THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023, 9:30 AM

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM HILARY. TODAY IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2023. PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISORS HORVATH AND BARGER WILL BE ABSENT TODAY. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN THIS SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON

THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER) THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM 1. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CALL (877)692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. DO NOT

CALL THAT NUMBER IF ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877)873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON THE AGENDA ITEM. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DON'T TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. WE WILL NOW BEGIN CALLING SPEAKERS.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLEASE COME FORWARD? RICOBERTO LOPEZ REYES. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS PAUL HENNESSEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PAUL HENNESSEY: HI. MY NAME IS PAUL HENNESSEY. I LIVE IN NORTH -- [AUDIO DROPPED]. I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE LINE IN THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION, "TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY, PRESERVE THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF L.A." MASKING REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE PART OF THAT -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] EMERGENCY ORDER. THIS WILL PROTECT HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] THOSE INJURED FROM THE STORM. COVID AND R.S.V. ARE SURGING IN CALIFORNIA AND FAILING -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] WILL PUT MORE LIVES AT RISK. PROTECTING HEALTH AND SAFETY MEANS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] INCLUDES MASKING. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE GETTING SICK WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO GET HELP. PLEASE RETURN THE MASK REQUIREMENT AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY. THANK YOU.

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

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

ROY HUMPHREYS: YES, THIS IS FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE NEED TO FUND THE ABATINGS FOR THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] STORM DRAINS AND STOP SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LATELY JUST TO MAINTAIN THE SITUATION AND STATUS QUO -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTY]. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: IF WE COULD HAVE DAISY ODUMA AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL PRESS 1 AND 0 PLEASE TO QUEUE UP. OUR NEXT SPEAKER NOW IS DAISY ODUMA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAISY ODUMA: GOOD MORNING. THERE IS STILL AN ECHO. I DON'T KNOW IF I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN HEAR IT.

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

DAISY ODUMA: OKAY, WONDERFUL. OKAY. GOOD MORNING. AN ITEM I'D LIKE TO ADD IN TERMS OF THIS ITEM AGENDA, OR ONE OF THEM, IS PROVIDING CONTINUED ACCESS TO ALL PUBLIC OPERATED SHELTERS AND OTHER KINDS OF EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF PARTNERED STATUS AND CHILD STATUS, AS SOME PEOPLE HISTORICALLY HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO PLACES NEAR THEM SIMPLY BECAUSE OF BEING SINGLE AND WITHOUT CHILDREN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO. I DON'T THINK -- WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT ONE ITEM TODAY, AND THAT'S THE RATIFICATION OF OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY BASED ON TROPICAL STORM HILARY. SO I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SPEAKING TO THAT.

DAISY ODUMA: HELLO?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DID SHE SAY HOLD ON?

DAISY ODUMA: SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BASED ON TROPICAL STORM HILARY. THAT'S THE ITEM.

DAISY ODUMA: OKAY. I BROUGHT THAT ITEM UP IN TERMS OF ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE RESIDENTS, AND ON OF THOSE THINGS BEING [AUDIO DIFFICULTY] SHELTERS --

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. YEAH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE THAT'S NOT THE ACTUAL ITEM WE'RE SPEAKING TO, BUT THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. SOME OF THESE SPEAKERS, IT'S DIFFICULT TO HEAR. SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ON OUR SIDE OR THEIR SIDE, BUT WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF STATIC ON OUR END. SO, OKAY. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE ALL OF THEM SO FAR HAVE NOT BEEN GOOD. SO IT MAKES ME THINK THE COMMON DENOMINATOR IS US. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU HAVE ONLY ONE ITEM, BUT ANYWAY IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE IT. AND SO IT'S GOOD TO RESPOND TO AN ISSUE RIGHT AWAY. SO, THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON. BYE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, BYE. AU REVOIR. OKAY, NOW LET'S GO IN-PERSON. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

RICOBERTO LOPEZ REYES: HELLO. MY NAME IS RICOBERTO LOPEZ REYES. I'M HERE TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 65915, AND IT HAS DO WITH THIS TOPIC BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE HERE TRYING TO HANDLE THIS STORM, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE THIS EVERY SINGLE TIME WE HAVE BAD WEATHER OUT THERE, AND YOU HAVE PEOPLE DYING ON THE STREET BECAUSE I HAVE ALL THE PAPERWORK HERE AVAILABLE. AND I WISH YOU GUYS WOULD GIVE ME THIS MEETING SO WE CAN GO OVER IT. THE WAY THIS FUNDING IS SUPPOSED TO BE MANAGED IS MAINLY TO CREATE HOUSING NOT JUST GO TO PAY THEIR RENTS FOR SIX MONTHS. SO, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS ACCOMPLISHING BY SPENDING SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY HOUSING HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR SIX MONTHS, AND SIX MONTHS LATER, THEY GO BACK TO THE STREETS AND ESSENTIALLY DIE FIVE YEARS LATER.

ATTORNEY: SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. WE'RE STRICTLY SPEAKING ON THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE HILARY. THAT'S THE ONLY ITEM THAT WE'RE TAKING UP TODAY.

RICOBERTO LOPEZ REYES: OKAY, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, IS THERE SOMEONE IN THE BACK CORNER TODAY? WHO IS HERE TODAY? OKAY, CAN YOU GET HIS INFORMATION AND SEE IF WE CAN FURTHER OUR DIALOGUE WITH YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. WE HAVE ONE MORE ON THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HEATHER DETWEILER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

HEATHER DETWEILLER: HI, MY NAME IS HEATHER DETWEILER, AND I'M FROM SHERMAN OAKS. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE LINE IN THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION, "TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY AND PRESERVE THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES." IF PROTECTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND LIVES OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, MASKS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH'S EVALUATION WITHIN THE EMERGENCY ORDER FOR TROPICAL STORM HILARY. WE ARE EXPERIENCING A SURGE OF SARS-2, AND MASKS ARE VITAL TO SAFEGUARD THE WELLBEING OF HEALTHCARE STAFF, MAINTAIN THEIR AVAILABILITY, AND ENSURE THE

SAFETY OF BOTH CURRENT AND STORM-INJURED PATIENTS. NEGLECTING THIS DURING A SURGE COULD HARM HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND PATIENTS AND FURTHER STRAIN THE ALREADY IMPACTED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IF YOU WANT TO SAVE LIVES, IT'S URGENT TO REINSTATE MASKS AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY ORDER. THANK YOU.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, I SEE NO MORE IN-PERSON, SO THAT WILL -- OH, OKAY. SORRY. GO AHEAD.

JOAQUIN BELTRAN: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

JOAQUIN BELTRAN: MY NAME IS JOAQUIN BELTRAN WITH ACTIONCAREEQUITY.ORG, AND I WANT TO SHARE MY SUPPORT FOR THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER BY ADDRESSING THE LINE, "TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY AND PRESERVE THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES... INSTRUCT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT ALL

ASSESSMENT, ASSISTANCE, AND MONITORING EFFORTS AS APPLICABLE." AND SO, WITH REGARDS TO ASSESSMENT, MASKING REQUIREMENTS IN HEALTHCARE NEEDS TO BE PART OF L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH'S ASSESSMENT IN THE TROPICAL STORM EMERGENCY ORDER TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE WORKERS, TO PROTECT STAFFING AVAILABILITY, AND TO PROTECT CURRENT PATIENTS AND PATIENTS INJURED FROM THE STORM. FAILING TO DO SO, ESPECIALLY DURING A TIME WHEN SARS-2 CASES ARE SURGING, WILL ACCELERATE OUR HEALTHCARE COLLAPSE AND CAUSE HARM IN THE FORM OF DEATH, LONG COVID, AND FURTHER REDUCE STAFFING AVAILABILITY. PLEASE KEEP MASKS IN HEALTHCARE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS FOR SPEAKING THIS MORNING ON ITEM 1, AND THAT WILL CONCLUDE OUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NOW COLLEAGUES, WE WILL VOTE ON ITEM 1 TO RATIFY THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BASED ON TROPICAL STORM HILARY. AND AGAIN, JUST TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, I SIGNED, AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I SIGNED OUR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ON SUNDAY MORNING, BUT, BY OUR COUNTY CODE, THEN IT HAS TO BE RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TODAY. WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY

ASSESSING OUR RESPONSE. THAT IS NOT WHAT THIS ITEM IS ABOUT, BUT I DO FEEL LIKE THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME WHEN WE COME BACK, AND I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING RESPONSES FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS. I WILL JUST GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO KEVIN MCGOWAN, WHO REALLY COORDINATED THE WHOLE EFFORT REALLY SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND MONDAY. SO -- AND I KNOW CERTAIN DISTRICTS BORE A LITTLE MORE OF THE BRUNT THAN THE REST OF THE COUNTY. IT REALLY HIT THE COUNTY DIFFERENTLY, BUT WE WILL LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE MORE IN DEPTH I THINK WHEN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO COME BACK. ANY SUPERVISORS WANT TO COMMENT?

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I AGREE WITH YOU THAT O.E.M. AND KEVIN MCGOWAN, WHO IS HERE TODAY, I KNOW IS -- AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS DID AS MUCH AS THEY COULD. I KNOW OUR STAFFS WERE WORKING THE PHONES. PEOPLE WERE AS RESPONSIVE AS THEY COULD BE, GIVEN IT WAS THE WEEKEND. AND WE EXPECTED AND PLANNED FOR THE WORST, AND WE WERE LUCKY THAT I THINK WE DIDN'T SEE THE CATASTROPHE, BUT HOWEVER WE DO HAVE AREAS WHERE WE KNOW WE HAVE TO GO BACK NOW AND HELP PROVIDE REPAIR, ROADWORK, THINGS OF THAT NATURE, AND OTHER THINGS THAT CAME UP. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK AND GETTING THE ASSESSMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS CLARIFYING THINGS THAT DID COME UP THAT WE COULD PROBABLY DO BETTER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GREAT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT?

SUP. MITCHELL: SURE, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST TO, AGAIN, TIP OUR HAT TO THE BROAD COUNTY FAMILY. I THINK WHEN YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU PLAN TO FAIL. AND WE HAD A PLAN. AND THE OTHER PIECE I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY BECAUSE I THINK, PERHAPS INFLUENCED BY WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE MEDIA IN TERMS OF OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS IN MAUI, PEOPLE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE. I STOPPED BY FIRE STATION 41 TO PICK UP SANDBAGS ON SATURDAY MORNING. THOUGHT I COULD GO BACK TO FIRE STATION IN LADERA AND INGLEWOOD AND GET SAND THE NEXT DAY, AND THEY WERE ALL GONE. AND SO, ANGELENOS TOOK HEED, AND I THINK WE WERE PROBABLY BETTER PREPARED THAN WE HAVE BEEN IN RECENT YEARS FOR SUCH A DISASTER. SO, I HOPE THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONTINUES TO SIGN UP FOR THOSE ALERTS. THAT EARTHQUAKE ALERT HIT MY PHONE, IT FELT LIKE THE RUMBLING STILL WAS STILL HAPPENING, AND I GOT THE ALERT ON MY PHONE. AND SO, I HOPE ANGELENOS WILL CONTINUE TO USE USE ALL FORMS OF TECHNOLOGY TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK US BEING PREPARED, THE GENERAL PUBLIC PAYING ATTENTION AND BEING PREPARED, CREATED THE EXPERIENCE WE HAD, THAT IT WASN'T AS BAD AS IT POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE BEEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: RIGHT. AND I WILL ADD THAT IT WAS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME POTENTIAL EVENT THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED A HURRICANE OR A TROPICAL STORM, BUT WE DO KNOW HOW TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS. AND I DO THINK, AGAIN, A BIG SHOUT OUT TO KEVIN MCGOWAN BECAUSE, WHATEVER DISASTER IT IS, WE ARE ABLE TO PLAN, BUT YOU MAKE A VERY GOOD POINT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THE COUNTY FAMILY WAS MOBILIZED. OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ALL OF OUR COUNTY PARKS, BUT IT REALLY BOILS DOWN TO THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE PREPARED, THEY HAVE A PLAN, AND MANY OF THEM HEEDED OUR ADVICE. THEY STAYED HOME. THEY STAYED SAFE. THEY STAYED INFORMED, BUT LUCKILY THE MAJOR BRUNT OF HILARY REALLY VEERED A LITTLE EAST AND MISSED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A REAL DISASTER, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THE MAJORITY OF ANGELENOS WERE WORRIED ABOUT OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLED. WERE CONCERNED. AND, AGAIN, I GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR SHERIFF AND OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WHO PATROLLED THE RIVER BEDS, FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS, WITH BULLHORNS, HELICOPTERS. L.A.H.S.A. WAS OUT THERE. OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE WAS OUT THERE FACE TO FACE, TENT BY TENT, ENCAMPMENT BY ENCAMPMENT. AND I BELIEVE WE -- I HEARD MAYBE GOT OVER A HUNDRED FAMILIES THAT DECIDED TO COME INSIDE. AND NOW, THE WORK WILL BE WE HOPE THEY WILL STAY INSIDE, BUT WITH THAT, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 1 --

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, YES?

SUP. SOLIS: I JUST WANT TO ADD BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT OUR H.O.S.T. TEAM, THE HOMELESS OUTREACH SHERIFF TEAM, AND L.A.H.S.A. DID GO OUT, AND THEY PROVIDED 85 INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IN EMINENT DANGER IN THE CHANNELS, AND MOST OF THIS WAS OCCURRING, I WOULD SAY, IN MY DISTRICT, UNFORTUNATELY, IN SANTA FE DAM AND WHITTIER NARROWS. AND THEY DID, THROUGH 211, THEY ACTIVATED A RESPONSE FOR ABOUT 140 FAMILIES, 64 INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE UNHOUSED CAME INDOORS AND WENT TO MOTELS. MANY THAT WERE SCATTERED, MOTELS IN OUR -- IN MY DISTRICT. SO, I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CITIES, WHO STOOD UP BECAUSE SOMETIMES THEY DON'T GET CREDIT FOR THESE THINGS WHEN THEY'RE KIND OF IN THE BACKGROUND, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SAY THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND AGAIN, THOSE WOULD BE ONE OF THE THINGS, FESIA, I WOULD HOPE OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE COULD MAKE AN ASSESSMENT REPORT WHEN WE COME BACK. WE'LL TRY TO GET SOME OF THOSE AGENDIZED AFTER LABOR DAY. OKAY, ITEM 1 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 1 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 3-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR COMING IN THIS MORNING TO RATIFY THIS. THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE A CLOSED SESSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M. AND THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M. GOODBYE. THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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

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

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