TECHNOLOGY, BUT ALSO FOR PEOPLE DOING THE RIGHT THING WITH
21 THAT TECHNOLOGY. I CAN SAY MYSELF, I HAVE NOTED SIGNIFICANT
22 IMPROVEMENTS IN THAT, AS I HAVE GONE INTO THE FACILITIES,
23 LATELY: MUCH MORE THOROUGH SCREENING. AND I UNDERSTAND FROM
24 REPORTS THAT IT HAS HAPPENED. I AM VERY PLEASED WITH HOW
25 PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY HAS WORKED HERE; FOR EXAMPLE, WITH



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1 NARCAN AND SOME OF THE OTHER HARM REDUCTION, WHERE PROBATION'S
2 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP HAS COME TO P.O.C. MEETINGS AND REPORTED
3 ON LOW RATES OF TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCAN, AND AT
4 THE NEXT MEETING, COME TO SAY THAT IT IS CLOSER TO 96%, AND
5 THE NARCAN HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED. I THINK THAT LEVEL OF
6 ATTENTION IS CRUCIAL, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOUR
7 COMMISSIONERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE, BOTH AS
8 PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND PEOPLE WHO WORKED THEIR WHOLE
9 CAREERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, HAVE IDENTIFIED WHAT IS REALLY THE
10 ISSUE HERE, AND IT IS THIS BOARD'S VISION AROUND CARE FIRST,
11 WHICH I THINK, WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, WE CAN SAY IS A LOT ABOUT
12 LOVING YOUNG PEOPLE AND TREATING THEM IN THE WAY WE WOULD
13 TREAT OUR OWN CHILDREN, SINCE THEY ARE LITERALLY AND LEGALLY
14 OUR OWN CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY, AND THAT THAT INCLUDES
15 PROVIDING CULTURALLY COMPETENT, EASILY ACCESSIBLE, CUTTING-
16 EDGE TREATMENT AND SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING TO THEM. SO I AM
17 VERY THANKFUL TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CONTINUING TO PUSH
18 THAT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA, CONTINUE TO
19 MAKE IT PUBLIC, HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THE DEPARTMENT, AND BE VERY
20 APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR ONGOING COLLABORATION. AND WITH THAT, WE
21 ARE GOING TO TURN THE PRESENTATION TO THE PROGRAMMING AND
22 TREATMENT, AND MAKE A SWITCH OF SOME SEATS. SO, THANK YOU.

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



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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. SO, AS WE SWITCH SEATS, I WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE
2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE UNIT, JUST A QUICK OVERVIEW. SO, ONE OF THE
3 THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF OUR INITIAL CONVERSATIONS WAS, WE NEED
4 TO CREATE A UNIT WHERE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TREATMENT AND
5 SUPPORT AROUND THE YOUNG PEOPLE, IN COLLABORATION WITH
6 PROBATION STAFF, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, PEOPLE WITH SPECIALIZED
7 SKILLS FROM TARZANA, OR WHATEVER GROUP WE USE TO WORK WITH OUR
8 YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, WE HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED THE UNIT, SO WE
9 HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT. SO, WE'VE LOOKED AT WHAT NUMBER OF
10 STAFF WOULD WORK TO HAVE IN A UNIT? SO, OUR THOUGHT NOW IS
11 THAT WE WOULD HAVE TWO PEOPLE FROM TARZANA TREATMENT ON EVERY
12 SHIFT, TWO CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ON EVERY SHIFT, ALONG WITH OUR
13 STAFF. SO THAT WOULD BE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FOR EVERY SHIFT. WE
14 ARE STILL WORKING ON THE HOURS. WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY NEED TO
15 BE THERE AT 6:00, BUT FOR SURE AROUND 8:00, WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE
16 ARE AWAKE. AND THE PREMISES THAT WE WORK IN AS A TREATMENT
17 UNIT-- THE PROBATION STAFF, THE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, AND THE
18 SKILLED TARZANA TREATMENT FOLKS WORK TOGETHER TO HELP-- I
19 THINK IT DOES TWO THINGS. IT PUTS THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN A BETTER
20 POSITION TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO. IT ALSO TEACHES PROBATION
21 STAFF WHAT TO LOOK FOR, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SKILLED IN THAT. SO
22 THAT'S THE PREMISE BEHIND THIS. WE ARE LOOKING AT-- THIS IS
23 REALLY AMBITIOUS, BUT WE'RE GOING TO SAY IT, AND I DON'T WANT
24 MY PANELISTS TO LOOK AT ME CRAZY, SO I'M GOING TO LOOK THIS
25 WAY. WE ARE LOOKING AT AN OCTOBER 1ST DATE OF STARTING.



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1 OCTOBER 1ST. SO, WE WANT TO HAVE-- WE HAVE TO HAVE A GOAL,
2 BECAUSE IF WE DON'T EVER HAVE A GOAL AND PUT A DATE OUT THERE,
3 WE WILL ALWAYS BE CHASING IT. SO, THAT'S WHERE OUR GOAL IS,
4 NOW, AND WE TALKED ABOUT IT, AND I THINK THAT WE CAN REALLY
5 MAKE THIS GO. WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST NOW, SO WE ARE
6 WORKING REALLY HARD TO GET THERE. SO, I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF
7 MORE MEETINGS TO GO, BECAUSE WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS, FROM THIS
8 BODY, TO HAVE A REAL BLUEPRINT, SO WHEN WE START TALKING TO
9 OUR STAFF AND THEIR STAFF, THAT THE COMMUNICATION IS THERE,
10 EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THEIR ROLE IS. SO, WE DON'T WANT TO START
11 SOMETHING WHERE EVERYBODY COMES TO WORK THE FIRST DAY AND NOT
12 KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING. SO, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT
13 RIGHT NOW. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON A LITTLE FUNDING, AND I
14 WILL GO BACK TO THAT, TO MAKE SURE THINGS GET TO WHERE THEY
15 NEED TO BE. WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE'S ISSUES, BUT THE GOOD NEWS
16 IS I MIGHT HAVE FOUND A WAY TO WORK SOME THINGS OUT. THAT CAME
17 THIS MORNING. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO DR. TSAI.

18
19 **DR. GARY TSAI:** HI. I'M DR. GARY TSAI, DIVISION DIRECTOR AT THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND
21 CONTROL. FIRST OFF, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN
22 FOR SPONSORING THIS MOTION, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT
23 THE COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS PROBATION
24 AND THE OTHER ENTITIES HERE. PREVENTING OVERDOSES AND DRUG USE
25 IN OUR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES REQUIRES A MULTI-PRONGED



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1 EFFORT THAT INCLUDES INCREASED TRAINING, NOT JUST FOR STAFF,
2 BUT ALSO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THOSE FACILITIES,
3 INCREASING ACCESS TO A FULL CONTINUUM OF SUBSTANCE USE
4 TREATMENT, AS WELL AS HARM REDUCTION SERVICES FOR YOUNG
5 PEOPLE, AS WELL AS HAVING SYSTEMS IN PLACE THAT MINIMIZE
6 RISKS, AS WELL AS THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTANCES IN THOSE
7 FACILITIES. WE ARE DOING THIS WORK THROUGH OUR CONTRACTED
8 PROVIDER NETWORK, ALONG WITH OUR SISTER DEPARTMENTS,
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND D.M.H., GIVEN THAT BOTH
10 DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO PROVIDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF HEALTH
11 SERVICES IN THOSE FACILITIES. AT ALL THREE JUVENILE HALLS NOW,
12 D.P.H. IS OFFERING STAFF TRAINING ON RECOGNIZING SUBSTANCE
13 USE, TO HELP STAFF IDENTIFY WHEN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE
14 POTENTIALLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE. OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT
15 WEEK, WE ARE ALSO CONDUCTING EDUCATIONAL GROUPS WITH YOUTH AND
16 YOUNG ADULTS AT BARRY J. NIDORF, FOCUSING ON THE SIGNS AND
17 SYMPTOMS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE, AND HOW TO PREVENT THOSE
18 OVERDOSES. FOLLOWING THESE TRAININGS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
19 SUPPORT PROBATION, WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES AND
20 TRAININGS REGARDING ON-SITE OVERDOSE PREVENTION. GIVEN THAT
21 D.H.S. PROVIDES ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUTH IN THE
22 HALLS, D.P.H. HAS ALSO TRAINED MEDICAL STAFF ON MEDICATIONS
23 FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT FOR YOUTH. WE CONTINUE TO OFFER
24 ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS PRESCRIBING
25 PRACTICES, AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION ON AN AS-NEEDED



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1 BASIS FOR THE D.H.S. TEAM. STARTING LAST YEAR, WE LAUNCHED THE
2 CLIENT ENGAGEMENT NAVIGATION SERVICES FOR PREDISPOSITIONED
3 YOUTH AT BOTH CENTRAL, AS WELL AS BARRY J. NIDORF. THESE
4 SERVICES OFFER S.U.D. SCREENINGS, AS WELL AS LINKAGES TO
5 PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY REENTRY, POST-RELEASE, INTO THE
6 COUNTY'S S.U.D. TREATMENT SYSTEM. WE WILL BEGIN OFFERING
7 [INAUDIBLE] SERVICES AT LOS PADRINOS THIS MONTH, WITH THE GOAL
8 OF BEING FULLY STAFFED WITH FOUR FULL-TIME SUBSTANCE USE
9 COUNSELORS BY THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, '23-'24.
10 OUR S.P.A. 7 [INAUDIBLE] PROVIDER, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
11 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, OR L.A.C.A.D.A., WILL OFFER BOTH EARLY
12 INTERVENTION, AS WELL AS POST-RELEASE LINKAGES TO S.U.D.
13 TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO BEGAN OFFERING SUBSTANCE
14 USE TREATMENT INCLUSIVE OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES, AS
15 WELL AS DISCHARGE PLANNING TO PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY
16 REINTEGRATION FOR THE S.Y.T.F. POPULATION AT BOTH BARRY J.
17 NIDORF, AS WELL AS CAMPUS KILPATRICK THIS YEAR, GIVEN THE
18 NEEDS THAT BARRY J. NIDORF PROBATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARE
19 COLLABORATING TO DESIGN A SPECIFIC S.U.D. HOUSING UNIT AT THAT
20 FACILITY TO SUPPORT S.Y.T.F. YOUNG ADULTS WHO HAVE A SUBSTANCE
21 USE DISORDER, AND ARE INTERESTED IN TREATMENT SERVICES. THESE
22 SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 16 HOURS PER DAY,
23 INCLUSIVE OF WEEKEND SERVICES, WHICH WILL EXPAND OUR PRESENCE
24 IN TERMS OF S.U.D. SERVICES IN THESE FACILITIES. TARZANA, AS
25 MENTIONED, HAS THE CONTRACT FOR THESE SERVICES. WE'VE ALSO



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1 AGREED TO EXPAND STAFFING FROM ONE TO EIGHT S.U.D. COUNSELORS
2 AT BARRY J. NIDORF, INCLUDING SIX COUNSELORS TO STAFF THE
3 DEDICATED S.U.D. UNIT, AS WELL AS TWO STAFF THAT WERE
4 MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, TO HELP SUPPORT OTHER UNITS WITHIN THE
5 FACILITY. AND SO WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS, AND
6 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE OTHER
7 DEPARTMENTS HERE.

8
9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M CONNIE DRAXLER, ACTING
10 CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I
11 WILL BE BRIEF AROUND OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY RELATED TO
12 THIS TOPIC. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH JUVENILE JUSTICE
13 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM HAS A NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRISTS IN THE
14 JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS THAT PROVIDE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT
15 FOR CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.
16 OUR PSYCHIATRISTS ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF PROVIDING CLINICALLY
17 APPROPRIATE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT, M.A.T., WHEN
18 INDICATED. OUR CLINICIANS PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS,
19 INCLUDING REACHING OUT TO FAMILY AND CAREGIVERS, TO LEARN MORE
20 ABOUT THE YOUTH, AND OUR TREATMENT MODALITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE
21 NOT LIMITED TO SEEKING SAFETY, MINDFULNESS-BASED SUBSTANCE USE
22 TREATMENT AND MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING, WHICH I WILL ALL
23 INDICATE ARE EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES. WE ALSO HAVE AT THE
24 CAMPS AND DOROTHY KIRBY A 10-WEEK-LONG SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT
25 PROGRAM, WHICH IS OFFERED TO THE YOUTH, THAT INVOLVES



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1 MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY,
2 C.B.T. I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT, ALSO, AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM THAT
3 WE HAVE AROUND TRANSITION. OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE TRANSITIONAL
4 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
5 J.J.T.O.T.S., STARTED IN 2017, AND SERVES AS A COMMUNITY
6 BRIDGE FOR OUR YOUTH THAT ARE RELEASED FROM THE HALLS AND
7 CAMPS, AND IS A WARM HANDOFF CONNECTING THEM TO D.M.H.
8 OUTPATIENT CLINICS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. WITHIN
9 J.J.T.O.T.S., OUR PSYCHIATRISTS AND CLINICIANS ADDRESS AND
10 TREAT CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS,
11 AND AGAIN, ARE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING MEDICATION ASSISTED
12 TREATMENT, OR M.A.T., WHEN CLINICALLY INDICATED AND
13 APPROPRIATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH STANDS READY TO
14 SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS, PARTICULARLY S.A.P.C. AND D.H.S. AND
15 PROBATION, IN ENSURING THAT OUR YOUTH HAVE ACCESS TO
16 APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT, THAT
17 THERE'S PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE FOR THEM AND WITH THEM, AND I
18 SERVE READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE. THANK
19 YOU.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. SO, THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,
22 AGAIN, IS VERY FORTUNATE TO BE PART OF THIS PARTNERSHIP, AND
23 EXCITED ABOUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING. FIRST OFF, IT IS
24 A THREE-PHASE APPROACH. "A," WE ARE GOING TO ADD EIGHT
25 ADDITIONAL CREDIBLE MESSENGERS THAT ARE SUBSTANCE ABUSE



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1 TRAINED, AND IN SOME CASES CERTIFIED, THAT WILL BE WORKING IN
2 TWO SHIFTS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, IN THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE UNIT.
3 THAT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY, AND IN FACT THERE ARE FIVE THAT ARE
4 ALREADY ON STAFF WITH OUR PROVIDERS, THAT THEY WILL MOVE INTO
5 THIS UNIT AND THEN BACKFILL IN THE REGULAR CREDIBLE MESSENGER
6 SPACE. SO THAT'S ONE INVESTMENT. TWO, WE WILL BE INVESTING A--
7 TO INITIATE THE PROGRAM, \$1 MILLION FOR RECREATION
8 SUBCONTRACTING WITH ONE OF OUR PROVIDERS. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN
9 IN CONTACT WITH BOTH PROVIDERS. AND IN FACT, AMENDMENTS HAVE
10 ALREADY BEEN DRAFTED FOR BOTH CONTRACTS. THAT WILL BE GOING
11 THROUGH THE APPROVAL PROCESS HERE, IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO A
12 COUPLE WEEKS. HOPING FOR THOSE APPROVALS. THAT PROGRAM WILL
13 ALLOW THE PROVIDER TO HIRE A SUBCONTRACTOR TO COME IN AND
14 OFFER RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING VIA COACHES, FORMER ATHLETES,
15 TRAINERS, FOLKS LIKE THAT, AGAIN, TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE
16 BOREDOM ISSUE, THE HOPELESSNESS ISSUE, THAT WE'VE HEARD SO
17 MUCH ABOUT. THAT WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE
18 UNIT. THAT WILL BE-- AND I AM SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT
19 BARRY J. NIDORF-- AVAILABLE TO ALL THE UNITS IN THAT HALL.
20 THIRDLY, WE ARE EXPANDING THE OVERALL CREDIBLE MESSENGER
21 PROGRAM, MORE THAN DOUBLING THE CURRENT NUMBER OF CREDIBLE
22 MESSENGERS. THERE ARE 16. WE ARE GOING TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL
23 24, AGAIN, TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE FACILITY.
24 AND THIS IS IN ADDITION TO OTHER PROGRAMMING THAT OTHER
25 DEPARTMENTS ARE OFFERING, AS WELL AS WHAT WE ARE OFFERING.



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1 THERE'S ALREADY A DANCE PROGRAM COMING IN THROUGH ONE OF OUR
2 PROVIDERS, AND THEN YOU ALL ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE YOUTH
3 ORCHESTRA DRUMMING PROGRAM THAT WAS APPROVED HERE LAST MONTH.
4 IN ALL, WE ARE INVESTING ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL \$4 MILLION INTO
5 THE CREDIBLE MESSENGER PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE
6 UNIT, AS WELL AS THE OVERALL PROGRAMMING. AND WE EXPECT TO BE
7 UP AND WALKING, CERTAINLY, BY OCTOBER 1ST, IF NOT BEFORE THEN,
8 WITH FULL IMPLEMENTATION TAKING PLACE OVER THE NEXT 60 DAYS OR
9 SO, WITH REGARDS TO THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRAINED FOLKS, AND
10 THEN THAT ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM.

11
12 **DEBRA DUARDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DEBRA DUARDO,
13 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE THIS
14 MORNING, AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
15 HAVING THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
16 WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT 100% OF THE STUDENTS THAT WE ARE SERVING
17 ARE STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA. THEY ARE GOING TO BE
18 MORE LIKELY TO SEEK OUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE, IN GENERAL. AND IN
19 ADDITION TO THAT, THE MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL, AND
20 FROM BARRY J., AND ALL OF THE DISRUPTION IN THEIR LIVES HAS
21 ADDED TO THAT TRAUMA. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE
22 NEED TO DO IS ENSURE THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED, STARTING
23 WITH COMING TO SCHOOL EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND ATTENDING SCHOOL
24 REGULARLY IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. WE HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT
25 IMPROVEMENT IN THIS AREA, BUT WE STILL HAVE SITUATIONS WHERE



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1 STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL BECAUSE OF SHORTAGES IN
2 STAFFING. THE OTHER THING THAT I THINK IS REALLY CRITICAL IS
3 THAT STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN OTHER
4 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL, ON WEEKENDS, THAT WE
5 CONTINUE TO ENGAGE THEM WITH MUSIC, AND DANCE, AND OTHER FORMS
6 OF ARTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. ALSO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT IS
7 THAT WE ARE LISTENING TO OUR STUDENT VOICE AND OUR PARENT
8 VOICE. I HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH STUDENTS, TRYING TO
9 UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE TRIGGERS THAT HAVE EITHER LED THEM TO
10 SUBSTANCES, OR LED THEM TO FIGHT. PART OF THAT IS THE
11 EXPERIENCE THEY ARE FEELING OF NOT BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE
12 REGULARLY WITH THEIR PARENTS OR WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.
13 VISITATIONS HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED AT TIMES. PHONE CALLS HAVE NOT
14 BEEN ALLOWED, AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS STUDENTS HAVE
15 EXPRESSED CONCERNS TO ME ABOUT. WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER
16 OF COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS THAT WE HAVE. OUR PRIMARY
17 ROLE IN ALL OF THIS IS THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, AND TRYING TO
18 CREATE AS NORMAL A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE
19 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THESE STUDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING. WE
20 ALSO HAVE PARENT WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS, EDUCATING PARENTS ON
21 THE ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OTHER ISSUES TO HELP
22 SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS AND THEMSELVES. WE ARE MAKING PHONE
23 CALLS AND REACHING OUT TO PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THAT
24 PARTICIPATION. AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE ONE OF OUR STUDENTS THAT'S
25 PARTICIPATING IN MY STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL WITH OTHER



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1 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY, TO SHARE CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR
2 ENTIRE STUDENT EXPERIENCE. WE HAVE TRAINED ALL OF OUR TEACHERS
3 AROUND SUBSTANCE ABUSE: HOW TO RECOGNIZE SUBSTANCE ABUSE; WHAT
4 TO DO, SHOULD THEY SUSPECT THAT A STUDENT IS UNDER THE
5 INFLUENCE OF A SUBSTANCE. AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
6 PROBATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC
7 HEALTH, TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING
8 STUDENTS OUR NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY. I WOULD SAY COMMUNICATION
9 HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME
10 CHALLENGES WITH GETTING INFORMATION IN A TIMELY MANNER, SO
11 THAT WE CAN ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE, AND WORKING AND TRAINING
12 TOGETHER; NOT EACH OF US DOING OUR OWN TRAINING INDEPENDENTLY,
13 BUT REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE COMING TOGETHER AND WORKING
14 COLLABORATIVELY. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, SO MY JOB IS TO CLOSE THIS UP, AND I AM GOING
17 TO DO IT IN ONE MINUTE. SO, FIRST, I'M GOING TO SPEAK--

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE OVER YOUR 20
20 MINUTES.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'LL MAKE IT 30 SECONDS. SO, I WANT TO TALK
23 ABOUT FUNDING, REAL QUICKLY. SO, WE ARE EXPANDING TARZANA--
24 WELL, REALLY WITH S.A.P.C., BUT WE ARE EXPANDING THEIR
25 CONTRACT. WE HAVE DISCOVERED WHERE THE FUNDS CAN COME FROM TO



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1 GET THAT DONE MORE QUICKLY. THEIR ORIGINAL BUDGET WAS APPROVED
2 JULY, I WANT TO SAY THE 14TH, SO WE ARE GOING TO CLOSE THE GAP
3 FOR THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS, TO HIRE THE OTHER STAFF. SO IN
4 CLOSING, I AM GOING TO SAY THAT I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS
5 COLLABORATION, BECAUSE OUT OF THIS TRAGEDY THAT'S HAPPENED, I
6 THINK WE'VE KIND OF-- A NEW MODEL IS GOING TO BE BORN, WHERE
7 WE ALL ACTUALLY REALLY WORK TOGETHER TO GET WHAT THE KIDS
8 NEED. THAT'S IT.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SOUNDS GOOD. OKAY, I AM GOING TO GO BACK TO
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF YOU DON'T MIND, BECAUSE LINDSEY TOOK
12 HERSELF OFF, AND THEN PUT HERSELF ON, AND THEN I WAS GOING TO
13 HAVE A QUESTION, AND THEN CAN I THROW IT BACK TO YOU?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S FINE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF
20 OUR LEADERSHIP FOR YOUR PRESENTATION HERE TODAY. IT IS CLEAR
21 YOU ARE TAKING THIS CRISIS SERIOUSLY, AND I AM GLAD TO HEAR
22 ALL OF THE DIFFERENT LAYERS AND INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE
23 INVOLVED TO ADDRESS IT. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS WHICH I
24 WILL GET TO, BUT I FIRST WANTED TO REPORT THAT I, TOO, VISITED
25 L.P. IN MY EXPERIENCE, I WASN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO GET THROUGH



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1 THE DOOR UNTIL I WAS TOLD THAT MY PURSE, MY PHONES, ALL OF
2 THAT WAS NOT WELCOME. SO, AND THAT WAS, I THINK, ON JULY 20TH.
3 SO, I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUES, BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT
4 THERE HAVE BEEN INTERVENTIONS IN PLACE TO HAVE MORE STRICT
5 SCREENING, AND TO HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPERIENCE THERE. I
6 KNOW WE WERE ALL HOPING FOR IT TO BE A FRESH START, AS IT
7 RELATES TO THE EXPERIENCE IN OUR FACILITIES, AND IT IS
8 DISAPPOINTING TO HEAR THAT SOME OF THESE ISSUES REMAIN, BUT I
9 KNOW THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ALL WORKING ON, AND FROM
10 YOUR PRESENTATION HERE TODAY, VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHERE THAT'S
11 HAPPENING. I WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS ABOUT OUR
12 FRUSTRATIONS AROUND LACK OF ACCESS TO PROGRAMMING. WE KNOW
13 THAT THINGS AS BASIC AS ATTENDING SCHOOL DAILY JUST SOUND-- IF
14 YOU AREN'T IN OUR BUREAUCRACY, IT SOUNDS LIKE, "WELL, WHY
15 WOULDN'T THEY GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?" AND THE ANSWER, AS WAS
16 ALSO STATED, IS, YOU KNOW, REALLY RELATED TO STAFFING ISSUES.
17 AND I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHO
18 ARE SHOWING UP TO WORK. I UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF THEM ARE
19 SOME OF OUR NEWER FOLKS, WHO ARE STILL LEARNING WHAT THE
20 ENTIRE JOB ENTAILS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT PEOPLE BEING PRESENT
21 MAKES POSSIBLE A LOT OF THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE WANT OUR YOUNG
22 PEOPLE TO HAVE. YES, WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE ENTRUSTED IN THIS
23 KIND OF CARE FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF REASON, BUT OUR GOAL IS
24 REHABILITATION. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME BACK INTO
25 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND I HOPE THAT IT IS THE-- I THINK IT IS ALL



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1 OF OUR INTENTION THAT THE EXPERIENCE HELPS TO ENRICH THEM AND
2 GET THEM BACK ON A DIFFERENT PATH, NOT CONTRIBUTE TO EVEN
3 WORSE PATHS. AND SO, WITH THAT IN MIND, I REALLY WANT TO ASK A
4 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST, SCOTT, YOU HAD MENTIONED THE TERM
5 "REFERRING," AND I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY A TERM OF ART. SO,
6 CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS WHEN THOSE ISSUES ARE BEING
7 REFERRED?

8

9 **SCOTT SANDERS:** SO, YOU MEAN WHEN I SPOKE ABOUT INVESTIGATIONS?

10

11 **SUP. HORVATH:** YES.

12

13 **SCOTT SANDERS:** SO, WHEN I SAY "REFER," THAT MEANS WE ARE
14 HANDING IT OFF TO THEM, WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION WE HAVE.

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** HANDING THEM OFF TO WHOM?

17

18 **SCOTT SANDERS:** TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

19

20 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY.

21

22 **SCOTT SANDERS:** TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS, TO CONTINUE WITH THE
23 INVESTIGATION, TO DO A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

24



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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** SO, I THINK A REGULAR PERSON WOULD SAY, "THAT'S
2 GREAT. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT DOES ACCOUNTABILITY ACTUALLY
3 LOOK LIKE?" IT IS BEING REFERRED TO SOMEBODY ELSE TO LOOK AT,
4 FOR SOMEBODY ELSE TO LOOK AT, BUT WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME
5 OF A REFERRAL? WHAT HAPPENS?

6

7 **SCOTT SANDERS:** SO, WHAT HAPPENS, WITHOUT GOING INTO A WHOLE
8 LOT OF SPECIFICS, BECAUSE THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT ALREADY
9 HAVE BEEN REFERRED-- I KNOW WE DON'T LIKE THAT WORD, BUT THAT
10 HAVE BEEN HANDED OFF TO THEM-- IF IT MEANS THAT I AM TAKEN
11 OFFLINE, BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING WAS A VIOLATION OF
12 POLICY, THAT MIGHT HAVE ME TAKEN OFFLINE IMMEDIATELY, THAT
13 HAPPENS, ALONG WITH THE REFERRAL.

14

15 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. SO THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES. IT'S NOT JUST
16 THAT SOMEBODY ELSE GETS NOTIFIED, AND THEN THEY LOOK INTO IT,
17 AND MAYBE SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE THERE ARE ACTUAL
18 CONSEQUENCES THAT ARE HAPPENING.

19

20 **SCOTT SANDERS:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. HORVATH:** AND I ASK THAT BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED-- THE
23 CONCERN I HAVE FROM THIS PRESENTATION IS NOT THAT WE THAT WE
24 ARE NOT TAKING IT SERIOUSLY, BUT THAT WE'RE MORE FOCUSED,
25 POTENTIALLY, ON PROCESS INSTEAD OF OUTCOME. SO, I AM CLEAR



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1 THAT WE HAVE A DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 1ST ON SOME OF OUR
2 OUTCOMES, WHICH IS GOOD. WE ARE GOING TO PUSH ON SOME OF THOSE
3 DEADLINES THAT SOUND A LOT LONGER, BUT I REALLY WANT US TO
4 DRILL DOWN. IT IS GREAT THAT WE HIRE EIGHT MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE
5 WORKING IN SUBSTANCE USE, BUT WHAT DIFFERENCE IS THAT MAKING?
6 WHAT KIND OF ACCESS ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVING, AND WHAT
7 MEASURABLE OUTCOMES ARE WE SEEING THAT IS DIFFERENT, IN TERMS
8 OF THE QUALITY OF THE EXPERIENCE INSIDE THE HALLS? THAT'S WHAT
9 I AM MOST INTERESTED IN. SO, I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT
10 A LOT OF INTERVENTIONS, AND IT IS GREAT TO HAVE THEM
11 DOCUMENTED. BUT IF IT DOESN'T TURN OUT TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF
12 EXPERIENCE, WE ARE ALL FAILING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND SO I
13 THINK THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE. AND I THINK MY
14 LAST QUESTION RELATES TO, WHAT IS NEEDED FOR MORE EFFICIENT
15 REPORTING? I HAVE HEARD, NOW, MENTIONED FROM A COUPLE OF OUR
16 SPEAKERS HERE, OR OUR PRESENTERS, THAT YOU'RE NOT GETTING
17 TIMELY REPORTS, OR TIMELY FEEDBACK. AND I KNOW THAT WE, AS A
18 BOARD, PASSED AN ITEM TO GET MORE TIMELY FEEDBACK TO US, AS IT
19 RELATES TO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU ALL
20 NEED TO HAVE THE INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED ACCESS TO, IN ORDER
21 TO DO YOUR JOB. SO, WHAT DO WE-- WHAT IS NEEDED, IN ORDER FOR
22 YOU TO GET THE INFORMATION THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR? BECAUSE
23 WE CAN'T HAVE THAT BE A PROBLEM. THAT'S AN "US" PROBLEM. WE'RE
24 GETTING IN OUR WAY, IF THAT'S THE ISSUE.

25



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1 **SCOTT SANDERS:** SO, I GUESS THAT'S ME.

2

3 **SUP. HORVATH:** ANYBODY WHO MENTIONED. I KNOW A COUPLE OF YOU
4 MENTIONED THAT REPORTING, AND SOME WHO ARE NOW STANDING IN THE
5 BACK. IF REPORTING IS AN ISSUE FOR YOU, WHAT IS STANDING IN
6 THE WAY OF YOU GETTING THE INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED?

7

8 **DEBRA DUARDO:** WELL, FOR ME, IF AN INCIDENT OCCURS, IF THERE'S
9 A CRISIS, IF THERE'S AN INCIDENT, I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT AS
10 SOON AS IT HAPPENS, AS SOON AS THE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION
11 GOES OUT, BECAUSE I IMMEDIATELY START GETTING CALLED BY MY
12 TEACHERS, BY MY EMPLOYEES, BY MY BOARD, WANTING TO KNOW WHAT
13 IS GOING ON. IT IS IN THE MEDIA, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY
14 INFORMATION. SO, FOR ME, IT IS AS SOON AS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT
15 IS A CRISIS THAT OCCURS, THAT I'M IMMEDIATELY INFORMED.

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY. AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THE PROBATION
18 DEPARTMENT CAN WORK ON WITH L.A.C.O.E.? CAN WE FIGURE THAT
19 OUT?

20

21 **DEBRA DUARDO:** WELL, I HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH PROBATION, AND
22 THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY WILL MAKE SURE THAT THAT OCCURS IN
23 THE FUTURE.

24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I THINK OUR INTERIM PROBATION OFFICER,
2 GUILLERMO, ARE YOU LOOKING TO SAY SOMETHING? I COULD SEE THAT.
3 GO AHEAD.

4
5 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. POSSIBLY AN UNFAIR
6 QUESTION FOR SCOTT, SO I FELT THE NEED TO STEP IN. TO GO BACK
7 JUST ONE QUESTION, WITH RESPECT TO WHAT OCCURS, WE HAVE
8 DIFFERENT BUREAUS. AND SO WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION ON WHAT
9 HAPPENS, WHAT DOES AN INVESTIGATION MEAN, SCOTT IS THE CHIEF
10 OF THE BUREAU THAT PROVIDES SERVICES AT ONE LOCATION, THE
11 S.Y.T.F. LOCATION AT NIDORF. PART OF THE PLAN IN ADDRESSING
12 THIS DRUG PROBLEM HAS BEEN TO, IN FACT, SPLIT
13 RESPONSIBILITIES. THAT'S WHY THERE'S A SEPARATE ENTITY THAT
14 DOES THE CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY. THAT REALLY MAKES SURE
15 THAT THERE'S INDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE FOLKS THAT ARE DOING
16 DRUG INTERDICTION, AND THEN THE FOLKS THAT ARE PROVIDING
17 SERVICES. BEYOND THAT, THERE IS AN EVEN SEPARATE BUREAU THAT
18 DOES INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE.
19 AND SO, WHAT BUREAU CHIEF SCOTT DESCRIBED WAS THAT WHEN
20 SOMETHING IS DISCOVERED, IT IS HANDED OFF TO PROFESSIONALS
21 THAT ARE INDEPENDENT, AND WHOSE JOB IT IS TO DO FULL-TIME
22 INVESTIGATIONS, AND THAT FOLLOW UP, REALLY DOLE OUT
23 DISCIPLINE, IF THAT'S APPROPRIATE, OR REFER FOR CRIMINAL
24 INVESTIGATION IS A SEPARATE FUNCTION. SO, REALLY, THERE ARE
25 SEPARATE AND PARALLEL FUNCTIONS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE TO MAKE



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1 SURE THAT WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS NOT INFLUENCED BY THE FOLKS
2 THAT ARE ON THE GROUND, AND THAT FOLKS HAVE SUBJECT-MATTER
3 EXPERTISE, AND THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING UP. AND I WANT TO MAKE
4 CLEAR THAT NOBODY IS MORE PAINFULLY AWARE OF HOW MUCH WORK
5 THERE IS AHEAD WITH RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE, BUT WHAT HAS BEEN
6 INSTITUTED AND IS IN PLACE TODAY, WHEN YOU VISIT ONE OF OUR
7 FACILITIES AND LOCATIONS, IS WORLDS AHEAD THAN 90 DAYS AGO,
8 FROM THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ENTER THE
9 FACILITY, TO THE FACT THAT THERE'S A SEPARATE ENTITY AND GROUP
10 THAT IS DOING FOLLOW-UP ON THE INVESTIGATIONS, TO THE FACT
11 THAT WE ARE NOW ACTUALLY ENGAGING STAFF, SO THAT THEY
12 UNDERSTAND WHAT SECURITY MEANS. THEY UNDERSTAND WHY SAFETY IS
13 IMPORTANT. THEY UNDERSTAND HOW THAT FITS INTO THE REST OF THE
14 MISSION. ALL THAT IS TAKING PLACE. THERE'S MUCH MORE WORK TO
15 BE DONE, BUT OUR POSTURE FROM PROBATION'S STANDPOINT IS VERY
16 DIFFERENT TODAY THAN IT WAS 90 DAYS AGO. WE CERTAINLY
17 UNDERSTAND THAT ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, MUCH LIKE THE
18 CONDITIONS THAT LED TO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FINDING
19 THEMSELVES IN JUVENILE HALL ALREADY WITH SUBSTANCE USE
20 DISORDERS, REALLY REQUIRES THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM,
21 AND THAT'S WHY YOU SEE ALL OF THESE FOLKS HERE. AND IT IS
22 REALLY-- FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE APPROACH IS THREE-PRONGED.
23 ONE OF THEM IS, WHICH I THINK HAS ALREADY BEEN DESCRIBED, THE
24 ELEMENTS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH DRUG INTERDICTION. ANOTHER
25 ELEMENT IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE



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1 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE COMPETENT
2 TREATMENT ON SITE FOR THEM, AND THAT THAT MATCHES WHAT WILL BE
3 THE CONTINUUM WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM ARE
4 NOT WITH US FOR VERY LONG. AND THEN THE THIRD, WHICH IS THE
5 MOST CHALLENGING, WHICH I THINK IS REALLY WHAT YOU ARE GETTING
6 TO, IS THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT. HOW ARE WE ENGAGING OUR YOUNG
7 PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE AT JUVENILE HALL, AND THAT PREVENTIVE
8 FUNCTION, SO THEY ARE NOT LOOKING TO SUBSTANCE USE? THAT'S A
9 WORK IN PROGRESS. THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT. WE ARE VERY
10 DEPENDENT ON OUR PARTNERS BEING ON SITE AND BEING ABLE TO DO
11 THAT. AND IN TURN, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROVIDING A SAFE
12 ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR PARTNERS TO BE PRESENT IS A CONTINUING
13 CHALLENGE FOR TWO REASONS. WE'VE MENTIONED STAFFING, AND I
14 THINK THE WORLD IS AWARE OF CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE THERE, BUT
15 ALSO THE POPULATION ITSELF. SO, WHEN WE DESCRIBE THE INABILITY
16 TO REALLY HAVE SOME PROGRAMS IN EFFECT, SOME OF IT IS A
17 CONSEQUENCE OF VIOLENCE THAT TOOK PLACE EARLIER IN THE DAY.
18 AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT FOR THAT SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE
19 FACILITY, PROGRAMS ARE SHIFTED. NOW, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE
20 ARE LOOKING FOR INTERVENTIONS THAT ALLOW US TO MAKE THOSE
21 STOPPAGES OF PROGRAMMING VERY SHORT IN DURATION, BECAUSE WE
22 NEED TO NORMALIZE AND GET FOLKS BACK ENGAGED IN PRO-SOCIAL
23 INTERACTIONS. BUT THAT IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE IN WHICH WE MAY
24 HAVE THE BEST LAID OUT PLAN, AND THEN WE ARE CHALLENGED BY THE
25 BEHAVIOR OF THE ACTUAL YOUTH, IN TERMS OF THEIR VIOLENCE. BUT



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT DOESN'T MEAN, LIKE MAYBE IN YEARS BEFORE, THAT THEN WE
2 SAY, "WE'RE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE WITH PROGRAMMING." IT JUST
3 MEANS THAT WE'RE FURTHER CHALLENGED WITH COMING UP WITH NOVEL
4 WAYS OF MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE, MAYBE, WITH INDIVIDUALIZED
5 CLASSES, MAYBE WITH-- THAT WE ARE USING OTHER AVENUES TO BE
6 ABLE TO REACH THEM. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. YEAH, I JUST-- I WILL END WHERE I
9 STARTED, WHICH IS I AM CLEAR THAT OUR LEADERS, WHO ARE
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH FACET OF HOW WE ARE CHANGING THE
11 ENVIRONMENT, ARE ALL COMMITTED, LITERALLY AT THE TABLE, AND
12 ENGAGED IN THIS ISSUE. I KNOW IT DOESN'T CHANGE OVERNIGHT, BUT
13 I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THE DIFFERENCE IN OUTCOMES. I KNOW
14 THAT WE CAN MAKE GOOD PLANS, AND I AM HEARING A LOT OF THEM. I
15 THINK ALL OF US WANT TO SEE DIFFERENT OUTCOMES, AND I KNOW
16 THAT INCLUDES YOU.

17

18 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** AND I APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE I THINK I
19 JUMPED BACK ONE QUESTION. YOUR LAST QUESTION HAD TO DO WITH
20 COMMUNICATION AND RECEIVING NOTICE SUFFICIENTLY QUICKLY. WE
21 CERTAINLY HAVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL,
22 AND WE ARE ACTUALLY MOVING TO AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM OF
23 NOTIFICATION VIA TEXT. SO THAT WILL EXPEDITE THE INITIAL
24 NOTICE TO OUR PARTNERS THAT NEED TO KNOW WHEN THERE'S AN
25 INCIDENT. THAT'S IN THE TESTING PHASE, CURRENTLY. THE POLICY



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SUPERVISORS

1 AND THE PROMULGATION OF THAT IS HAPPENING AS WE SPEAK. THAT, I
2 ANTICIPATE, WILL ASSIST IN THE INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF OUR
3 PARTNERS.

4
5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, AND LET ME JUST--
6 THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE. AND I KNOW, KATHRYN, YOU ARE
7 GOING TO TAKE IT HOME FOR US. BUT THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY
8 FAMILY. THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF EVERYONE KIND OF ROWING IN
9 THE SAME DIRECTION TO ADDRESS A PROBLEM WHICH IS CAUSING
10 GRIEF, CERTAINLY, FOR US, CERTAINLY FOR THE EDUCATION SYSTEM,
11 WHO'S GOT ONE JOB, AND THAT'S TO PROVIDE A DECENT EDUCATION
12 FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR CUSTODY. BUT I JUST
13 HAD ONE-- JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. I THOUGHT, ERIC, MAYBE
14 YOU'D BE THE GUY, BECAUSE YOU ARE CHIEF SAFETY AND SECURITY
15 OFFICER, AND YOU'RE THE ONE THAT GAVE THE FIRST PRESENTATION
16 ON EVERYTHING WE ARE DOING TO CREATE A SECURE FACILITY. AND I
17 AM GUESSING NONE OF THIS WAS IN PLACE WHEN-- YOU KNOW, IN THE
18 FIRST 10 DAYS OF LOS PADRINOS, WE FOUND A LOADED GUN INSIDE.
19 SO, CLEARLY, SOMEBODY WASN'T BEING SEARCHED. SOMETHING WASN'T
20 BEING SEARCHED. AND I GUESS, FOR ALL THE-- AND WE DON'T HAVE
21 TO EXPLAIN HOW THAT HAPPENED, BUT I KIND OF-- ONE OF MY
22 COLLEAGUES SAID IT. MAYBE IT WAS LINDSEY. YOU KNOW, WE ALL
23 REALLY THOUGHT, "OKAY, THIS IS A DRUG-FREE FACILITY, BECAUSE
24 NOBODY IS IN THERE." IT IS CLEAN, FRESHLY PAINTED, NEW
25 CARPETS, NEW WHITEBOARDS FOR OUR TEACHERS, NEW LANDSCAPING,



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SUPERVISORS

1 I.S.D. TOP TO BOTTOM, THE KIND OF FACILITY THAT WAS REALLY--
2 AND YOU HAVE ALL BEEN OUT THERE-- THAT WAS FIRST AND FOREMOST
3 A VERY DECENT PLACE, BUT NO DRUGS. OF ALL THOSE DESCRIPTIONS
4 YOU GAVE, ERIC, OF THE DIFFERENT-- FROM THE NETTING, TO THE
5 MAGNETOMETERS, TO THE DOGS, CAN-- IF SOMEBODY WAS TO PUT
6 FENTANYL, A LITTLE, TEENY, TINY PILL, IN AN INSIDE JACKET,
7 COULD THAT BE DETECTED?

8

9 **ERIC STRONG:** WELL, ACCORDING-- WITH THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WE
10 HAVE RIGHT NOW, THE HONEST ANSWER IS NO.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

13

14 **ERIC STRONG:** AND THIS IS WHY WE WANT TO GO TOWARDS THE BODY
15 SCANNERS THAT ARE USED IN SOME OF THE CUSTODY FACILITIES THAT
16 ARE USED IN SOME OF OUR AIRPORTS. THE REALITY OF IT IS, THEY
17 GO THROUGH METAL DETECTORS, AND IT IS GOING TO DETECT METAL.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

20

21 **ERIC STRONG:** WE CAN HAVE K-9 IN THERE, AND IF THEY CAN BE
22 CLOSE ENOUGH--

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND BY THE WAY, JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE K-9'S
25 ARE SNIFFING-- THEY ARE LIKE THE LUGGAGE-SNIFFING DOGS AT THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 AIRPORT. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY SNIFFING A PERSON. IS THAT
2 CORRECT?

3
4 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. WE DO NOT PUT K-9'S ONTO A DIRECT PERSON.

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SO, THAT WORRIES ME, COLLEAGUES,
7 BECAUSE WITH ALL THE TECHNOLOGY, THE NEW STAFFING AWARENESS,
8 THE CONCERN BY THIS ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY AND US, THE THOUGHT
9 THAT, STILL, SOMETHING COULD GET IN THERE-- AND WE KNOW, OF
10 COURSE, FENTANYL ISN'T JUST AN OVERDOSE. IT IS A DEATH. AND WE
11 JUST CAN'T HAVE ANOTHER DEATH ON ANY OF OUR WATCHES. SO,
12 WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, COLLEAGUES, I HOPE YOU WOULD SUPPORT
13 THAT, THAT WE GET TO A POINT WHERE WE DO HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY.
14 AND IF THIS SECURITY COMPANY CAN'T DO IT, YOU KNOW, THEN LET'S
15 FIND ONE THAT CAN. BECAUSE, FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE TO
16 KEEP DRUGS FROM COMING INTO THESE FACILITIES. THEN WE CAN
17 REALLY FOCUS ON PROGRAMMING AND HEALING. NOT THEN; AT THE SAME
18 TIME. BUT YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT FOR MORE PROGRAMMING, MORE
19 HEALING, MORE LOVE, MORE-- YOU KNOW, AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THESE
20 YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR FACILITIES TO ACTUALLY, MAYBE, PUT THEM IN
21 A DIFFERENT DIRECTION IN THEIR LIVES. BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST,
22 WE CANNOT HAVE THEM EXPOSED TO A DEADLY LITTLE DRUG THAT WILL
23 WIPE OUT EVERYTHING WE ARE TRYING TO DO. AND THOSE ARE THE
24 PEOPLE THAT COME DOWN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THOSE ARE
25 THE ONES THAT ARE CALLING FOR US TO SHUT DOWN OUR FACILITIES,



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SUPERVISORS

1 IF WE CAN'T KEEP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE. SO, I MEAN, IF THE
2 NEXT TIME YOU ALL COME, I WOULD HOPE WE COULD GET TO A POINT
3 WHERE YOU ARE ACTUALLY PROPOSING SOMETHING THAT WE COULD CATCH
4 THAT DRUG FROM COMING IN, BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE ARE DOING
5 SOUNDS LIKE THAT CAN STILL GET IN.

6

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

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** IF I MIGHT, I KNOW THEY GAVE A GOOD DESCRIPTION,
12 PROBATION, ABOUT WHAT THEIR PLAN IS, OF ACTION. AND I ASKED
13 EARLIER, WHAT'S THE TIME FRAME? SO, THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT
14 THE BUDGET PEOPLE, IN CONTROL OF THE BUDGET, C.E.O. NEEDS TO
15 GET WITH YOU ON THAT, AND WE NEED TO SAY, "WE WANT THIS DONE
16 IN THE NEXT 14 DAYS," IF NEED BE, BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU,
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I THINK WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANOTHER LIFE.
18 AND I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE THE AVAILABILITY OF GETTING THE
19 ACQUISITION OF THIS APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT. AND THAT WAS-- I
20 HAD THE SAME THOUGHT WHEN I FIRST WENT OUT THERE, ALMOST,
21 WHAT, THREE WEEKS NOW AGO, AND I OBSERVED THE SURVEILLANCE
22 MATERIAL, WHATEVER-- X-RAYS-- AND HOW EVEN STAFF WERE NOT
23 APPROPRIATELY TRAINED, SO THAT'S ALSO A PART OF IT. BUT MAKING
24 SURE THAT WE CUT THESE CONTRACTS RIGHT AWAY, AND THAT MAYBE WE
25 HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE. IF THE FIRST CONTRACTOR



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SUPERVISORS

1 DOESN'T WORK, WHAT IS THE BACKUP? AND GET IT DONE AS SOON AS
2 POSSIBLE, I WOULD SAY BEFORE--

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. AND HONESTLY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF
5 THIS WAS PART OF YOUR PRESENTATION. I THINK WE WERE KIND OF
6 TALKING ABOUT NETTING, AND NOT HAVING THAT TILL DECEMBER. SO,
7 I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THIS TECHNOLOGY WAS EVEN A PART OF YOUR
8 PLAN. IT IS JUST ONE OF THOSE-- LIKE, YOU KNOW THAT IS THERE,
9 BUT...

10

11 **ERIC STRONG:** WELL, THAT IS PART OF THE PLAN. WE ARE-- YES, WE
12 ARE IN TALK WITH THE VENDORS, THE CONTRACTED VENDORS. AGAIN,
13 WE HAVE CONTRACTED ITEMS AND CONTRACTED VENDORS. SO, WE ARE
14 LOOKING FOR SOME HELP IN HOW TO EXPEDITE CHANGING THESE
15 CONTRACTED ITEMS. BUT JUST TO ADD TO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE
16 SMALL PIECE OF FENTANYL, A BIG PORTION OF THAT IS GOING TO
17 ALSO COME WITH EDUCATING AND HOLDING OUR EMPLOYEES ACCOUNTABLE
18 TO THE WAY THAT THEY MOVE, AND THE WAY THAT THEY OPERATE IN
19 CREATING SAFETY-CONSCIOUS EMPLOYEES. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT
20 LITTLE PIECE OF FENTANYL THAT SOMEBODY IS ABLE TO SMUGGLE IN,
21 OUR EMPLOYEES NEED TO BE AWARE AND WATCHING. HOW IS THAT GOING
22 TO BE PASSED ON? SO THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS,
23 BECAUSE TECHNOLOGY CAN ALWAYS FAIL, BUT WE NEED OUR EMPLOYEES
24 TO BE CONSCIOUS, AS WELL.

25



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT WE NEED EVERYBODY SEARCHED. RIGHT? I
2 DON'T WANT TO PUT ASPERSION ON ANYBODY, BUT IT'S GOT TO BE
3 VISITORS, STAFF. EVERYBODY COMING INTO THAT FACILITY, IN MY
4 OPINION, NEEDS TO BE SEARCHED. YES. SUPERVISORS. ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD WE HAVE FESIA KIND OF...

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. FESIA, IS THERE A HELP ON THE WAY FOR
9 WHAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR?

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISORS, I WOULD SAY YES. SO, ON
12 MAY 23RD, THE C.E.O. ISSUED A BOARD LETTER THAT WE DRAFTED IN
13 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT. YOUR BOARD ADOPTED THAT
14 BOARD LETTER THAT BASICALLY GIVES THE DEPARTMENT FLEXIBILITY
15 IN CONTRACTING, SOLICITATIONS, ET CETERA, STAFFING, CREATING
16 NEW CLASSIFICATIONS, ET CETERA.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S ALSO MONEY.

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** WELL, I WAS GOING TO GET TO THAT. SO,
21 ON THE BUDGET PIECE, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT A LOT OF THE
22 REQUESTS-- THE SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS, THE NETTING, ET CETERA--
23 AS THOSE PLANS ARE WORKS IN PROGRESS, PROBATION HAS A SERVICES
24 AND SUPPLIES BUDGET THAT SHOULD BE ABLE TO COVER THOSE COSTS.
25 AND IF IT IS DETERMINED-- WHICH WE HAVEN'T HEARD YET. WE HAVE



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1 NOT HEARD THAT YET, BUT IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS AN
2 ADDITIONAL NEED, THEN WE WILL OF COURSE HAVE THOSE
3 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY
4 ARE THERE YET. OR IF THEY ARE THERE YET, MY OFFICE HASN'T BEEN
5 INFORMED.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, GUILLERMO?

8

9 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
10 NEWLY MINTED SECURITY CHIEF DOESN'T MAKE A PROMISE THAT... I
11 NEED TO TEMPER EXPECTATIONS. DETENTION FACILITIES ARE AN
12 ONGOING STRUGGLE, ALWAYS IN A FIGHT AGAINST CRIMINAL
13 ENTERPRISES THAT ARE TRYING TO MOVE DRUGS INTO THE FACILITY.
14 AND FENTANYL, IN PARTICULAR, IS NOT JUST DIFFICULT FOR US, BUT
15 IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE TO EVERY DETENTION FACILITY, AND I AM
16 UNAWARE OF ANY DETENTION FACILITY THAT CAN TELL YOU WITH 100%
17 DEGREE THEY CAN PREVENT IT FROM ENTERING. SO I JUST WANT TO BE
18 VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY, BUT WE'RE AT THE POINT THAT
21 WE'RE SAYING, "LET'S TRY." THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. I MEAN, WE
22 KNOW THE PROBLEM. WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE IS AN ENTIRE COUNTY
23 FAMILY WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM AND KEEP OUR
24 YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE. SO, LET'S TRY, BECAUSE I'D LIKE US TO BE



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SUPERVISORS

1 100% SURE THAT THOSE DRUGS ARE NOT GETTING INTO OUR
2 FACILITIES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST WANT TO ASK, IS THERE ANY RELUCTANCE
5 ON YOUR PART, GUILLERMO, IN TERMS OF HOW FAST THIS CAN BE
6 EXPEDITED, OR IS THAT JUST SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE WORKING OUT
7 WITH YOUR STAFF? DO YOU NEED TO HAVE C.E.O., PERHAPS, HAVE
8 SOMEONE EMBEDDED WITH YOU, WITH THE BUDGET PART, JUST TO
9 TACKLE THIS? BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I DO, TOO.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, I MEAN, IS THAT POSSIBLE, C.E.O.?

14

15 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** THE C.E.O. HAS PARTNERED WITH US, AND
16 SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ARE AT RECORD SPEED.
17 FOR EXAMPLE, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE SAFETY AND SECURITY
18 SPECIALISTS, FOR WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE OFFERS, REALLY OCCURRED
19 FASTER THAN I THINK HAS SEEN BEFORE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
20 THE C.E.O. AND OTHER PARTNERS. THERE ARE MODIFICATIONS BY
21 I.S.D. THAT ARE OCCURRING TODAY, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE FOR
22 THE NEXT WEEK, THAT REALLY CANNOT BE DONE ANY FASTER. I MEAN,
23 THEY'RE PHYSICALLY ON SITE, MAKING THOSE MODIFICATIONS. WITH
24 RESPECT TO THE NETTING, THIS IS THE TYPE OF ENGINEERING WORK
25 THAT INITIALLY WAS GIVEN TO US AS A TWO- TO THREE-YEAR



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1 PROJECT, AND HERE WE ARE, HAVING BEEN ABLE TO EXPEDITE THAT TO
2 THE DATES THAT--

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AGREE. I THINK WHAT YOU'RE SEEING-- AND
5 YOU'RE NEW, RIGHT, TO THE COUNTY, BUT I THINK WHAT YOU'RE
6 SEEING IS AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT AND COLLABORATION BY THIS
7 BOARD TO DO WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO FULFILL OUR
8 RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION TO CARE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
9 WHO ARE IN OUR CUSTODY. SO IT'S SORT OF LIKE, "TAKE ADVANTAGE
10 OF IT," IS KIND OF WHAT WE ARE SAYING. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
11 EVERYONE SAYING, "WE KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT. WE KNOW, BEFORE,
12 IT'S BEEN CHALLENGING." BUT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US SAYING TO OUR
13 C.E.O., "GIVE THEM THE HELP THEY NEED, WHEN THEY NEED IT, TO
14 ACCOMPLISH WHAT THIS BOARD'S DESIRE IS." IT'S CARE FIRST, JAIL
15 LAST, BUT IT'S ALSO "NO DRUGS IN OUR FACILITIES." OKAY. THANK
16 YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

17
18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, AND THANK
19 YOU, GUILLERMO, FOR CLARIFYING, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE ARE
20 ANXIOUS, AND OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T WANT ANY DRUGS GETTING IN. BUT
21 AT THE END OF THE DAY, I MEAN, WHEN I WAS TOLD THE SIZE OF THE
22 TABLETS THAT ARE BEING BROUGHT IN, THAT ARE LACED WITH THE
23 FENTANYL, IT IS TEENY, TEENY, TEENY, TEENY, TINY. AND I WAS
24 SHOCKED THAT EVEN PARENTS ARE SMUGGLING IN FOR THEIR CHILDREN.
25 SO, I MEAN, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS PROBLEMATIC



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1 ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU ALL ARE
2 DOING, AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, OR CHAIR HAHN, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY
3 RIGHT. WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO GIVING YOU THOSE RESOURCES THAT
4 ARE GOING TO HELP WEED IT OUT, RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS NOT
5 GOING TO BE A PERFECT SCIENCE. EVERY TIME YOU THINK-- YOU
6 KNOW, WHEN I HANDLE D.P.S.S., EVERY TIME YOU THINK YOU'VE
7 FIGURED OUT A WAY TO PREVENT FRAUD, THEY FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
8 GET AROUND IT. SO WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY BE UPPING OUR GAME,
9 AND I THINK THAT'S AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT WE ALL HAVE. HAVING
10 SAID THAT, I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO
11 SPORTS, BECAUSE PART OF THE UNIT IS GOING TO INCLUDE AN
12 ATHLETIC FIELD, CORRECT? THAT'S STILL ON COURSE?

13
14 **GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA:** YES.

15
16 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. SO, I'M NOT GOING TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS,
17 BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK MY STAFF, ANNA MOURADIAN
18 AND SANDRA CROXTON, WHO I KNOW WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING QUITE A
19 BIT ON THIS. AND, SCOTT, YOU'VE BEEN INCREDIBLE. DAVID, YOU'VE
20 BEEN INCREDIBLE. THE COMMISSION, THANK YOU, BECAUSE THIS IS AT
21 A RECORD SPEED. GETTING OCTOBER-- I WOULD HAVE WANTED IT
22 SOONER, BUT I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO REHAB THAT UNIT. WE GOT TO
23 GET IT STAFFED UP, WORKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU.
24 MENTAL HEALTH IS GOING TO BE A KEY PARTNER, AS IT RELATES TO
25 ADDRESSING THIS. BUT I WOULD HAVE BEEN REMISS IF I HAD NOT



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1 ACKNOWLEDGED THE WORK THAT MY STAFF HAS DONE WORKING WITH YOU
2 ON THIS, AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN JUST--

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF
9 D.Y.D. FOR WORKING WITH US TO PUT THIS PANEL TOGETHER, BECAUSE
10 THIS IS VERY TIMELY. AND I APPRECIATE YOU, AND I APPRECIATE
11 EVERYBODY THAT SPOKE AND GAVE US AN UPDATE, BECAUSE THERE ARE
12 THINGS HERE I'M HEARING TODAY, I HAD NOT HEARD BEFORE. SO THAT
13 GIVES ME REINFORCED ENERGY TO SAY, HEY, WE'RE GETTING THINGS
14 DONE, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. SO, PLEASE KEEP US ALL
15 INFORMED, AS WE CAN HELP YOU AND MAKE THIS BETTER FOR,
16 INCLUDING OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOSE YOUNG
17 PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND
18 I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, ALSO, AND OUR STAFFS FOR WORKING
19 TOGETHER ON THIS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO MY STAFF, TOO.
22 BIG SHOUT-OUT TO KYLA AND CHLOE. OKAY, WE ARE NOW GOING TO GO
23 TO PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT I JUST WANTED TO TELEGRAPH OUT THERE
24 THAT WHEN THIS ITEM IS DONE, WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE A LITTLE
25 ORDER AND TAKE ITEM 9 AND 10 NEXT. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE



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1 BEFORE 3 AND 4. SO, 9 AND 10 ARE GOING TO GO BEFORE 3 AND 4.
2 SO, JUST TELEGRAPHING THAT OUT THERE. BUT WE'RE STILL ON ITEM
3 75. THANK YOU TO ALL THE PRESENTERS. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING
4 HERE. LET'S HEAR WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY. EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP
6 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 75.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
9 ARNOLD SACHS, MICHAEL MENDOZA, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, SAM LEWIS,
10 AND TYRIQUE SHIPP. ALSO, AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS
11 ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM,
12 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
13 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS M.E.L. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES. THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON
18 NOW. JUST WANTED TO IDENTIFY A COUPLE OF THINGS. WHILE I KNOW
19 IT'S NECESSARY, THE PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HOW TO BRING
20 DRUGS IN MAY HAVE CREATED A BLUEPRINT, BUT I DO RECOGNIZE THE
21 NEED FOR DISCUSSING IT. \$4 MILLION IS A LOT OF MONEY TO ADD TO
22 THE BUDGET FOR THE D.Y.D. PIECE THAT WAS PRESENTED. WE KEEP
23 SAYING, OR YOU ALL KEEP SAYING THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPEAK
24 ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS THAT NEED TO BE SPOKEN ABOUT, AND WE'RE
25 TALKING ABOUT STAFFING. WE'VE SPENT ALMOST AN HOUR THUS FAR.



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1 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT WE SPEND AN HOUR TO TALK
2 ABOUT THE NEEDS TO STAFFING. IF YOU HAVE A CUP THAT IS HALFWAY
3 FILLED WITH WATER, THAT HAS A HOLE AT THE BOTTOM OF IT, AND
4 YOU'RE TRYING TO FILL UP THE CUP, DO YOU KEEP POURING WATER IN
5 THE CUP, OR DO YOU FIX THE HOLE? THE HOLE IS THE LEVEL OF
6 ACCOUNTABILITY, NOT JUST FOR THE EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE THAT IS
7 NECESSARY, BUT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EVERYBODY, WHICH INVOLVES
8 THE COURTS IN THAT CONVERSATION. WE WANT TO SAY WE'RE
9 COLLABORATING--

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU
15 MAY BEGIN. GENEVIEVE, GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE'S OPEN.

16

17 **SUP. HORVATH:** IS THERE ANYONE THERE? WE'LL GO ON TO OUR NEXT
18 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS E.J. METTAL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** E.J. METTAL. SO, ALL THIS WOULD NOT BE HAPPENING IN
23 THE FIRST PLACE IF THE DETENTION FACILITIES WERE CLOSED.
24 REMEMBER, OUR BROWN AND BLACK TEENAGERS' LIVES MATTER. AND WHY
25 DON'T WE START BY WEEDING OUT THE GANG MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIFFS



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1 AND THE STAFF WHO ARE BRINGING IN DRUGS? IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY
2 SENSE AT ALL. AND WHERE WERE THE SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS BEFORE?
3 I'M CONFUSED. SO, WHY ARE WE PUTTING ALL THIS MONEY INTO THIS,
4 BUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THIS? WHY DOES IT KEEP ON HAPPENING?
5 AND WHY YOU TRYING TO BLAME THE PARENTS? YOU'RE SAYING THAT
6 THE PARENTS ARE BRINGING IN THE DRUGS. THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY
7 SENSE AT ALL. AT ALL. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

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

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13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HEAR FROM
14 HUNTSMAN. THIS IS A BIT UPSETTING KIND OF A CALL. AND I
15 UNDERSTAND WE'RE TRYING TO PREVENT THE FENTANYL FROM COMING
16 IN, AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, BUT WE HAVE TO WORK HARDER
17 ON PROVIDING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THIS KIND OF PATIENT AND
18 YOUTH ARE GOING TO BE BENEFITED. YOU SHOULD READ THE BOOK "THE
19 GREAT NEZUKO," WHICH IS A MANGA FROM YEARS AGO, ABOUT A
20 TEACHER WHO WAS KIND OF A TOUGH CHARACTER HIMSELF. SO, THINK A
21 LITTLE BIT LIKE HOMEBOYS. BUT WHAT HE DOES IS, HE WORKS WITH
22 EACH OF THE KIDS INDIVIDUALLY. FIRST, HE WORKS AT A PLACE
23 WHERE THEY-- YOU KNOW, HE TAKES OVER A PLACE WHERE THE
24 STUDENTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL. SO, THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DEALING
25 WITH HERE, AND WE NEED INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A



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SUPERVISORS

1 ROAD BEHIND THEM TO BE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THE IDEA THAT
2 WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A NET, IT'S JUST-- IT'S ALL WRONG. THE
3 IDEA THAT WE'RE GOING TO CREATE A BOX, IT'S NOT THE APPROACH.
4 WE HAVE TO GET INSIDE THE PEOPLE'S MINDS, TO MAKE THEM--

5

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

8

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. HELLO? HELLO, THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS HERE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN WE--

15

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

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT'S ROY HUMPHREYS.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. FIRST OF ALL, I REALIZE ALL OF THE LEGAL STUFF
4 THAT YOU HAVE, AND THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS SET UP, AND SO FORTH,
5 BUT THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS STARTED IN 1965, AND HOW FAR HAVE WE
6 GONE DOWN THIS RATHOLE? AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
7 YOU'RE JUST THROWING MONEY DOWN A RATHOLE. AND IF YOU CAN FIND
8 ONE INSTANCE WHERE SOMEONE FORCED A DRUG DOWN SOMEBODY'S
9 THROAT OR UP THEIR ARM, YOU GOT A CASE, BUT THAT IS NOT THE
10 CASE. STOP THE NARCAN. IF THEY O.D., IT'S-- YOU'RE JUST
11 CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM, TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AGAIN,
12 MONEY DOWN A RATHOLE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS. I AM GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT ITEM. THIS TIME, WE
21 NEED TO LOOK MUCH MORE INTENSELY ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN THOSE
22 FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY MAYBE PROVIDE A LOT MORE EDUCATION,
23 PROVIDE FOR THEM IN SCHOOL, MORE ENTERTAINMENT TO DIVERT THEM
24 A LITTLE BIT, ALSO, BUT WE NEED TO STOP THOSE DRUGS FROM



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1 GETTING TO THEM. AND THAT, I THINK, IS WHERE YOU NEED TO PUT
2 YOUR EFFORTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3
4 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5
6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEFF FREE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7
8 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. I'VE BEEN AN ADVOCATE HERE IN DISTRICT 2 FOR
9 QUITE A WHILE, AND ONE OF THE CONCERNS WITH THE DRUG USAGE IS
10 IDENTIFYING THE USAGES OF THE KIDS PRIOR TO THEIR DETENTION,
11 OR PRIOR TO GETTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED. I ALSO AM AWARE THAT,
12 WITH THE SECURITY MEASURES AND HAVING BEEN UP THERE, YOU HAVE
13 A POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH YOUR OWN PROBATION
14 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. YOU HAVE A COMMISSIONER WHO IS INVOLVED
15 WITH ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS, AND IT SEEMS LIKE WHEN THEY GO,
16 THEY'RE ABLE TO JUST GET IN. I DON'T WANT TO SAY THEIR NAME
17 PUBLICLY, BUT I JUST SAY THE RULE HAS TO APPLY FOR ALL OF US
18 THAT ARE GOING IN. EVERY C.B.O. THAT IS GOING IN HAS TO BE
19 HELD TO THE SAME STANDARD OF CARE. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF ONE OF
20 YOUR C.B.O. LEADERS IS A CORRECTIONS OFFICER OR COMMISSIONER.
21 AND THEN, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO DISCUSS, WHY DID THOSE KIDS
22 ATTACK THE OFFICERS? WERE THEY UNDER THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR
23 DRUGS AT THE TIME? AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK THE YOUNG
24 MAN EARLIER--



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
2 SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, I'M SORRY. WE'RE GOING IN SPEAKER. MR.
3 SACHS. I MEAN, IN PERSON.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. A COUPLE
6 DIFFERENT THINGS. I STARTED COMING TO THE MEETING IN 2008. IN
7 2008, THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY WAS \$18 BILLION. THE BUDGET
8 THIS YEAR IS \$45 BILLION. SAME AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEES. 108,000
9 EMPLOYEES. 108,000 EMPLOYEES. SOMEBODY MENTIONED BLACK AND
10 BROWN TEENAGERS. I THINK THAT'S DISRESPECTFUL. HAVE YOU LOOKED
11 AT A GOLD CARD APPROACH? HAVE YOU LOOKED AT CREATING A CZAR
12 POSITION? THIS [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAM THAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH
13 [EXPLETIVE]. HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT GAS MASKS? THIS SILO
14 APPROACH THAT YOU HAVE [EXPLETIVE]. HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A
15 SMART LABEL PROGRAM? HAVE YOU SAID CARE FIRST? WHAT ABOUT L.A.
16 CARE, THAT PROGRAM WHERE WE SIGNED UP ALL THESE HOMELESS
17 PEOPLE ON SKID ROW? WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PROGRAM? IT WOULD
18 HAVE WORKED. HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO GANG REDUCTION? HAVE YOU
19 LOOKED AT - -

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED,
22 THANKFULLY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER.

25



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SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I'M A TEACHER. I TAUGHT FOR L.A.C.O.E. I TAUGHT IN
4 THE CAMPS AND THE HALLS-- EASTLAKE, KILPATRICK, KIRBY, JUST TO
5 NAME THREE OF THEM-- SO I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I WAS IN THERE
6 IN MY BOOTS, AND I LASTED 7 YEARS, OKAY? IT'S VERY, VERY
7 STRESSFUL, BUT I LOVED THE KIDS. OKAY, THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE
8 TO DO. THESE KIDS HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE DORM, AND THEY HAVE
9 TO WALK TO THE SCHOOL IN THERE. THE SCHOOL IS RIGHT IN THE
10 DORM. THEY DON'T COME OUT. YOU GOT TO PETITION THEM JUST LIKE
11 THEY'RE IN PRISON. THE PARENTS ON ONE SIDE OF THE GLASS, AND
12 THEY'RE ON THE OTHER. THEY CANNOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THE
13 OUTSIDE. NOW, BEFORE I LEFT IN 2009, THE HOMOSEXUALS WERE
14 COMING IN THERE. SOME KIDS STARTED TO TELL ME ABOUT HOW THEY
15 WERE HARASSING THEM, AND ONE OF THE STAFF CAUGHT THEM, AND
16 THEY GOT ME OUT OF THAT SCHOOL. SO, THEY STARTED TAKING OVER
17 THE SCHOOLS IN 2009. I TAUGHT FOR L.A.U.S.D., ALSO. THEY
18 STARTED TAKING OVER THE L.A.U.S.D. AND THE JUVIES. OKAY, I
19 BELIEVE THE STAFF-- NOW, WE'VE GOT SOME GOOD STAFF IN
20 PROBATION. THEY'RE BRINGING IN THOSE DRUGS. WE NEED TO HAVE
21 MINIMUM CONTACT WITH STAFF, OKAY? I KNOW YOU'RE NOT LISTENING,
22 JANICE HAHN. YOU'RE DOING EVERYTHING BUT LISTENING, BUT WE'RE
23 GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE.

24

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



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2 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
3 SAM LEWIS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C., THE ANTI-
4 RECIDIVISM COALITION. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK YOU
5 ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS PARTICULAR MATTER. FOR ALL OF
6 THE AGENCIES THAT REPORTED OUT TODAY, THANK YOU. I BELIEVE
7 THAT, BOTH FROM MY EXPERIENCE OF GOING IN AND SPENDING DAYS IN
8 THE HALLS, IT'S GETTING BETTER. IS IT WHERE WE WANT IT AT? NOT
9 QUITE YET, BUT I KNOW, WITH THE UNIFIED EFFORT OF EVERYONE,
10 WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET THIS DONE. I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY THANK
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THE INITIAL ASSISTANCE, BACK IN 2014, TO
12 FUND US; SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CREDIBLE MESSENGERS; SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS, FOR THE TWO FULL-TIME CREDIBLE MESSENGERS THAT ARE NOW
14 IN LOS PADRINOS; D.Y.D., FOR THE 8 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS FOR
15 A.R.C. THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN S.Y.T.F. FACILITIES; AND FOR
16 H.D.A. EVERY DAY, THEY'RE IN THERE, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH
17 PROBATION STAFF, SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK
18 YOU, MAKING SURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR SAFETY, AND
19 PROBATION STAFF'S SAFETY, IS A PRIORITY. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **TYRIQUE SHIPP:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
24 TYRIQUE SHIPP, WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. REALLY, I
25 JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY ON THE BOARD, AND EVERYBODY FOR



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1 REALLY TRYING TO PUT THIS FORWARD, AND TRYING TO PUT THIS
2 BEHIND US. THIS DRUG ISSUE INSIDE OF OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES
3 CAN SOMETIMES OVERTAKE THE MISSION OF REHABILITATION, AND
4 TRYING TO CREATE SOMETHING-- A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE YOUTH
5 THAT COME IN AND TRY TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES. THEY'RE EXPOSED TO
6 THE SAME INFLUENCES THAT ARE OUT ON THE STREET. SO I REALLY
7 JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR TAKING THEIR TIME AND REALLY
8 COLLABORATING ON THIS ISSUE. IT WAS MORE THAN JUST A PROBATION
9 ISSUE, OR JUST AN ISSUE WHERE WE FOCUSED ON ONE AREA. IT
10 NEEDED A TEAM. AND NOW WE'RE PULLING THAT TOGETHER, AND WE'RE
11 MAKING SOMETHING SPECIAL OUT OF IT, SO I JUST WANT TO THANK
12 YOU.

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

15
16 **MICHAEL MENDOZA:** MICHAEL MENDOZA, DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY WITH
17 THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, SO MUCH
18 FOR ALL OF THIS WORK, THE MULTI-PRONG APPROACH, AND ALL HANDS
19 ON DECK. THIS YEAR, I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING APPOINTED
20 BY PRESIDENT BIDEN TO THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
21 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE.
22 THIS IS A NATIONAL ISSUE. THIS IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT FOR
23 US, AND OVER 25 FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE
24 PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES FOR YOUTH WHO ARE CURRENTLY



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1 INCARCERATED. SO, WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
2 YOU ALL, AND PROVIDE EVERY RESOURCE WE CAN. THANK YOU.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST
5 SPEAKER. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS
6 ITEM? IF NOT, THIS IS A REPORT. IT'S RECEIVE-AND-FILE. SO,
7 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND AS I
8 MENTIONED, WE'LL NOW GO TO ITEM 3. THANK YOU. I DID SAY 9. MY
9 SCRIPT DIDN'T GET CHANGED. ITEM 9, HOTEL WORKER PROTECTIONS--
10 SORRY-- WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO
12 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 9. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU
13 LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? AND THEN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU
14 LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

15
16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I KNOW WE
17 HAVE SOME FOLKS WHO HAVE JOINED US HERE IN THE HALL, SO WE'RE
18 EXCITED TO SEE YOU FOR THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION. I WANT TO
19 THANK MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS
20 IMPORTANT MOTION, WHICH WILL DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT A
21 HOTEL WORKER PROTECTION ORDINANCE THAT MIRRORS THE CITY OF LOS
22 ANGELES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND SANTA MONICA, CREATING GREATER
23 CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE'RE SORT OF PLUGGING THE HOLE
24 IN THE BUCKET, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO
25 PROTECT OUR WORKERS, NO MATTER WHICH PART OF LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY THAT YOU ARE IN. WE KNOW THAT HOTEL WORKERS PLAY AN
2 IMPORTANT PART IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR COUNTY'S TOURISM
3 INDUSTRY, AND THEREFORE WE MUST ENSURE THAT HOTELS PROTECT AND
4 HONOR THE WORK WHICH THOSE EMPLOYEES PERFORM. HOTEL WORKERS
5 AND HOUSEKEEPERS, LARGELY WOMEN OF COLOR, DESERVE TO HAVE A
6 WORKPLACE THAT PRIORITIZES THEIR SAFETY. WE MUST ENSURE BASIC
7 PROTECTIONS FOR HOTEL WORKERS, WHO ARE TOO OFTEN OVERBURDENED
8 WITH CLEANING MORE ROOMS THAN THE INDUSTRY STANDARD, PUTTING
9 THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY AT RISK WHEN THEY ENTER GUEST ROOMS, AND
10 BEING PRESSURED TO WORK UNEXPECTED AND MANDATORY OVERTIME,
11 THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING ALL OF THAT EFFECTIVELY. SPECIFICALLY,
12 THIS DRAFT ORDINANCE WILL ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS BY EQUIPPING
13 HOTEL WORKERS, WHO WORK ALONE IN GUEST ROOMS, WITH PERSONAL
14 SECURITY DEVICES; PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM TAKING ADVERSE
15 ACTIONS AGAINST EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT THREATS OR VIOLENCE;
16 MANDATING REASONABLE WORKLOADS; FORBIDDING EMPLOYERS FROM
17 MANDATING OVERTIME, UNLESS THE WORKERS CONSENT; AND PROVIDING
18 TRAINING TO HOTEL WORKERS ON THEIR RIGHTS, BEST CLEANING
19 PRACTICES, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING
20 TO POTENTIAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, OR OTHER
21 VIOLENCE OR THREATS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PROVIDING THESE
22 PROTECTIONS IS IMPORTANT TO HELPING TO ADDRESS EQUITY AND
23 SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES, AND WE KNOW THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE
24 AT THE COUNTY. WE ARE LOOKING AT EVERYTHING THROUGH AN EQUITY
25 LENS. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO PROTECT THE SAFETY



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1 OF OUR HOTEL WORKERS, AND ENSURE THEY ARE TREATED WITH DIGNITY
2 AND RESPECT. AS WORKERS BRAVELY STRIKE FOR FAIR PAY AND BETTER
3 WORKING CONDITIONS, THIS BOARD HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT
4 BEST PRACTICES FOR HOTEL WORKER PROTECTIONS IN UNINCORPORATED
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE SAW DURING C.O.V.I.D., WHEN THE CHANGES
6 IN OUR HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IMPACTED THESE WORKERS IN A VERY
7 PROFOUND WAY, WE HAVE TO STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR THESE WORKERS
8 WHO LED AND WERE PUT AT RISK IN A WHOLE NEW WAY DURING
9 C.O.V.I.D.-19, MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE BRINGING THEM BACK INTO
10 AN ECONOMY THAT INCLUDES EVERYONE. WE KNOW THAT THIS SYSTEM
11 WAS NOT JUST BROKEN BY C.O.V.I.D.-19, BUT BY A BROKEN SYSTEM
12 THAT EXISTED LONG BEFORE THIS GLOBAL HEALTH PANDEMIC. AND WE
13 RECENTLY SAW IN A REPORT IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES THE
14 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON OUR HOUSEKEEPERS AND OUR HOTEL
15 WORKERS, JUST AT THE ABILITY TO AFFORD THE COST OF LIVING. AND
16 I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE FIGHTING THAT FIGHT, AS WELL,
17 HERE TODAY. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
18 PROTECTING AND MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF OUR WORKPLACES ARE
19 SAFE, THAT WE ARE PROTECTING THE SAFETY, AND NOT ONLY
20 INSTITUTING RULES THAT ARE GOOD ON PAPER, BUT PRACTICES THAT
21 ARE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFER, AND TO EMPOWER
22 OUR WORKERS. I'M SO GRATEFUL TO SEE SO MANY MEMBERS OF
23 U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. HERE TODAY TO TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP. IT
24 IS THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP THAT THIS BOARD WILL MOVE THIS



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1 MOTION FORWARD. AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MY CO-AUTHOR,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

3
4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
5 AND ALSO FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU AS A CO-AUTHOR ON THE
6 MOTION. AS WE KNOW, WOMEN MAKE UP THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOTEL
7 WORKERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND ESPECIALLY IMMIGRANT
8 WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR. THEY'RE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO
9 SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON THE JOB, WHOSE HUMBLE WAGES ARE OFTEN
10 SUBJECTED TO THEFT BY THEIR EMPLOYERS. WAGE THEFT. THAT'S WHY
11 I DIDN'T HESITATE TO CO-AUTHOR WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN IN A
12 MOTION SHE HAD BACK IN 2020. WHEN HOTELS REOPENED AFTER THE
13 HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, WE FOUND THAT HOTELS WERE REPLACING
14 THEIR SENIOR, EXPERIENCED STAFF WITH YOUNGER, LESS EXPENSIVE,
15 ENTRY-LEVEL STAFF. THOSE WERE THE WRONG THINGS TO DO. SO WE
16 IMPLEMENTED ORDINANCES TO PROTECT OLDER AND MORE EXPERIENCED
17 WORKERS WITH THE RIGHT TO RECALL, AND WORKER RETENTION TO
18 PRIORITIZE THEM SO THAT THEY COULD BE REHIRED. AND NOW, AS WE
19 CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE WORKING IN OUR HOTELS, THE
20 COUNTY SHOULD ONCE AGAIN IMPLEMENT PROTECTIONS FOR THIS VERY
21 VULNERABLE POPULATION. OTHER LARGE JURISDICTIONS HAVE
22 SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED SIMILAR PROTECTIONS, AS WAS HEARD
23 EARLIER, FOR HOTEL WORKERS. IT'S TIME THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES ALSO STEP UP. [SPEAKS SPANISH]. THANK YOU, MADAM
25 CHAIR.



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1

2 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. I'M GOING TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL JUST A
5 QUICK QUESTION. WE WERE PROVIDED A COPY OF AN ORDINANCE THAT
6 WAS DONE DOWN IN ANAHEIM. IS THAT SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU ARE
7 TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE, AS IT RELATES TO SECURITY?

8

9 **SUP. HORVATH:** THE ORDINANCE FOLLOWS THE CITIES OF-- I DON'T
10 KNOW WHAT, SPECIFICALLY, ANAHEIM--

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I DIDN'T, EITHER, AND--

13

14 **SUP. HORVATH:** LOS ANGELES, SANTA MONICA, AND WEST HOLLYWOOD.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE ORDINANCE?

17

18 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE
19 ORDINANCE FROM ANAHEIM. IT WAS JUST PROVIDED TO ME SECONDS
20 AGO, SO I WILL MAKE SURE MY STAFF LOOKS AT THAT, AS WE'RE
21 LOOKING AT THE OTHER ONES, PURSUANT TO THE SECOND DIRECTIVE,
22 AS WELL.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN, HAVE WE ASKED THAT L.A.E.D.C... THEIR
25 OPINION ON MOVING FORWARD WITH PARTS OF THIS?



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2 **SUP. HORVATH:** I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WERE INVOLVED IN OTHER
3 CITIES' IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCES. I THINK WHAT WE ARE
4 TRYING TO DO IS DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIMES THAT BUSINESSES
5 HAVE TO KEEP DIFFERENT SETS OF BOOKS IN DIFFERENT CITIES, AS
6 WELL. WE KNOW THAT WAS A BIG CONCERN THAT I HEARD WHEN I WAS
7 ON THE CITY SIDE, IF ONE CITY DOES SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AND
8 THEY HAVE BUSINESSES IN OTHER PLACES. SO, FROM THE BUSINESS
9 SIDE, IT ACTUALLY HELPS TO SIMPLIFY AND MAKE SURE THAT
10 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY MATCHES TO THE CITIES OF LOS
11 ANGELES, SANTA MONICA, AND WEST HOLLYWOOD.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, I AGREE, AND I THINK THIS ONLY IMPACTS THE
14 UNINCORPORATED. AND SO, PLACES-- THERE ARE CITIES, LIKE
15 BEVERLY HILLS, THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO IMPACT, SO IT IS
16 PIECEMEAL. I HEAR YOU ON THAT. BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS, BECAUSE
17 YOU BRING UP C.O.V.I.D., AND I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. WE SHUT
18 DOWN HOTELS DURING C.O.V.I.D. AND THEN THE ONES THAT DID HAVE
19 THE ABILITY TO COME BACK UP, TOURISM WAS IMPACTED. AND SO, I
20 DON'T KNOW. I'M TRYING TO RECONCILE FACT FROM FICTION, IN
21 TERMS OF SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE THAT I RECEIVED, AS IT
22 RELATES TO THE ECONOMICS OF THIS AND HOW IT'S GOING TO IMPACT
23 THE INDUSTRY, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SEE PEOPLE LAID OFF AS A
24 RESULT, AS A WORKAROUND ON THIS, AND THAT'S MY CONCERN. I
25 MEAN, THE SAFETY, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. I WOULD EVEN ARGUE



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1 THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND IT FOR HOTEL WORKERS, WE
2 SHOULD BE PROVIDING IT FOR OUR SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE GOING
3 OUT EACH AND EVERY DAY, AS WELL, IN TERMS OF THE SAFETY
4 FACTOR. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT I'VE HEARD
5 HORRIFIC STORIES ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AS IT RELATES TO WORKERS
6 IN HOTELS AND MOTELS. SO I'M ALL IN, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE
7 THAT WE HAVE THE ECONOMICS, AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACTS THAT
8 IT'S GOING TO HAVE ON WORKERS ON THE SECOND PART. I'M NOT
9 SAYING I'M AN ABSOLUTE NO, BUT I JUST WANT TO BETTER
10 UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE LAID OFF AS A
11 WORKAROUND, WHICH IS WHAT I THINK WHEN I LOOK AT THE LETTER
12 FROM THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITALITY UNITED COALITION. AND AGAIN, I
13 HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS, BECAUSE MY STAFF JUST GAVE IT TO ME,
14 BUT THAT IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES LAST YEAR, THEY FOUND THAT
15 THERE WAS A 5% DECLINE IN OCCUPIED HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS, AND THAT
16 5,856 JOBS WERE LOST. AND THAT CONCERNS ME. BECAUSE WE TALK
17 ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE ON THE BRINK OF
18 HOMELESSNESS, AND I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A CAUSE-AND-EFFECT
19 ISSUE. I'LL LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE TALKING. I JUST WANTED TO
20 THROW THAT OUT THERE. THAT'S WHY I ASKED ABOUT THE ANAHEIM,
21 BECAUSE I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THAT DIFFERS FROM THE
22 CITY OF L.A., AND I DON'T HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON THAT,
23 AND THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING.

24



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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** I DON'T KNOW EXPLICITLY WHAT HAPPENED IN
2 ANAHEIM, BUT I DO KNOW THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT I AUTHORED IN
3 MY CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND WEST HOLLYWOOD WAS ONE OF THE
4 FIRST CITIES TO COME BACK INTO THE BLACK AFTER THE C.O.V.I.D.-
5 19 IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, AND IT IS A CITY THAT LARGELY
6 RELIES ON TOURISM AND THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY. I KNOW THAT
7 PERHAPS, WHEN WE HEAR FROM OUR SPEAKERS TODAY, I THINK YOUR
8 QUESTION RAISES IMPORTANT-- AND PERHAPS THEY CAN TALK ABOUT
9 WHETHER THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED, IN THE CITIES OF SANTA MONICA,
10 WEST HOLLYWOOD, OR LOS ANGELES, MASS LAYOFFS. I HAVEN'T HEARD
11 THAT, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MASS
12 LAYOFFS IN THE HOTELS. BUT WE'LL HEAR FROM SPEAKERS NEXT, I
13 THINK, AND HOPEFULLY THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THEIR COMMENTS,
14 AS WELL. WE'LL GO AHEAD TO OUR SPEAKERS. WE'LL FIRST TAKE OUR
15 CALLERS, AND THEN WE'LL GO TO IN-PERSON.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
18 ARNOLD SACHS, CECILIA ALVARADO, FLORINDA SANTIAGO, AND RAUL
19 MACIAS. ALSO, AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
20 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, PLEASE
21 PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR,
22 MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CHAD MAENDER. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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2 **CHAD MAENDER:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND L.A. COUNTY
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHAD MAENDER, AND I CURRENTLY
4 SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE L.A.X. COASTAL
5 CHAMBER, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 640 BUSINESSES ACROSS MARINA
6 DEL REY, DEL REY, PLAYA VISTA, PLAYA DEL REY, WESTCHESTER, AND
7 L.A.X. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS TO SLOW DOWN THIS PROCESS OF DRAFTING A HOTEL
9 WORKER PROTECTION ORDINANCE UNTIL A FULL ANALYSIS OF ITS
10 IMPACT CAN BE COMPLETED. AS WE WORK TOWARDS THE 2028 GAMES, WE
11 NEED TO FIND COLLABORATIVE WAYS TO HELP MAKE TOURISM INDUSTRY
12 TO CONTINUE TO REBOUND AND THRIVE, NOT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT.
13 WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO OPEN UP A DIALOGUE WITH OUR HOTEL
14 PARTNERS, AND GET THE THOUGHTFUL FEEDBACK ON THE POTENTIAL
15 ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING INCREASING THE SQUARE FOOTAGE
16 AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR
17 BUSINESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBIN WOLFE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **ROBIN WOLFE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 ROBIN WOLFE. I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HILTON GARDEN IN
25 MARINA DEL REY. I AM RESPECTFULLY ASKING THAT THE BOARD RE-



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1 EVALUATE THE GUIDELINES IN THIS MOTION. THE AMOUNT OF SQUARE
2 FOOTAGE NEEDS TO BE INCREASED TO CREATE A MORE PRODUCTIVE
3 ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH THE HOUSEKEEPING STAFF AND THE HOTEL
4 OPERATORS. ALSO, THE DOUBLE-TIME PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING THAT
5 SQUARE FOOTAGE IS EXCESSIVE. THE FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT IT WILL
6 PUT ON MY HOTEL, AND OTHER SMALLER INDEPENDENT HOTELS, WILL
7 NOT BE SUSTAINABLE. MY COLLEAGUES IMPACTED BY THE CITY OF L.A.
8 ORDINANCE HAVE DOUBLED AND TRIPLED THEIR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF TO
9 BE IN COMPLIANCE. WITH LABOR SHORTAGES, HIRING HOUSEKEEPING
10 STAFF IS NOT AN EASY TASK. THIS ORDINANCE IMPACTS LABOR COSTS,
11 BUT IT ALSO CREATES OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES LIKE LACK OF SPACE
12 FOR DOUBLE AND TRIPLE HOUSEKEEPING CARTS. I URGE YOU TO PLEASE
13 STUDY THE IMPACT ON THE AREAS THAT HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED THIS
14 ORDINANCE, REVIEW THE RESEARCH FROM THE OXFORD ECONOMICS
15 REGARDING THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON TOURISM, JOBS, AND OUR
16 LOCAL ECONOMY. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** BUENAS TARDES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CHATSWORTH, AND
25 I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU AND ASK FOR A VOTE IN SUPPORT OF



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1 THIS MOTION. WE KNOW THAT OUR HOUSING STAFF IN OUR HOTELS ARE
2 A GREAT PARTNERSHIP BOTH, NOT ONLY FOR OUR TRAVEL INDUSTRY,
3 BUT ALSO FOR OUR HOUSING INDUSTRY. THEY HAVE BEEN ESSENTIAL IN
4 HELPING OUR UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS BE HOUSED DURING THE
5 PANDEMIC, AND ASSISTING OUR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES BE
6 SHELTERED. THIS WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE NETWORK, BOTH
7 WITH OUR PROVIDERS AND THE PEOPLE THAT WORK IN IT. AND WHEN IT
8 COMES TO TOURISM, WE ALL KNOW THAT WHEN WE TRAVEL, WE ALL WANT
9 TO STAY IN PLACES WHERE THEY TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEIR STAFF,
10 BECAUSE WHEN THEY TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEIR STAFF, THEY KNOW
11 THAT THEY WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEIR GUESTS. I STAND IN
12 SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OF OUR WORKERS, AND ASK YOU TO VOTE YES ON
13 THIS MOTION.

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES CONLON. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE, SUPERVISORS. THANKS SO MUCH FOR PUTTING
21 THIS TOGETHER ON THE AGENDA, SO THE PUBLIC CAN WEIGH IN ON IT.
22 I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
23 AND WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS AROUND THE LANGUAGE OF THIS MOTION.
24 I REALLY WANT TO MENTION SOME INITIAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE
25 EFFICACY OF PUTTING A PANIC BUTTON FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. IT



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1 WILL BE AN ENORMOUS, LARGE, ONE-TIME PURCHASE FOR SMALL
2 BUSINESSES, AND THERE IS NO DETAIL OF WHERE THEY WILL BE
3 GETTING THIS MONEY FROM. ALSO, THERE WILL BE HEFTY MONTHLY
4 SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND SEVERAL ISSUES AROUND LEGAL LIABILITY FOR
5 WI-FI OR SERVICE DEAD ZONES IF STAFF PRESS A PANIC BUTTON AND
6 IT DOESN'T WORK. HOW ABOUT THE SPEED OF EMERGENCY RESPONDER
7 DEPLOYMENT? WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THAT AND INCLUDE THAT IN THIS
8 ANALYSIS, AND ALSO FOCUS ON DATA AROUND LAYOFFS THAT THIS
9 MIGHT CAUSE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, WHICH ARE STILL STRUGGLING
10 FROM C.O.V.I.D.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANET ZALDUA. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17
18 **JANET ZALDUA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
19 MY NAME IS JANET ZALDUA, AND I REPRESENT THE MARINA DEL REY
20 TOURISM BOARD. I AM RESPECTFULLY ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
21 THE IMPACT OF HOW THIS MOTION WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT TOURISM
22 IN MARINA DEL REY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THE
23 "MARINA DEL REY FOR ALL" INITIATIVE TO INCREASE ACCESS TO
24 MARINA DEL REY TO UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS. THIS MOTION WILL
25 HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT, AND WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT



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1 UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS FROM HAVING ACCESS TO THE MARINA AS A
2 TRAVEL DESTINATION. THE ORDINANCE WILL FORCE HOTEL RATES TO
3 INCREASE, AND ACCELERATE INFLATION. IT WILL RESULT IN A
4 REDUCTION IN JOBS, AND POSITION MARINA DEL REY AS A
5 DESTINATION THAT ONLY THE VERY WEALTHY CAN AFFORD. HOUSEHOLDS
6 WITH MODEST INCOMES WILL BE FORCED TO CONSIDER MORE BUDGET-
7 FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS ELSEWHERE. WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THE
8 ECONOMIC DATA AND RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY OXFORD ECONOMICS ON
9 THE ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF L.A., AND THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE
10 ON TOURISM, JOBS, AND OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 CONSIDERATION.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TIM RILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16
17 **TIM RILEY:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, TIM RILEY, MARINA DEL REY
18 LESSEES ASSOCIATION. WE ASK YOU TO DELAY ACTION TODAY, AND
19 DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO
20 ASSESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON
21 EXISTING HOTEL GROUND LEASES IN MARINA DEL REY. THERE NEEDS TO
22 BE A RECOGNITION OF THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE MARINA HOTELS
23 THAT WERE NOT DEVELOPED ON [INAUDIBLE] LAND. HOTELS IN THE
24 MARINA ARE DISSIMILAR TO ONES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND LOS
25 ANGELES. MARINA HOTELS PAY GROUND RENT TO THE COUNTY, IN



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1 ADDITION TO PROPERTY TAXES, RESULTING IN AN EXTRA FINANCIAL
2 BURDEN NOT SHARED BY HOTELS ELSEWHERE. IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
3 FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE TIME TO MEET WITH THE MARINA HOTEL
4 LESSEES, THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE LESSEES
5 ASSOCIATION, TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS, TO ACHIEVE A WORKABLE
6 ORDINANCE THAT PROTECTS HOSPITALITY JOBS AND SUSTAINS AN
7 INDUSTRY STILL RECOVERING FROM THE PANDEMIC. WE APPRECIATE
8 YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

9
10 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO TO
11 OUR IN-PERSON SPEAKERS. GO AHEAD.

12
13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. YOU KEEP
14 MENTIONING C.O.V.I.D.-19. I BELIEVE THE FIRST PART OF THIS
15 PANDEMIC WAS A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, AND I'M KIND OF WONDERING
16 THAT SINCE THIS STARTED IN 2017, AND THINGS WERE SHUT DOWN
17 BECAUSE OF THIS [EXPLETIVE]--

18
19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THIS ITEM IS ABOUT WORKER PROTECTIONS, SO IF YOU
20 COULD FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS TO THE CONTENT OF THE ITEM, THAT BE
21 WOULD GREAT.

22
23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU MENTIONED C.O.V.I.D.-19, WHEN YOU SAID THAT
24 THERE WAS A PANDEMIC AND ALL THIS STUFF.



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1 **SUP. HORVATH:** THE ITEM IS ABOUT WORKER PROTECTIONS, SO WE NEED
2 YOU TO SPEAK ABOUT THE ITEM THAT'S ON THE AGENDA.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO, THIS PROJECT ROOMKEY THAT YOU HAVE GOING ON-
5 -

6

7 **SUP. HORVATH:** THIS ISN'T ABOUT PROJECT ROOMKEY. IT'S HOTEL
8 WORKER PROTECTIONS.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT IS ABOUT HOTEL WORKERS. PROJECT ROOMKEY
11 ALLOWS ROOMS TO BE FILLED UP WITH 8 TO 10 PEOPLE, AND THAT'S
12 HOW THESE HOTEL WORKERS HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS. I JUST SAW AN
13 ARTICLE ABOUT CURREN PRICE WAS GOING TO LEAD A CHARGE FOR \$25.
14 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ANAHEIM AND SAN FRANCISCO.

15

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

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR CUTTING ME OFF, MS. HORVATH. I
20 DON'T WANT YOU TO SOUND TOO STUPID.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HOLA.

23

24 **SUP. HORVATH:** HOLA.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].

2

3 **TRANSLATOR:** HELLO, AND GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RAUL MACIAS,
4 AND I HAVE WORKED IN HOTELS IN LOS ANGELES, AS A BARTENDER,
5 FOR 25 YEARS. I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND THE SUCCESS
6 OF THE TOURISTIC INDUSTRY DEPENDS ON THE HARD WORK OF HOTEL
7 WORKERS. HOTELS LIKE THE ONE I WORK IN. BUT OUR CURRENT WAGES
8 AREN'T UP TO THE STATUS QUO RIGHT NOW. I SUPPORT ARTICLE
9 NUMBER 9, WHICH GUARANTEES THAT THE HOTEL WORKERS WILL ALSO
10 RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR HARD WORK. AND ALSO, I ASK THE
11 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR
12 WORKERS IN HOTELS, AS WELL AS THEME PARKS. WE MAKE SO LITTLE,
13 AND IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO GET TO THE END OF THE MONTH. AND IN
14 THIS FORUM, I ALSO AM GRATEFUL. AND WE CREATE A GREAT LABOR
15 FORCE, AND WE EXPECT THE SUPPORT SO THAT WE CAN ALSO SUPPORT
16 THE UPCOMING EVENTS, SUCH AS THE WORLD'S CUP, AND ALSO THE
17 OLYMPICS. THANK YOU.

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].

22

23 **TRANSLATOR:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CELIA ALVARADO,
24 AND I WORK IN HOTELS IN LOS ANGELES, AS A HOUSEKEEPER FOR 24
25 YEARS. I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. WE WORK EXTREMELY HARD



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1 SO THAT THE HOTELS IN LOS ANGELES HAVE SUCCESS, BUT VERY
2 LITTLE DO WE RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR OUR HARD WORK.
3 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
4 PRESENTING ARTICLE 9 IN THE AGENDA, AND I DO ENCOURAGE THE
5 BOARD TO PLEASE APPROVE IT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].

12

13 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FLORINDA SANTIAGO, AND
14 I HAVE WORKED IN HOTELS IN LOS ANGELES AS A HOUSEKEEPER FOR 39
15 YEARS. I LIVE IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
16 SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORTH
17 ARTICLE 9 IN THE AGENDA. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH HELPED
18 APPROVE A SIMILAR LAW IN WEST HOLLYWOOD WHEN SHE WAS MAYOR,
19 AND WE ALSO DESERVE THE SAME PROTECTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
20 ANGELES. PLEASE VOTE YES TODAY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT WAS OUR LAST
23 SPEAKER, SO I WILL TURN IT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CALL
24 THE VOTES.

25



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU.

2

3 **SUP. HORVATH:** OH, I WILL MOVE IT, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU.
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

14

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN?

22

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

24



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3-0,
2 WITH ONE ABSTENTION. [CROWD CHEERS]

3
4 **SUP. HORVATH:** NEXT ITEM.

5
6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE THE NEXT ITEM?

7
8 **SUP. HORVATH:** OKAY, I WILL INTRODUCE THE NEXT ITEM, WHICH IS
9 PROCLAIMING AUGUST 13TH, 2023, AS PELOTA DE TRAPO DAY IN LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I AM PROUD TO AUTHOR THIS MOTION
11 PROCLAIMING AUGUST 13TH, 2023, AS PELOTA DE TRAPO DAY IN LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. FOUNDED 10 YEARS AGO, POPE FRANCIS'S SCHOLAS
13 OCCURRENTES IS A GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL PROJECT THAT SEEKS TO
14 FOSTER SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY,
15 ARTS, AND SPORTS. IN TOTAL, THE PROJECT HAS REACHED 1 BILLION
16 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. AS MANY OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED, SPORTS HAVE
17 THE POWER TO BRING US TOGETHER, TO BUILD SHARED BONDS,
18 PARTICULARLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN
19 SPORTS HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES, AND YET YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY CONTINUE TO FACE BARRIERS IN ACCESSING SPORTS
21 PROGRAMMING. SCHOLAS'S INITIATIVE WILL ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN
22 LOS ANGELES IN A NONRELIGIOUS, INTERFAITH EFFORT, WITH THE
23 GOAL OF DEMOCRATIZING SPORTS, PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND
24 FOSTERING ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS. THE ULTIMATE
25 GOAL IS TO ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SPORTS, BRINGING



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1 TOGETHER THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL 88 CITIES AND
2 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO USE SPORTS AS A
3 TOOL TO BRIDGE DIVIDES, WHILE BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY OF
4 YOUTH LEADERS ACROSS THE COUNTY. PELOTA DE TRAPO, WHICH
5 TRANSLATES TO "RAGBALL," OR "BALL MADE OF RAGS," IS A SYMBOL
6 OF HOW CHILDREN EVERYWHERE USE THIS CREATIVITY AND THE
7 MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO CREATE SIMPLE RAGBALLS AND OTHER
8 SYMBOLS OF SPORTS TO PLAY WITH AND TO ENJOY. THE IDEA FOR THE
9 CAMPAIGN WAS SPARKED IN MOZAMBIQUE DURING POPE FRANCIS'S VISIT
10 TO A SCHOLAS HEADQUARTERS, WHEN A YOUNG BOY FROM MAPUTO GAVE
11 HIM A BALL MADE OF RAGS. AT THAT MOMENT, THE POPE REMEMBERED
12 WHEN HE PLAYED WITH A PELOTA DE TRAPO AS A YOUTH IN ARGENTINA.
13 I'M EXCITED THAT POPE FRANCIS HAS PERSONALLY SELECTED LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY AS THE FIRST LOCATION IN THE UNITED STATES FOR
15 THE PELOTA DE TRAPO CAMPAIGN, AND TO MARK THE OCCASION, HE HAS
16 SHARED WITH US A BALL SIGNED BY THE POPE HIMSELF. WITH THE
17 UPCOMING WORLD CUP IN 2026, THE OLYMPICS AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS
18 2028, AND 12 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS, LOS ANGELES IS
19 UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO CONTINUE TO GROW AN ENVIRONMENT IN
20 WHICH OUR LOCAL YOUTH CAN PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORTIVE
21 PROGRAMMING, LIKE SPORTS, TO FEEL EMPOWERED IN THEIR OWN
22 COMMUNITIES. PARTNERSHIPS LIKE THIS ONE ARE ESSENTIAL TO
23 REMOVING SYSTEMIC BARRIERS TO ACCESS, AND TO PROVIDE YOUNG
24 PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.
25 THEY ALLOW US TO ENSURE THAT TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING



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1 POSITIVE, INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS THAT EMPOWER AND BUILD
2 MEANINGFUL SOCIAL CONNECTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND CREATE
3 SAFE SPACES FOR THEM TO LEARN, GROW, AND LEAD. AND I ENCOURAGE
4 ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WORKING WITH
5 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, TO ENGAGE WITH THIS CAMPAIGN, AND I
6 ENCOURAGE OUR CITY PARTNERS TO DO THE SAME. I KNOW BONNIE
7 ABAUNZA, WHO IS HERE, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH
8 EVERY SINGLE MAYOR OR COUNCILMEMBER IN EVERY CITY IN LOS
9 ANGELES, AND HAS BEEN PERSONALLY RESPONDING AND ENGAGING EVERY
10 COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE
11 EFFORT, FINALLY COMING TO THE UNITED STATES, LAUNCHING RIGHT
12 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE SO EXCITED, HONORED, AND HUMBLLED
13 THAT POPE FRANCIS CHOSE US, AND CHOSE THIS COMMUNITY, FOR ALL
14 THAT WE SYMBOLIZE, FOR ALL THAT WE REPRESENT, AND OUR DIVERSE
15 COMMUNITIES, TO BRING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH THIS
16 PROGRAM OF ENCOUNTER. IN HONOR OF POPE FRANCIS'S 10-YEAR
17 PAPACY, AND SCHOLAS'S 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY, I'M PROUD TO
18 PROCLAIM AUGUST 13, 2023, AS PELOTA DE TRAPO DAY IN LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY, AND I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS
20 MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR CO-AUTHORING.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AS THE CO-AUTHOR, I'LL SAY A
23 FEW WORDS, THEN WE'LL CALL ON SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU SO
24 MUCH FOR CALLING ME UP AND INVITING ME TO BE THE CO-AUTHOR OF
25 THIS VERY EXCITING MOTION. YOU KNOW, I WAS REFLECTING ON MAY



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1 LIFE, AND ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE DAYS FOR ME IN CONGRESS,
2 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WAS ON SEPTEMBER 24TH. IT WAS
3 IN 2015. WE WELCOMED POPE FRANCIS TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION
4 OF CONGRESS, THE FIRST TIME A SITTING POPE HAD EVER COME TO
5 ADDRESS CONGRESS. AND I HAPPENED TO BE A MEMBER OF CONGRESS,
6 SO I WAS IN THE AUDIENCE WHEN HE SPOKE, AND HE SPOKE ABOUT OUR
7 ROLE AS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO BE SERVANTS. HE GAVE US
8 EXAMPLES OF TRUE AMERICAN SERVANTS. HE MENTIONED ABRAHAM
9 LINCOLN, MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE ACTIVIST DOROTHY DAY, AND THE
10 SPIRITUALITY OF THOMAS MERTON. AND AS THE POPE REFLECTED ON
11 THEIR LIVES, HE OFFERED EACH OF US SITTING THERE A CHALLENGE
12 TO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND PAY ATTENTION TO THOSE ON
13 THE MARGINS. AND THE POPE STRESSED THAT OUR ROLE INCLUDED A
14 DEDICATION TO YOUTH. I NEVER DREAMED, SITTING THERE BACK THEN,
15 THAT I WOULD BE SITTING HERE TODAY AND PUTTING MY HAND ON THE
16 RAGBALL THAT POPE FRANCIS ACTUALLY SIGNED, BUT I THINK WHAT WE
17 ARE DOING TODAY IS TAKING A SMALL STEP IN FULFILLING THE
18 POPE'S VISION, BY RECOGNIZING THE GREAT WORK OF SCHOLAS
19 OCCURRENTES. SCHOLAS SERVES YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ENCOURAGEMENT
20 OF EDUCATION, OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS, AND THROUGH SPORTS. THIS
21 CAMPAIGN, PELOTA DE TRAPO, OR BALL OF RAGS, REMINDS US THAT
22 CHILDREN ARE IN NEED IN MANY PARTS OF OUR WORLD, OUR NATION,
23 BUT RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. IT'S A REMINDER THAT YOUNG
24 PEOPLE DON'T NEED MUCH IN ORDER TO PLAY TOGETHER; JUST A BALL
25 MADE OF RAGS. IT REMINDED POPE FRANCIS OF HIS OWN CHILDHOOD,



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1 AND IT SHOULD REMIND US THAT KIDS HAVE A BASIC NEED TO
2 SOCIALIZE, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PLAYS A BIG ROLE IN
3 MAKING THAT HAPPEN. SO, AS WE DECLARE PELOTA DE TRAPO DAY,
4 LET'S RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO PROVIDING THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR
5 COUNTY A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO GATHER, TO PLAY, TO LEARN FROM
6 EACH OTHER, AND TO RESPECT EACH OTHER. THIS PAST WEEKEND, POPE
7 FRANCIS WAS IN PORTUGAL FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY, AND THIS EVENT
8 HAS BEEN CALLED THE CATHOLIC WOODSTOCK: A GATHERING OF ABOUT A
9 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD. THEY JOINED THE
10 POPE FOR A WEEKEND OF PRAYER, CELEBRATION, AND FELLOWSHIP. AND
11 THIS WEEKEND, POPE FRANCIS SAID, "YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A THIRST
12 TO PARTICIPATE, TO SHARE, TO TELL THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND
13 RECEIVE THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS. THEY ARE THIRSTING FOR
14 HORIZONS." AND LET US TOGETHER PROVIDE THEM THOSE NEW
15 EXPERIENCES, RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. [CROWD
16 CHEERS] SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND
19 SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR THE MOTION. IT'S AMAZING TO THINK THAT
20 A PELOTA DE TRAPO-- I WOULD'VE SAID "TELAS," BECAUSE IT
21 REMINDS ME OF GARMENTS. PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE GARMENT
22 INDUSTRY KEEP A LOT OF THOSE TELAS AVAILABLE, AND SOMETIMES
23 WHEN WE WERE KIDS, I REMEMBER WE WOULD MAKE OUR OWN BALLS,
24 BECAUSE WE COULDN'T AFFORD A SOCCER BALL, OR JUST A BALL TO
25 PLAY AROUND WITH. AND I REMEMBER MY RELATIVES IN MEXICO; SAME



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1 THING. SO IT'S VERY SYMBOLIC, WHAT IS BEING PRESENTED HERE
2 TODAY, BUT IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND HOW
3 IMPORTANT IT IS TO ALLOW FOR OUR CHILDREN, THOSE THAT ARE THE
4 NEEDIEST, THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE, THAT DON'T HAVE
5 ACCESS TO SPORTS AND ATHLETICS, THAT THEY, TOO, SHOULD BE
6 CONSIDERED WHENEVER WE DO ANY TYPE OF GLOBAL INITIATIVE THAT
7 INCLUDES CHILDREN, AND ESPECIALLY AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE
8 OLYMPICS HERE, THAT WE AS A COUNTY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE
9 SURE THAT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE NEEDY AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN
10 THAT LIVE IN THE L.A. COUNTY. THERE ARE MANY IMMIGRANT
11 CHILDREN OF COLOR WHOSE FAMILIES WORK SO HARD, WHO CAN'T EVEN
12 AFFORD TO BUY A BACKPACK, OR A SOCCER BALL, OR A FOOTBALL. AND
13 OFTENTIMES, WE FORGET ABOUT THAT, BUT IT'S NOT LOST ON US. SO
14 I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THIS, AND REALLY WANT TO SALUTE
15 EVERYONE FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TOGETHER, AND REALLY TO
16 CELEBRATE THE PELOTA DE TRAPO CAMPAIGN BY POPE FRANCIS'S
17 SCHOLAS OCCURRENTES PROJECT. AND IT JUST MEANS THAT HE HAS
18 TAKEN THIS A STEP FURTHER FOR ALL OF US TO SAY THAT THIS
19 MATTERS, AND THAT WE SHOULD ENABLE OUR CHILDREN, EMPOWER THEM,
20 AND ALWAYS GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO FOSTER
21 UNITY, CAMARADERIE, AND PARTNERSHIP. I THINK THAT'S THE THEME
22 FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MADAM CHAIR, AND I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF
23 THIS. SO, MUCHAS GRACIAS AL PAPA, AND I LOVE SEEING THE BALL,
24 THE PELOTA, AND DECLARING WITH YOU IN SUPPORT OF TRAPO DAY,
25 PELOTA DE TRAPO. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. I SEE NO OTHER SUPERVISORS WANTING
3 TO SPEAK. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
4 PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 10.

5

6 **SPEAKERS:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
7 CHRISTINA MARISCAL PASTEN, IAN JAMIESON, MARIA BARANECE, AND
8 TELE FERNANDEZ. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
9 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, PLEASE
10 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.
11 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

12

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN LET'S GO IN PERSON. PLEASE CALL
17 THE FIRST SPEAKER IN PERSON. WELCOME.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. HI. HELLO TO ALL OF THE WOMEN SUPERVISORS. MY
20 NAME IS TELE FERNANDEZ, AND I AM PROUD TO BE THE U.S.
21 AMBASSADOR FOR SCHOLAS, POPE FRANCIS'S FOUNDATION THAT IS
22 COMING TO AMERICA, LAUNCHING HIS PELOTA DE TRAPO CAMPAIGN, OR
23 "BALL OF RAGS" PROGRAM, HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE JUST
24 RETURNED FROM PORTUGAL, WHERE I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING WITH
25 POPE FRANCIS, ALONG WITH 50 OTHER SCHOLAS AMBASSADORS. MEETING



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SUPERVISORS

1 THE HOLY FATHER WAS ONE OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES AND
2 HONORS OF MY LIFE. I AM FROM GUATEMALA. I HAVE BEEN SO
3 FORTUNATE TO LIVE THE AMERICAN DREAM, BUT SO MANY AROUND THE
4 WORLD DON'T HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO PLAY, EDUCATION, AND THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO BE INSPIRED BY THE ARTS. POPE FRANCIS'S SCHOLAS
6 FOUNDATION, AND HIS PELOTA DE TRAPO "BALL OF RAGS" PROGRAM,
7 MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR KIDS TO HAVE THE ACCESS THEY DESERVE.
8 WHEN I WAS IN PORTUGAL, POPE FRANCIS BLESSED AND SIGNED THE
9 BALL I HAVE GIVEN TO YOU. HE SAID HE, TOO, PLAYED AS A BOY IN
10 ARGENTINA WITH A BALL JUST LIKE IT. THIS BALL NOW IN YOUR CARE
11 SYMBOLIZES THE LAUNCH OF THE HOLY FATHER'S SCHOLAS PROGRAM,
12 HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE WE, TOO, HAVE CHILDREN WITH
13 GREAT NEED, WHO WILL BENEFIT BY HAVING THE POPE'S BEAUTIFUL
14 PROGRAMS HERE, IN L.A. AND IN AMERICA. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I LOVE SEEING THAT PHOTO
17 OF YOU AND THE POPE THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH SHARED WITH ME.
18 VERY EXCITING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME. THANK YOU FOR
21 THIS WONDERFUL MOTION. MY NAME IS MARIA MARTHA BARANECE. I AM
22 AN ARGENTINIAN WHO WAS BORN HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. I WAS
23 RAISED IN ARGENTINA, AND FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, I HAVE BEEN
24 WORKING BY THE SIDE OF POPE FRANCIS IN HIS EDUCATIONAL
25 FOUNDATION, AND I WAS CALLED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF



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1 SCHOLAS IN THE UNITED STATES. POPE FRANCIS ALWAYS SAYS THAT
2 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT THE FUTURE, THEY ARE THE PRESENT. AND YOU
3 JUST SAID IT: SCHOLAS OCCURRENTES MEANS "SCHOOLS FOR THE
4 ENCOUNTER"-- THE ENCOUNTER OF DIFFERENCES, THE ENCOUNTER
5 BETWEEN CULTURES, AND THE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN RELIGIONS AND
6 BELIEFS. SCHOLAS WAS BORN BACK IN 2001, IN BUENOS AIRES, IN
7 ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL CRISES THAT ARGENTINA HAS
8 HAD. THE POPE FELT THE NEED TO LISTEN TO THE HEARTS OF YOUNG
9 PEOPLE, SO HE GATHERED THE YOUTH FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
10 SCHOOLS OF THE CITY. TODAY, ALMOST TEN YEARS LATER, HE IS
11 HONORED TO HAVE SCHOLAS LAUNCH IN LOS ANGELES THROUGH THE
12 PELOTA DE TRAPO CAMPAIGN, A PROGRAM INSPIRED BY A BALL MADE OF
13 RAGS THAT REPRESENTS A COLLECTION OF STORIES-- TRAPOS-- THAT
14 WERE BLENDED TOGETHER TO MAKE UP A BALL THAT WE CAN PLAY ALL
15 TOGETHER, AS A COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH,
16 FOR THIS WONDERFUL RECOGNITION. THANK YOU, ALL, AND FOR
17 HELPING SCHOLAS AND THE PELOTA DE TRAPO PROGRAM ARRIVE IN LOS
18 ANGELES TODAY.

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

21
22 **CHRISTINA MARISCAL PASTEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, COUNTY
23 STAFF, AND GUESTS. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA MARISCAL PASTEN, AND
24 IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE REPRESENTING PARA LOS NINOS. AS SOME
25 OF YOU KNOW, PARA LOS NINOS HAS A TRACK RECORD OF SERVING THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 COUNTY FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. THROUGH A VARIETY OF
2 PARTNERSHIPS, MANY WITH THE COUNTY, INCLUDING L.A.C.O.E.,
3 D.M.H., AND D.C.F.S., WE SERVE OVER 10,000 CHILDREN, YOUTH,
4 AND FAMILIES EACH YEAR. IN FACT, OUR 17 LOCATIONS COVER FOUR
5 OUT OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. WE ARE HONORED TO
6 PARTNER WITH SCHOLAS U.S.A. YESTERDAY, AT OUR GRATTS PRIMARY
7 CENTER, WHERE THE STUDENTS MADE THIS BALL, UNA PELOTA DE
8 TRAPO. MANY OF OUR STUDENTS, HEARING ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO
9 WORK WITH THE SCHOLAS TEAM, SHOWED UP IN SOCCER UNIFORMS, WITH
10 A HANDFUL FULL OF MESSY JERSEYS, BUT WITH THE CURRENT
11 LEADERSHIP IN THIS ROOM, WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN MORE STUDENTS
12 WEARING ANGEL CITY JERSEYS. THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
13 HAD A BLAST, AND REALLY CONNECTED DURING THE ACTIVITY. THIS
14 WILL BE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY, AND WE LOOK
15 FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP, AND THANK YOU TO THE
16 SCHOLAS TEAM.

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

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS RESOLUTION REPRESENTS A VIOLATION OF THE
21 ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. THE 1971 SUPREME
22 COURT CASE LEMON V. KURTZMAN ESTABLISHED A THREE-PRONGED TEST
23 FOR WHETHER OR NOT A PIECE OF LEGISLATION IS CONSTITUTIONAL,
24 AND THAT THREE-PRONGED TEST WAS, TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL, A
25 STATUTE MUST HAVE A SECULAR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE, IT MUST HAVE



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1 PRINCIPAL EFFECTS THAT NEITHER ADVANCE NOR INHIBIT RELIGION,
2 AND IT MUST NOT FOSTER AN EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT ENTANGLEMENT
3 WITH RELIGION. THIS RESOLUTION ADVANCES THE INTERESTS OF THE
4 CATHOLIC CHURCH. ADDITIONALLY, I AM REALLY SURPRISED TO HEAR
5 YOU, MS. HORVATH, SPEAK IN PRAISE OF POPE FRANCIS. POPE
6 FRANCIS IS OPPOSED TO GAY MARRIAGE, HE TELLS AFRICANS NOT TO
7 USE CONDOMS ON A CONTINENT WHERE A.I.D.S. INFECTIONS ARE A
8 DEATH SENTENCE, AND HE HEADS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PEDOPHILIC RAPE OF OVER 100,000
10 INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND GROSSLY IMMORAL,
11 AND ILLIBERAL. SHAME ON ALL OF YOU.

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

14
15 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS-- IT'S 15 SEC-- OKAY. HI. MY NAME IS
16 EDEN, AND I HAVE TO LEAVE, BUT THIS GOES INTACT WITH-- MOST OF
17 OUR [INAUDIBLE] ARE CATHOLIC, AND A LOT OF THEM HAVE FELT THEY
18 HAVE BEEN MISTREATED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE STILL DON'T HAVE
19 M.E.H.K.O. AND I HAVE PLED HERE PREVIOUSLY, BEFORE, ABOUT
20 M.E.H.K.O. WE ARE THE ONLY COUNTY THAT DOESN'T HAVE IT,
21 COMPARED TO RIVERSIDE AND OTHER STATES. M.E.H.K.O. IS THE
22 MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN. WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THAT. THAT
23 WILL HELP STREET VENDORS. ALSO, THERE WAS A STREET VENDOR-- I
24 WOULD REALLY LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO PAY ATTENTION.



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, MAKE SURE YOU STAY ON ITEM 10.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** IT IS A TOPIC, BECAUSE THE STREET VENDORS ARE
4 CATHOLIC, AND THEN THERE'S A MOTHER, A WIFE, WHO'S CATHOLIC.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S NOT THIS ITEM.

7

8 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE NOT ON TOPIC FOR THE ITEM.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT IS ON TOPIC, BECAUSE THEY ARE CATHOLIC...

11

12 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** NO, IT IS NOT, SIR.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** AND THEY PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS ITEM IS.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** STREET VENDORS WHO WERE MURDERED.

19

20 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU NEED TO GET ON TOPIC, OR YOU ARE
21 BEING DISRUPTIVE AT THIS POINT.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS IS ABOUT PROCLAIMING AUGUST 13TH AS
24 PELOTA DE TRAPO DAY.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** YES, BUT HOW CAN WE PROCLAIM THAT, KNOWING THAT THE
2 MAJORITY OF STREET VENDORS ARE CATHOLIC, AND YET WE'RE
3 MISTREATING THEM, AND THERE'S A WIFE WHO'S JUST HAD A HUSBAND
4 MURDERED LAST YEAR?

5

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

7

8 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** NO, YOU'VE INTERRUPTED MY TIME. I JUST EXPLAINED TO
11 YOU HOW--

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, YOU'RE NOT ON TOPIC. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE. NO MORE SPEAKERS. OKAY. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO
15 SPEAK? NO? OKAY, ITEM 10 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 HORVATH, I WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

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

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

24

25 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.



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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

8

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

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 3,
14 SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH FOR LATINO RESIDENTS, WHICH WAS HELD
15 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
16 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,
17 ITEM 3. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
20 FOR ALSO AGREEING TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION WITH ME. COLLEAGUES,
21 AS WE ALL KNOW, MENTAL HEALTH IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE FOR
22 RESIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND THIS COUNTRY. AND TODAY I
23 WANT TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHALLENGES FACED BY MANY
24 LATINO RESIDENTS. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL STUDIES, ONLY 36% OF
25 LATINO ADULTS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS RECEIVED SERVICES IN 2021,



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1 FAR BELOW THE OVERALL AVERAGE OF 47.2%. THIS WAS ACCOMPANIED
2 BY A DRASTIC INCREASE IN THE SUICIDE RATE FOR LATINO ADULTS,
3 WITH LATINO MEN INCREASING NEARLY 36%, AND LATINAS INCREASING
4 OVER 40%. THIS IS DRIVEN BY A NUMBER OF FACTORS, BOTH SYSTEMIC
5 AND CULTURAL. WITHIN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, THERE'S A
6 SIGNIFICANT STIGMA WHEN DISCUSSING MENTAL HEALTH. MANY CHOOSE
7 NOT TO SEEK HELP OR TREATMENT, DUE TO MACHISMO, OR EVEN DARE
8 OF BEING LABELED AS "LOCOS." UNFORTUNATELY, THE LATINO
9 COMMUNITY, AS WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, HAVING A MENTAL
10 HEALTH CONDITION IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH FEELINGS OF SHAME.
11 THIS IS A PREVAILING ATTITUDE WE MUST OVERCOME TO ENSURE ALL
12 RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO CARE THAT THEY NEED. BUT THIS IS
13 FURTHER EXACERBATED BY SYSTEMIC ISSUES IMPACTING THE HEALTH
14 OUTCOMES OF LATINO RESIDENTS. THIS IS NOT ONLY A CHALLENGE IN
15 THIS COUNTY, BUT NATIONWIDE. BETWEEN 2014 AND 2019, OVER 1,000
16 SPANISH-SPEAKING HEALTH FACILITIES THAT OFFERED MENTAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES CLOSED THEIR DOORS. A STUDY BY THE AMERICAN
18 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FOUND THAT ONLY 5.5% OF U.S.
19 PSYCHOLOGISTS SAY THEY ARE ABLE TO ADMINISTER MENTAL HEALTH
20 SERVICES IN SPANISH, AND LESS THAN HALF REPORT BEING
21 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WORKING WITH THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF LATINO
22 PATIENTS. STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT THE DEMAND OF FULL-TIME
23 BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGISTS WITHIN THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS
24 EXPECTED TO SURGE 30% ACROSS THE COUNTRY BY 2030, AND WITH
25 L.A. COUNTY HAVING THE HIGHEST DEMAND. FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE



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1 EFFORTS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO ADDRESS THESE DISPARITIES. AND
2 I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO AND
3 SENATOR ALEX PADILLA FOR INTRODUCING THE MENTAL HEALTH FOR
4 LATINOS ACT, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
5 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGY TO
6 PROMOTE BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AMONG LATINOS. IT WOULD
7 ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENCES DUE TO GENDER IDENTITY,
8 AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND ETHNICITY. THIS IS IMPORTANT,
9 THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ALSO HAS TO TAKE
10 THEIR ROLE. AND OF COURSE, WE MUST ALSO DO OUR PART HERE AT
11 HOME. D.M.H. HAS EFFORTS UNDERWAY, CURRENTLY, TO ADDRESS THIS
12 SIGNIFICANT NEED, INCLUDING THE HIRING OF MORE SPANISH-
13 SPEAKING AND BILINGUAL STAFF. IN FACT, I KNOW DR. LISA WONG
14 HAS MADE EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY D.M.H. WORKFORCE, AND THEY NOW
15 HAVE OVER 1,500 SPANISH-SPEAKING STAFF, REPRESENTING OVER 30%
16 OF THE WORKFORCE. D.M.H. HAS ALSO MADE IMPORTANT GAINS IN
17 SUPPORTING EFFORTS SUCH AS THE BASIC TEA PROGRAM, TO DEVELOP
18 THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE TO SUPPORT MULTIPLE LANGUAGES,
19 INCLUDING SPANISH. AND OF COURSE, D.M.H. IS ONLY GROWING ITS
20 PROMOTORAS PROGRAM, TO ADDRESS STIGMA AND BREAK DOWN BARRIERS
21 TO CARE IN CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT WAYS. THESE
22 ARE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES, AND WE NEED TO BUILD UPON THEM, AND
23 THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION INCLUDES A STRATEGIC PLAN, AN OUTREACH
24 CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS ON HIRING, AND THE RETENTION OF BILINGUAL
25 AND SPANISH-SPEAKING CLINICIANS. AND IT ENCOURAGES



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1 PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND HISPANIC-SERVING
2 INSTITUTIONS, TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE. IT
3 ALSO ENCOURAGES OUR CONTRACTED PARTNERS, WHO WE KNOW PLAY A
4 VITAL ROLE IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH SAFETY NET, TO ENGAGE IN
5 EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY THEIR WORKFORCE, AS WELL. COLLEAGUES, I
6 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. AND I BELIEVE THAT
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN--

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
10 FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, AND WE ARE
11 DEFINITELY IN THE MIDST OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. AND WHILE
12 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS TO MENTAL
13 HEALTH TREATMENT, LIMITED ACCESS TO CULTURALLY AND
14 LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT CARE MEANS THAT TOO MANY COMMUNITIES
15 ARE NOT GETTING THE TREATMENT THAT THEY DESERVE. LATINO ADULTS
16 ARE ONE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES WHO RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH
17 TREATMENT AT A LOWER RATE COMPARED TO THE U.S. AVERAGE. AND
18 FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING LATINOS, GETTING CARE CAN BE EVEN A
19 BIGGER HURDLE, BECAUSE SO FEW CLINICIANS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE
20 COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN SPANISH. IN LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO BUILD UP OUR
22 MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE. OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS
23 LAUNCHED A COMPREHENSIVE HIRING CAMPAIGN, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT
24 THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT OUR WORKFORCE IS ABLE TO SERVE A
25 DIVERSE RANGE OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE LANGUAGE THAT THEY



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1 ARE MOST COMFORTABLE SPEAKING. SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP
2 TOWARDS THAT GOAL, BY ENSURING THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
3 HEALTH BUILDS A STRATEGY, TAKES THE STEPS TO PROVIDE MORE
4 CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH
5 SERVICES FOR OUR LATINO RESIDENTS. AND THIS MOTION WILL ALSO
6 SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE GRACE
7 NAPOLITANO AND SENATOR ALEX PADILLA, TO SHOW THE COUNTY'S
8 SUPPORT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH FOR LATINOS ACT, WHICH WILL LIFT
9 UP THESE UNIQUE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES OF OUR LATINO
10 COMMUNITY, REDUCE THE STIGMA, REMEDY THE HEALTHCARE
11 DISPARITIES THAT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GETTING MENTAL HEALTH
12 SERVICES. THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WANT TO
13 SPEAK, LET'S CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

14
15 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD:
16 EDEN ENAMORADO, LUIS RUIZ, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, AND SARA
17 MIJARES. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER,
18 PLEASE?

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ALEXIS LOPEZ. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CLINICAL
24 PSYCHOLOGIST DR. [INAUDIBLE] AND CASA DE LA FAMILIA TODAY,
25 WHICH IS A NONPROFIT BILINGUAL MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY THAT'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 PRIMARILY SERVED THE LATINO POPULATION FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS.
2 OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM ALSO WORKS DIRECTLY WITH
3 L.A.P.D. TO RESPOND TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CALLS. I WANT
4 TO THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR
5 MOTION TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF LATINOS. SINCE
6 THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, WE HAVE SEEN AN ALARMING RISE IN
7 MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND IN CRISIS.
8 THERE ARE DEBILITATING HURDLES FOR THE COMMUNITY SEEKING
9 TREATMENT OR SUPPORT, INCLUDING STIGMA, FEAR OF USING
10 GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AND A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF AVAILABLE
11 RESOURCES. WE NEED THE COMMUNITY AT EVERY LEVEL TO SUPPORT
12 THIS CRISIS, AND ENSURE THE COMMUNITY RECEIVES THE SERVICES
13 AND RESOURCES THEY NEED, WHICH IS WHY THIS MOTION IS SO
14 IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE OR CREATE NEW INITIATIVES TO EFFECTIVELY
15 RESPOND TO THIS MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY. WITH A
16 COLLABORATIVE AND COORDINATED STRATEGY--

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
19 THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BIANCA GALLEGOS. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BIANCA GALLEGOS. I
25 AM WITH THE LATINO U.S.D.C. TASK FORCE. I WANT TO THANK



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1 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION TO
2 SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF LATINO AND LATINA
3 RESIDENTS. LATINOS AND LATINAS IN THE COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE
4 FACE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES RESULTING IN MENTAL HEALTH
5 DISPARITIES. DUE TO CULTURAL AND SYSTEMIC ISSUES, LATINOS
6 OFTEN FOREGO TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS. THIS IS WHY
7 THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO ENHANCE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND
8 CREATE NEW INITIATIVES TO RESPOND TO LATINO MENTAL HEALTH
9 NEEDS, BOTH IN THE COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE. WITH A COORDINATED
10 STRATEGY, THE COUNTY CAN HELP REDUCE MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES
11 EXPERIENCED BY THESE VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. I RESPECTFULLY
12 REQUEST THE BOARD APPROVE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 HECTOR RAMIREZ. I AM A PRIMARY STAKEHOLDER/CONSUMER OF LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHERE I HAVE BEEN
22 A CLIENT NOW FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I LIVE IN THE CHATSWORTH AREA,
23 AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND
24 JANICE HAHN FOR THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. AS A LATINO INDIVIDUAL
25 AND AS AN INVOLVED STAKEHOLDER, I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 DISPARITIES FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, AND
2 REALLY APPLAUD THIS INITIAL MOVE TO DO THIS. JUST IN
3 CONSIDERATION, THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROCESS OVER THE
4 COURSE OF THE YEARS HAS ALWAYS REALLY DISENFRANCHISED, AND
5 THAT INVOLVED OUR LATINO COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY OUR
6 SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES, AND I HOPE THAT THIS PARTICULAR
7 MOTION AND THIS WORK WILL HELP TO ADDRESS THAT PARTICULAR
8 DISPARITY, PARTICULARLY AS THE STATE CONSIDERS REFRESHING THE
9 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, IN HOPE THAT OUR LATINO
10 COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY ARE NOT DISENFRANCHISED.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BIANCA ZABALETA. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BIANCA ZABALETA. I AM A RECENT
19 COLLEGE GRADUATE, AND SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 3. I HAVE WORKED ON
20 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND HAVE SEEN THE NEED FOR EARLY MENTAL
21 HEALTH EDUCATION IN MY COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE BY EDUCATING THE
22 LATINO COMMUNITY ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH, THE LESS SCARY IT IS,
23 AND IT BECOMES MORE EASY FOR THEM TO SPEAK OUT AND REACH OUT
24 FOR HELP. IT WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE IF WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO
25 BILINGUAL, ESPECIALLY SPANISH, MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION



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SUPERVISORS

1 PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
2 CENTERS, TO REDUCE THE STIGMA, AND FOR INDIVIDUALS TO GAIN
3 TOOLS TO REGAIN THEIR WELLBEING. I HAVE SOME PERSONAL
4 EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE I ALSO STRUGGLE WITH MY MENTAL HEALTH, AND
5 THROUGH A MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, I WAS ABLE TO BE PROACTIVE
6 WITH MY OWN HEALTH AND SUCCEED IN MY WELLBEING. I WANT THIS
7 OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENTED TO OTHERS, AS WELL, ESPECIALLY THE
8 LATINO COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
16 DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, C.O.O. OF ALMA. FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF LATINA
17 MOTHERS NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO, ALMA PROVIDES MULTICULTURAL AND
18 MULTILINGUAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH 18 SERVICE SITES
19 IN L.A. COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE
20 TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING
21 THE MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES FACED BY OUR LATINO AND LATINA
22 RESIDENTS. BOTH HERE IN THE COUNTY AND ACROSS THE NATION,
23 LATINO COMMUNITIES HAVE HISTORICALLY FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES
24 TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH, INCLUDING COST, LACK OF CULTURAL
25 RESPONSIVENESS, STAFF SHORTAGES, AND STIGMAS. THIS MOTION IS A



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1 MAJOR STEP FORWARD. IT AIMS TO IMPROVE EXISTING PROGRAMS, AND
2 INTRODUCING NEW INITIATIVES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
3 THE COUNTY'S EFFORT, AND URGE FOR YOUR APPROVAL. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
8 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, PLEASE
9 PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE.

10 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GENEVIEVE? HELLO? WHAT HAPPENED TO
16 GENEVIEVE? WE ARE CALLING HER. WE HAVE HER NUMBER. OKAY, WE'LL
17 GO ON TO THE NEXT ONE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HILDA PEDROZA. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
23 HILDA PEDROZA, AND I AM THE SISTER OF DAVID ORDAZ, JR., WHO
24 WAS MURDERED MARCH 14, 2021. AND I ALSO WORK WITH [INAUDIBLE],
25 WHO WORKS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF BOYLE HEIGHTS IN EAST L.A.



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1 FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND
2 JANICE HAHN FOR THIS MOTION, SO WE CAN SUPPORT OUR MENTAL
3 HEALTH LATINO AND LATINA RESIDENTS. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY
4 HOW THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND HOW IT IS SOMETHING THAT I
5 MYSELF, WHO WORKS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, I WORK WITHIN OUR
6 LOCAL CHURCH, AND I ALSO WORK WITH [INAUDIBLE], WHICH DOES THE
7 WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WE SEE HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS, AND
8 HOW MUCH IT IS NEEDED, HOW OUR PEOPLE SEE THIS AS A TABOO, WHO
9 EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW WE NEED SOME SORT OF HELP, WE KNOW THAT WE
10 NEED TO BE REACHED OUT TO IN OUR LANGUAGE, IN OUR COMMUNITY,
11 AND THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN REALLY, REALLY BENEFIT
12 FROM. SO, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO REQUEST THE BOARD TO APPROVE
13 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GABRIELA GONZALEZ. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **GABRIELA GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. FIRST AND FOREMOST,
21 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. MY NAME IS
22 GABRIELA GONZALEZ. I'M THE CO-CHAIR OF LATINO UNDERSERVED
23 CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, OR US.C.C., AND I ALSO WORKED FOR A
24 DECADE WITH DR. ANA NOGALES: AS WE KNOW, A RENOWNED
25 PSYCHOLOGIST HERE IN LOS ANGELES, SERVING LOS ANGELES FOR OVER



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1 40 YEARS. SUPER EXCITED, AND WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS TO
2 BRING MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE
3 LATINO COMMUNITY, TO THE FOREFRONT. I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE
4 THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE CAN CREATE ALL OF THE SERVICES,
5 AND HAVE-- AND I APPLAUD THE HIRING OF CULTURAL THERAPISTS,
6 BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO HAVE A COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN TO INFORM
7 OUR COMMUNITY THAT THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE, AND THAT THEY
8 HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS THESE SERVICES. I THINK THAT'S ONE OF
9 THE IMPORTANT, CRITICAL MESSAGES THAT WE ALSO NEED TO ADDRESS.
10 SO WE CAN CREATE ALL THE SERVICES WE WANT, BUT IF FOLKS DON'T
11 KNOW HOW TO ACCESS THEM-- AND I USE MY MOTHER, A 75-YEAR-OLD
12 MOTHER, THAT WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO A THERAPIST, DOESN'T KNOW
13 WHERE TO CALL, HOW TO CALL, ET CETERA, I THINK WE NEED TO
14 ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. HOW CAN WE CONVEY THESE WONDERFUL
15 SERVICES?

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOU MADE SOME REALLY
18 GOOD POINTS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS [INAUDIBLE] NUNEZ. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE] NUNEZ, AND I AM WITH
24 ALMA FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
25 FOR SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. I



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1 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR JANICE
2 HAHN FOR THEIR MOTION TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF
3 LATINOS AND LATINAS RESIDENTS. LATINOS AND LATINAS IN THE
4 COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE FACE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES RESULTING IN
5 MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES. DUE TO CULTURAL AND SYSTEMIC
6 ISSUES, LATINOS OFTEN FOREGO TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH
7 SUPPORT. THAT IS WHY THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO ENHANCE
8 EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND CREATE NEW INITIATIVES TO RESPOND TO
9 LATINO MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, BOTH IN THE COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE.
10 WITH A COORDINATED STRATEGY, THE COUNTY CAN HELP REDUCE MENTAL
11 HEALTH DISPARITIES EXPERIENCED BY THESE VULNERABLE
12 INDIVIDUALS. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS
13 MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19
20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. I AM GLAD YOU ARE BRINGING THAT ITEM, BECAUSE
22 MENTAL HEALTH IS VERY LIMITED TO EVERYBODY, BUT MORE TO THE
23 LATINO POPULATION, AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE REALLY
24 ADDRESSED, AND I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO EDUCATE THE LATINO
25 POPULATION TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH WHEN IT HELPS. THERE'S



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1 NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. THAT'S NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. SO,
2 THANK YOU FOR THAT ITEM. ALSO, I WANT TO TELL YOU, I HAD BEEN
3 PUT IN A QUEUE AT THE BEGINNING. I GOT DROPPED. I HAD TO SIGN
4 IN AGAIN, TO BE PUT BACK IN A QUEUE. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH
5 THAT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S GO IN PERSON. HELLO.
8 WELCOME.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS EDEN ENAMORADO. SO, THIS IS VERY
11 IMPORTANT. A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD WITNESSED HER STREET VENDOR FATHER
12 GETTING MURDERED ON AUGUST 4TH, 2022. IT TOOK THEM EIGHT
13 MONTHS FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME PROGRAM TO SUPPLY THERAPY FOR
14 THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD, AND NOW, NOT ONLY DID THEY SEND
15 SOMEONE WHO IS UNLICENSED, NOW THEY ARE STOPPING HER THERAPY
16 SESSIONS. OKAY? AND IT IS UNFAIR THAT THE MURDERER STILL
17 HASN'T BEEN FOUND BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO KEEP GIVING
18 THE MOTHER THE RUNAROUND. AND IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MENTAL
19 HEALTH, HOW ARE WE ADVOCATING AND BEING INCLUSIVE FOR MENTAL
20 HEALTH, WHEN YOU NEED TO LOOK AT HUNTINGTON PARK CITY COUNCIL
21 TARGETING ACTIVISTS, RAIDING THEIR HOMES? I WAS ARRESTED FOR
22 SIMPLY GETTING UP TO USE THE RESTROOM, OKAY? AND THAT HAS BEEN
23 AFFECTING MY MENTAL HEALTH. AND ALSO, IT IS AUGUST. THE BOARD
24 SAID THAT WE WOULD IMPLEMENT MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN FOR
25 ALL STREET VENDORS, WHICH IMPROVES THE MENTAL HEALTH OF STREET



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1 VENDORS. BUT PLEASE, LOOK INTO THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD WHO YOUR
2 THERAPY SESSIONS ARE STOPPING FOR HER, AND YOU'RE SENDING
3 UNLICENSED THERAPISTS FOR THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD WHO WITNESSED HER
4 FATHER BEING GUNNED DOWN ON AUGUST 4TH, 2022, IN GARDENA. AND
5 HOLLY MITCHELL IS NOT EVEN HERE.

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

8
9 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].

10
11 **TRANSLATOR:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EDUARDO RUIZ,
12 AND I AM A COMMUNITY LEADER HERE, AND I AM A RECOVERING ADDICT
13 FOR NINE YEARS, AND IT HAS BEEN 15 YEARS THAT I DON'T USE
14 CRYSTAL METH OR CRACK COCAINE. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IT IS
15 HORRIBLE TO USE YOUR PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH HERE IN LOS
16 ANGELES. WELL, IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO THAT I NEEDED MY MEDS THAT
17 I HAVE BEEN REQUESTING FOR THREE WEEKS NOW. AND BECAUSE THEY
18 WEREN'T AVAILABLE, THEN THEY SENT ME TO THE NUTHOUSE. AND WHEN
19 I WAS LET GO, OR LET OUT, I DIDN'T HAVE A CAR. THEY SENT ME
20 HOME, AND THEN I WENT TO EXODUS HERE IN ST. FRANCIS, AND I WAS
21 THERE SIX HOURS. SO, FOR US RECOVERING ADDICTS, IT IS VERY
22 DIFFICULT TO GET BACK ON OUR FEET. WE NEED HELP, HILDA. PLEASE
23 HELP US. WE NEED HELP. WE HAVE--

24
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.



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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].

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4 **TRANSLATOR:** BROADWAY AND 83.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT-- [SPEAKS
7 SPANISH].

8

9 **TRANSLATOR:** CAN THE INTERPRETER FINISH THE LAST COMMENT, OR
10 ARE WE DONE?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **TRANSLATOR:** PLEASE, LATINO ADDICTS NEED HELP. WE NEED HELP. WE
15 NEED REPRESENTATION HERE, SO IF THERE'S ANY ADDICTS THAT DO
16 PROJECTS, WE NEED TO HEAR IT. THIS WAY, WE CAN KEEP GOING
17 FORWARD. THAT WAS THE LAST COMMENT FROM THE SPEAKER.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE BACK
20 THAT WE THINK MIGHT BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I OPPOSE THIS ITEM HERE, BECAUSE
24 IT SEEMS TO BE LEAVING OUT PEOPLE. THERE'S 60,000 BLACK PEOPLE
25 LAYING ON SKID ROW, WHO HAVE 100% MENTAL ILLNESSES FROM BEING



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1 HOMELESS FOR 10, 15, 20 YEARS. THEY ARE NOT JUST GETTING DOWN
2 THERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN THERE FOR
3 MANY YEARS. I THINK YOU'RE BEING A RACIST HERE, JUST TO-- YOU
4 KNOW, I AM GLAD THEY'RE GETTING IT. SOMEBODY WALK ACROSS THE
5 BORDER TOMORROW, THEY CAN GET IT. WE'RE PAYING FOR IT, THE
6 TAXPAYERS, SO IT DON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, RIGHT? BUT ANYWAY,
7 I THINK THIS IS DISCRIMINATORY TO JUST PICK OUT ONE GROUP, ONE
8 RACIAL GROUP, AND SAY THEY NEED SOME MENTAL HEALTH. GO TO SKID
9 ROW, AND YOU SEE ALL THESE BLACK PEOPLE LAYING IN THE STREET
10 EVERYWHERE. THEY HAVEN'T HAD ANY MENTAL HEALTH. IF THEY HAD
11 MENTAL HEALTH, THEY WOULDN'T BE LAYING ON THE STREET ON SKID
12 ROW. OKAY? SO STOP TRYING TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE. THE REASON YOU
13 ARE DIVIDING THE PEOPLE IS BECAUSE YOU ARE EMBEZZLING
14 BILLIONS. SEE, THAT'S HOW YOU DO. YOU KEEP CONFUSION GOING
15 WHILE YOU STEAL. SEE, I KNOW THE GAME. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS
16 WITH LATINOS. WE WANT EVERYBODY TO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH.

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

19
20 **SARA MIJARES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SARA MIJARES. I AM
21 PRESIDENT OF MUNDO MAYA FOUNDATION, A 23-YEAR-OLD NONPROFIT
22 ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES THE PRESERVATION OF MAYAN HERITAGE
23 IN THE L.A. COUNTY. IT'S THROUGH CULTURE THAT WE DEAL WITH
24 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND EDUCATION. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE
25 MENTAL HEALTH FOR LATINO RESIDENTS. IT'S VERY CRUCIAL. IT IS



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1 URGENT. IT IS A CRISIS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY
2 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE LATINO UNDERCOUNT,
3 UNDERSERVED, AND ALSO THE CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE, AND I
4 WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, BUT SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND
5 JANICE HAHN FOR THIS LEADERSHIP THAT IS MUCH NEEDED. YOU KNOW,
6 I DON'T REPEAT A LOT THE FACT THAT OUR LATINO COMMUNITY, OR
7 BROWN COMMUNITIES, ALL COMMUNITIES, ARE UNDERCOUNTED, ARE
8 UNDERSERVED. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS CRISIS. WHERE DO WE LOOK
9 WHEN WE SAY "EQUITY"? WE LOOK FOR COMPASSIONATE, PROFESSIONAL
10 CARE THAT IS HUMANE. OKAY? THAT DON'T PUT PEOPLE OUT ON THE
11 STREETS, OR OUT IN HOSPITALS. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND I'M
12 HERE TO SUPPORT IT.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S OUR LAST
15 SPEAKER, SO ITEM 3 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS. I WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18
19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

24
25 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.



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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

8

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-0.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 4, AFFIRMATIVE
14 EFFORTS TO FOSTER THE EDUCATIONAL FUTURES OF CURRENT AND
15 FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOSTER YOUTH, WHICH WAS HELD BY
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
17 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 4.
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. HIGHER EDUCATION, AS
21 YOU KNOW, IS A PATH TO OVERCOMING ECONOMIC INEQUALITY FOR
22 MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS. COLLEGE GRADUATES EARN DOUBLE WHAT
23 THE AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT A DEGREE WILL MAKE IN THEIR
24 LIFETIME. COMPLETING MORE EDUCATION HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND TO
25 IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, FROM HEART DISEASE TO ADDICTION.



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1 UNFORTUNATELY, ACCESSING THE LIFE-CHANGING BENEFITS OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION HAS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE
3 POPULATIONS. TUITION, HOUSING PRICES, AND THE COST OF LIVING
4 HAVE SKYROCKETED. THESE FINANCIAL BURDENS FORCE LOW-INCOME
5 POPULATIONS TO EITHER INCUR LARGE AMOUNTS OF DEBT, OR FOREGO
6 PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION ALTOGETHER. THOSE OBSTACLES ARE EVEN
7 MORE PRONOUNCED FOR FOSTER YOUTH, WHO OFTEN LACK ACCESS TO
8 ADEQUATE COUNSELING, INTERGENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE, AND FAMILY
9 SUPPORT TO NAVIGATE THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS. WHILE 93%
10 OF FOSTER YOUTH SAY THEY WANT TO ATTEND COLLEGE, A MERE 4%
11 WILL OBTAIN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY THE AGE OF 26, COMPARED TO
12 50% OF THE NON-FOSTER POPULATION. FORTUNATELY, THE STATE HAS
13 TAKEN A MONUMENTAL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. THE FOSTERING
14 FUTURES PROGRAM WAS RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR GAVIN
15 NEWSOM. THIS PROGRAM WILL ENABLE FOSTER YOUTH ATTENDING A
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE
17 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO HAVE 100% OF THEIR UNMET NEED
18 COVERED, INCLUDING TUITION, BOOKS, FOOD, AND LODGING, AND
19 OTHER AID, ALSO. THIS LEGISLATION WILL SIGNIFICANTLY BENEFIT
20 FOSTER YOUTH, BY PROVIDING THE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
21 NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ENROLL IN HIGHER EDUCATION. FOSTER
22 YOUTH MUST BE MADE AWARE, HOWEVER, OF THIS LIFE-CHANGING
23 PROGRAM, AND MUST BE SUPPORTED IN COMPLETING ITS LENGTHY
24 APPLICATION PROCESS. THIS MOTION WILL PROVIDE THE OUTREACH AND
25 SUPPORT NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AS MANY FOSTER YOUTH AS POSSIBLE



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1 ACCESS THE FREE EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE FOSTERING FUTURES
2 PROGRAM. WITH THE FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO EDUCATION LIFTED, MORE
3 FOSTER YOUTH CAN RECEIVE TECHNICAL CERTIFICATIONS, COLLEGE
4 DEGREES, AND BREAK GENERATIONAL POVERTY, AND PROVIDE ECONOMIC
5 SECURITY AS A LIFE-CHANGING MECHANISM FOR THEM. I URGE MY
6 COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

7
8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS
9 FORWARD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS FOSTERING FUTURES PROGRAM WILL
10 COVER THE ENTIRE COST FOR FOSTER YOUTH TO ATTEND A UNIVERSITY
11 OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, OR CALIFORNIA
12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. AND WE ARE ASKING D.C.F.S. TO WORK IN
13 COLLABORATION WITH OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO GET
14 THIS INFORMATION OUT TO OUR FOSTER YOUTH. I THINK THAT'S ALSO
15 A RECURRING THEME OF THIS BOARD MEETING, IS YOU CAN DO A LOT
16 OF GOOD THINGS, BUT IF YOU DON'T GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO
17 THE PEOPLE WHO MOST NEED TO HEAR IT, THEN IT IS AS IF YOU
18 DIDN'T DO IT AT ALL. AND REALLY THANK THE LAW THAT THE
19 GOVERNOR SIGNED, CREATING THIS CALIFORNIA FOSTERING FUTURES
20 PROGRAM. AND THAT'S A STATISTIC WORTH REPEATING, SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, THAT YOU SAID. ONLY 4% OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH GRADUATE
22 FROM COLLEGE, AND THAT NUMBER HAS NOT BUDGED. AND THAT IS SO
23 IMPORTANT, AND THAT IS SUCH A STARK STATISTIC THAT I HOPE WE
24 CAN CHANGE THROUGH THIS. AND I AM HOPEFUL THROUGH THIS THAT
25 NOT ONLY GRADUATION RATES WILL INCREASE, BUT THAT OUR YOUNG



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1 PEOPLE WHO ARE FOSTER YOUTH WILL FEEL SUPPORTED BY US, AND
2 WILL FEEL THAT THE SKY IS THE LIMIT IN WHAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE,
3 ACADEMICALLY. THE MORE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVE STABILITY
4 AND SUCCESS PERMANENTLY, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL WE WILL BE AS A
5 COUNTY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS
6 FORWARD. WE APPRECIATE IT. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU
7 DO SO MUCH. YOU HAVE ALWAYS DONE SO MUCH WORK WITH OUR FOSTER
8 YOUTH. I RECOGNIZE THAT, EVER SINCE I SERVED ON THE BOARD WITH
9 YOU, HOW MUCH YOU WORK THAT. AND THEY ARE IN OUR CARE. THEY
10 ARE SUFFERING TRAUMA, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM
11 HOMES, AND MANY OF THEM GO FROM FOSTER CARE HOME TO FOSTER
12 CARE HOME TO FOSTER CARE HOME, AND THEY MUST FEEL AT SOME
13 TIMES THAT NOBODY CARES ABOUT THEM, AND THEY MUST FEEL
14 UNLOVED. THIS IS A GREAT MOTION TO REALLY NURTURE THEM AND LET
15 THEM KNOW THAT THEY, TOO, CAN ACHIEVE SUCCESS. SUPERVISOR
16 HORVATH?

17
18 **SUP. HORVATH:** SPOKEN ONLY LIKE A MOM COULD SAY. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR. I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS, AND THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK. WE KNOW THE FOSTERING
21 FUTURES PROGRAM WILL BE TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE FOR OUR FOSTER
22 YOUTH, ALLOWING THEM TO ENROLL IN HIGHER EDUCATION
23 PROGRAMMING, WITHOUT THE WORRY OR FINANCIAL PRESSURE
24 ASSOCIATED WITH TUITION, HOUSING, OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL
25 EXPENSES. 93% OF FOSTER YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA WANT TO ATTEND



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1 COLLEGE, BUT ONLY 4% DO, AND GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE BY AGE 26.
2 MY HOPE IS THAT WE WILL SEE A CHANGE IN THESE NUMBERS THROUGH
3 THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM, AND THAT ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT
4 TO ATTEND COLLEGE ARE ABLE TO DO SO AND GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE
5 OR CERTIFICATE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR AUTHORIZING
6 THIS MOTION, AND TO ALL OF THE TEAMS INVOLVED IN MAKING IT
7 HAPPEN, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
8 THE L.A. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
9 SERVING OUR FOSTER YOUTH, WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR YOUNG
10 PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM. I KNOW
11 THAT TOGETHER, WE WILL ENSURE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE COUNTING ON US
12 HAVE ACCESS TO THE SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES THEY NEED TO MAKE
13 HIGHER EDUCATION DREAMS AND GOALS A REALITY. THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS
17 ITEM, ITEM 4.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
21 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, IF YOU HAVE
22 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE
23 PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
24 SPEAKER, PLEASE?



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS TRAMEL RATCLIFFE. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

3
4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS TRAMEL RATCLIFFE. I AM A
5 [INAUDIBLE] FOSTER YOUTH. [INAUDIBLE] IS A MENTORING AND
6 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES AT-
7 PROMISE-- NOT AT-RISK, BUT AT PROMISE-- YOUTH IN THEIR
8 COMMUNITIES, TO DEVELOP ELITE PEOPLE AND LEADERS. I WANT TO
9 THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO MAKE FOSTER
10 YOUTH AWARE OF THE FOSTERING FUTURES PROGRAM, AND ASSISTING
11 WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS. HIGHER EDUCATION HAS BECOME SO
12 EXPENSIVE THAT OUR YOUTH EITHER HAVE TO TAKE ON LARGE AMOUNTS
13 OF DEBT, OR FOREGO COLLEGE ALTOGETHER. FOSTER YOUTH HAVE
14 PARTICULAR CHALLENGES THAT MAKE PURSUING COLLEGE EVEN MORE
15 DIFFICULT. THE FOSTERING FUTURES PROGRAM WILL HELP ELIMINATE
16 THE FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO COLLEGE THAT FOSTER YOUTH FACE, AND
17 ALL FOSTER YOUTH SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. WE MUST
18 PROVIDE OUR FOSTER YOUTH WITH ALL THE SUPPORT THEY NEED IN
19 APPLYING FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM. I RESPECTFULLY
20 REQUEST THE BOARD APPROVE THIS MOTION TO HELP FOSTER YOUTH
21 WITH THEIR COLLEGE ENDEAVORS, COUNTYWIDE. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
22 AND HAVE A GREAT REST OF YOUR AFTERNOON.

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



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO SHOW MY
4 APPRECIATION FOR THIS MOTION. AS A PROBATION OFFICER, IN THE
5 PAST, I SUPERVISED OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, AND WE HAD FOSTER
6 STUDENTS, OR FORMER FOSTER STUDENTS, WHO CAME THROUGH THE
7 PROGRAM. AND IN MY 25 YEARS, THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO EVER
8 RECEIVED PAID INTERNSHIPS. AND SO JUST SOMETHING TO ADD TO THE
9 CONVERSATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE ASSISTING WITH THE ADVOCACY OF
10 FORMER FOSTER STUDENTS THAT ARE IN COLLEGE. THERE IS AN
11 OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO HAVE PAID INTERNSHIPS, WHICH IS
12 SOMETHING THAT IS EXTREMELY RARE IN THE INTERNSHIP WORLD. SO,
13 THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO ADD, AND AGAIN, JUST SHOW MY
14 APPRECIATION FOR THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHAHAB TABATABAI YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS SHAHAB TABATABAI, CALLING WITH
22 GOD'S PANTRY. WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAN BE RUN AND LED BY
23 INDIVIDUALS WITH SOCIAL BARRIERS, THEN IN TURN OFFER HOPE,
24 TRAINING, AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR PEERS. THIS INCLUDES FOSTER
25 YOUTH. AND WE JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR



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1 THIS MOTION TO JUST TAKE AN EFFORT FOR THE FOSTER YOUTH HERE,
2 AND WITH THE FOSTERING FUTURES PROGRAM. WE ARE ALL AWARE OF
3 JUST HOW EXPENSIVE COLLEGE HAS BECOME FOR THE YOUTH, AND THE
4 DEBT THAT EITHER IS INSURMOUNTABLE, OR THEY END UP FOREGOING
5 COLLEGE ALTOGETHER. SO, WE JUST ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS. THE
6 FOSTER YOUTH THAT WE SEE HERE, IT IS ALREADY A CHALLENGING
7 ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM WITH THE BARRIERS THAT THEY FACE, AND
8 JUST TO BE ABLE TO PURSUE COLLEGE, IT'S EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO
9 DO SO. SO, ELIMINATING ANY FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO COLLEGE THAT
10 THE FOSTER YOUTH FACE, WE SUPPORT THAT.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELENA SANCHEZ. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17
18 **ELENA SANCHEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELENA SANCHEZ,
19 AND I AM WORKING FROM PARENTS' PLACE, A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
20 WHO HELPS CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. I WANT TO
21 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO MAKE FOSTER CHILDREN
22 AWARE OF THE FOSTERING FUTURES PROGRAM, AND ASSISTING WITH THE
23 APPLICATION PROCESS. COLLEGE GRADUATES HAVE HIGH-PAYING JOB
24 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM. HOWEVER, HIGHER EDUCATION HAS
25 BECOME SO EXPENSIVE THAT OUR YOUTH EITHER HAVE TO TAKE ON A



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1 LARGE AMOUNT OF DEBT, OR FOREGO COLLEGE ALTOGETHER. FOSTER
2 YOUTH HAVE PARTICULAR CHALLENGES THAT MAKE PURSUING COLLEGE
3 EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. THE FOSTERING FUTURES PROGRAM WILL HELP
4 ELIMINATE THE FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO COLLEGE THAT FOSTER YOUTH
5 FACE, AND NOW FOSTER YOUTH SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. WE
6 MUST PROVIDE OUR FOSTER YOUTH WITH ALL THE SUPPORT THEY NEED
7 IN APPLYING FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM. I RESPECTFULLY ASK
8 THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS MOTION TO HELP FOSTER YOUTH WITH
9 THEIR COLLEGE ENDEAVORS, COUNTYWIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST
12 SPEAKER, SO ITEM 4 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THE ITEM,
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

23

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



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 11,
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, WHICH WAS
12 HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
13 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,
14 ITEM 11. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

15

16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO
17 THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO MY OFFICE'S
18 ATTENTION. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE LAS VIRGENES
19 HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION, AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE SEMINOLE
20 SPRINGS MOBILE HOME PARK. SPEEDING ON CANYON ROADS IN MY
21 DISTRICT IS UNFORTUNATELY TOO COMMON, AND IT CREATES DANGEROUS
22 CONDITIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE. AFTER THE WOOLSEY
23 FIRE AND THE STORMS THAT FOLLOWED IN 2018, THERE WAS
24 SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY AND THE
25 UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. PUBLIC WORKS HAD TO



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1 CLOSE A SECTION OF THE ROAD, DUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY RISKS, AND
2 TO MAKE THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF
3 MULHOLLAND IS WELL KNOWN AMONG MOTORCYCLISTS AND SPORTS CAR
4 ENTHUSIASTS FOR ITS TIGHT TWISTS AND TURNS, SPECIFICALLY THE
5 SECTION REFERRED TO BY MANY AS "THE SNAKE." THE 180-DEGREE
6 HAIRPIN IS THE UNOFFICIAL FINISH LINE OF THE SNAKE. PRIOR TO
7 CLOSURE, A CONTINGENT OF SPECTATORS COULD BE FOUND EACH
8 WEEKEND, MOST OF THEM WITH CAMERAS, WHICH HAD LED TO RECKLESS
9 BEHAVIOR AND MANY CRASHES. IN FACT, IN THE COUNTY'S VISION
10 ZERO ACTION PLAN, THIS SECTION OF MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY IS ONE OF
11 FIVE COLLISION CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS IN THE AREA. THESE ARE
12 SECTIONS OF ROAD THAT HAVE HAD THREE OR MORE FATAL OR SEVERE
13 INJURY COLLISIONS BETWEEN 2013 AND 2017. ALL FIVE OF THESE
14 CORRIDORS AMONG MULHOLLAND ARE WITHIN SIX MILES OF EACH OTHER.
15 SO IT IS CLEAR, MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC,
16 AND TO REIGN IN THE DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR SOME MOTORISTS DISPLAY.
17 THE CURRENT CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY TO
18 MOTORIZED VEHICLES PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO
19 LOOK AT THE HIGHWAY MORE HOLISTICALLY, AND IDENTIFY AND
20 INSTALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING INTERVENTIONS AIMED AT ENHANCING
21 SAFETY, AND REDUCING SPEED. SO TODAY, WE ARE TAKING ACTION TO
22 CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, AND
23 INSTRUCTING PUBLIC WORKS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE LOCAL
24 COMMUNITY, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, AND OUR SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT, IN DEVELOPING A PLAN TO BRING ABOUT GREATER SAFETY



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1 FOR ALL USERS OF THE BELOVED SCENIC HIGHWAY. THERE SEEMS TO BE
2 SOME SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION THROUGH THE L.A. DAILY NEWS. I
3 BELIEVE THE ARTICLE IS NOW CORRECTED, BUT WHAT WE ARE NOT
4 DOING WITH THIS ITEM IS AUTHORIZING THE REOPENING OF THIS
5 ROADWAY. THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHETHER THIS ITEM PASSES OR
6 NOT TODAY. WHAT THIS ITEM DOES IS THREE THINGS. IT PROVIDES
7 INTERVENTIONS, WHICH ARE INTENDED TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE, WHO ARE
8 TRYING TO STAY SAFE ON THIS ROAD. AS WE HAVE HEARD, IT IS VERY
9 DANGEROUS. IT PROVIDES ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE
10 RECKLESS USERS WHO DON'T INTEND TO USE IT SAFELY, AND FOR WHOM
11 THESE INTERVENTIONS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH. AND IT INCREASES
12 ACCOUNTABILITY BY DOCUMENTING FOR THE CASE FOR CLOSURE, SHOULD
13 IT RISE TO THAT LEVEL. BUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO GET IS A
14 REPORT BACK ON HOW THESE INTERVENTIONS HAVE HELPED TO KEEP
15 PEOPLE SAFE, AND TO FIGURE OUT WHAT MORE WE CAN DO. THE COUNTY
16 ALONE CANNOT CLOSE THIS ROAD. I KNOW THAT OUR OFFICE RECEIVED
17 SOME COMMUNICATION: "WHY ARE YOU OPENING IT IN THE FIRST
18 PLACE?" WE DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY, IN AND OF OURSELVES, TO
19 CLOSE THIS ROAD. THERE IS A LONG PROCESS THAT INCLUDES A
20 PUBLIC HEARING, AND DOCUMENTING OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF
21 INCIDENTS, IN ORDER TO SUBSTANTIATE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.
22 THAT OPTION IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS
23 HAVE DISCUSSED AND CONTEMPLATED. BUT WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO
24 WITH THESE INTERVENTIONS, LIKE I SAID, IS HELP THE PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE TRYING TO KEEP THIS COMMUNITY SAFE, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT



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1 THERE ARE ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS PLACED THERE. THE
2 COORDINATION BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND C.H.P. HAS
3 HAPPENED IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED
4 ISSUES WITH STREET RACING, TO A VERY EFFECTIVE DEGREE, AND WE
5 HOPE BY INCREASING THIS COLLABORATION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO
6 DELIVER THOSE SAME RESULTS IN THIS PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
7 SO, I REALLY WANT TO THANK, ONCE AGAIN, ALL OF THE
8 CONSTITUENTS WHO BROUGHT THIS TO OUR ATTENTION, WHO HAVE BEEN
9 WORKING WITH OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, WHO I SEE IS HERE.
10 AND, MARK, IF YOU WANT TO SHARE ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT YOUR TEAM
11 HAS BEEN DOING, BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE SHARED HERE TODAY, PLEASE
12 LET US KNOW. I KNOW THE COMMUNITY IS EXCITED TO SEE RESULTS,
13 SO MAYBE YOU COULD TELL US WHAT MORE WOULD HAPPEN, BEYOND WHAT
14 YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE. WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU,
15 SHOULD WE FIND THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR IS NOT ENOUGH?

16
17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE, AND TO REITERATE FOR ALL
19 OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HOW IMPORTANT STREET SAFETY IS TO ME, AND
20 TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO ALL OF YOU IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
21 ESPECIALLY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. OUR BUDGETS ALIGN WITH
22 THAT. OUR COMMITMENT IS OVERWHELMING TO IMPROVE THE STREET
23 SAFETY OF ALL THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, ALONG WITH
24 HOUSING AND CLIMATE REACTION AND POLLUTION. WE ARE FOCUSING ON
25 THOSE FOUR THINGS. AND, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, YES, YOU DO, IN



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1 THIS AREA, HAVE ONE OF THE IDENTIFIED CORRIDORS WITH HIGH
2 ACCIDENT RATES. AND ALSO, ON TOP OF THAT, I WILL MENTION THAT
3 EACH TIME AN ACCIDENT OCCURS IN OUR RIGHT-OF-WAY, THERE'S A
4 HUGE AMOUNT OF LIABILITY FOR THE COUNTY TO SUFFER, WITH
5 RESPECT TO THE COST OF RISK OF SUCH ROADS IS-- I KNOW IS NOT
6 LOST ON YOU. TRAFFIC SAFETY, AS I SAID, IS CRUCIAL IN THE
7 COUNTY, AND OUR GOAL IS FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TO HAVE
8 ACCESS TO STATE-OF-THE-ART TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. THE
9 WORK THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY IS
10 DIRECTLY ALIGNED WITH THIS GOAL. THE MOUNTAINS AND CANYONS, AS
11 YOU SAID AND NOTED, ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY WERE BURNED BY THE
12 WOOLSEY FIRE IN FALL OF 2018, ONE OF THE HOTTEST FIRES
13 EXPERIENCED IN COUNTY HISTORY, IN STATE HISTORY. BURNED MUCH
14 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG OUR ROADWAYS, LITERALLY MELTED
15 GUARDRAILS TO THE GROUND, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, ACTUALLY
16 MELTED A BRIDGE DOWN TO THE GROUND. THE STORMS IN JANUARY AND
17 FEBRUARY OF 2019 ALSO CAUSED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE ROADWAY,
18 PROMPTING CLOSURE TO A PORTION OF MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, FROM
19 LOWER BREWSTER TO SEMINOLE DRIVE, AND THE ROADWAY WAS REOPENED
20 TO PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS IN APRIL OF 2020. THE LAST
21 REMAINING ROAD REPAIRS ARE CURRENTLY BEING SCHEDULED, AND ARE
22 ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE START OF 2024, AND THIS
23 WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE ROADWAY CAN BE REOPENED TO
24 MOTORISTS. THE ROADWAY IS CLOSED UNDER MY AUTHORITY AS THE
25 ROAD COMMISSIONER OF L.A. COUNTY. YOU HAVE TO MAKE SPECIFIC



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1 FINDINGS TO CREATE A CLOSURE, AND THAT IS ESSENTIALLY THAT THE
2 ROADWAY IS NOT IN AN ACCEPTABLE STATE, WITH RESPECT TO SAFETY.
3 AND SO WE'VE MADE THAT FINDING, AND THE ROAD IS CURRENTLY
4 CLOSED. PUBLIC WORKS HAS PRIORITIZED IMPROVING STREET SAFETY
5 AND REDUCING ROADWAY FATALITIES, AS WE MENTIONED EARLIER, AND
6 YOU MENTIONED THE VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN, WHICH WE ARE
7 ACTIVELY PURSUING AND IMPLEMENTING IN L.A. COUNTY, AND
8 ATTEMPTING TO FUND AS BEST WE CAN. THOSE FIVE SEGMENTS OF
9 MULHOLLAND, FROM ONE MILE EAST OF APRIL ROAD TO ZUMA RIDGE,
10 FIRE ROAD, THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY OUR VISION ZERO PLAN
11 AS COLLISION CORRIDORS. THE CLOSED PORTION OF MULHOLLAND
12 HIGHWAY YOU MENTIONED IS IDENTIFIED AS A COLLISION
13 CONCENTRATION CORRIDOR, AND IT IS RANKED 79 OUT OF 200 IN L.A.
14 COUNTY. THE CURRENT CLOSURE OF THE PORTION OF MULHOLLAND
15 HIGHWAY TO MOTORIZED VEHICLES PRESENTED AN OPPORTUNITY, OF
16 COURSE, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE COUNTY TO IDENTIFY AND INSTALL
17 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING INTERVENTIONS AIMED AT ENHANCING SAFETY
18 AND REDUCING VEHICULAR SPEEDS, AND CREATING AN OVERALL SAFER
19 ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE PROBLEM IS SPEED. THE
20 PROBLEM IS SPEED ON THIS, AND A ROADWAY THAT IS NOT BUILT TO
21 GO AT THE SPEEDS THAT PEOPLE DO TRAVEL IT, FREQUENTLY. IT IS
22 SCARY HOW FAST PEOPLE WILL TRAVEL ON THIS, AS YOU SAID, ON
23 MOTORCYCLES, AS WELL AS VEHICLES, AND WE HAVE SEEN SOME
24 HORRIFIC ACCIDENTS DUE TO THAT. IN SPRING OF 2023, PUBLIC
25 WORKS MADE SEVERAL SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY,



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1 FROM CANYON ROAD TO SIERRA ROAD, WHICH INCLUDES THE CLOSED
2 ROADWAY SEGMENT. AND AMONG THE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS INSTALLED
3 ARE CENTER LINE RUMBLE STRIPS-- THIS IS WHERE IT'S
4 UNCOMFORTABLE TO GO ACROSS THE CENTER LINE-- REFLECTIVE CENTER
5 LINE PAVEMENT MARKERS, SPEED REDUCTION PAVEMENT MARKINGS,
6 CURVE ADVISORY AND CHEVRON SIGNAGE ON VARIOUS CURVES, AND SIX-
7 INCH EDGE LINE STRIPPING. IT MAKES IT UNCOMFORTABLE TO GO TOO
8 FAST. THE EFFICACY OF THE INSTALLED ENHANCEMENTS CANNOT BE
9 EVALUATED UNTIL MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY IS FULLY REOPENED, AND IF
10 THEY PROVE TO BE EFFECTIVE, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO BE INSTALLED
11 ELSEWHERE ALONG THE CORRIDOR, AS YOU INSTRUCTED IN YOUR
12 MOTION. NOW, A KEY COMPONENT TO ANY VISION ZERO PROGRAM IS
13 HAVING THE ABILITY TO EVALUATE THE STEPS TAKEN TO ENHANCE THE
14 TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND THEN APPLYING THOSE TECHNIQUES
15 SYSTEMATICALLY WHERE FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU FOR
16 YOUR MOTION, WHICH ALLOWS FOR AN EVALUATION PERIOD TO TAKE
17 PLACE UPON A FULL REOPENING OF MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, AND EXPLORE
18 OTHER AREAS WHERE TRAFFIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS COULD BE
19 BENEFICIAL. PUBLIC WORKS IS FULLY COMMITTED TO TRAFFIC SAFETY,
20 AS I MENTIONED, AND REDUCING FATALITIES ON STREETS. WE WANT IT
21 TO BE ZERO. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
22 IN THIS SPACE. AND I AM AVAILABLE FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION.
2 OUR GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE FATAL AND SEVERE COLLISIONS ON COUNTY
3 ROADWAYS, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT GOAL. I WANT TO THANK
4 YOU, MARK. YOU HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH US, WITH STRETCHES
5 BETWEEN SANTA CLARITA AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE IT'S BEEN
6 A REAL CHALLENGE, AND SPEED IS ALWAYS THE COMMON DENOMINATOR.
7 MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY IS A VERY SCENIC AND FAMOUS STRETCH OF
8 ROADWAY, BUT IT IS ALSO A RURAL PART OF THE COUNTY. AND I HAVE
9 ACTUALLY DRIVEN IT ON A SUNDAY, AND I AM AMAZED AT THE
10 MOTORCYCLISTS AND THE CARS, AND HOW FAST THEY GO AROUND THOSE
11 CURVES. LIKEWISE IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE RURAL ROADWAYS THAT
12 ARE ON THE LIST OF COLLISION CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS,
13 INCLUDING THE ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL
14 FOREST. AND I KNOW YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT, EVEN OVER BY
15 AZUSA CANYON, THE CHALLENGES. SO, RESOURCES ARE SCARCE, AND I
16 KNOW WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THAT, MARK. I THINK YOU WOULD LOVE
17 TO HAVE MORE TO GET MORE DONE. AND THE COUNTY HAS PRIORITIZED
18 A LIST OF THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS, WHICH ARE IN
19 URBAN PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE UNITED
20 STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS A NOTICE OF FUNDING
21 OPPORTUNITY OPEN FOR THE RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT
22 PROGRAM, WHICH I KNOW YOU KNOW ABOUT, BECAUSE YOU ARE NODDING
23 YOUR HEAD. I HOPE WE ARE PROACTIVELY TARGETING GRANT
24 OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS THAT
25 ARE TAILORED TO RURAL COMMUNITIES. THE NEEDS ARE GREAT, AND



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1 THE FUNDING IS LIMITED, SO WE HAVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR
2 EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THIS ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION FUNDING. SO, IF
3 THERE'S SOMETHING WE, AS A BOARD, NEED TO DO TO HELP YOU WHEN
4 WE DO THAT GRANT REQUEST, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS, DO
7 WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS
8 ITEM?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO
11 ADDRESS THE BOARD.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ON THE PHONE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
16 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, IF YOU HAVE
17 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
18 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

20

21 **MODERATOR:** THE FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JOAN SLIMAKOWSKI. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
25 JOAN SLIMAKOWSKI, AND ON BEHALF OF THE RURAL MOUNTAIN



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1 COMMUNITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE
2 MILLIONS OF ANNUAL VISITORS TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE
3 FEDERATION OF WHICH I AM TREASURER STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS
4 MOTION TO IMPLEMENT VISION ZERO ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY. THIS
5 DESIGNATED SCENIC ROADWAY HAS BEEN HIJACKED BY AGGRESSIVE
6 STREET-RACING MOTORCYCLES AND LUXURY CAR SPEEDING CLUBS. THEY
7 CONSUME MULHOLLAND AS IF IT IS THEIR OWN PERSONAL SPEEDWAY.
8 VISITORS AND RESIDENTS ARE CONSISTENTLY AT RISK BY THESE
9 RECKLESS SPEEDERS. THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER THE RENOWNED SECTION
10 CALLED THE SNAKE, AS SUPERVISOR HORVATH MENTIONED, AND THE
11 SAFETY OF THESE RESIDENTS OF SEMINOLE SPRINGS MOBILE HOME PARK
12 ARE CONSTANTLY THREATENED. PLEASE HELP STOP THIS LAWLESS
13 ACTIVITY, AND APPROVE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, NO
16 OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY, NO OTHER SPEAKERS. ITEM 11 IS NOW BEFORE
17 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
18 BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
19 THE ROLL.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 11 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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



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1

2 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

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

10

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

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU, MR.
16 PESTRELLA. KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE OUT THERE. OKAY, NOW WE'RE
17 GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 14. BOY, IT SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME,
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT WE LAUNCHED THIS ITEM THIS MORNING AT A
19 PRESS CONFERENCE AT 9:00 A.M., BUT HERE WE ARE, MOVING FORWARD
20 WITH IMPROVING ACCESS TO GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS,
21 WHICH I HELD. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE,
22 PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE
23 ANDREA WELSING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
24 PREVENTION. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL MAKE A
25 PRESENTATION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION NOW?



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1 SHOULD WE SPEAK OR-- LET'S GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

2 YES. I THINK YOUR MIC ISN'T ON.

3

4 **ANDREA WELSING:** IS THAT-- THERE WE GO.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THERE WE GO.

7

8 **ANDREA WELSING:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
9 OPPORTUNITY TO DEBUT OUR OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION GUN
10 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER WEB PAGE AT THIS MEETING. IT WENT
11 LIVE YESTERDAY, AND WE'RE SO EXCITED TO SHARE THIS WITH THE
12 BOARD AND WITH THE PUBLIC. THIS IS REALLY GOING TO BE AN
13 IMPORTANT TOOL. I'M GOING TO WALK YOU THROUGH IN A MINUTE. I
14 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, BOARD CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
15 FOR THE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER BOARD MOTION THAT
16 ELEVATES THIS AS A TOOL, AND I DO WANT TO THANK MY TEAM, WHO
17 WORKED REALLY HARD TO PUT THIS WEBSITE TOGETHER VERY QUICKLY,
18 BUT DID A VERY GOOD JOB. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK-- I SEE LANA
19 CHOI, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT, WHO ARE ALSO OUR PARTNERS AS WE RESPONDED TO THIS
21 BOARD MOTION. SO, JUST VERY QUICKLY, BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S BEEN
22 A LONG MORNING, I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH A FEW KEY COMPONENTS
23 HERE. BUT I REALLY WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THIS WEBSITE IS IN
24 ENGLISH, BUT THERE IS A TRANSLATE BUTTON ON THE TOP LEFT-HAND
25 SIDE, SO THAT MEANS THAT THIS WEBSITE HAS THE CAPACITY TO BE



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1 IN MULTIPLE, MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, INCLUDING SPANISH AND THE 10,
2 12 TOP LANGUAGES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY--

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO STOP YOU. OF COURSE, MY STAFF
5 IS MAD AT ME THAT I DIDN'T SPEAK FIRST, BUT THAT'S OKAY.

6

7 **ANDREA WELSING:** OH, SORRY.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN YOU JUST SET THE STAGE, THOUGH? ARE YOU
10 COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT WHAT A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
11 ORDER IS, AND WHY THIS WEBSITE MAKES SENSE?

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13 **ANDREA WELSING:** OH, ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, SET THE STAGE.

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17 **ANDREA WELSING:** OKAY. SO, A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER IS
18 A LAW THAT WAS PASSED IN CALIFORNIA IN 2016. IT ALLOWED FOR AN
19 ELIGIBLE GROUP OF PEOPLE TO PETITION AND FILE FOR A GUN
20 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER WHEN THEY SEE SIGNS IN AN
21 INDIVIDUAL THAT THEY KNOW OR MAY BE CLOSE TO. IT ALLOWS FAMILY
22 MEMBERS, DOMESTIC PARTNERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT-- OF COURSE,
23 ALWAYS-- SCHOOL PERSONNEL, EMPLOYERS, TO PETITION FOR A GUN
24 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER THAT, WHEN THEY SEE SOMEONE WHO
25 MIGHT BE AT RISK, POTENTIAL RISK OF HARMING THEMSELVES OR



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1 OTHERS, TO SECURE A PETITION TO REMOVE THOSE GUNS AND
2 AMMUNITION FROM THAT INDIVIDUAL. AND THERE'S A 21-DAY PERIOD
3 WHEN THE PETITION IS FIRST FILED, IF IT'S APPROVED, AND THEN
4 IT CAN BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR, OR UP TO 5 YEARS, AND IT CAN
5 BE RENEWED AFTER THAT TIME. WHY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL IS
6 THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN CRISIS, WHEN WE SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE
7 SHOWING SIGNS OF HARMING THEMSELVES OR THINKING OF SUICIDE, OR
8 WHO MAY BE SHOWING SIGNS THAT THEY MAY COMMIT ACTS OF MASS
9 VIOLENCE, IT IS A TOOL TO REMOVE GUNS AND AMMUNITION FROM THAT
10 PERSON. AND NOT ONLY TO REMOVE THEIR GUNS, BUT PROHIBIT THEM
11 FROM PURCHASING GUNS AND AMMUNITION, TO PREVENT AND AVERT ACTS
12 OF VIOLENCE AND ACTS OF SUICIDE. SO IT'S A CRITICAL TOOL IN
13 OUR STRATEGIES TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
14 I'M REALLY HAPPY AND PLEASED TO BE PROMOTING THIS WIDELY, AND
15 TO REALLY ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS TO CONNECT TO G.V.R.O.S GUN
16 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS AND THE OTHER LEGAL TOOLS THAT ARE
17 AVAILABLE TO PROHIBIT PEOPLE FROM COMMITTING GUN VIOLENCE.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, THIS WEBSITE WILL DO WHAT?

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21 **ANDREA WELSING:** THIS WEBSITE WILL INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT GUN
22 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS. WE HAVE REALLY TRIED ON THIS
23 WEBSITE TO BE VERY CLEAR, AND MAKE THE LANGUAGE CLEAR AND
24 ACCESSIBLE, IN TERMS OF WHAT IS A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
25 ORDER. IT TALKS ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA LAW. IT TALKS ABOUT WHO



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1 CAN REQUEST A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER, WITH A DROPDOWN
2 MENU THAT SHOWS YOU THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO
3 PETITION THE COURT FOR A TEMPORARY GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
4 ORDER: FAMILY MEMBERS, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND ROOMMATES, SOME
5 EMPLOYERS, COLLEAGUES, TEACHERS, SCHOOL STAFF, PEOPLE INVOLVED
6 IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP, PEOPLE WHO HAVE A CHILD TOGETHER,
7 AND OF COURSE, LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT TALKS ABOUT HOW TO OBTAIN A
8 G.V.R.O., AND THERE'S 4 SIMPLE STEPS. AND IT OUTLINES THOSE
9 STEPS AND WHERE TO FILE A G.V.R.O. IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SO IT
10 LISTS THE LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP INDIVIDUALS TO
11 FILE A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER, BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN
12 EASY PROCESS. IT IS NOT A LIGHT DECISION, AND WE REALLY FEEL
13 LIKE PEOPLE WILL NEED HELP NAVIGATING THAT SYSTEM, WHICH IS
14 WHY WE REQUESTED AT LEAST TWO SYSTEM NAVIGATORS AS PART OF,
15 HOPEFULLY, A SUBSEQUENT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD TO REQUEST
16 THOSE RESOURCES. IT ALSO TALKS ABOUT L.A. SUPERIOR COURT, AND
17 GIVES A LINK TO HELP PEOPLE LINK TO THE SELF-HELP CENTERS IN
18 L.A. SUPERIOR COURT. AND IT HAS VIDEOS, BECAUSE SOME OF US
19 DON'T READ ALL THROUGH THE LANGUAGE, AND IT'S REALLY BETTER TO
20 BE VISUAL AND TO HAVE A GREAT VIDEO. AND THIS IS A VERY SIMPLE
21 VIDEO FROM SPEAK FOR SAFETY, WHO HAS DONE A VERY GOOD JOB OF
22 OUTLINING THE STEPS, AND THEN WE ALSO WANTED TO MAKE THAT
23 AVAILABLE IN SPANISH. SO IT HAS THOSE VIDEOS, AND THEN IT
24 REALLY WALKS THROUGH THE WARNING SIGNS, AND SAYS THAT
25 SOMETIMES-- AND REALLY, IT'S INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CLOSE TO



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1 SOMEONE WHO ARE GOING TO SEE THOSE FIRST SIGNS, FAR MORE THAN
2 WE ARE AS COUNTY FAMILY, OR EVEN IF PEOPLE SHOW UP FOR
3 SERVICE. PEOPLE WHO ARE CLOSE TO PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHEN THEY
4 ARE EXHIBITING SIGNS OR CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR THAT MIGHT
5 INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG. AND SO WE REALLY WANTED TO
6 OUTLINE HERE COMMON SIGNS OF SUICIDE, LIKE GIVING AWAY
7 PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, TALKING AS IF SAYING GOODBYE, MAKING OR
8 CHANGING A WILL, COLLECTING AND SAVING PILLS, OR BUYING A
9 WEAPON, THINGS LIKE THAT. AND WE ALSO WANTED TO OUTLINE SIGNS
10 OF POTENTIAL MASS VIOLENCE, SUCH AS, AGAIN, WITHDRAWING,
11 SOCIAL ISOLATION, IRRITABILITY, MAKING THREATS. SO THESE ARE
12 REALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW AND TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE, SO THAT
13 THEY KNOW, "WHEN I SEE THIS, WHAT CAN I USE AS A TOOL?" AND SO
14 WE SAY, "CARE FIRST," RIGHT? HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, CARE FIRST,
15 SO HERE ARE THE RESOURCES SO THAT IF YOU NOTICE THOSE SIGNS,
16 HELP SOMEBODY WHO IS EXHIBITING THOSE SIGNS. ALSO, FILE FOR
17 THE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER. RIGHT? AND THEN WE ALSO
18 RECOGNIZE-- AND WE HAD GREAT CONVERSATIONS WITH A WIDE VARIETY
19 OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, AND REALLY HELPED US TO INFORM WHAT
20 WE CONSIDERED OUR RESPONSE. AND WE KNOW THAT WE DON'T WANT TO
21 CAUSE UNINTENDED HARM OR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, SO WE COINED
22 THIS PHRASE OF "RIGHT TOOL FOR RIGHT SITUATION." AND SO,
23 KNOWING THAT THE G.V.R.O. IS GOING TO BE A GOOD TOOL FOR SOME
24 PEOPLE, BUT NOT FOR ALL PEOPLE. AND SO, WHAT ARE THE OTHER
25 TOOLS AVAILABLE? AND SO HERE ARE LINKS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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1 RESTRAINING ORDERS, CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDERS,
2 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS. WE END WITH FREQUENTLY
3 ASKED QUESTIONS. WE GIVE DEFINITIONS. WE TALK ABOUT-- AGAIN, A
4 CLICK ON THE BAR-- WHAT A G.V.R.O. CAN DO, AND WHAT A G.V.R.O.
5 CANNOT DO. REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT
6 DISTINCTION. AND THEN, HOW CAN A G.V.R.O. KEEP PEOPLE SAFE?
7 WHO CAN REQUEST A G.V.R.O.? JUST GOES, AGAIN, THROUGH THE
8 INFORMATION THAT WE PROVIDED UP TOP. AND BECAUSE DOMESTIC
9 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE A VERY SPECIFIC TOOL THAT ARE
10 NEEDED BY VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IF THEY NEED TO, IN
11 ADDITION TO HAVING FIREARMS TAKEN AWAY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, IT
12 ALSO PROVIDES CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR THAT VICTIM OF DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE. SO WE REALLY WANTED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS TOOL
14 IS VERSUS WHAT A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER IS, AND
15 AGAIN, HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE
16 RIGHT SITUATION. LAST, I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT HERE, BECAUSE
17 THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND WE HAD A PRESS EVENT THIS
18 MORNING, AND WE TALKED ABOUT HOW THIS IS REALLY AN
19 UNDERUTILIZED TOOL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ESPECIALLY AS
20 COMPARED TO SAN DIEGO, AND HOW, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE
21 WERE 266 GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS BETWEEN 2016 AND
22 2022. THE MAJORITY, 95%, WERE FILED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE
23 WANT TO CHANGE THAT DYNAMIC. WE APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT, BUT WE FEEL LIKE THIS IS A REALLY VALUABLE TOOL
25 TO BE IN THE HANDS OF INDIVIDUALS. AND SO HERE WE SHOW THE



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1 DATA OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS, WHICH ARE IN BLUE, AND
2 "OTHER." AND RIGHT NOW, YOU SEE THAT MAKES UP THAT SMALL 5%,
3 OVERALL. AND WHAT WE REALLY HOPE TO DO, AND WE WILL CONTINUE
4 TO POST THE DATA TO SHOW AND SEE IF THIS SHIFTS OVER TIME WITH
5 OUR OUTREACH AND AWARENESS EFFORTS. SO, REALLY, A LOT OF
6 THANKS TO MANY, MANY PARTNERS WHO HELPED US WITH THIS. MANY
7 THANKS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LIFTING THIS UP AS A
8 TOOL. NEXT STEPS IN THIS PROCESS WILL BE THAT WE WILL WORK
9 WITH OUR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DISSEMINATE THIS
10 WEBSITE WIDELY, MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW IT'S IN MULTIPLE
11 LANGUAGES, BUT REALLY GET THIS LINK OUT THERE. WE'LL DEVELOP
12 OTHER TOOLS THAT WE CAN DO ON OUR OWN, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL
13 RESOURCES-- FLYERS AND PAMPHLETS AND THINGS-- SO THAT WE CAN
14 GET THOSE OUT TO THE PUBLIC. AND WE WILL WORK WITH COUNTY
15 COUNSEL. THERE IS AN OCTOBER TRAINING POTENTIALLY ON THE
16 BOOKS, TO TRAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PERSONNEL. WE ALSO HAVE
17 SCHEDULED ANOTHER TRAINING IN NOVEMBER WITH GIFFORDS, TO DO
18 TRAINING FOR LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO C.B.O.S,
19 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE WANT TO DO THE BOTH: LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT SIDE, BUT CIVILIAN SIDE. SO WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE
21 THIS-- SO WE HAVE THOSE TWO TRAININGS THAT ARE LINED UP, AND
22 WE WILL CONTINUE TO OBTAIN AND PUBLISH THIS DATA. WE LOOK
23 FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS WITH OUR
24 REPORT. WE REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A CRITICAL
25 FIRST STEP-- RAISING AWARENESS, GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT



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1 THERE-- BUT THIS IS A DIFFICULT DECISION AND A CHALLENGING
2 PROCESS, SO WE REALLY WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE SYSTEM
3 NAVIGATORS, AND HOPE TO COME BACK TO YOU IN 90 DAYS TO MAKE
4 THAT REQUEST FOR THE SYSTEM NAVIGATORS, AND ALSO DEDICATED
5 COUNTY COUNSEL TO HELP PROCESS G.V.R.O.S. SO THANK YOU VERY,
6 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR GIVING US THE SUPPORT TO
7 DO THIS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO YOU AND
8 REPORTING ON THIS IN 90 DAYS.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MS. WELSING. THAT WAS GREAT. AND
11 I SORT OF DO THIS BACKWARDS, RIGHT? WE SHOULD HAVE TALKED
12 FIRST AND THEN THROWN IT TO YOU. BUT ACTUALLY, SOMETIMES WHEN
13 YOU MIX THINGS UP, PEOPLE PAY ATTENTION. WE'VE BEEN TALKING
14 THE WHOLE MEETING, AND I THINK YOU REALLY DID A GOOD JOB OF
15 WALKING US THROUGH THIS NEW WEB PAGE. IT'S LIVE NOW. AND THIS
16 MORNING, WE DID HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THIS, AND
17 I'M GOING TO LET SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAY SOME WORDS, TOO. BUT I
18 THINK THE KEY TO THIS IS, YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS DONE A LOT
19 TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE ABLE TO DO SOME
20 THINGS THAT, SOMETIMES, SACRAMENTO CAN'T DO, OR WASHINGTON,
21 D.C., CAN'T DO. WE'RE ABLE TO DO IT. BUT IN THIS INSTANCE,
22 THIS IS A LAW THAT'S ALREADY ON THE BOOKS, RIGHT? THE RED FLAG
23 LAW. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY, "WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE GUN
24 CONTROL. WE JUST NEED TO ENFORCE THE LAWS THAT ARE ALREADY ON
25 THE BOOKS." WELL, THIS IS ONE THAT'S ON THE BOOKS, BUT THE



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1 PROBLEM IS, NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF IT. AND WHAT WE
2 ARE DOING TODAY IS LAUNCHING A NEW CAMPAIGN TO REALLY EDUCATE
3 THOSE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT REALLY NEED TO USE A GUN VIOLENCE
4 RESTRAINING ORDER. AND THE STATISTIC FOR ME IS THAT IN 2022,
5 ONLY ONE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER WAS GRANTED IN L.A.
6 COUNTY THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT. YES, LAW ENFORCEMENT KNOWS HOW TO DO THIS, BUT
8 WE'RE EVEN GOING TO TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO BE MORE AWARE OF
9 USING THIS. BUT WE REALLY WANT THE PEOPLE TO BE AWARE OF THIS.
10 I LOVE THE SLIDE THAT TELLS WHO THAT MIGHT BE OUT THERE. IT
11 MIGHT BE TEACHERS, STUDENTS, NEIGHBORS, ROOMMATES. THERE'S A
12 LOT OF PEOPLE THAT MIGHT SEE THAT SOMEONE COULD EITHER BE A
13 HARM TO THEMSELVES, OR A HARM TO OTHERS. AND THIS IS A TOOL
14 THAT WE THINK IS USEFUL, AND CAN SAVE LIVES. WE HEARD FROM
15 SOMEONE THIS MORNING WHOSE BROTHER COMMITTED SUICIDE THROUGH
16 GUN VIOLENCE, AND THAT'S THE OTHER STATISTIC. 95% OF ALL
17 SUICIDE ATTEMPTS USING A GUN ARE SUCCESSFUL, AND ONLY 4% OF
18 SUICIDE ATTEMPTS NOT USING A GUN ARE SUCCESSFUL. SO, CLEARLY,
19 THIS IS ALSO MEANT FOR THOSE OF US FAMILY MEMBERS, LOVED ONES,
20 WHO MIGHT FEEL LIKE-- AND SOME OF THE SIGNS THAT YOU POINTED
21 OUT, WHERE SOMEBODY MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATING TAKING THEIR OWN
22 LIFE, THAT'S WHEN THIS WILL BE A VALUABLE TOOL TO REMOVE THE
23 GUN, PREVENT THEM FROM BUYING ANOTHER GUN, AND HOPEFULLY SAVE
24 THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU. I THINK IT'S A GREAT WEB PAGE. THANK
25 YOU FOR THE WAY YOU EXPLAINED IT. AND HOPEFULLY, FROM THIS DAY



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1 FORWARD, WE'RE GOING TO SAVE LIVES THROUGH LETTING PEOPLE KNOW
2 THAT THIS VERY VALUABLE TOOL IS AVAILABLE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOD, I'M SO HAPPY THAT THE PRESENTATION WAS
5 CONDUCTED IN THIS MANNER, BECAUSE IT SAVES US TIME, TOO. BUT
6 IT WAS VERY GOOD, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU
7 ALL HAVE DONE IN THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I CAN'T
8 EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT AND TRANSFORMATIVE. JUST
9 THIS ALONE IS GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT COULD HAVE
10 POSSIBLY PREVENTED THE TRAGIC INCIDENT IN MONTEREY PARK. BUT
11 EVEN RECENTLY, A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, WE HAD SOMETHING
12 TRAGICALLY HAPPEN IN THE COMMUNITY OF VALINDA, UNINCORPORATED
13 AREA, WHERE WE HAD A HUSBAND WHO BARRICADED HIMSELF WITH
14 ASSAULT WEAPONS THAT HE HAD, AND THEY HAD TO EVACUATE THE
15 ENTIRE BLOCK. 2 OR 3 BLOCKS. AND INDIVIDUALS-- IT WAS DURING
16 MIDDAY. THEY WERE IN SCHOOL OR WORK. NO ONE KNEW WHAT WAS
17 GOING ON. BUT EVIDENTLY, THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WERE IN THE
18 HOUSEHOLD KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH HIM, AND KNEW HE HAD
19 ACCESS TO THESE GUNS. HAD THEY KNOWN ABOUT THIS, THEY PROBABLY
20 COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING EVEN BEFORE THAT, BECAUSE THIS WAS
21 JUST ONE INCIDENT OF MANY, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. AND I WISH
22 THAT WE COULD DO MORE TO REALLY INTEGRATE THIS KIND OF
23 FEEDBACK INTO PROGRAMS THAT SERVE TRAUMA VICTIMS, FAMILY
24 MEMBERS, AS WELL AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS, AND EVEN THOUGH
25 SHELTERS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING WITH THOSE FAMILY



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1 MEMBERS, BECAUSE USUALLY THERE'S A TRAUMATIC INCIDENT, AND
2 SOMETIMES IT DOES INVOLVE GUNS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF
3 OUR WOMEN ARE THE ONES THAT ARE VICTIMIZED, BUT ARE NOT
4 CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO FEEL THAT THEY COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH
5 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, A TOOL LIKE THIS, AND ESPECIALLY
6 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES OR COMMUNITIES THAT SPEAK DIFFERENT
7 LANGUAGES. SO I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THIS OUT, AND
8 LET'S GET SOME P.S.A.S OUT AS SOON AS WE CAN, AND GET SOME OF
9 OUR NEWS ANCHORS WHO ARE BIG ON HELPING PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE
10 TO CARRY THIS ON THEIR MEDIA SOCIAL PLATFORMS, BECAUSE I
11 REALLY THINK WE LOSE OUT A LOT. COUNTY CAN'T DO IT ALL. NOT
12 EVERYONE WATCHES OUR CHANNEL, BY THE WAY. I HATE TO SAY THAT,
13 BUT I WILL SAY THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE, SO-- AND THESE REAL
14 STORIES, I THINK, ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. SO, WHEN SOMEONE GIVES
15 TESTIMONY AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, THAT'S POWERFUL. SO,
16 AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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

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21 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I THINK THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF
22 WHEN WE HAVE GOOD LAWS ON THE BOOKS, TURNING THEM FROM THE
23 CONCEPTS THAT WERE PASSED TO MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION. AND SO
24 I THINK THIS IS A GREAT MOTION. I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU
25 BOTH FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. WE KNOW THAT RED FLAG LAWS HAVE



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1 BEEN CREDITED WITH DETERRING AT LEAST 58 POTENTIAL MASS
2 SHOOTINGS AND OTHER TYPES OF GUN VIOLENCE IN CALIFORNIA, AND
3 RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT IN ABOUT 80% OF CASES, PEOPLE WHO
4 COMMIT MASS SHOOTINGS OR SUICIDE MAKE THEIR INTENTIONS KNOWN,
5 AS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER. ONE STATISTIC THAT JUMPED OUT TO ME
6 WAS THAT, IN A RECENT SURVEY, 2/3 OF THE PEOPLE SURVEYED
7 DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THESE LAWS, YET 70% OF THEM SAID THAT THEY
8 WOULD USE THEM IF THEY KNEW ABOUT THEM. AND SO I THINK THIS IS
9 A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT DOING
10 SO IN A LINGUISTIC AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT WAY IS SO, SO
11 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. SO I'M REALLY EXCITED THAT THIS IS
12 MOVING FORWARD, THAT L.A. COUNTY IS LEADING THE WAY ON THIS,
13 AND EXCITED TO BE A PART OF IT. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
16 THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM 14? PLEASE CALL THEM.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
19 ON THIS ITEM. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
20 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, IF YOU HAVE
21 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
22 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE?



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS SUZANNE VERGE. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **SUZANNE VERGE:** HI. MY NAME IS SUZANNE VERGE, AND I'M PRESIDENT
5 OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF BRADY: UNITED TO PREVENT GUN
6 VIOLENCE. BRADY STRONGLY SUPPORTS MOVING FORWARD WITH
7 IMPROVING ACCESS TO GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS, BECAUSE
8 PUBLIC AWARENESS IS CRITICAL. WE KNOW GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
9 ORDERS CAN SAVE LIVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN SOMEONE IS A DANGER TO
10 THEMSELVES AND TO OTHERS, BUT THE PUBLIC DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO
11 GET ONE. WE CAN PREVENT GUN TRAGEDIES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN, BY
12 USING THE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS. WE NEED LOCAL
13 LEADERS TO WORK TOGETHER WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE PUBLIC
14 TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING, AND TO GUIDE THEM
15 THROUGH THE SOMETIMES ARDUOUS PROCESS OF OBTAINING A G.V.R.O.
16 WE'RE GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR LEADING THESE
17 EFFORTS. THANK YOU.

18

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PETER BERNAL. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

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24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
25 NAME IS PETER BERNAL, REGIONAL [INAUDIBLE] AND PROJECT



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1 COORDINATOR WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS. I AM SPEAKING
2 TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I AM CURRENTLY TASKED WITH
3 THE COALITION-BUILDING IN S.P.A. 8, WITH THE MAJORITY OF OUR
4 FOCUS BEING PLACED IN THE HARBOR AREA. THIS IS A COMMUNITY
5 THAT IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH GUN VIOLENCE, AND OFTEN FEELS
6 LIKE THEIR HANDS ARE TIED IN THE ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT
7 OF GUN VIOLENCE THEY SUFFER IN THE COMMUNITY. IN COMBINATION
8 WITH OTHER GUN SAFETY MEASURES, GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER
9 AWARENESS CAN SIGNIFICANTLY HELP IN THE FIGHT TO OBTAIN LEVELS
10 OF SAFETY THAT ALL COMMUNITIES ARE DESERVING OF IN LOS
11 ANGELES. THE WORK WE DO IN COALITION-BUILDING GIVES US DIRECT
12 ACCESS TO THE PAIN AND HURT SHARED BY MANY FAMILIES IN OUR
13 COMMUNITY DUE TO HIGH LEVELS OF GUN VIOLENCE. AND WHEN I HAVE
14 HAD THE CONVERSATION ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS,
15 THESE FAMILIES ARE OFTEN COMPLETELY UNAWARE THAT THEY EXIST.
16 SO, ANY CAMPAIGN TO BRING AWARENESS AND HIGHLIGHT GUN VIOLENCE
17 RESTRAINING ORDERS WILL AND SHOULD PREVENT VIOLENCE IN LOS
18 ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME TODAY.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHARMAINE BELL. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 CHARMAINE BELL. I'M THE LEAD PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS. I FEEL LIKE THERE DEFINITELY NEEDS TO
4 BE AWARENESS OF THE G.V.R.O.S. I'M GLAD THAT O.V.P. HAS PUT
5 TOGETHER THIS GREAT WEBSITE, WHERE THERE IS A LOT OF
6 INFORMATION THAT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN GO AND GET AN IN-
7 DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT A G.V.R.O. IS, AND HOW TO FILE
8 ONE. SO, I BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD BE ABLE TO SAVE LIVES. THIS
9 CAN BE ABLE TO CURB MASS SHOOTINGS, AND I DEFINITELY FEEL LIKE
10 IT'S NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAUREN LEE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAUREN LEE, AND I'M THE
17 [INAUDIBLE] AND OFFICER OF BRADY'S SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
18 CHAPTER. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN AND SOLIS'S MOTION TO IMPROVE AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO
20 CALIFORNIA'S GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER. THE G.V.R.O. IS A
21 TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX OF CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDERS THAT INCLUDE
22 FIREARM RELINQUISHMENT WITH DUE PROCESS, THAT CAN HELP SAVE
23 LIVES, PARTICULARLY FROM SUICIDE. UNFORTUNATELY, AVAILABLE
24 DATA SHOWS THAT THERE IS LIMITED AWARENESS AND USE OF THE
25 G.V.R.O. A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY



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1 RELEVANT PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL. EQUALLY
2 IMPORTANT IS A DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM, SO THAT THE
3 IMPLEMENTATION CAN BE EVALUATED FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND EQUITY.
4 I URGE YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS E.J. METTAL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** E.J. METTAL. SO, I'M CONCERNED. I'M NOT AGAINST IT,
11 BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON. ARE YOU INCLUDING
12 EVERYBODY IN THE SPECTRUM? SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WE KNOW THAT GUN
13 VIOLENCE COMES MOSTLY FROM GANG MEMBERS, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES,
14 AND KILLER L.A.P.D. COPS, SO LET'S DON'T PLAY LIKE WE DON'T
15 KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS. OUR CIVILIANS ARE GOING TO BE
16 ABLE TO GET THE G.V.R.O. AGAINST THOSE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY?
17 ANOTHER THING. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THE CASES GOING
18 ON IN THE SUPREME COURT. YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO VIOLATE
19 PEOPLE'S RIGHTS. THERE IS A SUPREME COURT CASE GOING ON, AND
20 IT'S GOING TO COME UP IN SEPTEMBER, AND IF IT PASSES, THAT
21 MEANS THAT-- WELL, YOU HAVE TO READ ABOUT IT. YOU RESEARCH IT.
22 AND ANOTHER THING THAT I WANT TO ADDRESS. YOU HAVE A LOT OF
23 CORRUPT COUNTY WORKERS. JOSHUA WASER, LAURA SIEGEL, ELIZABETH
24 SCULLY, CHRISTINE BYRD-- THEY'RE ALL JUDGES, AND THEY'RE
25 SERVING AN ISSUANCE OF FALSIFIED RESTRAINING ORDERS. I NEED TO



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1 KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO ABOUT THAT. I HAVE EVIDENCE OF
2 THAT.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN ODDSEN. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

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10 **MEGAN ODDSEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD, AND THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION TODAY. MY NAME IS
12 MEGAN ODDSEN, AND I'M A BOARD MEMBER AT WOMEN AGAINST GUN
13 VIOLENCE, A 30-YEAR-OLD NONPROFIT FOCUSED ON REDUCING AND
14 PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, THE STATE OF
15 CALIFORNIA, AND THE NATION. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO
16 IMPROVE AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING
17 ORDERS, TO PROHIBIT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A DANGER
18 TO THEMSELVES, THEIR PARTNERS, CONTACTS, OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC
19 FROM OWNING AND PURCHASING FIREARMS, PARTS, AND AMMUNITION.
20 G.V.R.O.S ARE A POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE TOOL IN PREVENTING
21 SUICIDES AND OTHER SHOOTINGS, BUT ONLY IF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT
22 THEM AND ARE EMPOWERED TO UTILIZE THEM. THIS REQUIRES CRITICAL
23 PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT ELECTEDS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
24 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE.
25 TODAY'S MOTION TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A CAMPAIGN IS AN IMPORTANT



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1 STEP IN PUBLIC SAFETY THAT ALSO SETS A STRONG EXAMPLE FOR
2 OTHER COUNTIES AND CITIES. WE APPRECIATE YOU MOVING FORWARD
3 WITH IT TODAY, AND ALL YOU ARE DOING TO MAKE L.A. COUNTY SAFER
4 FROM GUN VIOLENCE. THANK YOU.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERT DISNEY. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ROBERT DISNEY. MY HUSBAND AND I
12 [INAUDIBLE]. MY NIECE AND NEPHEW WERE STUDENTS AT COLUMBINE
13 HIGH SCHOOL IN LITTLETON, WHEN TWO OTHER STUDENTS COMMITTED A
14 MASS SHOOTING THAT ARGUABLY SET THE STAGE FOR OUR CURRENT GUN
15 VIOLENCE CRISIS. SINCE THEN, I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO PASSING
16 SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY PROGRAMMING AND LAWS TO PREVENT OTHER
17 FAMILIES FROM EXPERIENCING THE LIFELONG GRIEF THAT FAMILIES IN
18 LITTLETON STILL FEEL. I'M SO PROUD OF THE WORK AND THE
19 LEADERSHIP THAT SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS ARE DOING IN
20 BUILDING A ROBUST PROGRAM AROUND CALIFORNIA'S G.V.R.O. IT IS A
21 SOUND, JUST LAW, BUT IT CAN DO LITTLE IF THE PUBLIC IS NOT
22 AWARE OF IT. I'M A MEMBER OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF ACTIVISTS,
23 INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM BRADY, WHO'VE BEEN WORKING ON
24 EDUCATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY ABOUT STAFF RIGHTS
25 AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN KEEPING CAMPUSES FREE OF GUN VIOLENCE,



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1 AND IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE. AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY HAS MORE
2 THAN 70 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. EACH REQUIRES US TO FOLLOW THEIR
3 INDIVIDUAL PROCESS TO PROPOSE--

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NORMAN DUPONT. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I AM ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF WOMEN AGAINST
12 GUN VIOLENCE. OUR GENERAL POSITION IS STATED. I'D LIKE TO
13 COMMEND, "A," THE FACT THAT THE WEBSITE REFERENCES L.A.
14 SUPERIOR COURT WEBSITE INFORMATION ON G.V.R.O.S, WHICH IS A
15 VERY USEFUL SOURCE AND CROSS REFERENCE. ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT
16 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS CONTINUING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT CAUSE OF
17 HOMICIDES AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
18 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS DOCUMENTED THIS FACT.
19 AND FINALLY, IN TERMS OF A SUPREME COURT REVIEW, THE
20 SUPERVISORS HAVE ACCESS TO A VERY GOOD COUNTY LEGAL
21 DEPARTMENT, BUT I WOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT THAT IMPACTING THIS
22 ISSUE AT ALL. [INAUDIBLE] BELIEVES THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
23 IMPORTANT AND EXISTING STATE LAW IS-- HELLO?

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



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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAYMOND PALOUTZIAN. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

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5 **RAYMOND PALOUTZIAN:** THANK YOU. I'M RAYMOND PALOUTZIAN, A
6 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR LIVING IN CLAREMONT. I'M A
7 SURVIVING VICTIM OF GUN VIOLENCE IN L.A. COUNTY. WHEN I WAS
8 AGE 20, I SAW MY SISTER SHOT IN THE HEAD BY HER HUSBAND, A
9 WIFE ABUSER, AND MY FATHER SHOT IN THE CHEST, AN EVENT WHOSE
10 HORROR HAS SEVERELY AFFECTED ALL ASPECTS OF ALL OF THE REST OF
11 MY LIFE. I AM NOW AGE 78. ALONG WITH MOMS DEMAND ACTION AND
12 EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
14 PREVENTION TO STRENGTHEN GUN ACCESS RESTRICTIONS AND EDUCATION
15 FOR GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE NEED TO
16 MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT, NOT EASY, FOR A SPOUSE ABUSER OR A
17 SUICIDE-PRONE PERSON TO GET AHOLD OF A GUN. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE IN
20 SHARING YOUR STORY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NO OTHER SPEAKERS ON
21 THE PHONE? OKAY. THAT DIDN'T SEEM VERY STRONG.

22

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

24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN ITEM 14, COLLEAGUES, IS NOW
2 BEFORE US. I'M GOING TO MOVE IT, AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
3 WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

13

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

22

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

24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING
2 HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. YOU
3 PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. OKAY,
4 LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 17, AWARD A DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT FOR
5 THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD HEALTH CENTER, WHICH WAS HELD BY
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
7 TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM,
8 ITEM 17. SUPERVISOR BARGER, TAKE IT AWAY.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH FOR
11 CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR
12 DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR WORK ON BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO
13 REALITY, SPECIFICALLY OUR C.E.O., THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
14 WORKS, AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND
15 HEALTH SERVICES. THIS PROJECT FIRST BEGAN WHEN THE COMMUNITY
16 OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD WAS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, WITH A
17 RECOGNITION THAT THIS AREA OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WAS IN
18 NEED OF ADDITIONAL PRIMARY CARE SERVICES. AS OUR COUNTY DOES
19 MORE TO BRING WHOLE PERSON CARE TO ALL RESIDENTS, IT IS
20 ESSENTIAL THAT WE EXPAND OUR COVERAGE OF ALL SERVICES ACROSS
21 THE COUNTY. WITH THIS NEW HEALTH CENTER, WE ARE CREATING A
22 VENUE WHERE RESIDENTS CANNOT ONLY RECEIVE REGULAR PRIMARY
23 CARE, BUT ALSO BE CONNECTED WITH ESSENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH,
24 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. THIS
25 FACILITY WILL BE A CENTRAL POINT THAT PATIENTS CAN LOOK TO,



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1 AND HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE THE BEST AND MOST ESSENTIAL
2 SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. GIVEN THE SITE'S
3 PROXIMITY TO THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD METRO STATION, WE ARE
4 ENSURING THAT RESIDENTS FROM ACROSS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
5 AND BASIN WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT CONVENIENTLY. I HAVE
6 COMMITTED MY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXPANDING HEALTHCARE
7 ACCESS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THIS HEALTH CENTER IS
8 ANOTHER STEP IN BRINGING THAT CARE TO OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR
9 PATIENTS. I AM ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS, AND I'M THRILLED THAT
10 IT'S BEING BROUGHT TO FRUITION, AND IT'S GOING TO PROVIDE
11 MUCH-NEEDED CARE TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SO AGAIN, THANK
12 YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR CO-AUTHORING. THIS IS AN EXCITING
13 TIME, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I KNOW WE WANT TO DO COUNTYWIDE.
14 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU
17 LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

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19 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INVITING ME TO BE ON THIS ITEM. I KNOW
21 A LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK HAPPENED IN THE THIRD DISTRICT BEFORE I
22 WAS HERE, AND I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO ANGELICA
23 AYALA, MY SENIOR HEALTH DEPUTY, WHO I KNOW HAD A HAND IN THIS.
24 THE ONE AND ONLY MARIA CHONG-CASTILLO, WHO IS LEGENDARY IN
25 GETTING PROJECTS DONE, SHE SHARED JUST HOW MUCH SHE HAD



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PERSONALLY INVESTED IN MAKING THIS PROJECT HAPPEN. AND I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ELAN SHULTZ, WHO WAS THE SENIOR HEALTH DEPUTY IN THE OFFICE FOR MANY YEARS, AND IS NOW IN DEPARTMENT LAND, BUT YOUR WORK REMAINS AND LIVES ON, AND WE THANK YOU, ELAN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AS WELL. A LOT OF WORK WAS DONE IN THE THIRD DISTRICT BEFORE REDISTRICTING, BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU DIDN'T CARRY IT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. SO, I'M EXCITED TO SEE IT GET TO THIS POINT AND BE, REALLY, A MODEL FOR HOW WE CAN CENTER PEOPLE IN THE DELIVERY OF CARE. WE KNOW THAT THE SERVICES WILL CENTER, PROVIDING ALL HEALTHCARE NEEDS, FROM PRIMARY AND URGENT CARE IN THE AREAS OF PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MUCH MORE. THIS FACILITY HAS BEEN DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THIS PART OF THE VALLEY. WE KNOW THAT MANY MORE RESOURCES MUST BE INVESTED, IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY REACH THE PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR HELP. AND SO I'M EXCITED TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, AND THANK ALSO THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH. THIS FACILITY WILL HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THOSE IN A 50,000-SQUARE-FOOT, THREE-STORY FACILITY. IT'S VERY EXCITING. SO, MORE TO COME, AND I'M EXCITED TO SEE IT OPEN AND PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE-- WE SEE MARK PESTRELLA LURKING OVER THERE. DID YOU--



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** JUST IN CASE THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. BUT, I
2 MEAN, AGAIN, THANK YOU, MARK, AND YOUR TEAM. SUPERVISOR
3 HORVATH SAID IT. I MEAN, THIS IS A BIG PROJECT, AND WE'RE JUST
4 VERY, VERY EXCITED.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OH, HE'S NEVER MET A MICROPHONE
7 HE DIDN'T LIKE.

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9 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING PUBLIC WORKS TO BUILD THIS KIND OF
11 FACILITY. THIS IS WHO WE LOOK TO BUILD FOR. WE LOOK TO BE THE
12 BUILDER OF CHOICE FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE
13 HEALTH SERVICES SECTOR. SO, AS WE SPOKE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH
14 AND THE OTHER SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, IT'S A
15 JOY DELIVERING THESE. AND I KNOW I HAVE [INAUDIBLE] HERE
16 TODAY, OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF BUILDING FOR
17 THE DEPARTMENT. SO, THE OTHER THING I WANT TO MENTION IS THAT
18 WE ARE USING DESIGN-BUILD IN THIS CONTRACT, WHICH IS A MODERN
19 APPROACH, AND WE EXPECT TO DELIVER THIS ON TIME AND ON BUDGET.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ON TIME. WE WANT ON TIME, UNDER BUDGET.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** FOR THE RECORD.

24

25 **MARK PESTRELLA:** FOR THE RECORD.



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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.
6 AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU
7 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
8 SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING
9 QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

10

11 **MODERATOR:** AND, MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO REMOTE SPEAKERS IN
12 THE QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN ITEM 17 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED
15 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. THIRDED
16 BY MARK PESTRELLA-- NO. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 17 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

24

25 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.



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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO
14 MOVE ON TO ITEM 87-D, SUPPORT THE LOCAL 9-8-8 RESPONSE ACT OF
15 2023, WHICH I HELD. OH, I HELD THIS. I WAS LIKE, "WHO'S
16 HOLDING ALL THESE? OH, IT'S ME." LET'S SEE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE
17 TO SPEAK ON THIS-- I'M HAVING TROUBLE. PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0
18 NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEM 87-D. "CHAIR MAKES REMARKS." WHERE ARE
19 MY REMARKS? OH, HERE THEY ARE. HERE WE GO. SO, JUST OVER A
20 YEAR AGO, 9-8-8 WAS LAUNCHED AS THE NATIONAL NUMBER FOR
21 SUICIDE AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINES. AND HAVING AN EASY-
22 TO-REMEMBER 3-DIGIT NUMBER TO CALL WHEN YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
23 KNOW IS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE
24 THE ONLY OTHER NUMBER THAT PEOPLE HAD TO CALL WHEN SOMEBODY
25 WAS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WAS 9-1-1, AND SOMETIMES THE



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1 RESPONSE AND THE OUTCOME WAS NOT WHAT WE HAD HOPED FOR. SO,
2 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE CONTRACTED WITH DIDI HIRSCH FOR OUR
3 CALL CENTER, AND WE HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NATIONAL
4 BASELINE, BY ALLOWING DIDI HIRSCH TO CONNECT CALLS TO OUR
5 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WHEN THE CALLER NEEDS AN IN-PERSON
6 CRISIS RESPONSE. SO, BESIDES JUST HAVING A PERSON ON THE LINE,
7 TRYING TO WORK WITH SOMEBODY WHO WAS HAVING A HEALTH CRISIS,
8 WE'RE ALLOWING THEM TO CONNECT TO OUR VERY OWN DEPARTMENT OF
9 MENTAL HEALTH. AND SO 9-8-8 REALLY HAS BEEN A GAME CHANGER.
10 THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. BUT ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE
11 FACED HAS TO DO WITH HOW 9-8-8 CALLS ARE ROUTED. WHEN SOMEONE
12 CALLS 9-8-8, THEIR CALL IS SENT TO THE CALL CENTER BASED ON
13 THEIR AREA CODE. THAT MEANS IF YOU'RE LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY,
14 OR YOU'RE VISITING L.A. COUNTY, AND YOU HAVE A CELL PHONE
15 NUMBER WITH A DIFFERENT AREA CODE-- OUT OF STATE, FOR
16 INSTANCE-- YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCESS L.A. COUNTY'S CALL
17 CENTER WHEN YOU DIAL 9-8-8. AND THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM,
18 BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DISPATCHING MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE
19 TEAMS. ONLY L.A. COUNTY'S CALL CENTER CAN CONNECT TO OUR
20 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SEND OUT THESE TEAMS. SO MY
21 STAFF HAS HEARD MANY STORIES OF PEOPLE CALLING 9-8-8, ASKING
22 FOR AN IN-PERSON RESPONSE, ONLY TO HEAR, "WE DON'T DO THAT,"
23 BECAUSE IT TURNS OUT THEY WERE CALLING FROM AN OUT-OF-COUNTY
24 AREA CODE. SO, OBVIOUSLY, THAT CAUSES FRUSTRATION AND
25 CONFUSION, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT COULD MEAN THE



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1 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. THAT'S WHY, WHEN SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND I WERE BACK IN D.C., BACK
3 IN APRIL, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE, GUESS WHAT, IS
4 TAKES AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO CHANGE SOMETHING LIKE THIS. SO WE
5 MET WITH CONGRESSMEMBER TONY CARDENAS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
6 IMPLEMENTING GEO-ROUTING FOR 9-8-8 CALLS, SO THAT THE CALLERS
7 ARE ROUTED, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AREA CODE IS, THEIR NUMBER IS
8 ROUTED TO OUR CALL CENTERS, BASED ON THEIR GEOGRAPHY WHERE
9 THEY MAKE THE CALL, VERSUS THE GEOGRAPHY OF WHERE THEY LIVE.
10 AND SO IT'S-- AGAIN, IT WAS A BIG DEAL. AND THIS IS DIFFERENT.
11 I WANT TO CLARIFY THIS, BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE GOT ANXIOUS ABOUT
12 THIS. SO, THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM GEOLOCATION, WHICH IS WHAT A
13 9-1-1 CALL USES, AND GEOLOCATION IDENTIFIES A CALLER'S EXACT
14 LOCATION. THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU'RE CALLING FROM WHEN YOU
15 DIAL 9-1-1. GEO-ROUTING, ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL SIMPLY ROUTE
16 THE CALL TO A CALL CENTER IN L.A. COUNTY, BASED ON THE
17 LOCATION OF THE CELL PHONE TOWER THAT IS PINGED BY THAT
18 TELEPHONE CALL. SO IF YOU NEED MORE EXPLANATION ABOUT THAT,
19 SEE ME AFTERWARDS. BUT IT DOES KEEP THE CALLER'S PRIVACY
20 INTACT, WITH GEO-ROUTING, AS OPPOSED TO GEOLOCATION. SO I
21 REALLY WANT TO THANK TONY CARDENAS, CONGRESSMEMBER. HE
22 LISTENED TO US, AND GUESS WHAT? HE INTRODUCED A BILL. HE'S
23 GOING TO HAVE AN ACT OF CONGRESS. IT'S H.R. 4974. I FEEL LIKE
24 THERE WAS A NAME ATTACHED TO THAT BILL. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.
25 IT'S THE LOCAL 9-8-8 RESPONSE ACT OF 2023. SO, THIS MOTION



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1 WILL SUPPORT HIS BILL, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER IS GOING TO BE MY
2 CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. AND I KNOW YOU WENT OUT TO D.C. SHORTLY
3 AFTER WE DID, AND ADVOCATED FOR THE SAME THING, SO I KNOW
4 YOU'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. BUT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I BOTH
5 SERVED IN CONGRESS, AND SO WE KNOW WHAT AN ACT OF CONGRESS
6 MEANS, AND THEY'RE NOT EASY TO DO, SOMETIMES. SO THIS CAN BE A
7 HEAVY LIFT, SO HAVING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SUPPORT THAT,
8 I THINK, WILL BE HUGE FOR MEMBER TONY CARDENAS. SO, SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER, AS MY CO-AUTHOR, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AND THEN
10 IF YOU-- OKAY.

11
12 **SUP. BARGER:** I MEAN, YOU PRETTY MUCH SUMMARIZED IT VERY WELL,
13 AND I KNOW THAT IT IS A TOP PRIORITY OF MINE, AS WELL, AND
14 N.A.CO HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN THIS ON. AND IT WAS ADDRESSED AT A
15 MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE TWO MONTHS AGO, REGARDING MENTAL
16 HEALTH ISSUES, BUT IN PARTICULAR THIS BECAUSE, TO YOUR POINT,
17 EVEN SOMEONE WHO HAS AN AREA CODE OUT OF STATE, IT'S GOING TO
18 BE DIRECTED TO NEW YORK VERSUS CALIFORNIA. AND THE ONLY WAY
19 WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT IS TO GET THE COMPANIES--

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THE F.C.C.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, TO MANDATE THAT IT BE DONE. WHICH IS
24 UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY, BUT I AM GRATEFUL, AS
25 YOU SAID, FOR THE CONGRESSMAN BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND



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1 SHARING THAT CONCERN, AND HAVING THE LEADERSHIP TO MOVE THIS.
2 AND I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL, BECAUSE THIS IS A BIPARTISAN ISSUE.
3 THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IMPACTS EVERYBODY, AND SO I THINK IT'S
4 IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER AS A BOARD. SO THANK YOU FOR
5 LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR IS. THIS IS GOING TO HAVE A STRONG IMPACT
6 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
9 HORVATH?

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11 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW
12 CONGRESSMEMBER CARDENAS IS PERSONALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS
13 ISSUE. I HAD THE ABILITY TO-- WHEN WE WERE LAUNCHING PROGRAMS
14 WITH THE COUNTY JUST RECENTLY, WE DID A PRESS CONFERENCE
15 TOGETHER, AND HE SHARED FROM A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE WHY THIS
16 ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL TO HIM. AND SO I JUST
17 WANTED TO-- BECAUSE I KNOW THE WORK THAT HE'S DOING IN THE
18 DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, TO
19 MAKE SURE THAT THE RESOURCES THAT WILL SUPPORT ALL OF THIS
20 WORK EXIST ON THE GROUND, TO RECOGNIZE THAT HE IS LEADING THE
21 WAY WITH THIS BILL, AND MAKING SURE THAT THE ESSENTIAL LIFE-
22 GIVING SERVICES AND LIFE-SAVING SERVICES THAT ARE MADE
23 AVAILABLE THROUGH IT, IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHERE YOU
24 LAUNCH A PROGRAM, AND THAT ONE PIECE THAT YOU DIDN'T CONSIDER,
25 THAT MAKES THE CRITICAL DIFFERENCE, BEING ABLE TO ACTUALLY



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1 LOCATE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AND LOCATION THAT THEY'RE IN,
2 AND ROUTE THEM TO THE RIGHT SERVICES, MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.
3 NOW, WHEN WE TAKE OUR NUMBERS WITH US ALL OVER THE COUNTRY-- I
4 HAD A FRIEND REFER SOMEONE, HOPING TO CONNECT WITH DIDI
5 HIRSCH, BUT SHE HAD A 5-1-0 AREA CODE, AND SO IT GOT ROUTED UP
6 TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND SO THIS BILL IS GOING TO MAKE A
7 MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE ON THE GROUND, AND ALLOW ALL OF US TO
8 CALL IN AND PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING AND LIFE-SUPPORTING HELP
9 THROUGH THE SERVICES THAT WE INTEND, AND THAT WE FUND THROUGH
10 THE COUNTY. SO I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR MAKING SURE
11 WE'RE ON RECORD SUPPORTING THIS WORK. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM 87-D?

15
16 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
17 ON THIS ITEM. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
18 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM, IF YOU HAVE
19 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
20 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE?

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS SHARI SINWELSKI. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.



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1 **SHARI SINWELSKI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HAHN, SUPERVISORS
2 BARGER, SOLIS, MITCHELL, AND HORVATH. MY NAME IS SHARI
3 SINWELSKI, AND I AM VICE PRESIDENT OF CRISIS CARE AT DIDI
4 HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AS THE SUPERVISOR ALREADY
5 NOTED, DIDI HIRSCH OPERATES THE 9-8-8 SUICIDE AND CRISIS
6 LIFELINE FOR L.A. COUNTY, SEVERAL OTHER NEARBY COUNTIES, AND
7 WE ALSO SERVE AS A BACKUP TO THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
8 AND PROVIDE NATIONAL SERVICES FOR VIBRANT, AS WELL. WE'RE ALSO
9 HOME TO THE NATION'S FIRST SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER. AS
10 ADVOCATES FOR THE CRISIS CARE CONTINUUM-- SOMEONE TO CALL,
11 SOMEONE TO RESPOND, AND SOMEWHERE TO GO-- WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY
12 THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO LOCAL IN-PERSON CRISIS CARE
13 SERVICES. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A.
14 COUNTY D.M.H. AND THE LEADERS THAT YOU ARE IN THIS SPACE, AND
15 YOUR INVESTMENTS IN MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS THAT CAN BE DIRECTLY
16 DISPATCHED TO CALLERS WHO ARE REQUESTING AN IN-PERSON
17 RESPONSE. AS NOTED IN THE BOARD MOTION, ROUTING CALLS BY A
18 CALLER'S AREA CODE IS A PROBLEM WHEN A PERSON WANTS TO BE
19 CONNECTED WITH LOCAL SERVICES, SUCH AS A MOBILE CRISIS--

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. YOUR TIME HAS
22 EXPIRED. REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRIAN GAVIDIA. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.



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2 **BRIAN GAVIDIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN, BARGER, AND
3 HORVATH, FOR SUBMITTING THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY. I'M BRIAN
4 GAVIDIA, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR TONY CARDENAS. BECAUSE CALLS TO
5 9-8-8 ARE CURRENTLY ROUTED BASED ON AREA CODE, OFTEN CALLERS
6 REACH A CENTER THAT'S IN A DIFFERENT STATE, AND THEY'RE NOT
7 ABLE TO DISPATCH MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAMS. THIS BILL WOULD
8 REQUIRE ROUTING OUTREACH TO 9-8-8 BASED ON PROXIMITY, WHILE
9 STILL PROTECTING USERS' PRIVACY BY LIMITING EXACT LOCATION
10 INFORMATION. WE MUST ENSURE THAT 9-8-8 CALLERS ARE CONNECTED
11 TO THE CRISIS CENTER NEAREST TO THEM, AND THAT IT IS MENTAL
12 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT RESPOND WHEN NEEDED. THIS BILL GETS
13 ONE STEP CLOSER TO MAKING THIS THE STATUS QUO. TOGETHER,
14 THROUGH THIS LEGISLATION AND EFFORTS AT ALL LEVELS OF
15 GOVERNMENT, WE CAN ENSURE THAT ANYONE FACING A CRISIS CAN
16 REACH OUT FOR HELP. ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN TONY CARDENAS, I
17 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION, SERVICE, AND
18 COMMITMENT TO CRISIS CARE AND STRENGTHENING THE 9-8-8
19 LIFELINES. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND MAKE SURE YOU SHARE WITH THE
22 CONGRESSMEMBER OUR SUPPORT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **BRIAN GAVIDIA:** WILL DO. THANK YOU.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANKS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE KEEP LOSING GENEVIEVE. GENEVIEVE, WE KNOW
7 YOU'RE THERE. HELLO? DOES SHE KNOW HER LINE'S OPEN? OOH, IS
8 SHE THERE?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** GENEVIEVE, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I KNOW SHE'S GOING TO SUPPORT THIS, SO I
13 WANT TO MAKE SURE SHE TALKS. OKAY. WELL, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT
14 SPEAKER, AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND HER. SHE'S OUT IN THE CYBER
15 UNIVERSE. IS THERE ANOTHER SPEAKER? NO. OKAY, DID WE FIND
16 GENEVIEVE? OKAY. OH, I LOVE IT. SHE'S TALKING TO HER. OH,
17 THERE SHE IS.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** -- AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, [INAUDIBLE].
20 YOU SAW A GLITCH, AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE CORRECTING IT. THAT'S
21 SUPER IMPORTANT, AND I AM SO GLAD TO SEE THAT. THANK YOU SO
22 MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. IS THERE ANOTHER
25 SPEAKER? NO? OKAY. ALL RIGHT, THEN WE HAVE ITEM 87-D, AS



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1 REVISED, WHICH I BELIEVE WAS ADDING SUPERVISOR BARGER AS THE
2 CO-AUTHOR-- THAT WAS THE REVISION-- TO SUPPORT LOCAL 9-8-8
3 RESPONSE ACT OF 2023, WHICH IS H.R. 4974, IS NOW BEFORE US.
4 I'LL MOVE IT, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE
5 THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 87-D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

14

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

25



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND EVERYBODY OUT THERE WITHIN THE
2 SOUND OF MY VOICE, CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND TELL THEM
3 YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. AS SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID, IT'S
4 BIPARTISAN. CALL THEM AND SAY IT'S A GOOD IDEA. IT'S MATTER OF
5 LIFE AND DEATH. OKAY, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
6 HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE
7 PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF, PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. OH,
8 OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION. COLLEAGUES, I'M
9 PRESENTING A READ-IN MOTION THAT WILL NOT BE VOTED ON TODAY,
10 BUT WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD
11 MEETING, AFTER WE RETURN FROM THE AUGUST RECESS ON SEPTEMBER
12 12TH. THIS IS WELL OVER A MONTH AWAY, AND I THINK THIS IS
13 IMPORTANT. I WANT TO SAY THIS, BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT THIS TO
14 COME OFF AS RUSHED, OR TRYING TO BE SNUCK IN AT THE LAST BOARD
15 MEETING BEFORE WE GO ON RECESS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE
16 STAKEHOLDERS, WORKERS, BUSINESSES, AND ANYONE POTENTIALLY
17 IMPACTED BY THIS MOTION TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN.
18 AND THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, WHEN IT COMES TO THE
19 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, WE'RE TRYING NEARLY EVERY STRATEGY. WE'RE
20 INVESTING IN BUILDING HOUSING, RENT STABILIZATION, FUNDING TO
21 KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES. WE'RE CREATING NEW GOVERNANCE
22 STRUCTURES. BUT WE KNOW, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT MANY
23 EMPLOYERS ARE PAYING THEIR WORKERS WAGES THAT ARE TOO LOW FOR
24 THEM TO MAKE ENDS MEET IN L.A. COUNTY. AND IT'S LOW WAGES THAT
25 ARE DRIVING POVERTY, AND THAT IS A LEADING FACTOR IN



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1 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSECURITY. AND TOO MANY PEOPLE IN
2 OUR COMMUNITIES ARE WORKING FULL-TIME JOBS, BUT THEY CANNOT
3 PAY THEIR RENT. BUT THIS BOARD HAS THE ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING
4 ABOUT IT, AT LEAST FOR THE WORKERS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
5 OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I THINK WE SHOULD. SO I'M PROPOSING THAT
6 WE BEGIN THE EARLY STEPS, STARTING THE PROCESS OF REQUIRING
7 THAT HOTELS WITH OVER 60 ROOMS, AND THEME PARKS IN OUR
8 UNINCORPORATED AREA, PAY THEIR WORKERS AT LEAST \$25 PER HOUR.
9 AND THIS PROPOSAL MIRRORS AN ORDINANCE CURRENTLY BEING
10 CONSIDERED BY LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, AND SIMILAR TO
11 PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH.
12 A \$25 MINIMUM WAGE, UP FROM THE CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE OF
13 \$16.90, WOULD NOT MAKE THESE WORKERS RICH, BUT IT WOULD MAKE
14 THEIR LIVES A LITTLE EASIER, AND MAY MEAN THAT THEY DON'T NEED
15 TO WORK MULTIPLE JOBS JUST TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES, AND THEY
16 MIGHT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE SAME PLACE WHERE THEY
17 WORK. I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HEAR PUSHBACK FROM BUSINESSES, AND
18 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR THEIR CONCERNS, BUT I AM
19 OF THE MIND THAT AN INDUSTRY AS PROFITABLE AS THE TOURISM
20 INDUSTRY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD PAY THEIR WORKERS ENOUGH
21 THAT THEY CAN SURVIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. I EXPECT WE WILL HAVE A
22 HEALTHY DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT. AND
23 I'M GRATEFUL SUPERVISOR HORVATH HAS AGREED TO CO-AUTHOR THIS
24 READ-IN MOTION WITH ME, AND NOW I WILL READ IN THE DIRECTIVES:
25 "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE



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1 COUNTY COUNSEL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO PREPARE A DRAFT TOURISM
3 WORKER RETENTION MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE IN CHAPTER 8.102 OF
4 DIVISION 4 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, AND TO SUBMIT THE
5 ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION WITHIN 45 DAYS"--
6 THAT'S AFTER SEPTEMBER 12TH-- "THAT WOULD, ONE, REQUIRE A \$25
7 MINIMUM WAGE FOR ALL HOTEL WORKERS AT HOTELS WITH OVER 60
8 ROOMS, INCLUDING ALL CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES, AND THEME PARK
9 WORKERS, INCLUDING ALL RETAIL FOOD SERVICES AND THEATERS IN
10 THE SAME SPECIFIC ZONE AS THE PARK, IN UNINCORPORATED L.A.
11 COUNTY, WITH THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASING TO \$30 BY 2028, AND
12 WITH A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT THEREAFTER. AND NUMBER 2, IN
13 THE CASE OF HOTELS, CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING PROTECTIONS
14 FOR WORKERS AT HOTELS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, REQUIRE THAT
15 ALL THE SERVICE CHARGE THAT PEOPLE PAY WILL GO TO THE
16 WORKERS." THANK YOU. IS IT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISOR
17 BARGER ALSO HAS A SPECIAL?

18
19 **SUP. BARGER:** I DO. MY OFFICE IS AWARE OF THE ONGOING ODOR
20 COMPLAINTS AND HEALTH IMPACTS IN THE VAL VERDE AND CASTAIC
21 COMMUNITIES. THESE ODORS ARE CREATING QUITE A PROBLEM, AND
22 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS COMING FROM CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL.
23 THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS THE LEAD
24 AGENCY ON AIR QUALITY, AND HAS ISSUED 33 VIOLATIONS TO THE
25 LANDFILL SINCE MAY. THIS IS EXTREMELY CONCERNING. I'VE ASKED



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1 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT REGULATE THE LANDFILL TO ORGANIZE
2 A TASK FORCE TO STAY ON TOP OF THIS ISSUE, AND I WANT TO THANK
3 MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, FOR MOBILIZING THEM
4 SO QUICKLY. DEPARTMENTS HAVE NOTED THAT THE LANDFILL OPERATOR
5 IS WORKING PROACTIVELY TO ADDRESS THE ODORS, AND IS RESPONDING
6 TO REGULATORY REQUESTS. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING WITH
7 THE LANDFILL TO ENSURE LANDFILL'S EFFORTS TO MITIGATE AND
8 ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THIS INCLUDES
9 WORKING WITH STATE AGENCIES SUCH AS THE A.Q.M.D. AND
10 CALRECYCLE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.
11 HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT MORE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN
12 IMMEDIATELY TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE RESIDENTS
13 SURROUNDING THE LANDFILL. THIS INCLUDES A DEPLOYMENT OF
14 RESOURCES TO REDUCE IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS IN THEIR HOMES BY THE
15 LANDFILL. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 DIRECT THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO COORDINATE
17 WITH DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, REGIONAL
18 PLANNING, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
19 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
20 RECYCLING AND RECOVERY, TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 30 DAYS
21 ON THE FOLLOWING: NUMBER 1, IDENTIFICATION OF THE UNDERLYING
22 CAUSE OF THE ODORS EMANATING FROM CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL, IN
23 CONJUNCTION WITH STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES; 2, SUMMARY OF THE
24 COUNTY'S REVIEW OF THE ODOR MITIGATION PLAN PROVIDED BY THE
25 LANDFILL OPERATOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE REGULATORY



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1 AGENCIES; 3, RESOURCES DEPLOYED BY THE LANDFILL AND THE COUNTY
2 TO ADDRESS ONGOING IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS SURROUNDING THE
3 LANDFILL; AND 4, INDEPENDENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY TO
4 ENSURE APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT OF THE LANDFILL'S MITIGATION
5 PLANS TO ELIMINATE THE GENERATION OF ODORS FROM THE LANDFILL.
6 SO THAT'S GOING TO BE THE MOTIONS WE VOTED ON AUGUST 8TH. OH,
7 NO.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO VOTE ON IT
10 TODAY.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, IT IS. YEAH, IT'S BECAUSE IT'S A REPORT
13 BACK.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE VOTING ON IT TODAY. THAT'S CORRECT,
16 COUNTY COUNSEL? WE CAN VOTE ON IT TODAY? OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. IT'S A REPORT BACK.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THERE OTHER SPECIALS? NO. SO WHAT WE
21 NEED TO DO IS HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUPERVISOR BARGER'S READ-
22 IN, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A VOTE. IS THAT CORRECT?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** ON EVERYTHING.

25



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON EVERYTHING,
2 SUPERVISOR, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE THE WHOLE VOTE AFTER.

3
4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, SEE? I SEE HOW IT WORKS. OKAY. SO, NOW
5 WE'LL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE
6 BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS, INCLUDING THAT ONE, HELD BY
7 SUPERVISORS, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE
8 PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT
9 ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT
10 YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN
11 ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE TIME. EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED
13 UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 AND MAY I SAY, U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E., YOU ALL DESERVE A SPECIAL
15 SOMETHING. YOU HAVE BEEN HERE ALL DAY, LISTENING TO US,
16 SPEAKING ON SOME THINGS. WE APPRECIATE IT. OKAY, PLEASE CALL
17 THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT NEED TO SPEAK TO US.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO 3 MINUTES
20 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE ITEM, 2 MINUTES FOR
22 2 OR MORE ITEMS, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE
24 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY ONLY
25 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THESE ITEMS. WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON



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

3
4 **SPEAKER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD,
5 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: MICHAEL PITKIN, ARTHUR MUNOZ, DANNY
6 BERNARDO, EVELYN ARCELLO, MIGUEL HAUDI, CHRISTOPHER LILLIAN,
7 PATRICIA MCALLISTER, ARNOLD SACHS, IAN JAMIESON, MARY JACOBS,
8 AIDEN ENAMORADO, ERNEST MOORE, MISTRESS MEGA KAREN, AND JESSIE
9 ANGUIANO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE?

11
12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS E.J. METTAL. PLEASE STATE
13 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING
14 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** REMEMBER, WE ARE NOT GOING TO NORMALIZE BRUTALITY,
17 KILLING, HARASSMENT, TARGETING, INTIMIDATION, COVER-UPS,
18 LYING, ILLEGAL TRAFFIC STOPS, LIKE TREVOR KURT THE EX-GANG
19 MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO WAS BEATING UP THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
20 GRANDMOTHER WHO WAS JUST VIDEOTAPING. AND REMEMBER, THIS SAME
21 ORGANIZATION, THE GANG MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ORGANIZATION,
22 IS BLOCKING US FROM FINDING OUT HOW MANY ACTIVE GANG MEMBERS
23 ARE ON THEIR STREETS. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PLEASE DO
24 SOMETHING ABOUT IT. AND MS. HAHN, I TALKED TO ALICIA IN GERMAN
25 ABOUT THIS SITUATION THAT I AM TELLING YOU ABOUT. YOU HAVE



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1 COUNTY WORKERS FALSIFYING RESTRAINING ORDERS, AND ISSUING
2 RESTRAINING ORDERS. I NEED THE BOARD TO INVESTIGATE AND SEE
3 THE EVIDENCE THAT I HAVE AGAINST JOSHUA WASER, LAURA SIEGEL,
4 ELIZABETH COLLEY, CHRISTA BYRD. THEY ARE ALL JUDGES AT THE
5 COURTHOUSE. PLEASE ASSIST ME WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

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

8
9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAGGIE GARDNER. PLEASE
10 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND IF YOU ARE
11 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12
13 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM MAGGIE GARDNER, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF
14 OF OUR WATER L.A. COALITION, O.W.L.A., ON ITEM 70. WE ARE IN
15 SUPPORT OF APPROVING ALL 9 OF THE STORMWATER INVESTMENT PLANS,
16 WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
17 PROJECT, PART OF THE CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY'S S.I.P. SHOULD
18 HAVE ITS CLASSIFICATION OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY [INAUDIBLE]
19 BENEFITING REMOVED, AS WAS RECOMMEND BY THE REGIONAL OVERSIGHT
20 COMMITTEE. THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY PROJECT IS TWO AND A HALF
21 MILES FROM THE NEAREST [INAUDIBLE], AND IS LOCATED IN AN AREA
22 THAT SCORES IN THE 36TH PERCENTILE ON CALENVIROSCREEN.
23 ACCORDING TO THEIR APPLICATION, THE PROJECT HAS ALSO NOT
24 CONDUCTED OUTREACH TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. THE IMPROPER
25 DESIGNATION OF THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY PROJECT [INAUDIBLE]



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1 BENEFITING SETS A NEGATIVE PRECEDENT FOR WHAT SHOULD QUALIFY,
2 AND REDUCES THE PRESSURE TO INVEST IN PROJECTS THAT WILL TRULY
3 IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AND WELLBEING IN OUR MOST VULNERABLE
4 COMMUNITIES. WE RECOMMEND APPROVING THE S.I.P.S., BUT REMOVING
5 [INAUDIBLE] BENEFITING FROM THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY PROJECT.
6 THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
11 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
12 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN
13 THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE?

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
17 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND IF YOU ARE
18 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I
21 WILL SPEAK TODAY TO ITEMS 84 AND 87-K AND PUBLIC COMMENT. ON
22 84, WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED BECAUSE OF A
23 LACK OF RESPONSE OF D.P.S.S. AND OTHER PEOPLE. IT IS TIME
24 [INAUDIBLE]. WE HAVE SOME OTHER KIDS WHO WILL BE COMING UP IN
25 A LAWSUIT AGAIN, WHERE WE'RE GOING TO LOSE MONEY, BECAUSE WE



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1 WERE WRONG. [INAUDIBLE]. PLEASE LOOK AT THAT. WE DON'T WANT
2 ANY MORE CHILDREN TO DIE BECAUSE OF LACK OF RESPONSE. THAT'S
3 INAPPROPRIATE, AND JUST VERY SCARY. ON ITEM 87-K, THE CRISIS
4 RESPONSE, IT HAS BEEN YEARS TRYING TO GET THAT IMPLEMENTED. WE
5 SPENT A LOT OF MONEY BUYING BUSES, AND SO ON. SO, WHEN IS IT
6 GOING TO BE REALLY IMPLEMENTED? BECAUSE EVERY TIME I GO TO A
7 MEETING OF D.M.H., AND I BRING THAT ISSUE, MOST OF THE PEOPLE
8 DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS ABOUT. THAT IS VERY SCARY. THERE IS
9 SOME EDUCATION OF THE STAFF OF D.M.H. THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE,
10 SO THEY KNOW WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, BUT THANK YOU FOR
11 BRINGING TO WORK ON IT AND VOTE. AND ON MY PUBLIC COMMENT
12 TODAY, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU TO HAVE LISTENED TO ME, EVEN
13 THOUGH I WAS NOT IN PERSON. TWO TIMES, I WAS DROPPED. I HAD TO
14 GO BACK IN THE QUEUE, AND SO ON. THAT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN. BUT
15 ANYWAY, HAVE A GREAT WEEK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU SOON
16 AGAIN. BYE.

17
18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT CALLER.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. PLEASE STATE
21 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING
22 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 75 AND GENERAL
25 COMMENT.



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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. TO NUMBER 75, JUST REAL QUICK, I WOULD
5 JUST ASK IF THERE'S A WAY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR
6 FIELD DEPUTIES OR SOMEONE CAN ACTUALLY SPEAK TO THE ACTUAL
7 PROBATION EMPLOYEES TO FIND OUT WHY SOME ARE NOT GOING TO
8 WORK, JUST TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. AND AS FOR
9 GENERAL COMMENTS, I JUST WANTED TO INVITE EVERYONE, AS
10 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE A COMMUNITY
11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT WE HOST, AND THE NEXT ONE WILL BE
12 THURSDAY, FOR THE EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA. IF YOU ARE
13 INTERESTED, MY CONTACT NUMBER IS 310-365-6338, AND WE WOULD
14 LOVE TO HAVE ANYONE OR EVERYONE PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. PLEASE
19 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND IF YOU ARE
20 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES. MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. I HOPE YOU CAN
23 HEAR ME. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

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



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1

2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 70, THAT RAISES
7 TAXES TO PAY FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION
8 BONDS, AND ITEM 86, AND 92, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL EXPLAIN
9 THAT THE AMOUNT OF DEBT IN A BOND IS NOT THE ROOT OF THE
10 PROBLEM. IT IS THE COST OF DEBT. THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE
11 TO THE PUBLIC WITH A REGULAR MORTGAGE CALCULATOR. TO
12 ILLUSTRATE, MY COMPANY CAN SHOW YOU BY COMPARISON YOUR COST
13 FOR A \$1.5 BILLION BOND, AT 5% FOR 35 YEARS, IS ACTUALLY 1.6
14 AND MORE THAT COSTS YOU. THIS CAN BE DONE BECAUSE THERE IS A
15 PROBLEM IN THE PROCESS OF YOUR FINANCING. HOW? ANALYSIS OF THE
16 PAYMENT SHOWS HOW THIS CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM AS THE
17 PROCESS FOR THIS PROBLEM IS REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE
18 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ASSOCIATED COST IS WITH A BOND. YOU
19 KNOW, THIS IS VERY TOUGH TO DO. A MORTGAGE BROKER, FINANCIAL
20 BANK OFFICER, LOAN UNDERWRITER, ESCROW OFFICER, AUDITOR AND
21 HOUSING DIRECTOR WITH MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, OVER 136 YEARS
22 OF EXPERIENCE, HAVE VERIFIED THE ACCURACY OF THIS INFORMATION,
23 DISCLOSED WITH THE SYSTEMATIC SAVINGS PROVIDED. THE GOOD NEWS
24 IS THE SOLUTION. I WROTE AND COPYRIGHTED "SAVING GUIDE FOR
25 MUNICIPALITIES," AND DEVELOPED A UTILITY PATENT PROCESS TO



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SUPERVISORS

1 FACTOR OUT OF THESE HIGH COSTS AND EVERY MONTHLY PAYMENT THE
2 COUNTY PAYS. ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION, WE CAN CONDUCT A
3 FINANCIAL COST ANALYSIS OF ANY NEW OR RECENT BOND TO DETERMINE
4 THE ACTUAL COST, THE DEBT COST, AND THE SAVING RATIOS THAT
5 WILL IMPACT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL INFORMATION IS ACCESSIBLE
6 FOR THE PUBLIC, THE INFORMATION THAT I AM SUBMITTING. THE
7 INFORMATION SHARED WILL ENABLE THE COUNTY TO TAKE CONTROL OF
8 THEIR COST OF DEBT. IF YOU CONTROL YOUR DEBT, YOU CONTROL YOUR
9 FUTURE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPLAINING IT, AND SHOWING
10 YOU, AND PROVING IT TO YOU, WHEN YOU GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY.
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. MY E-MAIL
12 ADDRESS IS RICHARDHOMEBUYERS@GMAIL.COM, AND I CAN EXPLAIN TO
13 YOU HOW WE DISCOVERED THIS PROCESS THAT THE BANK CONTINUES TO
14 LEVY ON YOU, AND YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF IT. THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HI. IN PERSON, WELCOME.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DANNY BERNARDO, AND I
20 AM RESPONDING TO PUBLIC COMMENT, SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN'S SPECIAL WRITE-IN MOTION. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF UNIVERSAL
22 STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD THEME PARK, I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF
23 I.A.T.S.E. LOCAL B-192, REPRESENTING OVER 4,000 WORKERS. WITH
24 OUR PARTNERS U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11, WE ARE 6,000
25 STRONG. THE COMMON MISCONCEPTION IS THAT THEME PARK WORKERS



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1 ARE YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKING FOR SEASONAL WORK, WHEN THE REALITY
2 IS WE ARE ACTUALLY DEDICATED WORKERS WHO HAVE WORKED THERE 10,
3 20-- WE HAVE A MEMBER WHO HAS JUST CELEBRATED 50 YEARS WORKING
4 THERE, AND WE FEEL THE MISCONCEPTION DEVALUES OUR WORK. THE
5 MAJORITY OF OUR WORKERS LIVE ON OR NEAR THE POVERTY LINE. MANY
6 WORK SECOND AND THIRD JOBS TO MAKE ENDS MEET, OFTEN FULL-TIME
7 WORKERS AND FULL-TIME HOURS AT BOTH JOBS. WE HAVE WORKERS WHO
8 HAVE WORKED OVER TEN-PLUS YEARS THAT BARELY MAKE THE CURRENT
9 MINIMUM WAGE. WE HAVE FULL-TIME WORKERS THAT HAVE HAD TO SEEK
10 OUT E.B.T. ASSISTANCE, FACE EVICTION, AND OFTEN SKIP MEALS
11 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO EAT. AND THESE AREN'T JUST
12 STORIES. THESE ARE THE EXPERIENCES OF MYSELF, MY BROTHERS AND
13 SISTERS AND KIN. SO, TO MEET THE COST OF LIVING, MANY OF OUR
14 WORKERS ARE ONLY WORKING, AND NOT LIVING, AND I THANK
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD. AND I REALLY
16 URGE YOU, AS THIS MOVES FORWARD, PLEASE REMEMBER US WORKERS AS
17 YOU CONSIDER IT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER. 18, 29, 38, 75, AND 76. I'D LIKE
23 TO HAVE MY THREE MINUTES, PLEASE. THANK YOU. NUMBER 18. I AM
24 AGAINST THE REGIONAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT
25 JUST FINDING OUT--



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HOLD ON, HOLD ON. I THINK YOU ARE SUPPOSED
3 TO GET THREE MINUTES.

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5 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. OKAY, SO... OKAY. NO, LET'S START
8 OVER. START WITH THREE MINUTES.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I AM AGAINST THIS REGIONAL GOVERNANCE
11 STRUCTURE, BECAUSE IT IS A WASTE OF TIME. YOU KNOW, FOR YEARS-
12 - I REMEMBER, FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO, I HAVE BEEN COMING HERE
13 TALKING THAT WE HAVE A HOMELESS PROBLEM. YOU DON'T NEED THIS
14 BIG COMMITTEE. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS GET THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS
15 OUT OF OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUT AMERICANS IN THAT HOUSING,
16 AND THEN DON'T TELL THESE MIGRANTS THAT'S COMING THROUGH THE
17 BORDER RIGHT NOW TO COME TO L.A. COUNTY, THEY CAN WORK WITHOUT
18 POLICE HARASSMENT. THAT'S WRONG, BECAUSE IF YOU KEEP BRINGING
19 THEM HERE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE AND MORE HOMELESS, AND WE
20 ARE JUST GOING IN CIRCLES. I READ IT. THAT'S WHAT YOU WROTE.
21 YOU SAID THEY CAN COME TO L.A. COUNTY. THEY DON'T HAVE TO
22 WORRY ABOUT BEING ARRESTED, AND WORK. WE NEED OUR PEOPLE TO
23 WORK. THESE PEOPLE HERE IN THE RESTAURANT, THEY ARE GOING TO
24 LOSE THEIR JOB. THEY ARE MAKING \$17, \$15 AN HOUR. WHEN THOSE
25 ILLEGALS COME HERE, THOSE HOTELS ARE GOING TO PAY THEM \$5 AN



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1 HOUR, AND FIRE THEM. SEE, YOU ARE CAUSING MORE PROBLEMS. YOU
2 KNOW IT. WITH THE CONFUSION IS HOW YOU KEEP THE MONEY ROLLING
3 IN YOUR POCKETS. SEE, I KNOW THE GAME. I'M FROM CHICAGO. YOU
4 KEEP UP A LOT OF CONFUSION. THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR JOBS
5 WHEN THOSE ILLEGALS COME HERE, THAT'S CROSSING THAT BORDER
6 RIGHT NOW. NOW, ANOTHER THING. YOU WANT TO GIVE THE BLOCK
7 GRANT FUNDS TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS. I AM NATIVE AMERICAN. MY
8 GRANDMOTHER IS CHEROKEE. 90% OF THESE INDIANS ARE CAUCASIANS.
9 THEY ARE WHITE. WHAT THEY DID WAS, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CREATED
10 THIS THING CALLED THE DAWES ROLL, THEY GAVE THE GOVERNMENT \$5
11 TO PUT THEM DOWN AS AN INDIAN. YOU GO AND LOOK AT THESE SO-
12 CALLED INDIANS. NOTHING BUT EUROPEANS. OKAY? SO, I WANT A
13 D.N.A. TEST. I WANT MY LAND AND MY MONEY. I AM A NATIVE, OKAY?
14 NOW, ANOTHER THING. SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENTS. I REMEMBER WHEN
15 YOU GUYS SAID YOU WERE GOING TO STOP GIVING THESE SOLE SOURCE
16 AGREEMENTS. SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENTS MEAN YOUR FRIENDS GET THE
17 CONTRACT. THEY DON'T HAVE TO BID. YOU ARE STILL DOING IT. SEE,
18 WHEN I FOUND OUT THIS COMMITTEE MEETS ONCE A WEEK, AND THEY
19 THINK WE FORGET. YOU PASS ALL THESE LITTLE LAWS AND WHATNOT,
20 AND THEN YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. NOW, HERE IS SOMETHING I
21 DID. YOU SAID YOU WOULD GIVE SO MANY MILLIONS TO HELP PEOPLE--
22 YOU SAID THE HISPANICS, OR WHATEVER-- TO GET FREE LEGAL
23 COUNSELING. SO WHAT I DID, I FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE GIVING THE
24 MONEY TO. THESE ARE AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY. I WENT BY ONE
25 OF THEM. I SAID, "I WANT SOME FREE LEGAL COUNSEL." THEY LOOKED



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1 AT ME. NOBODY WAS THERE. THEY LOOKED AT ME LIKE I WAS CRAZY:
2 "HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT US?" THAT'S WHERE THE MONEY WAS.
3 SEE, THAT'S PART OF THE GAME, YOU ALL. THEY SAY THEY ARE GOING
4 TO GIVE SO MUCH, JUST LIKE TODAY. YOU GO AND CHECK TO SEE IF
5 THOSE AGENCIES IN YOUR COMMUNITIES ARE TELLING YOU THEY GOT
6 THAT MONEY. YOU GO BY THERE AND ASK THEM. SAY, "THE COUNTY
7 SAID THAT THEY GAVE YOU SO MUCH MONEY FOR US, FOR THIS AND
8 THAT." OKAY, THAT'S HOW THEY ARE KEEPING THAT MONEY. AND I
9 LEFT, BECAUSE THEY WERE SO SCARED. WHEN THEY SAW SOMEBODY
10 COMING TO GET SOME FREE LEGAL COUNSELING, IT WAS LIKE, "HOW
11 DID SHE FIND OUT?" WELL, I KNOW HOW TO FIND OUT. NOW, ALL THIS
12 MONEY YOU ARE SPENDING, I WANT ACCOUNTABILITY. LIKE THIS NEW
13 CONTRACT YOU JUST GAVE A MOMENT AGO, I WANT TO FIND OUT WHO
14 THE CONTRACTORS ARE, WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING, HOW MUCH IS
15 BEING SPENT.

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

18
19 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED BOARD. MY NAME IS
20 CHRISTOPHER LILLIAN. I HAVE WORKED AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
21 HOLLYWOOD AS A FOOD STAND ATTENDANT FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. I
22 CURRENTLY MAKE \$16.90 AN HOUR, BUT GOING UP TO A LIVING WAGE
23 WOULD MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE, NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR
24 OTHER MEMBERS OF MY FOOD FAMILY, AND MEMBERS IN I.A.T.S.E.
25 LOCAL B-192. THE WAGES THAT I MAKE, I OFTEN BARELY MAKE ENDS



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1 MEET. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAVE FOR EMERGENCIES AND OTHER NEEDS.
2 WE DESERVE TO EARN ENOUGH TO LIVE; NOT JUST SURVIVE, BUT
3 THRIVE. NO ONE WORKING FULL TIME SHOULD STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE IN
4 THIS COUNTY. ON THE CONTRARY, MY FOOD FAMILY AND I SHOULD BE
5 THRIVING. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE POWER TO
6 BRING US CLOSER TO THAT REALITY. I URGE YOU TO RAISE THE WAGES
7 FOR THEME PARK WORKERS AND HOTEL WORKERS, BECAUSE ONE JOB
8 SHOULD BE ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN I GET THREE MINUTES, PLEASE? MY NAME IS--
13 HELLO.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON?

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17 **SPEAKER:** ONE IS GOING TO BE ON THE PELOTA DE TRAPO, AND THE
18 OTHER'S GOING TO BE ON... I THINK IT IS 64, AND THEN GENERAL
19 COMMENT.

20

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. HELLO, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS ARTHUR
24 FRED MUNOZ, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I KNOW YOU GUYS HAD
25 A LONG DAY TODAY, WORKING HARD, AND I APPRECIATE IT. I AM A



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1 CHILD OF GOD, LIKE ALL OTHERS ARE, WHO TRY TO LIVE THEIR LIVES
2 ACCORDING TO EVERY WORD SPOKEN BY GOD ALMIGHTY, AS REVEALED IN
3 THE HOLY BIBLE, AS WELL AS THE COVENANT OF JESUS CHRIST. ONE
4 WHO TRIES TO LIVE HIS LIFE ACCORDING TO THE HOLY COVENANT OF
5 JESUS CHRIST. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT MANKIND WILL BE DEAF AND
6 BLIND TO GOD'S WAYS, AND ONE OF THE INDICATORS OF THAT IS,
7 THROUGHOUT THE GENERATIONS, MANKIND ARE SLOWLY MOVED AWAY FROM
8 THE WORD OF GOD. AND THIS IS EVIDENT IN THE FACT THAT RIGHT
9 NOW, IF YOU TURN ON THE T.V., THE RADIO, ANYWHERE YOU LOOK,
10 GOD'S NAME IS BEING SAID IN VAIN, LEFT AND RIGHT. EVERY DAY.
11 EVERY SECOND, EVERY MOMENT, ON EVERY CHANNEL, ON EVERY CORNER,
12 BY EVERY MOUTH, BY YOUR SONS, YOUR DAUGHTERS, YOUR
13 GRANDMOTHERS, YOUR GRANDFATHERS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS,
14 NEPHEWS, AND NIECES ARE SAYING THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY'S NAME IN
15 VAIN. ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IS, "THOU SHALL NOT SAID THE
16 LORD GOD ALMIGHTY'S NAME IN VAIN." NOW, PEOPLE THAT ARE SAYING
17 THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY'S NAME IN VAIN, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT IF
18 YOU VIOLATE ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION
19 OF ALL THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. THAT MAKES YOU A MURDERER. THAT
20 MAKES YOU A THIEF. THAT MAKES YOU A LIAR. SO, PEOPLE WHO TRULY
21 UNDERSTAND THAT GOD ALMIGHTY'S WILL IS... YOU KNOW, HE ALSO
22 TELLS US IN THE BIBLE THAT WHEN PEOPLE LIKE ME PASS ON IN THIS
23 LIFE, THAT IT WILL BE LESS OF A PERSON OF HIS CHILD TO DEFEND
24 THE REST OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE EVIL THAT IS YET TO COME TO
25 THIS WORLD. AND THERE IS A LOT OF EVIL THAT IS ON ITS WAY. MY



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1 NAME IS ARTHUR FRED MUNOZ, AGAIN. MY FATHER WAS KILLED IN
2 VIETNAM, AND WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY-- I DEVIATED. I
3 APOLOGIZE, BUT IT IS NEVER A MISTAKE WHEN I SPEAK ABOUT GOD.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. MY NAME IS MIGUEL
13 HAUDI. I AM AN ORGANIZING DIRECTOR WITH U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E.
14 LOCAL 11. I AM CURRENTLY WORKING WITH I.A.T.S.E. 192 AND OUR
15 LOCAL TO ORGANIZE AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS THEME PARK. AND I WANT
16 TO START BY THANKING YOU FOR THE AGENDA THAT YOU PRESENTED
17 THIS MORNING, EVERYTHING FROM HOMELESSNESS, TO MENTAL HEALTH
18 SERVICES, TO HEALTHCARE. THOSE THINGS ARE SUPER IMPORTANT TO
19 HAVE A SOCIETY THAT FUNCTIONS, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY
20 IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WORK. BUT I ALSO DO BELIEVE THAT A
21 LOT OF THAT WORK STARTS WITH HAVING A LIVING WAGE FOR WORKERS,
22 TO MEET PEOPLE-- PARENTS, FATHERS, MOTHERS-- WHO WORK HARD
23 EVERY DAY, AND WORK HARD 80 HOURS TO PUT BREAD ON THE TABLE
24 FOR THEIR FAMILY, TO MAKE ENDS MEET, AND THEY ARE STRUGGLING
25 TO DO THAT. THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS,



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1 BECAUSE THAT AFFECTS THE HEALTH OF THE FAMILY, THAT AFFECTS
2 THE HEALTH OF THE CHILDREN, THAT AFFECTS THE HEALTH OF THEIR
3 COWORKERS. AND SO I'M JUST MAKING THE CONNECTION FOR EVERYBODY
4 THAT THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

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

7
8 **SPEAKER:** MICHAEL JOSEPH PITKIN, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TO
9 THIS BODY, THIS IS YOUR NOTICE. I PROTEST. I AM SLEEPING AT
10 NIGHT IN FRONT OF SANTA MONICA CITY HALL AND POLICE
11 DEPARTMENT. I AM PROTESTING THEIR LACK OF AVAILABLE SHELTER
12 BEDS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. NOT EVERY UNHOUSED IS AN INSANE
13 CRIMINAL DRUG ADDICT OR CONVICT, AS LAW ENFORCEMENT LABELS US.
14 TO BE TREATED LIKE A CRIMINAL IS UNACCEPTABLE. TODAY, NUMBER
15 ONE, I ASK L.A. CITY, L.A. COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF SANTA
16 MONICA TO EACH CREATE DIVERSITY TRAINING; ALSO, AN L.G.B.T.Q.+
17 HOMELESS LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON. TWO, I ASK THAT REMOVABLE
18 GATES BE INSTALLED, LOCKED AT OPEN GAPS ALONG THE BLUFF ON THE
19 BEACH, SO NO ONE ELSE IS ARRESTED. ALSO, THE STREET GOSSIP IS
20 MY TOSHIBA WIMAX LAPTOP, TAKEN BY DON LEMON OF C.N.N., ENDED
21 UP IN THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S SON'S HANDS. I HAVE
22 NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS, AND I WILL DEFEND MYSELF.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. AIDEN JAMIESON, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. ON
2 AUGUST 4TH, THE COUNTY DROPPED ITS C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE MANDATE
3 FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, BUT IT KEPT ITS MASK MANDATE IN PLACE.
4 THREE THINGS. ONE, 21 U.S.C. SECTION 360 B.B.B.,³ 1-3 MAKES IT
5 ILLEGAL TO MANDATE E.U.A. MEDICAL PRODUCTS. NONE OF THE
6 C.O.V.I.D. MASKS HAVE F.D.A. APPROVAL. THEY ARE ALL E.U.A.
7 MEDICAL PRODUCTS. TWO, A STUDY PUBLISHED IN "CURIOUS," THE
8 JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, ON APRIL 19TH, 2022, ANALYZED
9 MASKING, INFECTION, AND C.O.V.I.D. DEATH DATA FROM 35 EUROPEAN
10 COUNTRIES, AND FOUND THAT MASKING HAD NO CORRELATION WITH
11 INFECTION RATES, BUT A VERY STRONG POSITIVE CORRELATION WITH
12 C.O.V.I.D. DEATHS. THIRDLY, A STUDY PUBLISHED IN "THE LANCET,"
13 ON MAY 25TH, 2022, ANALYZED DATA FROM 1,832 U.S. COUNTIES AND
14 FOUND THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPOSING MASK MANDATES HAD NO
15 CORRELATION WITH INFECTION RATES, WHATSOEVER. YOU NEED TO DROP
16 THE MASK MANDATE, YOU NEED TO REHIRE THE 68 L.A. COUNTY
17 EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ILLEGALLY TERMINATED IN OUR C.O.V.I.D.
18 VACCINE MANDATE, AND THEN ALL OF YOU PHARMA FASCIST
19 [EXPLETIVE] NEED TO RESIGN. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MARY JACOBS:** I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE FOR QUITE A WHILE, AND I JUST
24 THOUGHT THIS IS MY-- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE HIM, BUT THIS
25 IS THE MAN THAT DIED RECENTLY, AND I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD



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1 DO A MEMORY OF HIM. THERE'S A GOFUNDME SO I COULD GIVE POLISH
2 DINNER TO THE PEOPLE IN SKID ROW. I WISH I COULD AFFORD TO
3 TAKE HIM TO CHICAGO, WHERE MY MOTHER WOULD BE ABLE TO BE
4 BURIED WITH HIM, ON TOP OFF-- BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE JUST
5 HOPING TO GET ENOUGH TO DO A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTOPHER
6 ROBIN. ACTUALLY, IT WAS CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON, BORN NOVEMBER
7 21ST, 1969, AND HE DIED JULY 19TH, 2023. HIS MEMORIAL WILL BE
8 FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, AT THE NAZARENE CHURCH ON SIXTH STREET, IN
9 SAN PEDRO, ACROSS THE STREET FROM MIDNIGHT MISSION ON SKID
10 ROW. HE WASN'T FROM SKID ROW. HE WAS FROM FLORIDA, AND HE WAS
11 ALSO FROM OLYMPIC BOULEVARD, AND HE LIVED IN SOUTH PARK, BUT
12 HE DIED IN SKID ROW AT THE MADISON HOTEL. AND HE WAS FROM A
13 GENERATION-- HE WAS 53. HE DID DISHES. HE WASHED FLOORS. HE
14 DID LAUNDRY. HE COOKED. AND I LOOKED AT HIM, AND I AM LIKE,
15 "WHAT IS THIS BEAUTIFUL PERSON DOING IN MY ROOM?"

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18
19 **MARY JACOBS:** AND HE DIED, AND I WISH YOU WOULD FIND OUT HOW HE
20 REALLY DIED. HE DIDN'T DIE FROM FENTANYL.

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

23
24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
25 ITEM NUMBER ONE, AND I'VE GOT A COUPLE OTHER ITEMS. ITEM



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1 NUMBER 1, YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PROPOSITION R
2 INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, MADAM HAHN. I
3 THOUGHT IT WAS MEASURE R. HOW DID IT BECOME PROP R? WHEN DID
4 THAT PASS? METRO IS FALLING COMPLETELY APART. I DON'T KNOW IF
5 YOU HAVE NOTICED, THE BUSES ON THE STREET, THEY SAY THAT THEY
6 ARE AMERICA'S LARGEST CLEAN AIR FLEET. THEY ARE NOT CLEAN AIR.
7 THEY HAVE EXHAUST COMING OUT OF THE TOP OF THE BUSES, WHICH
8 MEANS THEY ARE NOT BURNING C.N.G., WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE DIRTY
9 AIR. YOU ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND FUND A GONDOLA, YOU'RE
10 GOING TO HAVE [EXPLETIVE] BUSES ON THE STREET. THE AIR
11 [EXPLETIVE]. CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT? AREN'T YOU ON
12 THE BOARD AT METRO? WHY DON'T THEY REOPEN THOSE MEETINGS UP?
13 THE BLUE LINE NOW RUNS FROM LONG BEACH ALL THE WAY UP TO
14 PASADENA. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GOLD LINE? IT IS NOT EVEN A
15 GOLD LINE ANYMORE. IT IS YELLOW. AND THERE IS NO A.D.A.
16 COMPLIANCE STATION AT THE FOURTH STATION UP FROM THE THIRD
17 STATION UP FROM CHINATOWN. WHY IS THERE NO ELEVATOR AT THAT
18 STATION? CAN'T ANYBODY SAY THAT? WHY IS THE MARIACHI PLAZA
19 UNDERGROUND? I THOUGHT NO FUNDS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR
20 UNDERGROUNDING. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THIS AFFORDABLE CARE
21 ACT THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS INVOLVED IN. HOW DID HE HAVE
22 THE GUMPTION TO DO AWAY WITH THAT? IT WAS PASSED BY CONGRESS,
23 BY BARACK OBAMA, WHEN HE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
24 STATES. IT WAS HIS PRIVATE COMPANY. THEY SIGNED UP 15,000



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1 PEOPLE ON SKID ROW. CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF
2 THE COUNTY?

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

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HAD THREE MINUTES, MA'AM.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I GOT A MINUTE, MA'AM.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I GOT CHEATED AGAIN.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, BY THE WAY--

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. MR. SACHS, YOUR TIME IS UP.

21 SIT DOWN. YOUR TIME IS UP. GO AHEAD. WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO

22 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR

25 MOMENT. DO YOU KNOW THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY STORY? THEIR



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1 PARENTS WAS DENIED THEIR SON'S REQUEST OF A MONUMENT WHERE HE
2 GOT KILLED AT WISCONSIN OR CONNECTICUT, BECAUSE THE DEAN SAID
3 THE WAY THAT HE LOOKED, THEY LOOKED ODD AND VERY WEIRD. AND
4 THEY BUILT A UNIVERSITY HERE. SO, LOOK AT ME AS I CHALLENGE
5 THE LAW BOOKS. I LEARNED THEM. METRO AND D.P.S.S. ARE PLAYING
6 NOTHING BUT TAINTED GAMES. MAGNA CARTA, ROSA PARKS, DOESN'T
7 MEAN NOTHING TO THEM. D.P.S.S., IT'S THE FOURTH TIME I HAVE
8 HAD TO ADDRESS THEM, AND AS FAR AS EMBEZZLEMENT AND FRAUD. AND
9 THE CASE WAS OVERTURNED IN MY BEHALF. IT'S BEEN A YEAR NOW
10 THAT D.P.S.S. HAS ACCUSED ME FOR THE FOURTH TIME OF
11 [INAUDIBLE] MONTHLY REPORTS, AND THEY DON'T PRODUCE NO
12 EVIDENCE. I HAVE BEEN OVER THERE TWO TIMES IN THE LAST TEN
13 MONTHS. MAY 9TH, THE SUPERVISOR LOOKED AT ME, HEARD THE STORY,
14 TELLS ME TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION. BINGO. I FILL OUT THE
15 APPLICATION, THE PROBLEM DOES NOT GET SOLVED.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE
18 SOMEONE-- DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THAT DEPARTMENT? WHY DON'T
19 YOU GO BACK THERE, AND WE CAN SEE IF WE CAN START MAYBE
20 UNRAVELING THE PROBLEM.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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



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1 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ERNEST MOORE. I WANT TO COMMENT ON AGENDA
2 ITEMS 3 AND 9, I BELIEVE, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SEE THEM UP
3 THERE, AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE BROUGHT SOME DOCUMENTS
4 FOR THIS PRESENTATION. I GAVE THEM TO SOME PEOPLE OVER THERE.
5 I ASSUME THAT THEY ARE YOUR DEPUTIES.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. WE WILL RECEIVE THEM.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S A COMMON THEME THAT IS CONNECTED TO ALL OF
10 THESE AGENDA ITEMS THAT I WANT TO COMMENT ON. THE BASIC
11 PROBLEM HERE IS NO PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW FOR BLACK
12 AMERICANS. THAT IS WHY I HAVE BEEN GETTING VICTIMIZED IN THE
13 PROBATE COURTS. THIS IS ALSO THE PROBLEM WITH EMPLOYMENT LAWS
14 THAT ALLOWS ILLEGAL ALIENS TO COME INTO MY COUNTY, AND FORCE
15 BLACK AMERICANS ON THE STREETS IN TENTS. SANCTUARY CITIES ARE
16 RACIST AGAINST BLACK AMERICANS. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE I NEED
17 ONE OF YOUR POLICE OFFICERS TO TAKE A CRIME REPORT ON THE
18 CRIMINAL EVIDENCE THAT I HAVE HERE TODAY, AND THAT I HAVE SENT
19 TO YOU BY E-MAILS. YEARS AGO, I FILED COMPLAINTS TO THE L.A.
20 CITY ATTORNEY. THEY SAID THAT THE CRIMES IN MY PROBATE CASE
21 ARE FELONIES, AND SENT THEM TO THE L.A. D.A. I SEE YOU HAVE
22 L.A. CITY ATTORNEY POLICE HERE NOW. THEY CAN TAKE A CRIME
23 REPORT ALONG WITH YOUR SHERIFF DEPUTIES NOW. YOUR COPS WILL
24 NOT ACCEPT MY CITIZEN'S ARREST ANYWHERE. I NEED AN INJUNCTION
25 TO STOP THEM FROM PUTTING THEIR HANDS ON ME, WHEN I MAKE AN



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1 ARREST IN THE STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE. THE PROBATE JUDGES ARE
2 ALL CORRUPT, INCLUDING THE JUDGE IN DEPARTMENT 11 NOW,
3 JONATHAN ROSENBLOOM. THEY ARE ENGAGING IN PROBATE RACKETEERING
4 UNDER THE COLOR OF AUTHORITY. THAT HAS VICTIMIZED MANY PEOPLE
5 AND FAMILIES COMING THROUGH THE PROBATE COURTS. THIS INCLUDES
6 HIGH-PROFILE CASES AND CELEBRITY CASES, LIKE THE CASEY KASEM
7 AND NICHELLE NICHOLS CASE. I NEED LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS NOW.
8 I NEED AN A.D.A. ADVOCATE NOW, FOR MY TRIAL NEXT WEEK, AND NOT
9 AN OFFICE STAFF. I DID SEND AN E-MAIL REQUESTING ONE OF THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COME IN AS MY A.D.A. ADVOCATE, AT LEAST
11 FOR ONE DAY, TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THESE PROBATE COURTS.
12 IT IS CRIMINAL. THESE ARE FELONY CRIMES. AS AN AMERICAN
13 CITIZEN, I CAN AND WILL MAKE ARREST OF FELONY CRIMES. IT IS A
14 FELONY FOR A COP TO REFUSE A CITIZEN ARREST WHERE THERE HAS
15 BEEN A FELONY CRIME INVOLVED. I HAVE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE
16 2017. HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO I GOT TO COME DOWN HERE TO GET
17 SOME ACTION DONE IN THAT PROBATE COURT? YOU HAVE ALL SEEN THE
18 BRITNEY SPEARS CASE. THOSE ARE FELONY CRIMES THAT WERE
19 APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISING PROBATE JUDGE THERE, BRENDA PENNY.
20 I NEED SOME ACTIONS NOW. YOU ARE ALL LIABLE FOR THIS
21 CORRUPTION.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. IS THERE
24 ANOTHER SPEAKER?



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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WE HAVE ONE MORE.

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** ALL HOTEL WORKERS ITEM, PLUS ALL PUBLIC COMMENT.

6 OKAY. SO, FIRST OF ALL, HOTEL WORKERS. THE SUPERVISOR SAID 60

7 ROOMS OR MORE QUALIFY FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE OF \$25 OR

8 SOMETHING. I THINK THAT'S WHAT I HEARD. 80% OF THE HOTELS IN

9 THE UNITED STATES ARE SMALL BUSINESS. 80% OF THE HOTEL

10 EMPLOYEES ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY THE UNION. 80% OF THESE

11 EMPLOYEES, THEY CANNOT EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO GO ON STRIKE,

12 BECAUSE THEY ARE SMALL BUSINESS. AMERICA RELY ON SMALL

13 BUSINESS. AMERICANS DO NOT RELY ON LARGE CORPORATION. HOWEVER,

14 THE SUPERVISOR BARGER CONTINUE TO IGNORE THOSE SMALL HOTEL

15 WORKERS. THAT'S JUST TOO FUNNY TO TALK ABOUT HER POLITICALLY

16 CORRECT WOKE PROPAGANDA. SECOND IS THAT I BELIEVE IT IS TWO

17 WEEK, ONE WEEK AGO, REGARDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING.

18 I WAS HERE. I WAS HERE WITH THREE OF MY OTHER FRIENDS. WE WERE

19 HERE. THERE WERE SOME DISRUPTIVE SPEAKERS RIGHT THERE, AND THE

20 FUNNY THING IS, I HEARD THE SUPERVISOR HAHN THREE TIMES,

21 TALKING ABOUT, "SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, PLEASE REMOVE THOSE

22 SPEAKERS, PLEASE." I HEARD THAT THREE TIMES. AND THEN THE

23 DEPUTIES, THE POLICE OFFICERS, DON'T DO ANYTHING. LITERALLY,

24 THAT'S REALLY PATHETIC. YOUR OWN POLICE, YOUR OWN DEPUTIES,

25 NEVER LISTEN TO YOUR ORDER, SO DEMONSTRATE YOU HAVE NO



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1 LEADERSHIP AT ALL. AND THEN TALKING ABOUT THE PREVIOUS
2 SPEAKER, TALKING ABOUT THE D.P.S.S., WELL, THAT'S VERY FUNNY.
3 THAT'S VERY INTERESTING, BECAUSE I HAVE EXACTLY, LITERALLY,
4 THE SIMILAR CASE. SO, DURING THE PANDEMIC, I WAS APPROVED FOR
5 THE CALFRESH BENEFIT, BECAUSE I HAVE FINANCIAL AID, I HAVE CAL
6 GRANT, AND I AM A COLLEGE STUDENT. THAT WILL QUALIFY ME FOR
7 CALFRESH BENEFIT. RIGHT NOW, LITERALLY, I BELIEVE IT IS ONE
8 MONTH AGO, THE WORKERS RIGHT THERE COME HERE AND SHOW ME A
9 PAPER TELLING ME THAT, NO, SINCE THE PANDEMIC IS OVER-- SO,
10 RIGHT NOW, UNLESS YOU HAVE A BACHELOR PROGRAM, YOU WILL NO
11 LONGER CONTINUE TO RECEIVE YOUR CALFRESH BENEFIT. I CALLED THE
12 STATE. I CALLED THE STATE, AND THEN THE STATE ARE TELLING ME
13 THAT IT WAS ADMINISTERED IN EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTY, THIS
14 PROGRAM. SO WHEN I CALL THE D.P.S.S., WELL, LITERALLY, THEY
15 TOLD ME, "THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. STATE MAKES THE LAW." SO
16 THE STATE PUSHED ME TO THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY PUSHED ME TO THE
17 STATE. SO, LITERALLY, NOBODY IS DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. AND
18 THEN EVEN MORE FUNNY IS THAT SINCE THEY WERE SAYING-- THE
19 PREVIOUS SPEAKER TALKING ABOUT D.P.S.S. ACCUSED HIM WITHOUT
20 ANY EVIDENCE. SO, ONE MONTH AGO, THEY SENT ME A LETTER, TOLD
21 ME THAT I NEED TO GO TO MY HEARINGS, AND THEN TALK TO A JUDGE
22 REGARDING MY D.P.S.S. BENEFIT. I WAS LIKE, "THANK GOD."
23 FINALLY, I GOT TO TALK TO A JUDGE. I SAID, "THANK YOU SO
24 MUCH." AND THEN LAST WEEK, THEY TOLD ME I GOT ALL OF MY
25 BENEFIT BACK, AND THEN THEREFORE, MY CASE TO BE CANCELED. I



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1 WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO TALK TO A JUDGE ANYMORE. THIS IS
2 WHAT D.P.S.S. LOOK LIKE. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE PREVIOUS
3 SPEAKER SAID. [EXPLETIVE].

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE
10 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1 AND
13 2, 5 THROUGH 8, 12 AND 13, 15 AND 16, 19 THROUGH 26, 28 AND
14 29, 31 THROUGH 37, 39 THROUGH 44, 45 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER
15 RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
16 84308, 46 THROUGH 57, 58 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING
17 HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 84308, 59
18 THROUGH 74, 77 THROUGH 86, 87-A THROUGH 87-C. 87-E THROUGH 87-
19 K, 88-B, WHICH WAS SUPERVISOR BARGER'S READ-IN MOTION, 90
20 THROUGH 93, 1-D THROUGH 3-D, AND 1-P.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
23 SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE
24 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
25 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.



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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

7

8 **SUP. HORVATH:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15

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

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
21 TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL BEGIN, AND WE
22 WILL GO ORDER 1, 3, 4, AND 5. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO ASK YOU: YOU ARE GOING TO
25 ADJOURN IN RICK ICAZA? OKAY, SO I WILL JOIN YOU ON THAT. I DO



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1 HAVE ONE, MADAM CHAIR. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
2 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICARDO JURADO. RICARDO JURADO WAS
3 BORN IN EL PASO, TEXAS, ON MARCH 11, 1947, BUT CAME TO
4 CALIFORNIA AT THE AGE OF 11, WHERE HE LIVED, STUDIED, WORKED,
5 AND RAISED HIS FAMILY. HE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF EL
6 SERENO, AND AS AN EDUCATOR AND ENTREPRENEUR, RICARDO DEDICATED
7 HIS LIFE TO HELPING OTHERS. HIS STRUGGLE WITH A SPEECH
8 IMPEDIMENT FROM A YOUNG BOY TO ADULTHOOD, AND THE DESIRE TO
9 BETTER UNDERSTAND THIS DISABILITY, PROPELLED HIM TO BECOME A
10 SPEECH THERAPIST. RICARDO EARNED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
11 SPEECH THERAPY IN 1973, AND A MASTER'S IN COMMUNICATIVE
12 DISORDERS IN 1978, BOTH FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH. HE WAS
13 AMONG THE FIRST BILINGUAL ENGLISH-SPANISH SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS
14 IN THE FIELD. RICARDO DEDICATED OVER 30 YEARS OF HIS
15 PROFESSIONAL LIFE TO SERVING SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND YOUNG
16 ADULTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. HIS WORK WITH SPEECH
17 DISABILITIES AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS EXPOSED HIM TO
18 OTHER PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. WITH HIS DESIRE
19 TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, RICARDO INVESTED HIS
20 TIME AND RESOURCES BY CONVERTING HIS HOME INTO A HEALTHCARE
21 SERVICES FACILITY TO ASSIST PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. OVER
22 HIS LIFETIME, HE OPENED TWO ADDITIONAL HOME-CARE FACILITIES.
23 RICARDO WAS AN ACTIVE LEARNER WHO WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW
24 CHALLENGES. AS A YOUNG MAN, HE BECAME A MARATHON RUNNER,
25 PRACTICED YOGA REGULARLY IN HIS MID-YEARS, AND IN HIS



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1 RETIREMENT, AS A CHALLENGE TO HIS SPEECH IMPEDIMENT, RICARDO
2 JOINED TOASTMASTERS TO ENHANCE HIS PUBLIC SPEAKING ABILITY.
3 FURTHERMORE, RICARDO ENJOYED LIFE TO THE FULLEST. HE LOVED
4 ADVENTURES AND OFTEN TRAVELED ABROAD. HIS TRIPS WERE GENERALLY
5 OFF THE PATH, SPONTANEOUS, AND EXPLORATORY. HE WAS A CAREFREE
6 SPIRIT. RICARDO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76 FROM NATURAL
7 CAUSES ON JULY 27TH, 2023. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE,
8 A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, JENNIE JURADO RODRIGUEZ; FOUR CHILDREN-
9 - RICARDO JR., RAUL, FLOR, AND METZLI; AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN-
10 - JOSEPH, RICARDO, EDUARDO, AND ISABELLA ROSE. MY HEART GOES
11 OUT TO RICARDO'S LOVED ONES MOURNING HIS LOSS, AND MAY HE REST
12 IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

15
16 **SUP. HORVATH:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNMENTS
17 TODAY. FIRST, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF JOHN ALTSCHUL, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF WEST
19 HOLLYWOOD, AND ONE OF THE CITY'S FOUNDERS, WHO DIED AT HOME ON
20 JULY 31ST. HE WAS 86. JOHN'S SERVICE TO WEST HOLLYWOOD TOOK
21 MANY FORMS, NOTABLY AS THE LONGEST SERVING PLANNING
22 COMMISSIONER IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. JOHN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
23 THE CREATION OF A REFORMED TEMPLE, OF WHICH THE FIRST MEETINGS
24 WERE HELD IN HIS PENTHOUSE APARTMENT AT THE SHOREHAM TOWERS.
25 THIS TEMPLE EVENTUALLY BECAME KNOWN AS KOL AMI TEMPLE. I WAS



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1 PROUD TO KNOW JOHN, AND TO KNOW HIS WORK SERVING OTHERS
2 THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. HE HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON WEST
3 HOLLYWOOD AND THE GREATER REGION, AND HIS LEGACY WILL BE
4 REMEMBERED AS ONE OF SERVICE, CARE, AND LOVE. JOHN IS SURVIVED
5 BY HIS FRIEND WILL BOWER, WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF HIM, ENSURING
6 HIS HAPPINESS AND COMFORT UNTIL HE PASSED. NEXT, I MOVE THAT
7 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVE HENRY,
8 LONGTIME PACIFIC PALISADES AND RUSTIC CANYON RESIDENT. STEVE
9 HENRY PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 81. STEVE WAS
10 DEEPLY STEEPED IN THE RUSTIC CANYON COMMUNITY, LOCAL POLITICS,
11 AND HIS BELOVED GAME OF GOLF. CAFE VIDA, WHERE STEVE REGULARLY
12 HELD COURT, WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT HIS REGULAR PRESENCE. HE
13 WAS QUICK-WITTED, HUMOROUS, AND INCREDIBLY KIND, AS HIS
14 NEIGHBORS REMEMBER HIM. STEVE LOVED HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS
15 WIFE HARRIET ZARETSKY, TO WHOM HE WAS MARRIED FOR 46 YEARS,
16 AND HIS DAUGHTER TAYLOR, AND SON-IN-LAW JACE. I AM THANKFUL
17 FOR STEVE'S SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE WORLD,
18 SPECIFICALLY HIS CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CONGO PEACE
19 SCHOOL, WHICH SERVES 578 STUDENTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
20 OF CONGO. HIS IMPRINT AND IMPACT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH HIS
21 FAMILY AND THE MANY YOUTH HE MENTORED AND COACHED IN GOLF.
22 STEVE AND HIS WIFE HARRIET CREATED THE DILLON HENRY FOUNDATION
23 AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR BELOVED SON IN 2007. THE FOUNDATION
24 WILL CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT LEGACY OF SERVICE THAT THE HENRY
25 FAMILY EMBODIES. AND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED TO



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1 HARRIET. FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH J. LAVINE, A PIONEERING LAWYER,
3 CHERISHED MATRIARCH, AND BELOVED MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES
4 COMMUNITY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 25TH AT THE REMARKABLE AGE
5 OF 103. RUTH'S JOURNEY BEGAN WHEN SHE IMMIGRATED TO LOS
6 ANGELES FROM GERMANY IN 1933, WITH HER PARENTS AND SISTER,
7 FLEEING THE RISE OF THE NAZIS. DESPITE HAVING BEEN ADMITTED TO
8 OXFORD, SHE FACED DISAPPOINTMENT AS CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENTED
9 HER FROM ATTENDING HER DREAM SCHOOL. UNDETERRED, SHE ENROLLED
10 AT U.S.C., WHERE SHE COMPLETED HER UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN
11 JUST TWO YEARS. RUTH'S DETERMINATION LED HER TO U.S.C. LAW
12 SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS UNCOMMON FOR WOMEN TO PURSUE LAW
13 DEGREES AT THAT TIME. RUTH BECAME A PASSIONATE, LIFELONG
14 TROJAN. DURING HER TIME AT U.S.C. LAW, RUTH'S LIFE TOOK A
15 SIGNIFICANT TURN AS SHE MET THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, DICK LAVINE.
16 THEY WERE INSEPARABLE. AND AFTER DICK JOINED THE ARMY AIR
17 CORPS TO PREPARE FOR WAR, THEY TIED THE KNOT ON APRIL 12TH,
18 1944, DURING ONE OF HIS SHORT LEAVES. AS DICK SERVED IN THE
19 WAR, RUTH CONTINUED PRACTICING LAW, DESPITE THE CHALLENGES
20 WOMEN FACED IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION AT THE TIME. AFTER DICK
21 RETURNED IN 1946, THEY WELCOMED THEIR CHILDREN: CATHY,
22 FOLLOWED BY RAYMOND. IN 1952, THE FAMILY MOVED TO GERMANY
23 DURING THE KOREAN WAR, WHERE DICK WAS RECALLED INTO SERVICE.
24 RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES IN 1954, RUTH DEDICATED HERSELF TO
25 HER CHILDREN DURING THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS, AND LATER RESUMED



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1 THEIR LEGAL CAREER WITH FULL FORCE. DESPITE BEING A BUSY
2 LAWYER, SHE NEVER MISSED A GIRL SCOUT OR CUB SCOUT MEETING,
3 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN HER CHILDREN'S LIVES. THROUGHOUT HER
4 LIFE, RUTH AND DICK LIVED FULFILLING CAREERS, PRACTICING LAW
5 SEPARATELY, AND EVENTUALLY TOGETHER. THEY SHARED A PASSION FOR
6 TRAVEL. DICK'S WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT TOOK HIM TO D.C. IN THE
7 1970'S, WHERE RUTH COMMUTED BACK AND FORTH, MAINTAINING A
8 VIBRANT SOCIAL LIFE IN BOTH PLACES. RUTH'S COMMITMENT EXTENDED
9 BEYOND HER PROFESSIONAL LIFE. SHE ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO
10 VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING WOMEN LAWYERS, L.A. COUNTY
11 BAR, AND THE L.A. COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION. FOR YEARS, SHE SERVED
12 ON THE BOARD OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES. RUTH'S LEGENDARY
13 EFFORTS FOR U.S.C. LAW SCHOOL WERE ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY, AND
14 SHE TOOK IMMENSE PRIDE IN HER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, EVEN
15 MEETING WITH THEM AS RECENTLY AS THIS PAST MAY. AFTER DICK'S
16 PASSING IN 1994, RUTH'S FOCUS SHIFTED TO HER CHILDREN,
17 GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, RELISHING FAMILY
18 GATHERINGS AND ATTENDING HER GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN'S SCHOOL
19 EVENTS. IN HER SPIRITED MANNER, SHE HUMOROUSLY ADVOCATED FOR
20 GREAT-GRANDPARENT'S DAY AT THESE SCHOOLS. RUTH IS SURVIVED BY
21 HER LOVING CHILDREN AND THEIR PARTNERS, AS WELL AS HER
22 GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. RUTH LAVINE'S
23 REMARKABLE LIFE JOURNEY, MARKED BY HER DETERMINATION, LOVE,
24 AND COMPASSION, WILL FOREVER BE ETCHED IN THE HEARTS OF ALL
25 THOSE WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO KNOW HER. SHE LEAVES BEHIND



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1 AN ENDURING LEGACY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE FOR
2 GENERATIONS TO COME. AND IN FACT, I HAVE ONE MORE. I MOVE THAT
3 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAUL REUBENS.
4 ACTOR AND ENTERTAINER, PAUL REUBENS, KNOWN TO US ALL AS "PEE-
5 WEE HERMAN," PASSED AWAY ON JULY 30TH AT THE AGE OF 70, AFTER
6 PRIVATELY BATTLING CANCER. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD
7 HILLS. PAUL'S RISE TO FAME IS A TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY. HE
8 TRAINED AS A COMEDIAN AT THE GROUNDINGS IN HOLLYWOOD IN THE
9 1970'S AND 80'S, AND THIS IS WHERE HE DEVELOPED THE PEE-WEE
10 HERMAN CHARACTER. H.B.O. EVENTUALLY BROADCAST THE SHOW, AND
11 THAT LED TO A FILM DEAL WITH TIM BURTON AS THE DIRECTOR-- HIS
12 FIRST. 1985'S "PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE" WAS HIS BREAKOUT
13 MOMENT. WHILE THE FILM DIDN'T EXPLODE AT THE BOX OFFICE, IT
14 WAS A CULT FAVORITE. THE T.V. ADAPTATION "PEE-WEE'S PLAYHOUSE"
15 CAME INTO AMERICAN LIVING ROOMS IN 1986, AND IT RAN UNTIL
16 1991. IF YOU WERE A CHILD OF THE 1980'S AND 90'S, LIKE ME, IT
17 IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO FEEL A CLOSE CONNECTION TO PEE-WEE HERMAN
18 AND ALL OF THE SILLINESS HE EMBODIED. WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE
19 PHRASE HE COINED, "I KNOW YOU ARE, BUT WHAT AM I?" IT BECAME
20 UBIQUITOUS. HE WENT ON TO APPEAR IN SMALLER FILM AND T.V.
21 ROLES, WHILE LARGELY LEADING A PRIVATE LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY
22 A BROTHER, LUKE RUBENFELD, AND SISTER, ABBY RUBENFELD. THANK
23 YOU. ABSOLUTELY.
24



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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D LIKE US TO ADJOURN, WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, IN THE MEMORY OF ARTURO YBARRA, WHO WAS AN
3 EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
4 WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH. HE WAS 79 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BORN IN
5 1944, IN ZACATECAS. ARTURO YBARRA'S REMARKABLE JOURNEY BEGAN
6 AS THE SIXTH CHILD OF ALBERTO YBARRA AND MARIA ESPINO, WITH A
7 HOUSEHOLD OF NINE SIBLINGS. ARTURO MOVED TO THE U.S. AND
8 ULTIMATELY SETTLED IN WATTS, WHICH IS IN THE SECOND
9 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. HE AND HIS WIFE FOUNDED THE
10 WATTS/CENTURY LATINO ORGANIZATION, A BEACON OF ADVOCACY
11 SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER THREE DECADES. JUSTICE WAS
12 INTEGRAL TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND RESIDENTS RECEIVED HOUSING
13 RIGHTS, EDUCATION, AND OTHER FAMILY STABILITY SERVICES. HE
14 ALSO FOUNDED AND LED THE LATINO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, WHICH
15 HELPED MANY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH LEADERSHIP
16 DEVELOPMENT, RESIDENT ADVOCACY, AND ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT.
17 HE HOSTED THE ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL AND
18 POSADAS TO DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF ROOTED IDENTITY. FOR 29
19 YEARS, HE HAS HOSTED THE "CHRISTMAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD," OR
20 "NAVIDAD EN EL BARRIO" EVENT. LAST YEAR, THEY SERVED OVER 335
21 FOOD BASKETS OF HEARTY FOOD, PROVIDED VARIOUS FINANCIAL AND
22 HOUSING STABILITY RESOURCES, AND PERISHABLE GOODS TO PROVIDE
23 OVER TWO WEEKS' WORTH OF FOOD TO FAMILIES IN NEED. HIS LEGACY
24 WILL LIVE ON THROUGH THE LOVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND ACTIVISM OF
25 THE MANY INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND LEADERS HE SERVED WITH



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1 THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. HIS HARD WORK, HIS SERVICE TO THE
2 COMMUNITY, AND DEDICATION LEAVES AN ENDURING LEGACY OF
3 EMPOWERMENT AND CHANGE. ARTURO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE I
4 MET WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. THAT
5 INCLUDED WATTS IN 1992. AND THEN, AFTER I WAS ELECTED IN 2001,
6 ARTURO WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE WATTS
7 COMMUNITY, IN TERMS OF BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, ADVOCATING
8 FOR THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF THOSE IN NEED, AND
9 REALLY TRYING TO-- THROUGH ALL THE SHOOTINGS AND GANG
10 VIOLENCE, ARTURO WAS ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE, TRYING TO CREATE
11 PEACE, TRYING TO BRING ALL SIDES TOGETHER. HE REALLY WAS THE
12 EPITOME OF WHAT A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST SHOULD BE AND SHOULD DO
13 IN THEIR LIVES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ALBEZA, AND THEIR 7
14 CHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
15 IN THE MEMORY OF LOU BAGLIETTO, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
16 LONG BEACH, LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE. HE SERVED HONORABLY FOR
17 TEN YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE WORKED AS A
18 CONSULTANT, STRATEGIST, AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST IN LOCAL
19 STATE AND NATIONAL POLITICS. HE SERVED AS HEADQUARTERS MANAGER
20 FOR THE U.S. SENATE CAMPAIGN OF CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER
21 MATT FONG; LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO ASSEMBLYMAN WAYNE GRISHAM OF
22 NORWALK; AND WAS A SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR TO LONG BEACH CITY
23 COUNCILMAN DEE ANDREWS. HE WAS ALSO BUSINESS PARTNERS WITH MY
24 MUTUAL FRIEND, GWEN BUTTERFIELD, AT BUTTERFIELD
25 COMMUNICATIONS, FROM 2001-2014. LOU WAS A MEMBER OF THE



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1 COMMUNITY LOBBYING TEAM FOR THE BOEING CORPORATION'S NATIONAL
2 MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM, AND THE HARBOR ASSOCIATION OF
3 INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE'S WASHINGTON, D.C., LOBBYING TEAM, ON
4 BEHALF OF THE PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH. HE LOVED
5 GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. EDUCATION AND BUSINESS
6 DEVELOPMENT WERE TWO OF HIS FAVORITE CAUSES. HE SERVED AS
7 TREASURER OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE FOUNDATION, AND
8 DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.
9 HE WAS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BOTH
10 THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE SOUTH BAY, AND THE HARBOR
11 CITY/HARBOR GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IF YOU JUST EVER
12 WANTED A GOOD DISCUSSION ABOUT POLITICS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
13 AISLE, LOU WAS THE GUY TO TALK POLITICS WITH. HE HAS BEEN MY
14 FRIEND AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
15 DAUGHTER KAYLA, AND HIS GIRLFRIEND STACY. REST IN PEACE, LOU.
16 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE
17 MEMORY OF DEBORAH MARCONI, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN
18 PEDRO. SHE WAS 71 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. DEB GRADUATED FROM
19 GARDENA HIGH. SHE WENT ON TO MARRY HER LOVING HUSBAND,
20 NEWSPAPER WRITER STEVE MARCONI. AND AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO
21 THEIR SON MATTHEW, SHE BECAME INTERESTED IN THE FLEDGLING
22 HOMESCHOOL MOVEMENT. THIS LED DEB INTO WHAT TURNED INTO A
23 LIFELONG CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR. ONCE MATTHEW WAS OUT OF THE
24 HOME AND OFF TO COLLEGE, DEBORAH TURNED TO HER OWN ACADEMIC
25 ENDEAVORS. AFTER MUCH WORK, SHE GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM



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1 CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, WITH HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
2 TEACHING, AND SHE WENT ON TO GET HER MASTER'S IN SCHOOL
3 ADMINISTRATION. SHE STARTED HER CAREER IN EDUCATION AS A
4 KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, BEFORE GOING
5 ON TO TEACH WITH L.A.U.S.D. FOR 20 YEARS AT CARSON STREET
6 ELEMENTARY. DEB MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION IN THE LIVES OF
7 THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, ENCOURAGING EACH OF THEM TO FIND A
8 LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING. DEB WAS ALSO A WOMAN OF DEEP FAITH,
9 AND WHEN SHE WASN'T IN HER CLASSROOM, DEB COULD BE FOUND
10 SINGING WITH THE TRINITY LUTHERAN WORSHIP TEAM, OR PRAYING
11 WITH MEMBERS OF HER CHURCH FAMILY. DEB IS SURVIVED BY HER
12 HUSBAND OF 49 YEARS, STEVE, HER SON MATTHEW, HER TWO
13 GRANDDAUGHTERS, AND NUMEROUS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL MISS HER
14 DEARLY. HER HUSBAND STEVE IS A JOURNALIST, WHO WAS PLANNING ON
15 WRITING AN ARTICLE IN THE SAN PEDRO MAGAZINE ABOUT THEIR 50TH
16 ANNIVERSARY, AND INSTEAD HE ENDED UP WRITING PROBABLY ONE OF
17 THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTES THAT I HAVE EVER READ ABOUT
18 SOMEONE GIVING TRIBUTE TO HIS WIFE. SO, I KNOW HE IS GOING TO
19 MISS HER, BUT MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AND THEN I MOVE THAT WHEN
20 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICARDO ICAZA.
21 WE KNEW HIM AS RICK ICAZA, WHO WAS 90 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE
22 WAS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF U.F.C.W. 770. HE WAS A MEMBER OF
23 U.F.C.W. 770 FOR 64 YEARS, STARTING AS A RANK-AND-FILE BOX
24 CLERK, AND EVENTUALLY BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNION FOR 36
25 YEARS, UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2017. IN 2018, THE U.F.C.W. 770



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1 OPENED THE RICARDO F. ICAZA WORKERS' CENTER IN HUNTINGTON
2 PARK. THE CENTER BRINGS TOGETHER THE UNION WITH COMMUNITY
3 ORGANIZATIONS ON ISSUES AFFECTING WORKERS, INCLUDING
4 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION, WAGE AND HOUR LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT, AND WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH. IT ALSO SERVES
6 AS A HUB FOR ORGANIZING AND BUILDING STRENGTH FOR THE UNION.
7 RICK WAS A VISIONARY LEADER WHO HELPED OUT U.F.C.W. 770 AT THE
8 FOREFRONT OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND. HE
9 MENTORED AND DEVELOPED LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE UNION, AND
10 EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZING NEW UNION MEMBERS, AND
11 DEVELOPING STRONG MEMBER LEADERS. HE NEVER STOPPED HIS FIGHT
12 TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WORKERS AGAINST THE OPPRESSION OF
13 GREEDY CORPORATIONS. RICK WAS JUST SUCH A GREAT UNION LEADER.
14 I KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WANT TO JOIN ME ON THIS. HE WAS
15 JUST SUCH A GOOD FRIEND, AND SUCH A GREAT UNION LEADER, AND I
16 KNOW HE HELPED ME OUT A LOT. AND I STOOD WITH MANY OF THE
17 GROCERY WORKERS WHEN THEY WENT ON STRIKE FOR, I THINK, ALMOST
18 370 DAYS ONE YEAR. BUT MAY HE REST IN PEACE. HE REALLY MADE A
19 DIFFERENCE IN A LOT OF PEOPLE'S LIVES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU SAID A LOT THERE, AND
22 I, TOO, AM FEELING VERY... A LOT OF REMORSE, TOO, THAT I
23 DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SEE HIM IN HIS FINAL DAYS. BUT HE WAS
24 SOMEONE WHO WAS AN EARLY SUPPORTER OF MINE; IN FACT, WHEN I
25 NEEDED IT THE MOST. WHEN I RAN FOR CONGRESS AND TOOK ON...



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1 WHAT WAS IT, A 19-YEAR INCUMBENT, NO ONE WANTED TO TOUCH ME,
2 AND HE WAS THERE FOR ME. BUT HE WAS ALSO THERE ADVOCATING WHEN
3 I BECAME SECRETARY OF LABOR, BECAUSE I HAD A VERY RIGOROUS
4 NOMINATION PROCESS, CONFIRMATION PROCESS, AND HE WAS ROOTING
5 FOR ME ALL THE TIME. AND I JUST FELT THAT, EVEN THOUGH I
6 DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO WORK WITH HIM OFTEN CLOSELY, I DID
7 WITH HIS UNION, AND WAS ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN HELPING THEM WITH
8 THAT MAJOR STRIKE BACK IN, WHAT WAS IT, THE EARLY 90'S, I WANT
9 TO SAY? IT WAS LONG, HARD-FOUGHT, AND I WAS GRATEFUL THAT WHEN
10 I DID REPRESENT THE SOUTHEAST CITIES, THAT HE ASKED ME TO BE
11 THERE AT THE OPENING OF THE RICARDO F. ICAZA WORKERS' CENTER
12 IN HUNTINGTON PARK. SO, IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE THERE
13 AND SEE SO MANY OF HIS FRIENDS, STATEWIDE, AND MANY OF THE
14 PEOPLE THAT HE MENTORED, INCLUDING MYSELF. BUT HE WAS ALWAYS
15 THERE, QUICK WITH A RESPONSE, AND ALWAYS GIVING ADVICE, AND
16 POLITICAL ADVICE. A VERY GOOD STRATEGIST. SO HE WAS SOMEONE
17 WHO REALLY CARED ABOUT THE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY
18 THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND TALKED FONDLY ABOUT THAT. I
19 REMEMBER HOLDING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIM AT THE WORKERS'
20 CENTER, ESPECIALLY DURING C.O.V.I.D., DURING THE PANDEMIC,
21 FOOD OUTREACH DISTRIBUTIONS, CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS, AND EVEN
22 EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS. AND I CAN TELL YOU, THERE WERE PEOPLE
23 THAT WOULD LINE UP AROUND THE BLOCK TO GET IN ON SATURDAYS.
24 AND I WAS SO HAPPY THAT WE COULD BRING THE COUNTY SERVICES TO
25 THIS AREA, BECAUSE IT WAS REALLY NEEDED. SO, I WILL FOREVER



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1 HOLD HIM IN MY HEART, AND HIS FAMILY, AND MAY HE REST IN
2 PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
7 DO SO IN MEMORY OF ARCHIE D'AREZZO, RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA,
8 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. ARCHIE GREW UP IN THE SAN
9 GABRIEL VALLEY, AND WAS A PROUD RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH
10 DISTRICT. HE LED A LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE, AND WAS DEVOTED TO
11 BETTERING HIS COMMUNITY. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, ARCHIE SERVED
12 HIS COUNTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE AIR FORCE. HE THEN WORKED THE
13 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE UNTIL RETIRING. ARCHIE WAS ALSO
14 AN ACTIVE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER AT THE
15 CRESCENTA VALLEY STATION FOR 20 YEARS, GOING ON DAILY PATROLS
16 AND DIRECTING TRAFFIC. HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT DOING HIS PART
17 TO KEEP HIS COMMUNITY SAFE. WHEN HE WASN'T OUT SERVING HIS
18 COMMUNITY, HE COULD BE FOUND CARING FOR HIS BELOVED ROSE
19 GARDEN. ARCHIE LIVED WITH HIS LIFE PARTNER, JUDY, FOR OVER 35
20 YEARS UNTIL HER DEATH THIS PAST YEAR. HE OFTEN REFERRED TO HER
21 AS "HIS WHOLE WORLD." ARCHIE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A DEAR
22 FRIEND, A BELOVED BROTHER, AND A WONDERFUL NEIGHBOR. ALSO,
23 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATHRYN HERRMAN, A LIFELONG
24 RESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY
25 16TH AT THE AGE OF 72. AS A TALENTED ARTIST, SHE LEARNED HOW



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1 TO MAKE BATIK AND TIE-DYE FABRICS AT HER IMMACULATE HEART
2 COLLEGE IN HOLLYWOOD. SOON AFTER, SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S OF
3 FINE ARTS IN TEXTILE DESIGN FROM CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF ARTS
4 AND CRAFTS IN OAKLAND. IN 1978, SHE BECAME A FULL-TIME STUDIO
5 ARTIST, AND OPERATED OUT OF HER HOME IN CLAREMONT, WHERE SHE
6 LIVED WITH HER HUSBAND, MARC HILL, FOR 30 YEARS. KATHRYN WILL
7 BE REMEMBERED FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY
8 MEMBER. SHE DONATED HER TEXTILES TO THE ANNUAL BENEFITS OF THE
9 CLAREMONT MUSEUM OF ART AND CLAREMONT HERITAGE, AS WELL AS HER
10 TALENTS AS A SEAMSTRESS TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF
11 ANTIQUE CLOTHING FOR THE POMONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. ALONGSIDE
12 HER HUSBAND, SHE PLANTED FLOWER GARDENS AT THEIR HOME IN
13 CLAREMONT AND IN ONTARIO, WHICH WERE ADMIRER FOR THEIR BEAUTY
14 AND COLOR. SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
15 HUSBAND MARC, SISTER PAT, AND NIECE FRANCESCA. ALSO, THAT WE
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RODE AMERICA MARTINEZ GUZMAN, A LONGTIME
17 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
18 53. RODE AMERICA WAS BORN IN TEPIC-- IS IT NAYARIT? NAYARIT,
19 MEXICO.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** NAYARIT.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** NAYARIT, MEXICO. SHE CALLED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 HOME FOR 35 YEARS, LIVING IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES FOR MOST OF
25 THE TIME, UNTIL HER RESTING PLACE IN QUARTZ HILLS. RODE



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1 AMERICA WAS A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS' RIGHTS, AND FOR
2 SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES IN OUR SCHOOLS. SHE DEDICATED HER FREE
3 TIME TO LEARN ABOUT LOCAL RESOURCES THAT COULD BE USEFUL TO
4 FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN HER COMMUNITY. SHE ENJOYED SINGING IN
5 HER CHURCH CHOIR, DANCING, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY.
6 SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. RODE AMERICA IS SURVIVED BY HER 6
7 CHILDREN, INCLUDING L.A. COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONER RICARDO
8 ORTEGA MARTINEZ, JR., AND HER 6 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SEBASTIAN "SONNY" SARDO, A LONGTIME
10 RESIDENT OF GLENDALE. SONNY WAS MARRIED TO EUGENIE "DEENIE"
11 SARDO FOR 42 YEARS. THEIR LOVE WAS TRULY BEYOND COMPARE. SONNY
12 VALIANTLY SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN COMBAT IN VIETNAM, EARNING A
13 BRONZE STAR AND A PURPLE HEART FOR HIS SERVICE. HE WAS A TRUE
14 WAR HERO. SONNY PROUDLY OWNED AND OPERATED SARDO INTERIOR
15 SERVICES IN LA CANADA FOR 47 YEARS. HE WAS A COMMISSIONER OF
16 L.A. COUNTY MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND WAS A RESPECTED
17 LEADER IN THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GLENDALE. SONNY WAS A GIFTED
18 PIANIST, BRINGING JOY WHEREVER HE ENCOUNTERED A VACANT PIANO.
19 WHILE KNOWN FOR HIS SPONTANEOUS PERFORMANCES AT FAMILY
20 FUNCTIONS, RESTAURANTS, AND PUBLIC VENUES LIKE UNION STATION,
21 HE ALSO DEDICATED HIS TALENT TO THE MARCH OF DIMES WITH THE
22 SARDO BROTHERS BAND, AND ENTERTAINED RESIDENTS AT RETIREMENT
23 HOMES. SONNY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE EUGENIE, HIS CHILDREN
24 SERGIO, MICHELLE, DAVIN, AND HANS, AND HIS 15 GRANDCHILDREN.
25 AND LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. WASFY



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1 SHINDY, LONGTIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY
2 AT THE AGE OF 84 ON AUGUST 1ST. DR. SHINDY'S REMARKABLE
3 JOURNEY WAS PROPELLED BY HIS RELENTLESS DRIVE AND ABILITY TO
4 OVERCOME NUMEROUS CHALLENGES. HE PURSUED A PH.D. IN
5 AGRICULTURAL AT U.C. DAVIS IN 1963, AFTER RECEIVING A
6 SCHOLARSHIP. HE DEDICATED OVER THREE DECADES TO LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY, SERVING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY
8 AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE. AS CHIEF TOXICOLOGIST, HE SPEARHEADED
9 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUTTING-EDGE LABORATORY. HIS VIGILANT
10 EFFORTS LED TO THE REVELATION OF INCREASED LEVELS OF CHROMIUM
11 6 AND LEAD IN OUR WATER SUPPLY AND EVERYDAY PRODUCTS. AN
12 ADVOCATE FOR HIS COMMUNITY, DR. SHINDY HAD AN INTEGRAL ROLE AS
13 A BOARD MEMBER IN THE ISLAMIC CENTER, HIGHLIGHTING HIS
14 COMMITMENT TO SERVING OTHERS. DR. SHINDY'S LEGACY IS MARKED BY
15 HIS PIONEERING COLLABORATIONS UNITING EGYPTIAN AND LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY LEADERS TO FOSTER DIALOGUE IN COHESIVE SESSIONS WITHIN
17 THE COMMUNITY. DR. SHINDY IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON WALEED, HIS
18 DAUGHTER TAMMY, 6 GRANDCHILDREN-- YASSMINE, SABRINA, LENA,
19 AMEER, WASEEM-- AND HIS SISTER SALWA.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK IT SHOULD BE ALL MEMBERS FOR A
22 COUNTY EMPLOYEE.



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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND JUST FOR POINT OF REFERENCE, IT SAYS
2 "CORONER," BUT IT'S ACTUALLY "AGRICULTURE, WEIGHTS AND
3 MEASURES" IS WHERE HE WORKED. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BUT ALL MEMBERS. OKAY, WE WILL
6 TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION
7 TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES
8 TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A
9 PUBLIC HEARING AND CLOSED-SESSION MEETING, TO BE HELD ON
10 TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M. SEE YOU ALL BACK HERE
11 THEN.



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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors August 8, 2023, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 21st day of August 2023, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
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