

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2023, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING WITH OUR COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR, ON RECORDING: THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, THE TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS-- PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING-- AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THE FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS-KIZH NATION, THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. WE'RE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO OUR INVOCATION AND OUR PLEDGE, AND THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY RABBI LANA ZILBERMAN SOLOWAY, CONGREGATION OR AMI, IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY ROBERT MAYNEZ, FORMER E-4 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND WITH US.

RABBI LANA ZILBERMAN SOLOWAY: GOOD MORNING, DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM RABBI LANA ZILBERMAN SOLOWAY, ONE OF THE RABBIS OF CONGREGATION OR AMI, IN CALABASAS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR LINDSEY HORVATH FOR INVITING ME, AND THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR BEING MY LIAISON AND GETTING ME HERE, AND ALL OF YOU, FOR TAKING A MOMENT OF HOLINESS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS IMPORTANT MEETING, AND GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU FOR THE SACRED WORK THAT YOU DO. SOURCE OF ALL

BEING, GUARDIAN OF LIFE, FREEDOM, AND LIBERTY, BLESS THESE WONDERFUL ELECTED OFFICIALS, WITH HEALTH, WISDOM, COURAGE, AND COMPASSION. GUIDE THEM WITH INTEGRITY AND JUSTICE. MAY THEIR EFFORTS TO SERVE AND CARE FOR OTHERS BRING THEM SATISFACTION, FULFILLMENT, AND JOY. SHIELD THEM BENEATH THE WINGS OF YOUR LOVE, AND SEND THEM TRUTH AND LIGHT. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BIBLICAL HOLIDAYS: THE HOLIDAY OF SUKKOT, THE FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES. THIS FESTIVAL HAS TWO MAIN BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS. THE FIRST ONE IS ABOUT BUILDING A SUKKAH, A HUT, A SHELTER, WHICH REPRESENTS A TEMPORARY HOME THAT OFFERS A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS WHILE THE WALLS REMAIN OPEN. WE ARE COMMANDED TO DO SO, IN ORDER TO REMEMBER THAT ONCE UPON A TIME, WE WERE HOMELESS AS WE WERE WANDERING 40 YEARS IN THE DESERT. THE SECOND COMMANDMENT REMINDS US ABOUT THE BOND WE, ALL HUMAN BEINGS, HAVE WITH NATURE. FOR THAT PURPOSE, WE USE FOUR DIFFERENT SPECIES, REPRESENTING FOUR DIFFERENT BODY PARTS, AND FOUR DIFFERENT QUALITIES. WE HAVE THE HADASS WHICH SMELLS BEAUTIFUL, REPRESENTING THE EYES, TO REMIND US ALWAYS TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD. AND THEN WE HAVE THE ARAVAH, WHICH IS BRANCHES OF WILLOWS, REPRESENTING THE LIPS, THE MOUTH, TO REMIND US THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS SPEAK POSITIVELY. AND THEN WE HAVE THE LULAV, WHICH IS A BRANCH OF A PALM TREE. THE LULAV IS LIKE A SPINE, WHO HOLDS THE BODY TOGETHER. AND THEN WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL LEMON CALLED ETROG. ETROG IS THE HEART, TO REMIND US THAT WE SHOULD SHOW LOVE TO ALL PEOPLE. AS

YOU COMMAND THIS MEETING AND THE SACRED WORK THAT YOU DO, MAY THE HOLY ONE GRANT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU POSITIVE EYES, HONEST LIPS, STRONG SPINE, AND A BRAVE HEART. AND COLLECTIVELY, AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MAY YOU MODEL A SUKKAT SHALOM: A CANOPY OF PEACE, OPENNESS, CARE, AND LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

ROBERT MAYNEZ: PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: THIS MORNING, I WANT TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO RABBI LANA ZILBERMAN SOLOWAY OF CONGREGATION OR AMI, IN CALABASAS. SHE IS A RABBI FOR THE CONGREGATION THAT SERVES THE WEST SAN FERNANDO AND CONEJO VALLEY COMMUNITIES. FOUNDED IN 1997, THEIR VISION IS SUMMED UP IN THE SLOGAN, "PEOPLE MATTER." RABBI LANA WAS BORN IN 1982, IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA. SHE RECALLS THE SYNAGOGUE WHERE SHE WAS GIVEN THE HEBREW NAME SHEFRA-- DID I SAY THAT RIGHT? SHEFRA, AS A PLACE IMPORTANT TO HER PERSONAL JOURNEY, AND TO HER FAMILY'S HISTORY. BEING THE ONLY JEWISH CHILD IN HER EARLY SCHOOL YEARS IN THE SOVIET UNION MEANT LANA FACED A LOT OF ANTI-SEMITISM. AFTER MAKING ALIYAH TO ISRAEL, SHE REALIZED THAT BEING JEWISH WAS AN ACTIVE DECISION, ONE SHE FULLY INTENDED TO CHOOSE. RABBI LANA CHOSE

TO BECOME A RABBI BECAUSE OF HER LOVE FOR PEOPLE AND FOR LIFE STORIES. SHE BELIEVES JUDAISM CAN BE A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY, ONE THROUGH WHICH SHE WANTS TO OFFER STRENGTH AND SUPPORT TO OTHERS. WITH HER HUSBAND DANIEL, SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN: TALIA DORAN, SHALEV, AND YAEL. HER VALUES CENTER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY, LOVE, AND COMMUNITY, AND ONE'S INDIVIDUAL JOURNEY WITH JUDAISM. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE RABBI LANA HERE WITH US TODAY, AND WE CELEBRATE YOU AND YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY, YOUR SYNAGOGUE, DURING THE JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS AND BEYOND. THIS IS A BUSY TIME FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR GIVING TODAY'S INVOCATION, AND BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING WITH US. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RABBI. AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING-- THERE YOU ARE. LET'S START OVER. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING MR. ROBERT MAYNEZ FOR JOINING US TODAY AND LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE] ROBERT JOINED THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AT THE AGE OF 18, AND SERVED FROM 1984 TO 1988. HE SERVED THE 3RD MARINE AIR CORPS AS AN AVIONICS TECHNICIAN AT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IN TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA. HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF A MERITORIOUS MAST, MERITORIOUS PROMOTION, AND LETTER OF APPRECIATION. WHILE SERVING HIS COUNTRY, HE BEGAN ATTENDING ORANGE COAST COLLEGE IN COSTA MESA TO FURTHER HIS EDUCATION. HE LATER GRADUATED

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, WITH DUAL BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS, AND FROM THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY WITH A JURIS DOCTOR LAW DEGREE. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND ARBITRATION FOR THE MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION LOCAL 63, AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES. I HAVE KNOWN ROBERT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, BUT MAINLY IN TERMS OF YOUR WORK WITH I.L.W.U. AND OUR COMMUNITY. I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT YOU JUST READING YOUR BIO THIS MORNING, BUT I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED. FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, ROBERT HAS HELPED COORDINATE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR. HE HAS COORDINATED THE I.L.W.U. WALK THE COAST ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION FUNDRAISERS TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. ROBERT ALSO SERVES ON THE MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 44TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, UNDER NANETTE BARRAGAN. AND WHEN I SERVED IN CONGRESS, I SEE IT SAYS, "I WAS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU"-- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU FELT THAT WAY AFTER THE DAY-- "TO RIDE ABOARD THE U.S.S. IOWA, AS IT HAD ITS FINAL JOURNEY COMING INTO THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES." WE HAD BEEN ANTICIPATING GETTING THE BATTLESHIP IOWA IN SAN PEDRO FOR MANY YEARS, BUT WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A 3-HOUR JOURNEY TURNED INTO A SEVEN-HOUR JOURNEY. BUT WE ALL GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER VERY WELL ABOARD THAT BATTLESHIP. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN, ROBERT, SO MUCH, FOR

BEING HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, AND YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE A THIRD-GENERATION MILITARY VETERAN. YOUR GRANDFATHER...

ROBERT MAYNEZ: GRANDFATHER, U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR II; AND MY FATHER, THE KOREAN CONFLICT, U.S. ARMY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT'S GREAT. THAT'S A WONDERFUL FAMILY LEGACY. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION, I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS CERTIFICATE. [APPLAUSE]

ROBERT MAYNEZ: THANK YOU. BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MERLIN. MERLIN IS A TWO-MONTH-OLD BOXER THAT WAS ACTUALLY ABANDONED AT OUR SHELTER IN THE PARKING LOT, I'M TOLD. AND WHEN THEY ABANDONED HIM, HE RAN AFTER THE CAR, AND A GOOD SAMARITAN WAS ABLE TO GRAB HIM BEFORE HE GOT HIT. THIS IS MERLIN. HIS I.D. NUMBER IS A55-85401. MERLIN. AND HE IS ABSOLUTELY PRECIOUS. HE JUMPS LIKE A BUNNY RABBIT. AND FOR ANY OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW BOXERS, THEY THINK THEY ARE LAP DOGS, BUT THEY ARE THE SMARTEST, SWEETEST, LOYAL DOGS, GOOD WITH KIDS, AND JUST A REALLY GENTLE SOUL, HERE. SO THIS IS MERLIN, AND YOU CAN ADOPT

BY CALLING THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER AT 562-940-6898, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING HIM HOME. BUT IF NOT HIM, WE HAVE PLENTY, PLENTY OF BOTH PUPPIES, AS WELL AS SENIORS, THAT ARE LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. SO THIS IS MERLIN. AND THEN UP ON THE SCREEN, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING PETS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO FRANK. LOOK AT THOSE EYES. FRANK IS A NINE-MONTH-OLD ALASKAN HUSKY, AND IS VERY, VERY PLAYFUL, HIGH ENERGY. HE IS ACTIVE, AND HAS A HARD TIME FINDING OWNERS THAT WILL INVEST IN CARING FOR HIM, LIKE TAKING HIM FOR WALKS AND JUST GIVING HIM SOME LOVE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FAMILY WHO IS EAGER TO GIVE FRANK THE LOVE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL DOG DESERVES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU CAN CALL THE PALMDALE CARE CENTER AT 661-575-2888. AND LET ME JUST SAY, IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU ARE READY TO ADOPT, WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FOSTERS, AS WELL. SO, AGAIN, PLEASE, IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION, GO TO ANIMAL CARE.LACOUNTY.GOV TO SEE PETS FROM ALL OF OUR SEVEN CENTERS. SO THIS IS MERLIN. I KNOW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: VERY CUTE. OH. SO, WALK AROUND WITH MERLIN. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND WITH THAT, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO TODAY'S AGENDA. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT

BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ON THE RESPONSE TIME TO ANSWER AND RESOLVE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ENCAMPMENTS REPORTED BY CONSTITUENTS. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 22. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 2 THROUGH 23. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM FOUR, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 10, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 16 AND 17, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ITEM 17 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 18 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 19, 20, AND 21, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 23 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 25, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 46. ON ITEM 34, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 37, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 44-A, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS

ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 44-C, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 44-F, SUPERVISOR HORVATH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 44-H IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT GUILLERMO VIERA ROSA TO SERVE AS THE PROBATION OFFICER FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF $375,098.33, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3RD, 2023. ON PAGE 38, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 47. ON PAGE 39, SEPARATE MATTER. ITEM 48 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES Q.R.R. 2023, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $850 MILLION, TO FINANCE AUTHORIZED PROJECTS UNDER THE APPLICABLE BALLOT MEASURES. ON PAGE 40, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D. ON PAGE 42, FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS ITEMS 49 THROUGH 54. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THEY ARE RELATED. ON PAGE 49, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION: ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, ITEMS 49 THROUGH 54. THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SET MATTER 1 AT 11:00 A.M., WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEM 22, THEN ITEMS 3, 4, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 34, 44-A, 44-C, AND ENDING WITH ITEM 44-F, WHICH WERE ALL HELD BY

SUPERVISORS, AND FINISHING WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, IT IS CLEAR WE HAVE A VERY LONG AGENDA TODAY. NOT ONLY ARE WE TAKING UP THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, BUT WE HAVE A SET ITEM, AND A LOT OF US HAVE HELD ITEMS TO TALK ABOUT, AND WE HAVE, I AM SURE, A ROBUST PUBLIC WHO WANTS TO SPEAK TO US ON MANY ITEMS. SO I WILL DO MY BEST TO KEEP US MOVING ALONG, BUT JUST KNOW THAT WE HAVE GOT A LOT ON THIS AGENDA. SO, BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT-- OH, WHOOPS. I AM SORRY. AFTER ALL THAT, WE FORGOT TO PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT. I JUST FIGURE EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW TO BEHAVE, AND WE DON'T REALLY NEED TO SAY THAT, BUT PLEASE READ THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

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

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND AS YOU HEARD, WE DON'T ALLOW CLAPPING OR WHISTLING OR CHEERING, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO BE AWARE OF HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT A PARTICULAR PUBLIC COMMENT OR SOMETHING WE ARE SAYING, YOU CAN ALWAYS RAISE YOUR HANDS IN SUPPORT, OR THUMBS DOWN IN YOUR OPPOSITION. SO, YOU CAN

EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS IN A QUIET WAY. OKAY, BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

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

SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL BEGIN BY CALLING IN-PERSON SPEAKERS, AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, SO WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL BEGIN WITH A VIDEO AND A PRESENTATION, AND THEN PRESENT EACH OF THE BUDGET ITEMS IN NUMERICAL ORDER. IF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS, I ASK THAT WE HOLD THEM UNTIL WE GET TO ITEM 53, AND THEN AT THAT POINT, EACH BOARD MEMBER WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON ALL THE BUDGET ITEMS, 49 THROUGH 54. AND WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. BEFORE I BEGIN MY PRESENTATION ON THE '23-'24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, I WOULD LIKE TO SCREEN THE LATEST IN OUR SERIES OF SHORT, ANIMATED EXPLAINER VIDEOS THAT WE HAVE BEEN USING TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS. TODAY'S VIDEO WILL PROVIDE A QUICK OVERVIEW OF HOW MEASURE H, OUR QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX THAT WE USE TO FUND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, HOW THE FUNDING IS DISTRIBUTED, AND HOW

IT IS USED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHETHER IT IS CHANNELED THROUGH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS, OR TO CITIES OR COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT THAT ARE PARTNERING WITH US ON THIS TRULY REGIONAL CRISIS, AND REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. CAN WE CUE THE VIDEO, PLEASE? [MUSIC]

SPEAKER: WHEN L.A. COUNTY VOTERS APPROVED MEASURE H IN 2017, THEY CREATED A DEDICATED STREAM OF FUNDING FOR TEN YEARS, TO FIGHT AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. SO FAR, THIS ONE-QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX HAS HELPED HOUSE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, AND KEPT THOUSANDS OF OTHERS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS IN JANUARY 2023, THIS WORK HAS INTENSIFIED WITH THREE SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS: CLEARING ENCAMPMENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL CITIES; PLACING MORE PEOPLE IN HOUSING; AND STEPPING UP MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES. MEASURE H IS HELPING WITH ALL OF THOSE. BUT HOW DOES THIS MONEY GET FROM YOUR LOCAL CASH REGISTER AND INTO THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES NEEDED TO TURN THE TIDE ON OUR REGION'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS? HERE IS A QUICK LOOK. WHEN MEASURE H FUNDS COME INTO L.A. COUNTY, THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES IN EVERY PART OF L.A. COUNTY, AND TO THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, OR L.A.H.S.A., WHICH IN TURN PROVIDES FUNDING TO A WIDE RANGE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES IN EVERY CORNER OF

L.A. COUNTY. MEASURE H FUNDING ALSO GOES TO LOCAL CITIES TO HELP THEM PLAN TO MEET THEIR CITIES' UNIQUE NEEDS THROUGH DIRECT GRANTS, AND TO THE LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND, WHICH OFFERS FUNDING FOR CO-INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT. EVERY YEAR, A NEW MEASURE H SPENDING PLAN IS DEVELOPED WITH A PROCESS THAT INCLUDES EXTENSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT BEFORE THE PLAN GOES TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL. ALTHOUGH MEASURE H DOLLARS ARE ALLOCATED COUNTYWIDE, THEY ARE CONCENTRATED IN AREAS WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST, BASED ON HOMELESS-COUNT DATA. THE VAST MAJORITY OF MEASURE H FUNDING IS USED TO SUPPORT GETTING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING, AND SUPPORTING THEM WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEED TO GET HEALTHY AND STABILIZE THEIR LIVES. THESE INCLUDE FUNDS NEEDED TO OPERATE CONVERTED MOTELS AND OTHER BUILDINGS, NEW OR REPURPOSED, THAT PROVIDE INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING, AND A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES NEEDED TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES, MEDICAL CARE, AND SERVICES TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH JOBS, TRAINING, AND BENEFITS. AND THAT'S A QUICK LOOK AT HOW MEASURE H FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO HOMELESS.LACOUNTY.GOV/MEASUREH.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE VIDEO, SUPERVISORS, MEASURE H IS A POWERFUL PART OF OUR COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS; AND WHETHER THAT

FUNDING IS BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS, THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, L.A.H.S.A., OR THROUGH THEIR NETWORK OF PROVIDERS, THESE VOTER-APPROVED AND TIME-LIMITED DOLLARS ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF OUR BUDGET, AND I WILL SHARE MORE ABOUT THAT A LITTLE LATER IN THE PRESENTATION. CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE? SO, THIS SLIDE IS BASICALLY DESIGNED TO GIVE US AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET, AND I HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE IT ON YOUR SCREENS. OKAY. SO, FIRST, A NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL FACTS ABOUT THE '23-'24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. AND LET ME START WITH A QUICK REMINDER THAT WE DO INCREMENTAL BUDGETING. THAT MEANS, IN EACH BUDGET PHASE, WE LOOK AT THE CHANGES FROM THE LAST BUDGET CYCLE. GENERALLY, WE ARE LOOKING AT CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT COMES IN A DOOR; CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE NEED TO PAY OUT TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICES, OUR SALARIES; AND THEN WE INCORPORATE ALL OF THOSE CHANGES INTO OUR BUDGET. AND THEN WE ALSO UPDATE ALL OF OUR BUDGET UNITS, OR ACCOUNTS, TO BRING THEM INTO ALIGNMENT WITH OUR ACTUAL FIGURES. AND WE ADDRESS DIRECTIVES AND REQUESTS FOR NEW FUNDING. IN THIS BUDGET PHASE, WE ARE PROPOSING TO ADD $3.4 BILLION TO OUR BUDGET, WHICH BRING THE COUNTY'S TOTAL BUDGET TO $46.7 BILLION. NOW, THIS FUNDING COMES PRIMARILY FROM OTHER SOURCES, FROM FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, AND IT WILL ENABLE US TO ADD ABOUT 666 NEW POSITIONS TO OUR WORKFORCE. THIS WILL BRING OUR TOTAL WORKFORCE NUMBER TO 115,324 BUDGETED POSITIONS. AND

WHEN I SAY "BUDGETED POSITIONS," WHAT I AM REALLY SAYING ARE "JOBS." BUDGETED POSITIONS EQUATE TO JOBS, AND THEY REPRESENT THE HIRING AUTHORITY OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO HIRE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, I TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE THIS FUNDING COMES FROM. MORE THAN HALF OF THE NEW FUNDING COMES FROM STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, FOR APPROXIMATELY $1.8 BILLION. AND YOU SEE THAT ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PIE CHART, IN RED. THESE FUNDS ARE ATTACHED TO PARTICULAR PROGRAMS OR SERVICES, AND THEY ARE DIRECTED TO MEET SPECIFIC NEEDS. AND GENERALLY SPEAKING, THEY CANNOT BE REALLOCATED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THE REMAINING $1.6 BILLION OF THE FUNDING IS REPRESENTED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PIE CHART, IN BLUE, AND THAT COMES PRIMARILY FROM OPERATIONAL SAVINGS IN OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, DUE TO STAFF VACANCIES, WHICH WE CALL SALARY SAVINGS; LOWER-THAN-ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES IN OTHER AREAS, LIKE CAPITAL PROJECTS-- IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO IMPLEMENT OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND REVENUE COLLECTIONS THAT EXCEEDED WHAT WAS ACTUALLY BUDGETED. THESE ARE ALL BEING CARRIED OVER AND USED TO ESTABLISH, CONTINUE, OR COMPLETE BOARD INITIATIVES AND PRIORITIES, MULTIPLE-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN MY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BOARD LETTER. OF ALL OF THE NEW FUNDING ADDED TO THE BUDGET, ONLY $41.1 MILLION WAS AVAILABLE TO FUND REQUESTS WHICH REQUIRE ONGOING FUNDING, AND THAT IS REPRESENTED BY THE GREEN PART OF THE PIE CHART ON THE BOTTOM.

THIS REVENUE, PRIMARILY GENERATED BY UNEXPECTED, HIGHER PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES, IS REPRESENTED IN GREEN, AND A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THAT AMOUNT-- $20 MILLION-- NEEDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO HELP PAY FOR INCENTIVES FOR D.H.S. STAFF TO WORK IN THE JAILS, WHICH WOULD THEN HELP US COMPLY WITH OUR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE INVOLVING OUR COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. CRITICAL NEEDS. SO, OUR WORKFORCE IS EXPANDING TO MEET CRITICAL NEEDS AND OUR BOARD PRIORITIES. AND AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, MOST OF THE NEW POSITIONS WE ARE RECOMMENDING ARE FUNDED WITH STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS. THE LARGEST SHARE OF THE NEW POSITIONS IS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. YOU SEE IN THE UPPER LEFT, IT IS 167 POSITIONS. THIS WILL HELP EXPAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF HOME TEAMS NEEDED TO MOBILIZE AND PROVIDE SERVICES DURING AND AFTER ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITIES' PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM, AND FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S INSIDE SAFE PROGRAM. THE BLUE VEST THAT YOU SEE IN THE TOP LEFT OF THIS SLIDE CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE NEW VESTS THAT ALL OF YOUR COUNTY STAFF WEAR WHEN WORKING, EITHER ON THE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, OR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S INSIDE SAFE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. AND WE ASKED OUR STAFF TO WEAR THOSE VESTS, SO THAT THERE IS NO MISTAKE OR CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER COUNTY STAFF ARE SHOWING UP TO SUPPORT THESE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. NEXT, YOU WILL SEE IN THE MIDDLE, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WE ARE

RECOMMENDING 123 NEW POSITIONS TO REDUCE ADOPTION CASELOADS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, AND TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF SUPPORTS FOR CAREGIVERS, FOSTER CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES. I WON'T TAKE THE TIME TO CALL OUT ALL OF THE REMAINING POSITIONS, BUT SOME OF THEM ARE LISTED BELOW, AND ALL OF THEM ARE LISTED IN MY BUDGET BOARD LETTER. OTHER NEW POSITIONS ACROSS OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SUPPORT A RANGE OF OTHER CRITICAL FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS BUILDING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER PROGRAM, AND OTHERS THAT YOU SEE LISTED ON THE BOTTOM. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THE NEXT SERIES OF SLIDES HIGHLIGHTS SOME MAJOR PROGRAMMATIC AREAS THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THE FIRST IS OUR RESPONSE TO THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, UNDER YOUR BOARD'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF MEASURE H RESOURCES EVER ALLOCATED IN A SINGLE BUDGET YEAR. IT TOTALS $870.5 MILLION. AND I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THAT IS COMPRISED OF BOTH ONGOING MEASURE H REVENUE AND ONE-TIME CARRYOVER. MOST OF THESE RESOURCES WERE PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED AS PART OF YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE '23-'24 MEASURE H SPENDING PLAN BACK IN FEBRUARY. THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AUGMENTS THAT FUNDING WITH NEW FUNDING FROM MEASURE H AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR OUR URGENTLY NEEDED ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS. I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL OF THEM, BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TWO NOTABLE INVESTMENTS, ONE YOU SEE IN THE TOP ROW IN THE MIDDLE, $30.2 MILLION FOR THE COUNTY'S PATHWAY HOME

ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM, WHICH IS NOW UNDERWAY, AND WHICH HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. THIS IS THE COUNTY'S ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION SERVICE WHERE WE IDENTIFY ENCAMPMENTS, WE WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN THOSE ENCAMPMENTS TO GET THEM INTO INTERIM HOUSING; AND THEN WE REMOVE THE R.V.S, WHICH ARE OFTEN A NUISANCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SURROUNDING AREA, AND SOMETIMES CAN POSE SAFETY HAZARDS IN AND OF THEMSELVES. THE NEXT IS $29.8 MILLION-- THAT'S IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER-- FOR SAFE LANDING INTERIM HOUSING AND TRIAGE PROGRAMS THAT ARE RELATED SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS ONE OF OUR 24-HOUR OPERATIONS, AND IS REALLY UNIQUE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY SYSTEM, IN US HAVING THE ABILITY TO TAKE FOLKS TO RECEIVE SERVICES, VIRTUALLY, AT ANY HOUR OF THE DAY. IN RECOGNITION OF OUR MULTIYEAR APPROACH NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE LONG-RUNNING HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, THE BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES ANOTHER $194.8 MILLION. THAT'S NOT IN ADDITION TO THE 870; THAT'S PART OF IT. IT INCLUDES THAT AMOUNT, AND IT IS BEING SET ASIDE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FUND AND RESOURCE OUR CONTINUING HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY UNDER THE REFRAMING OF OUR MEASURE H WORK FROM THE 47 STRATEGIES, BASICALLY, DOWN TO 5. CHERI TODOROFF, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, CAN COVER A LITTLE BIT OF THIS IN MORE DETAIL WHEN SHE DISCUSSES THE SET ITEM RELATED TO EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OKAY. SO, OUR

CARE-FIRST PROGRAMS. SO, EARLIER THIS SUMMER, YOUR BOARD APPROVED A SPENDING PLAN FOR CARE-FIRST, IN THE AMOUNT OF $288.3 MILLION IN ONGOING ANNUAL REVENUE. THE BOARD'S OTHER CARE-FIRST INVESTMENTS ARE WORKING SIMULTANEOUSLY ON MULTIPLE FRONTS TO REFORM OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, TO EXPAND DIVERSION, AND IMPROVE CONDITIONS WITHIN THE JAIL FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE SAFELY RELEASED. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET INCLUDES MORE THAN $230 MILLION AND NEW FUNDING FOR JUSTICE REFORM EFFORTS, INCLUDING-- AND YOU CAN SEE THEM LISTED HERE ON THE SLIDE-- $78 MILLION DOLLARS TO DIVERT MORE INDIVIDUALS FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL TO COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS; $55 MILLION FOR VARIOUS PREVENTION PROGRAMS, RANGING FROM DIVERSION EFFORTS TO 24-HOUR YOUTH CENTERS; MORE THAN $44 MILLION TO EXPAND DIVERSION AND REENTRY PROGRAMS THAT ARE OVERSEEN BY OUR JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES; $13 MILLION TO HIRE MORE DEPUTY AND ALTERNATE DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS TO SUPPORT OUR DIVERSION EFFORTS IN OTHER KEY PROGRAMS; $20 MILLION THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER-- THOSE ARE TO STAFF INCENTIVES FOR FOLKS IN THE JAIL-- AND THE LIST GOES ON. BUT I THINK THE POINT OF THIS SLIDE IS, IN ADDITION TO THE $288 MILLION, THE BOARD IS MAKING OTHER INVESTMENTS IN OUR CARE-FIRST ARENA. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. JUST REALLY QUICKLY, BEFORE MOVING TO THE FINAL SECTION OF MY PRESENTATION, I'D LIKE TO SHARE HIGHLIGHTS OF

JUST A FEW MORE PROGRAMS THAT ARE BRINGING BENEFITS TO COUNTY RESIDENTS ACROSS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS. ONE OF THEM IS THE $3.9 MILLION FOR CASH ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. THIS $3.9 MILLION INVESTMENT WILL BRING THE ANNUAL TOTAL FOR THESE PROGRAMS TO MORE THAN $105 MILLION. ALONG WITH OTHER FUNDING TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS, $200,000 IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO HELP THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY. WE ARE ALSO ASSISTING RESIDENTS WITH FUNDING FOR OTHER PROGRAMS. JUST TO NAME A FEW, $55 MILLION. A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, THIS BOARD HAD A VERY ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT THE COUNTY WORKING WITH THE STATE TO HELP REPLACE E.B.T. BENEFITS THAT WERE BEING STOLEN WHEN E.B.T. RECIPIENTS USED THEIR DEBIT CARDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SO THE STATE HAS FINALLY IDENTIFIED FUNDING FOR THAT EFFORT TO REPLACE THOSE LOST BENEFITS. $5.2 MILLION TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND NUTRITION TO OLDER RESIDENTS, TO ADDRESS THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THIS GROWING 60-PLUS POPULATION. AND THEN $600,000 TO ESTABLISH A DOULA HUB, TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE DOULA PROVIDER WORKFORCE, AND TO EXPAND ACCESS TO DOULAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THIS IS A SLIDE THAT'S DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CONTEXT. SO, THE PREVIOUS SLIDE GAVE US THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, OUR USUAL SNAPSHOT OF WHAT IS CHANGING, WHAT IS NOTABLE IN EACH BUDGET PHASE. BUT FOR

CONTEXT, I'D LIKE TO STEP BACK FOR A MOMENT AND TALK ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE. AS WE KNOW, THE COUNTY'S WORK DOES NOT TAKE PLACE IN A SINGLE BUDGET PHASE, OR EVEN A SINGLE BUDGET YEAR. OUR WORK, ESPECIALLY ON MAJOR, TRANSFORMATIONAL, PARADIGM-SHIFTING INITIATIVES TAKE PLACE OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL BUDGET PHASES, AND SOMETIMES OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL BUDGET YEARS. NO SINGLE BUDGET PHASE CAN CAPTURE WHAT THIS MOMENTUM CAN ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY CAPTURE WHAT THIS MOMENTUM LOOKS LIKE, AND WHAT PROGRESS LOOKS LIKE. A GOOD ANALOGY IS MEASURING THE GROWTH OF A CHILD. WE CAN'T SEE THE GROWTH DAY TO DAY, BUT IF WE MEASURE THAT CHILD EVERY YEAR, WITH PENCIL MARKS ON THE KITCHEN WALL, THE CHANGE BETWEEN THE KINDERGARTEN HEIGHT AND THE SECOND-GRADE HEIGHT WOULD BE PRETTY DRAMATIC AND READILY APPARENT. SO, IN THAT SPIRIT, I'D LIKE TO TURN OUR LENS A LITTLE WIDER, AND LOOK AT THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF FUNDING FOR ONE OF YOUR BOARD'S MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITIES, AND THAT'S CARE-FIRST. YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SLIDE. THE BLUE BARS REPRESENT BOARD-APPROVED CARE-FIRST INVESTMENTS GOING BACK TO FISCAL YEAR 2020. WE COULD HAVE GONE BACK MORE YEARS, BUT WE THOUGHT FIVE YEARS WOULD GIVE US A GOOD SNAPSHOT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FIRST TWO YEARS, WHERE THE FUNDING WAS BASICALLY FLAT, YOU ACTUALLY SEE A LITTLE DECLINE. THAT SECOND YEAR IS BASICALLY A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D., WHEN OUR REVENUES DROPPED. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT STARTING FROM 2021 TO '21-'22, YOU SEE THAT THE BLUE BARS ARE

INCREASING, AND THEY ARE LARGER IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR. THE RED ARROW ON TOP OF THE BLUE BAR SHOWS THE TRAJECTORY OF THE GROWTH. WHAT DOES THAT TRAJECTORY REPRESENT? IT REPRESENTS A DRAMATIC 82% INCREASE OVER THIS TIME PERIOD, WITHOUT COUNTING THE FUNDING THAT THE BOARD APPROVED FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT EARLIER THIS SUMMER, CALLED FOR BY MEASURE J. SO, WHEN WE ARE ASSESSING THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CARE-FIRST, LOOKING AT A SINGLE BUDGET PHASE IS SOMEWHAT MYOPIC, AND IT FAILS TO TELL THE WHOLE STORY. IT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF THE BOARD'S OVERALL COMMITMENT TO CARE-FIRST INVESTMENTS. THE EXPANSION THAT IS UNDERWAY GOES WELL BEYOND WHAT WE TRADITIONALLY THINK OF AS OUR C.F.C.I. INVESTMENTS. WHEN WE LOOK BACK AND WE INCLUDE ALL RELATED AND SUPPORTING INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING THE WORK OF BRAND-NEW DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS, WE BEGIN TO GET A TRUER PICTURE OF THE HISTORIC SHIFT THAT IS UNDERWAY. CLEARLY, THIS BOARD IS DRIVING SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN A CARE-FIRST ARENA. AND TO KEEP THAT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE, THE CARE-FIRST PROGRAMS OBVIOUSLY HAD MUCH MORE ROOM TO GROW THAN OUR WELL-FUNDED AND LONG-ESTABLISHED BUDGETS IN OUR SHERIFF AND OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, WHICH THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR UNDER VARIOUS STATE LAWS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHANGE OF TRAJECTORY IS UNMISTAKABLE FOR CARE-FIRST PROGRAMS BEING BUDGETED AT $812 MILLION FIVE YEARS AGO, AND WE ARE NOW AT

$1.48 BILLION IN ANNUAL FUNDING. AND AGAIN, THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THE BOARD HAS APPROPRIATED AND APPROVED EARLIER THIS SUMMER FOR THE CARE-FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, SPENDING FOR OUR SHERIFF'S AND OUR PROBATION'S DEPARTMENTS HAS GROWN, BUT HAS GROWN AT A MUCH MORE MODEST RATE OF 14%, DRIVEN LARGELY BY C.O.L.A.S AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES. AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT ARE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO FOR D.O.J. COMPLIANCE, OR COMPLIANCE FROM THE BUREAU OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS. THE 14% GROWTH RATE IS LESS THAN THE RATE OF INFLATION OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME, AND IS ROUGHLY HALF THE RATE OF THE COUNTY'S GROWTH RATE IN OUR OVERALL BUDGET FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE THIS MULTIYEAR PERSPECTIVE ON CARE-FIRST, REFLECTING THE POWERFUL BUDGETARY MOMENTUM THAT YOUR BOARD HAS INITIATED TO MOVE US AWAY FROM BUSINESS AS USUAL, TO A NEW PARADIGM. AND WHILE WE ARE STILL ON THE SUBJECT OF THE BIG PICTURE, I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, NO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE OF THE COUNTY BUDGET WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A MENTION AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RISKS, THE THREATS, AND THE PRESSURES THAT ARE ON THE HORIZON. THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, IS FACING A LARGE LIABILITY FOR THE A.B. 218 SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES: UPWARDS OF $3 BILLION. WE MAY ALSO FACE SIGNIFICANT COSTS RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE AND OTHER COURT ACTIONS INVOLVING THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. AND ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT BUDGETARY CONCERN IS THE

EXPIRATION OF MEASURE H, WHICH IS ON THE HORIZON. AS WE SAW IN THE VIDEO ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDES, MEASURE H FUNDING IS AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE, AS WE INTENSIFY OUR RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS. WE MAY BE LOOKING AT MAJOR CUTBACKS IN OUR WORK TO COMBAT AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, UNLESS THE EXPIRATION OF THIS IMPORTANT FUNDING SOURCE IS ADDRESSED. WE ALSO MUST RESOLVE OUR STRUCTURAL DEFICITS, AND I HAVE MENTIONED THEM BEFORE, BUT I CONTINUE TO MENTION THEM SO THAT THEY REMAIN FRONT AND CENTER IN DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, FIRE, HEALTH SERVICES, AND LIBRARY. AND A COOLING HOUSING MARKET'S IMPACT ON PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION IS ALSO EXPECTED TO NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR BUDGET, BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR '24-'25. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, FINALIZING A BUDGET. YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND AN ACCOMPANYING BUDGET RESOLUTION, WILL WRAP UP OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS AND RESULT IN THE COUNTY'S FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '23-'24. AND IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, WE WILL START THE PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN, AND START WORKING ON RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '24-'25. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. AND BEFORE I HAND IT BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON OUR MANY IMPORTANT PRIORITIES. I WANT TO THANK YOUR BUDGET DEPUTIES FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR OFFICE. THEY INCLUDE TAMI OMOTO-FRIAS, KIRK SHELTON, KOFI KUASI, MAEVE GIZA, JOHN LEONARD, CARLOS

ARREOLA-KARR, AND MICHELLE VEGA. THE COLLABORATION GOES A LONG WAY IN MAKING THE BUDGET PROCESS WORK EFFECTIVELY, TO THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS WHO RELY ON US. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR BUDGET AND FISCAL STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK IN DEVELOPING THE BUDGET. IT TAKES ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK TO HELP US PULL THIS OFF EACH BUDGET PHASE, YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. AND IN PARTICULAR, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE ANNUAL CLOSING OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS. AND I KNOW THAT DOESN'T SOUND VERY EXCITING, BUT IT IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT'S BY OSCAR VALDEZ, CONNIE YI, RACHEL ANIMA, AND LEN SAM. AND THEN, FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK MY C.E.O. BUDGET TEAM, LED BY MATT MCGLOIN, MASON MATTHEWS, RENEE PHILLIPS, CHEYENNE YIN, ANTHONY BAKER, YOLANDA REYES, DAVID SEIDENFELD, ERICA BONILLA, HWAN KING, AND JAMES YUN. AND THEN, IN ADDITION TO THE BUDGET TEAM, I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR C.E.O. CLASSIFICATION STAFF, LED BY ANNE HAVENS, AND THE C.I.O. ANALYST, LED BY PETER LIU. THESE ANALYSTS AND MANAGERS PROVIDE THE DETAILED ANALYSIS AND REPORTING THAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY AVAILABLE DOLLAR, AND MEETING THE MYRIAD OF LEGAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS WHEN DEVELOPING A COUNTY BUDGET. WITH THAT, THAT IS THE END OF MY THANK-YOU SESSION. I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WELL, AS YOU REMEMBER, OUR COLLEAGUES ARE GOING TO WAIT TILL ITEM 53, AND THEN WE WILL BE MAKING OUR COMMENTS. BUT WE ARE ASKING THE PUBLIC NOW TO COMMENT ON ITEMS 49 THROUGH 54. AND THEN, WHEN WE GO THROUGH EACH OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, 49 THROUGH 54, IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM, YOU MAY ASK THAT. BUT I AM GOING TO CALL ON US TO MAKE OUR MAJOR COMMENTS ON ITEM 53. OKAY, SO NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND WE ARE LETTING THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND HERE IN THE BOARDROOM, THEY WILL RECEIVE NINETY SECONDS, SO A MINUTE AND A HALF, TO SPEAK ON ALL THESE BUDGET ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ASANULA MOMAN, ALIA YUSEFI, AMBROSE BROOKS, ANTHONY ARENAS, ASAEL ROBLERO, BOSHA HAMIL, GREGORY BROWN, JACOB JACKSON, JANET ASANTE, JORDYN SUN, LUZ CASTRO, MARCELA ROSEN, MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON, MEGAN CASTILLO, MIRO AVILAS, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, SARA REYES, SHALYA WILSON, TAO SHAKUR, TODD CUNNINGHAM, AND VLAD CARASCO. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THESE BUDGET ITEMS, 49 THROUGH 54, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN A

SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE CALLER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS FRANK TAMBORELLO. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FRANK TAMBORELLO: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. FRANK TAMBORELLO, WITH HUNGER ACTION L.A. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CREATE FULL FUNDING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE MARKET MATCH PROGRAM. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE PROGRAMS THAT MS. DAVENPORT WAS DISCUSSING, RELATING TO FOOD. AND YOU COULD CONSIDER THIS ALONG WITH THE FUNDS THAT SHE MENTIONED TO REBATE THE E.B.T. SKIMMING AND THE OTHER FOOD INVESTMENTS AS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN A CARE-FIRST VEIN. THE PROGRAM HAS SHOWN ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN ENDING HUNGER AND INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS, AND THE COUNTY FUNDING IS HELPING TO BRING IT INTO BRICK-AND-MORTAR STORES, IN ADDITION TO FARMERS' MARKETS. THANKS TO ITS CURRENT FUNDING, MARKET MATCH IS ALL OVER THE COUNTY NOW, FROM WILMINGTON, TO HUNTINGTON PARK, TO PACOIMA, TO COMPTON, MAKING IT A VERY EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME PERSONS IN L.A. NOT ONLY IS IT HELPING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DAILY, BUT WHEN WE SEE DISRUPTIONS IN CALFRESH, SUCH AS WHEN THE PANDEMIC BENEFITS ENDED AND SENT PEOPLE'S ALLOTMENTS CRASHING, AND WHEN WE ALMOST SAW THIS GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN RECENTLY, MARKET MATCH SERVES AS A STOPGAP

AND A MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO MAXIMIZE THEIR PUBLIC BENEFITS AND USE FOR HEALTHY FOOD PURCHASES, AND THAT CONTRIBUTES OVERALL TO A HEALTHIER COUNTY. SO PLEASE INCORPORATE THIS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, MARKET MATCH, PERMANENTLY INTO THE COUNTY BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXANDER MOJICA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEXANDER MOJICA. I AM FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. I DO WANT TO SPEAK ON AGENDA 53, AND I'M TECHNICALLY SPEAKING ON 54, AS WELL, EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THE BUDGET, WHILE IT HAS GOOD PARTS, DOES NOT TRULY PUT CARE-FIRST AT THE TABLE. PLEASE STOP GASLIGHTING US AND TELLING US TO ACCEPT THIS INCREMENTAL APPROACH BACKED BY THE STATUS QUO. THE BUDGET THAT IS BEING DISCUSSED STILL OVERFUNDS SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS, PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, AND CARCERAL SYSTEMS. SHERIFFS GET NEARLY $4 BILLION, AND THE PROBATION IS $1 BILLION, AND THESE NUMBERS DO NOT TAKE ACCOUNT INTO THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING THEY HAVE ACCESS THROUGH SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS. THE OVERFUNDING IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ONLY ENABLES THE CRIMINALIZATION OF UNHOUSED FOLKS, AND AS WELL AS THE OVERFUNDING OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

ALSO ALLOWS THE BANKROLLING OF INCARCERATION OF B.I.P.O.C. YOUTH, SINCE THEY INVEST IN CARCERAL SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN SUPPORTING YOU. IF WE TRULY WANT TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM, THE HOUSING CRISIS, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, WE NEED TO ADDRESS IT BY FUNDING THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES IN FULL, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THESE MATTERS. WE CAN ADDRESS THIS BY FULLY FUNDING THE CARE-FIRST BUDGET AT ABOUT $900 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, YOUTH SERVICES, AND ANY OTHER ANTI-CARCERAL RESOURCE. THE VOTERS VOTED FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE BUDGET, NOT A REFORMIST BUDGET, AND THAT WAS THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE J IN 2020. THE COURTS HAVE RULED MEASURE J CONSTITUTIONAL. THERE IS NO REASON WHY--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARMEN GUTIERREZ. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS CARMEN GUTIERREZ, AND I LIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. MY ZIP CODE IS 90003. I AM CALLING TODAY TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET PRIORITIES PUT FORWARD BY IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. AROUND HOUSING, IMMIGRATION, LEGAL SERVICES, AND INTERNET ACCESS. SOME OF THESE PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE

WORKING TO MAKE GREATER INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR. IMMIGRANTS ARE MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION. THEY MUST GET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE BENEFITS AND SERVICES THIS COUNTY HAS TO OFFER. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND ONCE AGAIN, WE ASK FOR YOUR GUYS' SUPPORT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OMAR EL REY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS OMAR EL REY, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 53 AND 54. FOR MANY YEARS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN LOUD AND CLEAR. WE WANT TO SEE A REDUCTION IN THE BUDGET FOR JAILS AND POLICING, AND AN INCREASE IN THE BUDGET FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. WE WANT TO SEE A TRUE CARE-FIRST BUDGET, AND THE CLOSURE OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO BOLSTER A LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET THAT CRIMINALIZES OUR COMMUNITY. SPECIFICALLY, THE HOMELESS OUTREACH STREET TEAM PROGRAM SEES THE SAME RESULTS YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND L.A.S.D.'S FAILURE TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO MEANINGFUL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. THEREFORE, WE OPPOSE THE ADDITIONAL HALF-MILLION DOLLARS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ITS H.O.S.T.

PROGRAM, ON TOP OF THE PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED $3.2 MILLION. THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM SPENDING INCLUDES COSTS LIKE DEPUTY OVERTIME, WEAPONS, AND POLICING EQUIPMENT, ALL OF WHICH ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE RESPONSES TO HOUSELESSNESS. STUDIES SHOW THAT EXPOSURE OF UNHOUSED PEOPLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT INCREASES THEIR LIKELIHOOD OF CRIMINALIZATION. L.A.S.D.'S H.O.S.T. PROGRAM SHOULD BE REMOVED ENTIRELY FROM OUTREACH TO UNHOUSED POPULATIONS. RATHER THAN FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE COUNTY SHOULD FUND COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH SERVICES, AND EXPAND INVESTMENTS IN PERMANENT HOUSING FOR SOLUTIONS AND TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT ACTUALLY INVOLVE OUR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA CAJON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS LAURA CAJON. I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2, AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR INVESTING IN DIVERSION THIS CYCLE. $85.5 MILLION TO D.M.H. FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IS AN INVESTMENT THAT WE APPRECIATE. AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT TO REITERATE THAT THE $12 MILLION THAT DIDN'T GO TO C.F.C.I. THIS YEAR, THAT SHOULD HAVE GONE TO MAKE IT A FULL $300 MILLION, TO EVEN JUST MATCH PREVIOUS INVESTMENTS, IS A REAL LOSS. FURTHERMORE, THE $450 MILLION

THAT HAS BEEN UNSPENT, WE NEED TO SPEED UP THE SPENDING OF THOSE DOLLARS. THEY CAN'T BE ALLOCATED AND THEN NOT INVESTED, BECAUSE IT ENDS UP HURTING OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, POVERTY, AND OTHER CRISIS. WE DEMAND A FULL $900 MILLION PER YEAR IN CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DOLLARS, AND MOST OF ALL, WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO SEE SHERIFF AND PROBATION INCREASES, ESPECIALLY TO THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM. WE KNOW THAT UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES DO NOT NEED CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEY NEED SERVICES, AND THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM IS AN ABSOLUTE FAILURE AND A WASTE OF MONEY, AND SHOULD BE COMPLETELY HALTED. SAME THING GOES FOR INVESTING IN PROBATION. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE YOUTH CENTERS THAT THE COUNTY HAS INVESTED IN, IT'S NOT OKAY TO JUST MAKE A SMALL INVESTMENT IN AN ALTERNATIVE, BUT STILL FUND THE PROBLEM AT A HIGHER RATE. WE NEED TO SEE A COMPLETE DIVESTMENT FROM PROBATION, AND A FULL INVESTMENT IN CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SIR BAILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GRACE AND PEACE. CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE IS NOT THE ASSET FORFEITURE RECOMMENDED IN MEASURE ONE: 30-SOMETHING MILLION DOLLARS AND STEAL PEOPLE'S PROPERTY, AND

FORCE THEM INTO THE BURNING BUILDINGS OF RACISM AND MILITARISM. NO, NO, NO, NO, NO. WE'VE HEARD IT ALREADY HERE BEFORE. WE SHUT THEM DOWN; SHUT DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL. NO TRANSPORTING TO LOS PADRINOS. NO BUILDING A POLICE STATE. NO MORE RAISES ON BILLBOARDS GOING THROUGH INGLEWOOD AND LYNWOOD AND EVERY PLACE ELSE, SAYING, "THESE ARE THE ONLY JOBS TO HAVE." NO LICENSE TO OPERATE. GIVE THE PEOPLE THE MONEY TO DO THE WORK OF HEALING, OF RECONCILIATION. NOW IS THE TIME. IT IS NOT THE TIME TO ACT LIKE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. STAND UP. DO THE RIGHT THING. COME ON. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS BYRON JOSE, WITH THE TRANSLATINA COALITION, ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A., AND REIMAGINE LA. WE WOULD TO LIKE THE BOARD FOR THEIR INVESTMENT IN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITIES, AND SUPPORTING OTHER COUNTY INITIATIVES FOR SUPERVISED CARE FOR TRANSGENDER, EXPANSIVE, AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER SYSTEM-IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY. WHILE WE APPRECIATE ALL OF HER WORK IN THE BUDGET PROCESS, WE WOULD LIKE FOR THERE TO BE A LOT MORE CLEARER MECHANISMS FOR THE

COMMUNITY TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS. IN THE C.E.O.'S PRESENTATION, SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THIS INCREMENTAL TOWARDS CARE FIRST, WHICH INCLUDES A LOT OF CARCERAL THINGS, NOT WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS ASKING FOR. BUT ANYWAYS, THE $1 BILLION THAT YOU'RE ALLUDING TO TOWARDS CARE-FIRST INCLUDES 7 DEPARTMENTS. OKAY? AND YOU OWE HALF OF THAT, THAT $900 MILLION, TO C.F.C.I. ALONE. SO THAT IS NOT AN INCREMENTAL CARE, AND THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT CARE FIRST. WHILE WE'RE LOOKING AT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET ALONE, IT'S OVER $5 BILLION, SO THAT IS 5 TIMES WHAT YOU'RE CALLING "CARE FIRST," IN TERMS OF INCREMENTAL. AND AGAIN, THAT IS LOOKING AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALONE. THAT IS NOT LOOKING AT THE OTHER CARCERAL INSTITUTIONS THAT YOU ARE CONTINUING TO FUND AND TO UPKEEP AND EXPAND. SO, AGAIN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOARD IS TRULY COMMITTED TO ITS INITIATIVE AND TO ITS DIRECTIVES, AND INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. OFFICE TO TRULY MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR NEEDS, AND THE CARE AND SERVICES OUR COMMUNITY TRULY NEEDS TO SURVIVE--

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M CALLING TO SPEAK ABOUT MRS. DAVENPORT'S PROPOSAL TO THE FUNDS FOR MEASURE H. IN PART, I DO NOT FEEL MS. DAVENPORT SHOULD BE THE PERSON ALLOCATING FUNDS, OR EVEN PROPOSING ANY TYPE OF FUND AMOUNT. WHEN I SENT INFORMATION TO HER OFFICE ABOUT MONEY MISMANAGEMENT IN THE STEWART HOTEL, WHO HAS NOT HAD A SCREENING, OR WHO HAS NOT HAD A CITY TO GO OUT AND CHECK THE HOTEL IN ABOUT 6 YEARS, THEY HAVE NOT HAD AN INSPECTION, BUT THEY'RE GETTING $200 A NIGHT FROM THE CITY. BUT SHE'S ALLOCATING MORE MONEY TO CERTAIN PROGRAMS, ALSO IN REGARDS TO LANGUAGE BARRIERS. THERE ARE OTHER LANGUAGES OTHER THAN JUST SPANISH IN THE CITY OF L.A., AND MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE, THEY ARE IN PART OF THIS MEASURE H, BUT MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ALSO IGNORED MATTERS REGARDING THINGS WITHIN HER JURISDICTION WHERE THERE WAS MONEY MISMANAGEMENT. AND I'M JUST NOT UNDERSTANDING HOW MS. DAVENPORT GETS TO BE ALLOWED TO PROPOSE SO MUCH FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER THINGS. SO, I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS MEASURE SHOULD PROCEED. AND CASH FOR IMMIGRANTS SEEMS TO ONLY GO TO ONE SET OF IMMIGRANTS, WHEN THERE ARE OTHER RACES OF IMMIGRANTS ALSO COMING IN. SO IT'S VERY ONE-SIDED, AND I DO NOT THINK THIS SHOULD BE PROPOSED AT THIS TIME. I THINK IT SHOULD GO BACK UNDER REVIEW. AND IN REGARDS TO THE HOMELESS MATTER, IT NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THE HARD DRUGS. NOT MARIJUANA, BUT HARD, HARD, OTHER DRUGS, BECAUSE JUST

BUILDING HOTELS AND PUTTING THEM IN THERE, THEY'RE JUST GOING TO MAYBE BURN IT BACK DOWN OR NOT GET THE HELP THAT THEY NEED. SO--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ARE WE GOING IN PERSON NOW? OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER. I AM A LITTLE BIT PUZZLED HERE. THE YOUNG LADY SAYS THAT YOU'RE SPENDING BILLIONS ON SEXUAL ASSAULTS. NOW, TO ME, THAT MEANS YOU'RE HAVING SEXUAL ASSAULTS WITH THE EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T BE PAYING THAT OUT FOR THE PUBLIC. SO, YOU MEAN YOU GUYS ARE OUT HERE, OR IN THIS COUNTY, ASSAULTING WOMEN, SEXUAL ASSAULTS? WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THIS. BILLIONS, SHE SAID, THE MOST OF ANY BUDGET ITEM. SEXUAL ASSAULTS. THAT'S WITHIN THE COUNTY WORKERS. OKAY, NOW, HERE'S THE DEAL. I'VE WORKED WITH BUDGETS. I'VE WORKED IN THE COUNTY. WE WANT TO SEE RECEIPTS. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR AND GET A COPY OF WHAT YOU ACTUALLY SPENT. SEE, IT LOOKS GOOD WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT WE WANT TO KNOW, "WHAT DID YOU SPEND?" BECAUSE I'VE FOUND THAT'S WHERE A LOT OF THE EMBEZZLEMENT HAPPENS. YOU HAVE THESE BEAUTIFUL BUDGETS, AND THEN WHEN I SEE THE RECEIPTS, IT'S NOT THE SAME. WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE THIS MONEY IS GOING. NOW, I DID SOME RESEARCH, AND I THINK I SAW $20,000 THAT YOU GUYS GOT A RAISE IN, THE ACTUAL SUPERVISORS. NOW, MS. MITCHELL, I

BELIEVE SHE NEEDS IT; NOT ONLY NEEDS IT, SHE EARNED IT. SHE'S DOING A LOT OF WORK HERE. BUT THE REST OF YOU GUYS, YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR SOME YEARS NOW, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING. ALL OF THIS MONEY-- WHY ARE YOU HIRING MORE PEOPLE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU'RE NOT DOING THE JOB THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW. LOOK AT THE COUNTY. ALL THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE, THEN YOU'RE BRINGING IN MORE ILLEGALS. WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE GOING TO GO? YOU'RE BRINGING IN ALL THESE ILLEGALS THAT'S CROSSING THE BORDER RIGHT NOW.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ALIA YUSEFI. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS. WE SERVE L.A. COUNTY, AND WE'RE ALSO A CO-CHAIR OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION, A GROUP OF OVER 100 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVING A DIVERSE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. I WANT TO COMMEND THE SUPERVISORS ON WORKING WITH OUR COALITION OVER THE PAST YEAR. WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH ALL OF YOUR STAFF TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN L.A COUNTY. AS YOU ALL KNOW, IMMIGRANTS WERE PARTICULARLY HIT HARD DURING C.O.V.I.D., AND THE PANDEMIC RECOVERY IS A CONTINUING PROCESS. ALTHOUGH MANY OF US HAVE C.O.V.I.D. IN OUR REARVIEW MIRROR, OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO

STRUGGLE TO RECOVER AND BECOME MORE STABLE. I WANT TO ALSO SAY THAT, AS THIS BUDGET CYCLE COMES TO A CLOSE, WE ARE CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FOR IMMIGRANTS TO HAVE THEIR FAIR SHARE AS PART OF THE BUDGET. WE WERE HIGHLIGHTING, JUST EARLIER TODAY DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE, SOME OF THE POSITIVES OF THE BUDGET SO FAR, SUCH AS A FULLY FUNDED STAY HOUSED PROGRAM THROUGH 2024, AND IN LOOKING AT THE SUPPLEMENTAL VERSION OF THE BUDGET, WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL $25 MILLION HOPEFULLY BEING ALLOCATED, WHICH HAS BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES TO STAY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. ADDITIONALLY, WE'RE HAPPY TO SEE THAT THEIR DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM HAS ALSO BEEN FUNDED. HOWEVER, THAT'S JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET WHEN IT COMES TO THE 30% OF IMMIGRANTS THAT MAKE UP THE COUNTY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH]. MY NAME IS VLADIMIR CARASCO. I'M A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY UNDER SUPERVISOR HORVATH IN DISTRICT 3. I'M HERE WITH THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. CAMPAIGN. WE ARE A COALITION, LIKE ALIA SAID, OVER 100 COMMUNITY-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS, WORKING DIRECTLY WITH IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES. AND I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO HELD A TOWN HALL

WITH OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ARE MAKING THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO HEAR FROM OUR COMMUNITIES ON WHAT EXACTLY WE NEED TO MAKE THIS COUNTY BUDGET EQUITABLE FOR ALL. AND I AM HERE TO ASK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, HAHN, AND BARGER TO DO THE SAME, AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO THIS NEXT YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THIS BUDGET IS IN ITS CLOSING STEPS, BUT ONE THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT WE ARE HERE TO SAY THAT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. RIGHT? OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR PEOPLE, CAN'T AFFORD HOUSING. THERE ARE THOUSANDS ON THE STREETS, MILLIONS ON THE VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING, AND SERVICES ARE ACROSS AN INSURMOUNTABLE DIGITAL GAP. SO WHAT WE NEED TODAY IS THAT WE NEED AN INVESTMENT THAT IS PROPORTIONATE TO OUR REPRESENTATION IN THE POPULATION. IMMIGRANTS ARE 33% OF THE COUNTY. WE SHOULD HAVE A THIRD OF THE COUNTY BUDGET DEDICATED TO SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE. IN PARTICULAR, I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEEDS AROUND HOUSING, LEGAL SERVICES, AND DIGITAL EQUITY. LET'S START FUNDING LIFE-AFFIRMING PROGRAMS THAT HELP OUR COMMUNITIES GROW, THRIVE, AND BECOME BETTER.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, HONORABLE JANET HAHN AND THE REST. WELL, I'M NERVOUS BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M SPEAKING HERE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'RE DOING GREAT.

SPEAKER: OKAY. NOW, I'M AN AFRO-AMERICAN MAN, AND I WAS RAISED AND BORN IN WATTS. AND THE COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE, I KNOW THAT-- I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR BLACK PEOPLE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING DOWN, WE ARE LOSING, AND WE'RE GETTING THE LESS OF ANYTHING THAT'S COMING HERE. LIKE LILLIAN MOBLEY AND DR. CARTER SAID, THEY SAID THAT-- I'M TOO NERVOUS TO EVEN GO, SO-- THAT THEY'RE STANDING UP FOR BLACK, AND WHATEVER ROAD WE TAKE. I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS RIGHT NOW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOU'RE DOING GOOD. WE HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: THE HOMELESS SITUATION IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF THEM LEAVE FROM DOWN HERE, AND THEY GO DOWNTOWN. IF THEY DON'T GO DOWNTOWN, THEY GO TO JAIL. BUT WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE POLICE GET FUNDED. WE NEED A WATCHDOG OVER THE POLICE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND OVER THE HOMELESS SERVICES: A 24-HOUR PERSON TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HOMELESS IS NOT GOING TO BE HOMELESS, BUT TO BE OUT THERE AND WATCH THEM AND MAKE SURE OF THEM, BECAUSE THIS IS NOT JUST A 9-TO-5. IT'S 24 HOURS, SO

WE NEED MORE FROM L.A.H.S.A. AND EVERYBODY ELSE. ALL RIGHT, I KNOW MY TIME IS UP.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE TO KEEP THIS MOVING. PLEASE DON'T CLAP OR CHEER. RAISE YOUR HANDS, OR YOUR THUMB DOWN, IF YOU HAVE AN OPINION. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY MAME IS [INAUDIBLE]. I AM ORIGINALLY FROM AFGHANISTAN, AND I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR TWO YEARS, AND I'M IN CONTACT WITH MANY NEWLY ARRIVED IMMIGRANTS. SO, TODAY, I WANT TO BRIEFLY MENTION MY AND OTHERS' IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS. FIRST, HOUSING PROBLEMS. FINDING A HOUSE IS ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING PROBLEMS OF IMMIGRATION. WE SIMPLY CANNOT RENT AN APARTMENT. WE WERE LEFT IN THE HOTEL WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF IMMIGRANTS FOR ALMOST MORE THAN 5 MONTHS, AND THERE WERE EVEN THOSE WHO STAYED FOR UP TO 7 MONTHS WITHOUT RECEIVING AN APARTMENT OR HOUSE. WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE, THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE ASKED US FOR A JOB, CO-SIGNER, AND CREDIT, WHICH THE MAJORITY OF IMMIGRANTS DO NOT HAVE. CURRENTLY, I KNOW ONE OF THE IMMIGRANTS WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR THREE MONTHS, AND HIS HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN CUT OFF. HE HAS NO JOB AND CANNOT PAY FOR THE RENT. SECOND, NOT FINDING A JOB. MANY IMMIGRANTS INITIALLY FACE LANGUAGE PROBLEMS, AND CANNOT GET A JOB WHENEVER THEY APPLY. I

KNOW MANY IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE APPLIED AND LOOKING FOR A JOB, AND CANNOT FIND A JOB. WE KNOW THAT THE IMMIGRANTS ARE FACING OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH, DUE TO THE LACK OF TIME, WE CANNOT MENTION THEM ALL.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ASAEL ROBLERO. I'M HERE FOR YOU TO RECONSIDER PUTTING MORE RESOURCES TOWARD THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY MENTAL HEALTH. I CURRENTLY HAVE A SON WHO HAS BEEN IN PRISON FOR ONE YEAR, DUE TO HAVING A MENTAL ILLNESS, AND I'M JUST GETTING EXCUSES AND EXCUSES FROM THE COURT, AND IN REALITY, THERE ARE NOT PROGRAMS FOR MENTAL HEALTH. THERE'S NO SPACE. THERE IS NO BEDS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. A PERSON WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, FOR THEM TO BE DESTINED TO BE HOMELESS OR TO BE IN JAIL, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT IS JUST FOR SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T CHOOSE TO HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS. EVEN BEING KILLED BY THE POLICE THIS WEEK, THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS KILLED BY THE POLICE BECAUSE OF HAVING A MENTAL ILLNESS. WHEN I HAVE CALLED, AND OTHER FRIENDS WITH CHILDREN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS HAVE CALLED THE S.M.A.R.T. TEAM, THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN AVAILABLE. BECAUSE OF

THAT, I ASK THAT YOU WOULD INVEST MORE RESOURCES INTO THE COMMUNITY. THE MAJORITY OF HOMELESS PEOPLE HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS, AND IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT FOR BEING OUT ON THE STREETS. SO THAT YOU WOULD HELP TO GET THEM OFF THE STREET, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE CITY, BENEFIT THE BUSINESSES, BENEFIT ALL OF US. SO, WE HAVE THE WORLD CUP COMING UP. WE HAVE THE OLYMPICS COMING UP. WHY NOT INVEST IN HEALTH AND INVEST IN EDUCATION? GOING TO JAIL IS NOT THE SOLUTION. THEY ALREADY HAVE TRAUMA, AND THEN THEY RECEIVE MORE TRAUMA ON TOP OF THAT. THAT'S NOT THE SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, CAN I RECOMMEND THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES THAT ARE IN THE JAIL FOR MENTAL HEALTH? BECAUSE THERE ARE TEAMS THAT ARE IN THERE. MAYBE THAT'S A WAY WE CAN CONNECT THEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, FROM DISTRICT 3 AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I THINK THAT THE TRAJECTORY OF THE CHANGED GRAPH WAS TOTALLY INSULTING. WHAT IT DOESN'T SHOW IS THAT THE COUNTY'S CARE-FIRST INVESTMENT IN FALL COUNTY PROGRAMS IS STILL LESS THAN 1/4 OF THE COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN

THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS. THE COUNTY IS ABSOLUTELY NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE $4 BILLION TO THE SHERIFFS UNDER STATE LAW. IT'S ONLY THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION UNIONS THAT ARE HOLDING THE COUNTY ACCOUNTABLE FOR MAINTAINING A STATUS QUO, CARCERAL-FOCUSED BUDGET. WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL, AND WE KNOW THAT CENTRAL JAIL HAS NO PLACE IN OUR CARE-FIRST L.A., SO WHY DOES THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO FUND SHERIFF AND PROBATION? THANK YOU.

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

BASHA JAMIL: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BASHA JAMIL, AND I AM THE POLICY MANAGER AT THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS, GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA CHAPTER. OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS, PROMOTE JUSTICE, AND EMPOWER AMERICAN MUSLIMS. AND A BIG PART OF THAT MISSION IS EMPOWERING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. AND I'M HERE AS THE DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS, AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE MY PUBLIC COMMENT HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING TO ENSURE A MORE EQUITABLE COUNTY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION, OF WHICH C.A.I.R. IS A CO-CHAIR, TO DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. AND I JUST WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOU THAT, AS THE BUDGET CYCLE IS STARTING TO COME TO A CLOSE, TO CONTINUE ADVOCATING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE 3.5

MILLION IMMIGRANTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND WE REALLY NEED AN EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION OF IMMIGRANTS AND THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE SEEING ACROSS THE BOARD HERE. WE'RE HEARING FROM SO MANY FOLKS ABOUT ACCESS TO HOUSING BEING A HUGE CHALLENGE, THE NEED FOR LEGAL SERVICES, AND DIGITAL EQUITY. SO I WANTED TO THANK YOU AND JUST GIVE MY SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT THE BUDGET CYCLE CONTINUES TO BE EQUITABLE. THANK YOU.

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

MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON, DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND JUSTICE LA. AND I JUST WANT TO NAME THAT THE PROGRESS THAT WE SAW IN THIS BUDGET, IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SITTING HERE. IT'S BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS AND THE WILL OF FOLKS WHO ARE ORGANIZING AND PUSHING US TO MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE KNOW COMMUNITY CARE WORKS. WE KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT, BUT IT ONLY WORKS IF OUR PEOPLE CAN GET TO IT. I HAD A COUSIN WHO JUST RECENTLY GOT A MENTAL HEALTH BED. HE SAT IN TWIN TOWERS FOR 6 MONTHS. EVEN THOUGH THE JUDGE KNEW HE NEEDED DIVERSION, EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WAS LOOKING DAY AND NIGHT FOR A BED, 6 MONTHS IN THAT DUNGEON, TRYING TO GET HELP, AND HE DIDN'T SEE IT UNTIL SIX MONTHS LATER. AND SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS BUDGET, I THINK WE

HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES, HOW DOES IT TRANSLATE INTO OUR FOLKS LITERALLY GETTING THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED? WE KNOW THAT THIS BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE, NOW, FOR SETTING UP 3,000 BEDS TO ADDRESS HOUSELESSNESS, ACCORDING TO THE SETTLEMENT THAT IS NOW ON THE CITY LEVEL. WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MOVED FORWARD LOOKING FOR A THOUSAND MORE BEDS, DUE TO THE REALLY IMPORTANT MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL PUSHED FORWARD IN MAY. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SET UP 2,000 BEDS BECAUSE OF THE D.O.J. SETTLEMENT, AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THOSE BEDS ARE NOT DUPLICATIVE. SO HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW THIS BUDGET CONNECTS TO SETTING UP 6,000 MORE BEDS, AND GETS US TO 8,000 PEOPLE IN THE JAILS. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED.

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

AMBROSE BROOKS S: HI, YES. AMBROSE BROOKS S, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE SUPERVISORS. WHERE IS THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE TIMELINE IN THIS BUDGET? SINCE THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE-- THAT WAS LAST WEEK-- TWO MORE PEOPLE HAVE DIED INSIDE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S ALMOST EVERY DAY THAT WE ARE HEARING FROM FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOVED ONES WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, WHO ARE LANGUISHING INSIDE OF L.A.'S JAILS, AWAITING DIVERSION, BUT THERE IS NOWHERE FOR THEM TO GO, LIKE MARK-ANTHONY JUST SPOKE ABOUT, LIKE ASAEL SPOKE ABOUT. AFTER

SPENDING OVER A YEAR IN JAIL, ASAEL'S SON WAS FINALLY AUTHORIZED COURT-ORDERED DIVERSION. NOW IT'S BEEN WEEKS. THE ORDER IS IN, BUT ASAEL'S SON IS STILL IN JAIL. WHY? BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLACE FOR HIM TO GO. IT'S ENCOURAGING THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ALLOCATES MORE MONEY TO MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, BUT IT'S BECOMING CLEAR THAT MONEY IS NOT THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW. IT'S IMPLEMENTATION AND A LACK OF INVESTMENT IN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF NON-CARCERAL MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE, AND A LACK OF INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE DOING THAT WORK. IT'S A WASTE TO POUR MONEY INTO A DEPARTMENT LIKE J.C.O.D., WHO PRIORITIZES A FLEETING RELATIONSHIP WITH GLOBAL CONSULTANCY GROUPS, THAT RESULTS IN NO MEANINGFUL, LONG-TERM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT IN L.A. COUNTY. LASTLY, THE COUNTY MUST STOP ALLOCATING MONEY TO L.A.S.D. FOR H.O.S.T. L.A.S.D.'S H.O.S.T. PROGRAM IS DANGEROUS AND ONLY FURTHERS THE CYCLES OF MASS INCARCERATION. WHY IS THE COUNTY INVESTING IN L.A.S.D. GANGS? WHY DOES THE COUNTY TRUST L.A.S.D. TO PROVIDE--

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE, AND I'M WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I LIVE IN S.D. 2, WITH MY REPRESENTATIVE BEING HOLLY MITCHELL. FESIA

DAVENPORT IS THE FIRST BLACK C.E.O. THAT WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THIS COMES AFTER A TRADITION OF OPPRESSION. THIS COMES AFTER A TRADITION OF THE STATUS QUO. WHAT ARE WE MATERIALLY SEEING FOR THE MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, WHO SUFFER FROM THE OPPRESSION OF L.A.S.D. AND PROBATION? WHAT CAN WE DO DIFFERENTLY AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN HISTORY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING? THIS BUDGET REFLECTS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, INCLUDING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS NOT MANDATED BY THE LAW, TOWARDS L.A.S.D. FUNDING, A DEPARTMENT LEGALLY DEMONSTRATE A TRACK RECORD OF L.A.S.D. GANGS, EXTREME VIOLENCE AGAINST COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND, WHETHER OR NOT EACH OF YOU IS WILLING TO ADMIT IT, STATE-SANCTIONED MURDER. STATE-FUNDED MURDER IS BUDGETED HERE IN THE LAWSUITS, IN THE D.O.J. CONSENT DECREE. WE STILL HAVE NO TIMELINE OFFERED BY THIS BOARD, WEEK AFTER WEEK, MONTH AFTER MONTH, DEATH AFTER DEATH. EACH FAMILY MEMBER THAT WE HAVE COME HERE, THAT WE HAVE TAKE OFF OF WORK SO THEY CAN TELL THEIR STORY TO YOU ALL, WE STILL HAVE NO TIMELINE. THAT IS A FAILURE. WHICH BOARD MEMBERS WILL HOLD THIS BUDGET PROCESS ACCOUNTABLE? WHICH BOARD MEMBERS WILL SAY THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH; THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, AND WE NEED MORE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, FOR ASAEL, AND FOR EVERYONE WHO IS NOT SEEING THESE SERVICES?

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS SARA SHAKUR. I'M WITH THE JUSTICE COALITION. I THINK IT IS OUTRAGEOUS THAT THERE WILL BE 35 NEW POSITIONS HIRED UNDER SAFETY AND SECURITY SPECIALISTS. THE MONEY WILL COME FROM TAXPAYERS, AND IT WILL COST US $4.14 MILLION. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THE PEOPLE YOU ARE HIRING ARE. ALSO, YOU HAVE 247 PROBATION OFFICERS NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK. WHY SPEND MORE MONEY HIRING MORE PEOPLE, WHEN THE ONES YOU HAVE DON'T DO THEIR JOBS? ALSO, WE HAVE A FULL-RAN SCHOOL, A YOUTH CENTER, AND COMMUNITY SPACE DEDICATED TO LOVING AND TAKING CARE OF LOS ANGELES'S YOUNG PEOPLE. WE HAVE A 31-PEOPLE STAFF, YET OUR BUDGET IS $2.1 MILLION. HOW IS IT THAT THESE NEW POSITIONS WILL COST $4.14 MILLION? INSTEAD OF HIRING AND SPENDING MORE MONEY TO GET PEOPLE TO WORK IN TOXIC CARCERAL STEMS THAT YOU ALL CHOOSE TO UPHOLD, HOW ABOUT INSTEAD SPENDING THAT MONEY ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT? YOU ALL ARE FAR TOO COMFORTABLE LOCKING KIDS UP, BUT DUCK AND HIDE WHEN IT COMES TO INVESTING AND CARING ABOUT KIDS. STOP LOS ANGELES'S LEGACY OF LOCKING KIDS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR UP. CARE FIRST, JAILS NEVER. THANK YOU.

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

JORDYN SUN: HELLO. MY NAME IS JORDYN SUN. I'M THE COALITION COORDINATOR FOR L.A. YOUTH UPRISING, AND EVERY DAY, I HAVE THE HONOR AND JOY OF WORKING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,

ADVOCATES, AND YOUTH LEADERS FIGHTING TO TRANSFORM OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR THE BETTER. I KNOW TODAY'S COMMENTS ARE UNLIKELY TO IMPACT THE OUTCOME OF FINALIZING TODAY'S BUDGET. HOWEVER, GIVEN HOW COMPLICATED AND INACCESSIBLE THE COUNTY'S BUDGETING PROCESS IS, I STILL THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHINE A BRIGHT LIGHT, FOR THOSE LISTENING, ON SOME CONCERNING DISCOVERIES IN THE COUNTY'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. $15 MILLION INCREASE IN SALARY AND BENEFITS WITHIN JUVENILE INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR STAFF WHO WON'T EVEN SHOW UP TO THEIR SHIFTS, IMPEDING PARENTS AND FAMILIES FROM SEEING THEIR KIDS, AND DISRUPTING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FROM ENTERING AND PROVIDING ESSENTIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. 35 BRAND-NEW POSITIONS AND 4.14 MILLION ADDITIONAL DOLLARS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY SPECIALISTS, POSITIONS THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT FUNCTION THEY SERVE, AND WHY THEY'RE BEING PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS THROUGH NET COUNTY COSTS. ALL OF THIS AND MORE BUMPING PROBATION'S BUDGET UP TO $1.1 BILLION INSTEAD OF $1 BILLION, WHICH MEANS WE'RE SPENDING $870,000 TO INCARCERATE JUST ONE YOUTH PER YEAR. THE C.E.O. CONTINUES TO THROW MILLIONS AWAY JUST TO GET PROBATION STAFF TO DO THE BARE MINIMUM OF SHOWING UP, BUT CAN'T FIND AN ADDITIONAL $12 MILLION TO FUND CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHO ARE ALREADY SHOWING UP EVERY DAY. AS EVEN ADMITTED IN THE PRESENTATION EARLIER--

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

SPEAKER: HI, GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. MY NAME IS LUZ CASTRO, AND I LIVE IN THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES. I AM THE PROUD DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS, AND I ALSO SERVE AS THE POLICY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AT INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY. INCLUSIVE ACTION IS A CO-CHAIR OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET PRIORITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD BY IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. AROUND HOUSING, IMMIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES, AND INTERNET ACCESS. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT SOME OF OUR PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED THROUGH THE STAY HOUSED L.A., THROUGH THE REPRESENT L.A. PROGRAM, C.A.P.I., AND THE DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SINGLE IMMIGRANT, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, ARE INCLUDED IN THE L.A. COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS, NEXT YEAR AND IN THE YEARS TO COME. AS IMMIGRANT-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW ESSENTIAL THESE SERVICES ARE FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION. A LOT OF THE UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION CURRENTLY RESIDING IN L.A. COUNTY DON'T HAVE ANY PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP BECAUSE OF CONGRESS'S INACTION. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY IS IN THE POSITION TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE IMMIGRANTS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED,

TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE NOT ONLY SURVIVING IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT THAT THEY'RE THRIVING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL ADDITIONAL NAMES.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ALEX RAMIREZ, ANDRES DIAZ, ANTIGONE ROBINSON, CASSIE WOODS, JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, JUAN GAMEZ, KENT MENDOZA, LAUREN NATOLI, MIGUEL ORTIZ, MICKEY JACKSON, OLIVIA SHIELDS, AND STANLEY CHAPMAN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MARCELA ROSEN. I'M COMMENTING ON ITEMS 53 AND 54, ON BEHALF OF THE JUSTICE L.A. AND REIMAGINE L.A. COALITIONS. THE REALITY IS, THIS BUDGET STILL OVERFUNDS CARCERAL DEPARTMENTS. THE BUDGET PRESENTER MENTIONED THAT THE GROWTH OF THE PROBATION AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENT IS ONLY 14%, BUT THAT FAILS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS 14% OF BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND THAT THE CARE-FIRST BUDGET IS STILL ONLY 1/4 OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. FUNDING THESE CARCERAL SYSTEMS BELOW THE RATE OF INFLATION IS NOT EVEN REMOTELY THE SAME THING AS DIVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT INCREASE IS GOING TO PUT MORE POLICE IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING

HOMELESSNESS, AN EXTREMELY VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT NEEDS CARE FIRST, NOT MORE CONTACT WITH POLICE. THE BUDGET PRESENTER ALSO COMMENTED THAT LOOKING AT JUST ONE YEAR OF THE BUDGET CYCLE WAS MYOPIC, BUT THIS BOARD HAS BEEN FAILING TO RELEASE A CLOSURE PLAN FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FOR YEARS, AND TWO MORE PEOPLE HAVE PASSED AWAY IN CUSTODY THIS WEEK. HOLDING THE BOARD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CARE-FIRST VISION AND THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J. IS NOT SHORTSIGHTED; IT IS AN HONEST RECOGNITION OF THE IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING EMERGENCY THAT CONTINUES TO BE IGNORED BY THESE BOARD MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HOW Y'ALL DOING? GOOD MORNING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS JACOB JACKSON. I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND A CO-FACILITATOR OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WORKGROUP. AND I HOPE YOU GUYS GOT A GOOD AMOUNT OF SLEEP THIS MORNING. I ALSO KNOW A LOT OF FOLKS THAT-- A LOT OF FAMILIES THAT DON'T HAVE HOUSES OR BEDS TO SLEEP IN AT NIGHT, SO YOU FEEL ME? I JUST WANT TO SAY, I HOPE THEY GOT ENOUGH SLEEP, AS WELL, TOO. AND I WANT TO SAY TO EVERYBODY THAT'S HERE, TOO, TODAY, YOU FEEL ME, I'M HERE TO OPPOSE THE

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. I JUST WANT TO SAY, LET'S REMAIN COMMITTED TO REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE MAKING SURE YOUTH HOLISTIC SUPPORT SERVICES AND RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL YOU HAVE HAD THE SERVICES ENTITLED TODAY, AND I FEEL AS IF PROBATION HAS FAILED US. YOU'VE CREATED A CULTURE OF UNTRUSTWORTHY AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY, AS YOU HAVE SEEN TODAY. THEY'RE TELLING US WHAT THE FACTS ARE. THEY'RE TELLING Y'ALL WHAT THE FACTS ARE. SO, YOU FEEL ME, IF WE'RE ABLE TO GIVE $15 MILLION TO PROBATION, AND YOU FEEL ME, AND THEY STILL HAVE A $1.1 BILLION BUDGET, AND OUR STATE CAN PRIORITIZE [INAUDIBLE] UP TO $75 BILLION, AN ADDITIONAL $24 MILLION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY SHUTTING IT DOWN, YOU FEEL ME, ALL OF THESE FACTORS COMING IN, WHY WE CAN'T, YOU FEEL ME, WHY WE CAN'T PRIORITIZE 24-HOUR YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTERS, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS, AND DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH? I THINK MONEY--

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TODD CUNNINGHAM, WITH L.A.C.A.N. IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT ITEM 49, AND IN SUPPORT OF A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN OUR APPROACH TO JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING. THE TRADITIONAL, INCARCERATION-CENTERED MODELS HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN INEFFECTIVE,

BUT ALSO HAVE PERPETUATED CYCLES OF HARM. IF WE TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THOSE WHO'VE EXPERIENCED THE FEAR AND SUBSEQUENT HARM FIRSTHAND, WE KNOW IN OUR HEARTS THAT THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT AND JUST. HOWEVER, THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THERE'S A TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS. THERE'S A NEED THAT'S EXPRESSED IN THOSE TRUTHS THAT OUR CURRENT SYSTEM DOESN'T REVEAL, AND THAT IS A NEED FOR THINGS THAT MATTER, THAT INCARCERATION DOESN'T PROVIDE. LET US CHOOSE A MORE COMPASSIONATE AND ENLIGHTENED PATH, WHEN IT NOT ONLY REDUCES RECIDIVISM, BUT IMPORTANTLY REBUILDS LIVES, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. BY REDIRECTING OUR RESOURCES TOWARDS COMMUNITY CARE, WE CAN FOSTER TRUE HEALING AND SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS. IT'S TIME TO PUT THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR PRIORITIES. COMMUNITY CARE WORKS.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO, AND I AM THE COALITION COORDINATOR FOR THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION, AND A MEMBER OF THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY BODY. WHILE I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE ONGOING INVESTMENT IN C.F.C.I., I'M DISAPPOINTED IN THE UNDERFUNDING OF THE POLICY, OVERALL. IT'S DISHEARTENING THAT THE ONGOING ALLOCATION FOR FUNDS TO CARCERAL SYSTEMS INCLUDE NEARLY $5 BILLION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND APPROXIMATELY ANOTHER

$1 BILLION TOWARD THE PROBATION'S DEPARTMENT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON HIGHLY PAID CONSULTANTS, POLICING, SURVEILLANCE, STATE-SANCTIONED VIOLENCE, AND INCARCERATION. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT CONTINUED HORRID CYCLES OF OPPRESSION AND INEQUALITY. THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO CLAIM ITS VALUES ARE CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST, BUT THE TRUTH IS WE SEE A DEEP PRIORITIZATION OF THE CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR PEOPLE, AND DELAYED INVESTMENTS IN A REAL SOLUTION SUCH AS YOUTH, HOUSING, AND HEALTH. A CARE-FIRST APPROACH REQUIRES DIVESTMENT FROM THE COUNTY'S INSTITUTION MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR HARMING AND INCARCERATING OUR COMMUNITIES. HOW DOES A CONTINUED NEARLY MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR ALLOCATION TO THE SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO A CARE-FIRST VISION? AS STATED TIME AND TIME AGAIN, "CARE FIRST" MEANS "COMMUNITY FIRST." "CARE FIRST" MEANS INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT WE KNOW ARE MOST EFFECTIVE FOR SUPPORT. AGAIN, IN THE WORDS OF REVEREND LAWSON, WE WILL NOT BE QUIET AS LONG AS OUR ECONOMY IS SHAPED BY NOT FREEDOM, BUT BY PLANTATION CAPITALISM THAT CONTINUES TO CAUSE--

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS SHAYLA WILSON. I'M A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION AND LA DEFENSA, THAT WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF, AND EXCITED ABOUT A NUMBER OF FUNDING ITEMS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, PARTICULARLY TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE INVESTMENTS CONTINUE TO FALL SHORT. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE TROUBLED BY THE INCREASING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO CARCERAL SYSTEMS, INCLUDING BILLIONS TO SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS. THESE ALLOCATIONS DO NOT REFLECT A CARE-FIRST BUDGET, AN INITIATIVE ON WHICH YOU CONTINUE TO FALL SHORT OF ITS PROMISE, REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU MANIPULATE FUNDING CATEGORIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE US OTHERWISE. I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE BUDGET AND ITS CONTINUED CARCERAL PRIORITIES WITHIN. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SARA REYES, AND I LIVE IN THE HOLLYWOOD AREA. I ALSO SUPPORT THE TRANSLATINA COALITION, ENSURING THAT THE NEEDS AND VOICES OF TRANS, GENDER-EXPANSIVE, INTERSEX, AND DIVERSE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO UPLIFTED. I AM HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET PRIORITIES PUT FORWARD BY THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. AROUND HOUSING, IMMIGRATION, LEGAL SERVICES, AND INTERNET ACCESS. SOME OF THESE PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE WORKING TO MAKE A

GREATER INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR NEXT YEAR, AS WELL. IMMIGRANTS ARE MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, AND WE MUST GET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE BENEFITS, SPECIFICALLY SERVICES THAT THIS COUNTY HAS TO OFFER. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIRO AVILAS, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY TO SHOW SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF TRANSLATINA COALITION, TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET PRIORITIES PUT FORTH BY IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. AROUND HOUSING, IMMIGRATION, LEGAL SERVICES, AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR ALL COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE T.G.I. COMMUNITY: TRANSGENDER, GENDER-NONCONFORMING, AND INTERSEX. SOME OF THESE PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE WORKING TO MAKE GREATER INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR NEXT YEAR. IMMIGRANTS ARE ONE-THIRD OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION. THEY MUST GET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF BENEFITS AND SERVICES THIS COUNTY HAS TO OFFER. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I SEE NO OTHERS IN PERSON. ARE WE GOING TO THE PHONE NOW? MORE IN PERSON? OKAY. WELCOME.

ANTIGONE ROBINSON: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF A.I.D.S.

HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, TO SPEAK ABOUT THE BUDGET AND TO ADVOCATE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S. EVERY SINGLE YEAR, THE NUMBER OF S.T.I.S INCREASES, WHILE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING EITHER STAYS THE SAME OR DECREASES. THIS HAS, UNFORTUNATELY, BEEN THE TREND SINCE THE EARLY 2000'S, A TIME WHEN WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO ERADICATE SYPHILIS COMPLETELY. HOWEVER, WITH A 28% INCREASE IN SYPHILIS IN L.A. COUNTY OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER TO TREAT S.T.I.S EFFECTIVELY. THEREFORE, WE ASK TWO THINGS: ONE, THAT CONSISTENT, NOT ONLY ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL BUDGET, BE DEDICATED TO S.T.I. REDUCTION FOR AS LONG AS THE NEED PERSISTS; AND TWO, THAT YOU COMMUNICATE OPENLY ABOUT HOW THESE DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER PROVIDERS, WHO ARE DOING THE WORK. WE HAVE THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY AND CAN HELP ENSURE THOSE FUNDS REACH THOSE WHO NEED THE SERVICES MOST. ALSO, JUST WANT TO SAY, WE DID SEE AGENDA NUMBER-- WHAT IS IT?-- 24, I BELIEVE, ABOUT S.T.I.S, AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT PRESENTATION ON THE 17TH. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDRES DIAZ. I'M HERE REPRESENTING A.H.F. HEALTHCARE SERVICES. JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY PLAN FOR S.T.I.S IS NOT WORKING.

S.T.I.S ARE GETTING WORSE. WE NEED REAL PUBLIC HEALTH CHANGE, SO WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS CRISIS. H.I.V. AND S.T.I.S MUST BECOME A TOP PRIORITY FOR LOS ANGELES. YOU MUST DEDICATE FUNDING TO THE TESTING AND TREATMENT OF S.T.I.S. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEX RAMIREZ. WE ALL CAME HERE TODAY TO-- I REPRESENT A.H.F. WE ALL CAME HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU ABOUT, IT'S TIME TO FUND THE PREVENTION OF S.T.I.S. EVERY YEAR, THE NUMBER OF CASES OF S.T.I.S GETS HIGHER, WHILE THE FUNDING GETS LOWER. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT MUST BE STOPPED. WE WILL KEEP COMING HERE AND SPEAK UP UNTIL YOU FIND FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S.

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

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSEPH HERNANDEZ. I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND ME BEING PERSONALLY, SYSTEMICALLY IMPACTED FROM BEING INCARCERATED, FUNDING STUFF TO THE COMMUNITY, I BELIEVE, IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE, ME GROWING UP, I DIDN'T HAVE THAT FUNDING, AND I DIDN'T HAVE A PROPER WAY TO ACTUALLY ARTICULATE THE MOTIVES THAT I HAD, AND TO BE ABLE TO BECOME THE HUMAN BEING THAT I REALLY WANTED TO

BE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. SO, FALLING DOWN INTO THIS SYSTEM HAS REALLY AFFECTED ME, PERSONALLY. AND DUE TO THAT, I CAME BACK TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, AND BE ABLE TO SPEAK FOR THE VOICES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD, AND FOR THE CHILDREN THAT ACTUALLY NEED THE MONEY TO BE FUNDED FOR THEM INSIDE THE COMMUNITY, AND BE ABLE TO RAISE AWARENESS TO THE PEOPLE THAT DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE THINGS THAT GO ON WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND STUFF LIKE THAT, THAT THE COMMUNITY ACTUALLY DOES NEED FUNDING, AND THEY NEED A LOT OF RESOURCES FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO GROW UP AND BE ARTICULATELY UNDERSTANDING OF STUFF LIKE THIS, AND HAVE PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEIR VOICES CAN BE HEARD AND BE LISTENED TO. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JUAN GAMEZ. I'M HERE WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION AND HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. AND I WAS ALSO SYSTEM-IMPACTED SINCE THE AGE OF 16. I WENT INTO THE SYSTEM, AND THEY GAVE ME A LIFE SENTENCE. I JUST GOT OUT TWO MONTHS AGO, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE BUDGET BECAUSE, AS IT WAS 12 YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS THERE, WE HAVE VERY LITTLE RESOURCES, VERY LITTLE PROGRAMS INSIDE. RIGHT? I COME OUT, AND WORKING WITH THE SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH NOWADAYS, IT'S THE SAME ISSUE. THE SAME ISSUE, DIFFERENT TIME. IT'S SHORT-STAFFED,

UNETHICAL PRACTICES, AND ALL KINDS OF ABUSES, AS YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT THE LAWSUITS, RIGHT? SO MY THING IS, LIKE, WHY DON'T WE JUST INVEST IN THE YOUTH IN THE BEGINNING, RIGHT, SINCE THEY COME IN? BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT US, AND YOU SEE US ON PAPERS, AND EVEN WHEN YOU SEE THE TATTOOS, YOU DON'T SEE HOPE. BUT WE'RE NOT HOPELESS, YOU KNOW? THAT'S WHY I CAME BACK, AND WE'RE GIVING BACK, BECAUSE I MADE THE DECISIONS THAT WERE BEST FOR ME. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S ON US. HOWEVER, YOU GUYS CAN HELP A LOT. RIGHT? PROBATION IS GETTING A RAISE, BUT THE STAFF ISN'T EVEN THERE TO WORK, SO WHY ARE THEY GETTING A RAISE? [INAUDIBLE] AND SELF-HELP PROGRAMS, THINGS THAT WILL GIVE THEM MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE? AND THAT'S ALL I GOT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SPACE.

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

SPEAKER: MICKEY JACKSON, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I SEE A LOT OF FAMILIAR FACES. I THINK I AM A FAMILIAR FACE. YOU'VE ALL REDECORATED. OH, MY GOODNESS. YOUR DESKS ARE ON ROLLERS. DOES THAT FEEL INSECURE? I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT S.T.I.S. BOY, CAN WE TALK ABOUT THEM. WE COULD TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME. WE COULDN'T EVEN COUNT THEM ALL, IF ALL OF US TOOK TURNS TALKING. I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT S.T.I.S FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND WE ALWAYS SAY THE SAME THING. WE SAY, THERE ARE TOO MANY. THEY ARE

PROGRESSING TOO RAPIDLY. THAT BECOMES EVER MORE EVIDENT, AS WE HAVE NOW SO MANY MORE CASES. AND, OF COURSE, WE KNOW WE ONLY KNOW ABOUT A FRACTION OF THEM. AND WE DON'T DO CONSISTENT FUNDING. IN FACT, IF I WERE TO DESIGN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE TRANSMISSION, I WOULD DESIGN A PROGRAM THAT IS ERRATIC AS THE ONE THAT WE HAVE HAD TO LIVE WITH. ERRATIC FUNDING, ERRATIC SERVICES. I JUST THINK WE'VE GOT TO TURN THIS AROUND. IT'S AN ABSOLUTE SORROW AND DISGRACE. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS CASSIE WOODS, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. AND IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND TO CURB THE RISING S.T.I. RATES IN LOS ANGELES, A.H.F. AND THE L.G.B.T. CENTER, AMONG OTHER C.B.O.S, CREATED A COALITION. MARIO PEREZ MET WITH THIS S.T.I. CRISIS COALITION TO DESCRIBE HOW S.T.I. DOLLARS ARE SPENT IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WHERE THEY COME FROM. HE EXPLAINED THAT ONLY A FRACTION OF THE GENERAL FUND GOES TOWARDS S.T.I.S. THE BULK OF THE LOCAL S.T.I. INVESTMENT-- $9.9 MILLION OUT OF $43 BILLION-- PAYS FOR S.T.I.-RELATED STAFF. ALL OF THESE PEOPLE, FROM A.H.F. AND I, ARE PRESENT TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE ONGOING FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL BUDGET FOR THE INNOVATION OF S.T.I. SURVEILLANCE AND H.I.V. SERVICE PROGRAMS. AT A.H.F. AND AT OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WE DO THE COMMUNITY-

FACING OUTREACH, TESTING, AND TREATMENT. WE TAKE S.T.I.S AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS VERY SERIOUSLY. IT'S FRUSTRATING TO SEE THE EVIDENCE PLAIN AND CLEAR BEFORE US, AND THE LACK OF FUNDING AND COOPERATION, THAT L.A. COUNTY DOES NOT CARE ABOUT S.T.I.S. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US TO REDUCE THE EVER-CLIMBING RATES.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS MIGUEL ORTIZ, PRACTICE MANAGER AT A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, WESTERN ON WELLNESS. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY HAS DONE WOEFULLY LITTLE TO ADDRESS S.T.I.S. S.T.I. RATES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ACROSS THE NATION, HAVE REACHED UNPRECEDENTED HEIGHTS. YET, THIS ISSUE SEEMS TO BE SWEPT UNDER THE RUG, WITH NO MARKED LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL INCREASES IN FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. AS THE MOTION FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM STATES, SYPHILIS INCREASED 450% AMONG FEMALES, AND 235% AMONG MALES, OVER THE PAST DECADE WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS A STAGGERING STATISTIC, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT SYPHILIS WAS NEARLY ERADICATED ENTIRELY, EARLIER IN THE 2000'S. WE HAVE BACKSLID ON SEXUAL HEALTH IN A DEVASTATING WAY. HOW BAD DOES THE S.T.I. CRISIS NEED TO BECOME BEFORE WE SEE MORE CONCERTED EFFORTS? THE COMMUNITY, D.P.H., AND THE BOARD MUST COOPERATE TO IMPROVE S.T.I. SERVICE DELIVERY, AND AVOID MAKING DECISIONS THAT COULD

NEGATIVELY IMPACT PATIENTS. TOGETHER, LET'S FIND A WAY TO RESUME THE PROCESSING OF C.B.O. SPECIMENS AT THE COUNTY LAB, STANDARDIZE PAPERWORK, ACHIEVE SYSTEM INTEROPERABILITY ACROSS SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND DEDICATE LONG-TERM LOCAL FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. GOOD MORNING. I'M LORNA TULLY, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I, WITH MY COLLEAGUES, AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET AND HOW IT AFFECTS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS. IN A RECENT REPORT BACK FROM L.A.C.D.P.H. TO THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATED THAT INCREASES IN S.T.I.S IN L.A. COUNTY ARE MAINLY DUE TO A LACK OF YEARLY INCREASE IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL SERVICES. PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATES THAT S.T.I. FUNDING SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH INCREASES IN MORBIDITY, AND COMPREHENSIVE OF ALL S.T.I. CORE INFRASTRUCTURE. YET, THE COUNTY FAILS TO COMMIT ANY ONGOING S.T.I. FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL BUDGET. THE WAY FORWARD IS CLEAR, HONESTLY. IF L.A. COUNTY WANTS TO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS S.T.I. RATES, THEY NEED TO DEDICATE REAL DOLLARS TOWARDS THIS ISSUE. IT'S STRANGE THAT, AT A TIME WHERE THE COUNTY WANTS TO ADDRESS THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, THEY ALSO HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE ACCESS TO THE COUNTY LABORATORY FOR PROCESSING SPECIMENS FROM COMMUNITY-

BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER IN ORDER TO CURB THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. WE CAN NO LONGER RELY ON STATE, FEDERAL, OR ONE-TIME FUNDING. WE NEED ONGOING DOLLARS. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOW THEY ARE SERIOUS, AND DEDICATE CONSISTENT S.T.I. FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL BUDGET. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THE CHANGE THAT CAN REVERSE THE DECADE-LONG UPWARD TREND IN S.T.I. CASES. THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STANLEY CHAPMAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. GOOD MORNING, LINDSEY. I'M HERE TO ECHO THE SAME THING THAT THE FELLOW COLLEAGUES OF MINE-- I'M A VOLUNTEER OF A.H.F. PLEASE. I KNOW YOU CARE, BUT PLEASE ALLOCATE MORE FUNDING FOR S.T.I.S AND SYPHILIS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS. I AM THE POLICY COORDINATOR AT URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, CO-COORDINATOR OF L.A. YOUTH UPRISING, AND A CONSTITUENT OF S.D. 1. ON PAGE 47 OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT, SAFE HEALING CENTERS ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING FAMILY BASED SETTINGS

STAFFED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH BACKGROUNDS IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT IS RELATABLE TO YOUTH. THEY PROVIDE CONSISTENT AND THERAPEUTIC MENTORSHIP THAT HELP YOUTH FEEL CARED FOR, RESPECTED, AND INSPIRED TO LEARN AND GROW. WE HAVE LAID THE BLUEPRINT FOR YOU, AND WE WORK TIRELESSLY AND FEARLESSLY TO MAKE THIS TRANSFORMATIVE VISION OF SAFETY AND WELL-BEING FOR YOUTH A REALITY. SO I'M AT A LOSS AS TO WHY THE C.E.O. HAS CHOSEN TO POUR ANOTHER $4.14 MILLION INTO HIRING 35 SAFETY AND SECURITY SPECIALISTS, A COOPTATION OF [INAUDIBLE] LANGUAGE, TO DESCRIBE MORE PROBATION OFFICERS TO BE DEPLOYED AT L.P. AND BARRY J., OR WHY THE C.E.O. HAS ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL $15 MILLION INCREASE IN SALARY AND BENEFITS WITHIN JUVENILE INSTITUTION SERVICES, TOTALING NEARLY $340 MILLION OUT OF $435 MILLION ALLOCATED, TO PAYING STAFF WHO DO NOT SHOW UP. AND THESE INCREASES COME 100 PERCENT FROM NET COUNTY COSTS, THE USE OF WHICH IS LARGELY UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD. THE C.E.O. CAN FIND THIS FUNDING FOR PROBATION AND STILL FAIL TO FULLY FUND C.F.C.I., OR TO MOVE WITH THE SAME URGENCY AND ATTENTIVENESS TO BUILDING OUT Y.J.R. AGAIN, WE NEED YOUR FOLLOW-THROUGH ON COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, AND FOR THE BUDGET TO REFLECT THIS COMMITMENT. AND LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT THE SENTIMENTS OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND ASK YOU ALL TO CONSIDER HOW TO IMPROVE THIS

DEEPLY FLAWED BUDGET INPUT AND BUDGET VOTING PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL POLICY AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I'VE ALSO BEEN SERVING ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATED COUNCIL SINCE 2018, SO I'VE BEEN ABLE TO WITNESS ALL THE MONEY THAT COMES TO L.A. COUNTY FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE ISSUES, AND JUST IN GENERAL, JUST BEEN IN THESE BUDGET HEARINGS HERE TODAY, BECAUSE IF I'M NOT HERE, NOBODY WILL SPEAK FOR US. I THINK THAT WE GET $5 BILLION TO THE SHERIFFS, $1 BILLION TO PROBATION, I THINK ALMOST HALF A BILLION TO THE D.A., DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SO ALL THESE ENTITIES, THEY CONTROL OUR LIVES WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES AS YOUNG PEOPLE, AS YOUNG ADULTS. THEY HAVE SO MUCH MONEY. THEY'RE SO INVESTED IN OUR LIVES THAT WE CAN'T EVEN GET OUT OF THEM, EVEN AFTER INCARCERATION. AND I REALLY ENCOURAGE THIS COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS, ALTERNATIVES TO REALLY COME WITH BUDGETS THAT ARE MEANINGFUL TO US IN THE COMMUNITY, WHERE WE ACTUALLY SEE THE MONEY. I'VE BEEN OUT FOR 10 YEARS ALREADY. I WAS RELEASED WHEN I WAS 20 YEARS OF AGE, FROM I.C.E. CUSTODY, AND I'M 30 NOW. I'VE BEEN IN THIS MOVEMENT FOR 10 YEARS NOW. PRIOR TO THAT, I HAD DONE 5 YEARS INCARCERATED, AND ALL MY LIFE HAS

BEEN AROUND THIS ISSUE. AND I THINK THAT WE CAN DO BETTER. EVEN BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN I WAS IN THESE JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS THAT WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT, THE SAME STUFF WAS HAPPENING. 2023, THE SAME STUFF IS STILL HAPPENING. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING IT. SO MUCH MONEY POURING INTO THE SYSTEM THAT'S JUST DESTROYING OUR LIVES. AND ANOTHER THING. I WORK WITH PEOPLE THAT, AT ONE POINT, THEY WERE MY GANG RIVAL ENEMIES. THERE ARE SOLUTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WE CAN SOLVE THIS. NOT EVERYBODY IS BORN TO BE BAD. WE JUST MAKE HORRIBLE DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE HELPED ON. THANK YOU SO MUCH. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE APPRECIATE YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES CONSTITUENTS. MY NAME IS KAY LEWIS. I'M GOING TO READ-- I DON'T LIKE TO READ, BUT I'M GOING TO REED. I'M A STAKEHOLDER, AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S DISTRICT. I'M A MICRO-ENTREPRENEUR WITH MY HUSBAND. WE OPERATE R.A.D. BARBECUE RIBS AND CHICKEN, A POP-UP STREET VENDING STAND, FOR OVER 10 YEARS. R.A.D. IS AN ACRONYM FOR "REDEEMED AFTER DISASTER." OURS IS A FOR-PROFIT, FOOD-BASED, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OF A 501(C)(3) ENTITY, LIVING FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES, THAT ITSELF IS 25 YEARS OLD. OUR FOOTPRINT IS IN THE VALLEY. LAST NIGHT, WE ATTENDED

THE M.E.H.K.O.S INFORMATIONAL SESSION, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THAT POSITION. AND I'M THANKFUL FOR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL BRINGING THAT FORTH. SO I'LL SKIP TO THE END, SO I WON'T GET THE CANE. MY PURPOSE FOR SPEAKING TODAY IS TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK THROUGH THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF THE M.E.H.K.O.S ADDRESS. AS STREET VENDORS, WE SEE PEOPLE WHO WORK JOBS, YET ARE UNHOUSED. LIKEWISE, WE SEE THE CHRONIC HOMELESS. WE FEED PEOPLE WHO HAVE MONEY, WE FEED PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE MONEY. WE GET TO KNOW THEM, WE FEED THEM. AND WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT OUR BUSINESS MODEL IS UNSUSTAINABLE, BECAUSE WE GIVE AWAY FOOD, BUT WE ALSO SELL FOOD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER: MY PURPOSE FOR SPEAKING TODAY IS TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK THROUGH THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF A M.E.H.K.O.S ADDRESS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THAT WAS THE CANE. OKAY. YOU KNOW WHAT? IF YOU'D LIKE TO TURN IN YOUR REMARKS THAT YOU DIDN'T GET TO, IF YOU WOULD HAND THEM TO SOMEBODY, THEN WE WILL READ THEM. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW GOING ON TO THE BUDGET. WE'LL BE DOING ITEMS 49 THROUGH 53. AND... THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM. WE'LL BE GOING 49 THROUGH 53, AND MS. DAVENPORT WILL BE PRESENTING

EACH OF THOSE ITEMS. 49 WILL NOT TAKE A VOTE, BUT 50 THROUGH 53 WILL TAKE A VOTE. AND AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION ON ITEMS 49 THROUGH 52, YOU CAN ASK THAT. BUT OTHERWISE, WHEN WE GET TO 53, THAT'S THE ONE WHERE I WILL CALL ON EACH OF YOU, IN ORDER OF DISTRICTS 5, 1, 2, 3 AND 4, TO MAKE YOUR COMMENTS AND ASK QUESTIONS, IF THAT'S AGREEABLE. SO, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL BEGIN TO NOW GO THROUGH THIS, AND WILL INTRODUCE ITEM 49.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM 49, SUPERVISORS, INCLUDES 11 REPORTS-BACK BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE REGARDING A VARIETY OF TOPICS AND FUNDING ISSUES. MANY OF THESE REPORT-BACKS SPEAK TO PRIORITIES OF YOUR BOARD ON A RANGE OF ISSUES. SO, JUST TO BE CLEAR, MY OFFICE WAS DIRECTED, AT SOME PRIOR POINT, TO REPORT BACK TODAY ON THESE ISSUES, AND THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. THAT'S ITEM 49. SEEING NO QUESTIONS, THAT IS BEFORE US, AND THAT WILL BE A RECEIVE-AND-FILE OF THESE REPORTS. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 50. SO, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 50 IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. THIS IS LARGELY AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL

ADJUSTMENT NEEDED TO CLOSE OUT THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET. OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, MR. VALDEZ, IS PRESENT IN THE BOARDROOM, AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE ON THIS MATTER. AND IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 50.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, ITEM 50 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 50 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 51.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: AGENDA ITEM 51 IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. THESE THREE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO CLOSE OUT FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THERE ARE THREE ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED HERE. THE FIRST ITEM IS THE '22-'23 YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES; THE SECOND ITEM IS A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO REALLOCATE FUNDS WITHIN THE MEASURE B SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AMONG THREE D.H.S. HOSPITALS; AND THE THIRD ITEM IS AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO FINE-TUNE THE LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES FOR THE COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT CLINICS, THE ENHANCED PAYMENT PROGRAM, THE QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM, AND MANAGED CARE RATE SUPPLEMENT REVENUES AT THE VARIOUS D.H.S. FACILITIES. OUR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. GHALY, IS

PRESENT IN THE BOARDROOM AND AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 51.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. HEARING NO QUESTIONS ON 51, THAT ITEM, 1 THROUGH 3, ARE NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, ITEM 51, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 51, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 3, ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM MS. DAVENPORT ON ITEM 52.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: AGENDA ITEM 52, SUPERVISORS, IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S BUDGET RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING THE FISCAL YEAR '23-'24 BUDGET, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON JUNE 26, 2023. THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES THE ACTUAL FUND BALANCE FOR ALL BUDGETARY FUNDS, SINCE THE ADOPTED BUDGET INCLUDED AN ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE. AGAIN, OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS PRESENT IN THE ROOM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 52.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO QUESTIONS, ITEM 52 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 52 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE'RE TO ITEM 53, AND WE WILL HEAR FROM FESIA DAVENPORT ON ITEM 53. AND THEN AFTER SHE PRESENTS, WE'LL HEAR FROM EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS AGAIN, IN DISTRICT-

NUMBER ORDER, BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN MOVING TO 1, 2, 3, AND 4, IN THAT ORDER. FESIA?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM 53 CONTAINS THE C.E.O.'S FISCAL YEAR '23-'24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST THAT REFLECTS VARIOUS BUDGET CHANGES, AND PROVIDES AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENTS. THERE ARE FOUR ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED BY OUR OFFICE. NUMBER ONE, THE FIRST IS TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR '23-'24 ADOPTED BUDGET, A BUDGET THAT WAS ADOPTED IN JUNE. THE SECOND ITEM IS TO APPROVE AND INSTRUCT THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE 7TH AMENDMENT WITH THE COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, AND INCREASE THE BASE AMOUNT OF FUNDING BY $750,000. THIS INCREASE WILL ALLOW THE MUSEUM TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING FOR THE NEW COMMONS WINGS, WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO OPEN IN 2024. THE THIRD ITEM IS TO AUTHORIZE REALLOCATION OF RESIDUAL BOND PROCEEDS AND ACCRUED INTEREST REVENUES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS, 2019 SERIES E, TO FUND COSTS FOR PREVIOUSLY BOARD-APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS, IN THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF UP TO $12.1 MILLION. AND THE FINAL ITEM, NUMBER FOUR, IS TO AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O. TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF $12.7 MILLION, FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $87.7 MILLION, AND FOR THE GAP

FUNDING FOR THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $10 MILLION. I AM AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR PRESENTING TODAY'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND THE FINAL PHASE OF FISCAL YEAR '23-'24 COUNTY BUDGET. AND I APPRECIATE HOW MUCH WORK GOES INTO PREPARING THE BUDGET, AND THE ANALYSIS AND EXTENSIVE DELIBERATIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF GIVE TO EACH OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE MATT MCGLOIN AND HIS TEAM, WHO LABORED TIRELESSLY IN BALANCING FINITE RESOURCES TO MEET THE GREATEST NEEDS AMONG OUR RESIDENTS. AND THANK YOU TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO ARE SITTING OVER HERE TO MY LEFT, FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND YOUR TEAMS' WORK IN IMPLEMENTING THE VISIONS OF THIS BOARD, AND UTILIZING THEIR BUDGETS MOST EFFECTIVELY. AND I AM SURE THIS YEAR HAS EVEN BEEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE C.E.O.'S STAFF AND OUR DEPARTMENTS, AS THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET INCLUDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN RESTRICTED STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS. AND I EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS RESTRICTED STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT HAS INCREASED THE ALLOCATIONS, ALONG WITH

COUNTY COST SAVINGS AND AN UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS THAT THE ASSESSOR ANNOUNCED THIS SUMMER, WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY INFUSION OF NEW FUNDING. FESIA, I APPRECIATE THAT WHILE YOU ARE MANAGING THESE FUNDS EFFECTIVELY, YOU ARE PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY, AND STAYING FOCUSED ON AREAS OF CONCERN, SPECIFICALLY THE COUNTY'S PENDING LEGAL LIABILITIES; THE SLOWING HOUSING MARKET, WHICH WILL DECREASE OUR PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION; AND OTHER ECONOMIC FACTORS WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. AND MUCH OF THE GROWTH YOU IDENTIFIED TODAY IS LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO SUBVENED RESOURCES FROM THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL HELP US EXPAND THE COUNTY WORKFORCE WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST. IN TODAY'S BUDGET, I AM PLEASED TO SEE ADDITIONAL STAFFING AND RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AS WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, WE ARE SEEING MORE AND MORE OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND OUR HOMELESS CRISIS. BY ENHANCING STAFF AND CRITICAL RESOURCES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN HELP SOME OF OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM UNRESOLVED BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AS YOU HAVE HIGHLIGHTED, FESIA, HOMELESSNESS IS A CRISIS, AND ONE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS WITH FULL FORCE, AND WITH URGENCY. IT IS A COMPLEX ISSUE, NO DOUBT, BUT WE HAVE THE RESOURCES, THE ENERGY, AND THE FOCUS TO TRY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND HELP

BRING OUR UNHOUSED OFF THE STREETS. ONE OF THE MANY WAYS WE ARE DOING THIS IS THROUGH THE PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM, AND THE COUNTYWIDE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS R.V. ENCAMPMENTS. THESE PROGRAMS TAKE COLLABORATION AND COMPROMISE, BUT WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN ALL GET THINGS DONE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE RESOURCES THAT ARE BEING ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT SO MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WERE SADLY ONCE IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. I APPRECIATE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SUPPORT STAFF TO FACILITATE ADOPTIONS, AND HELP DECREASE TIMELINES FOR OUR FOSTER YOUTH TOWARD PERMANENCY. CHILD WELFARE IS A MULTIFACETED SYSTEM THAT INVOLVES A LOT OF COMPONENTS COMPLETELY OUTSIDE OF OUR CONTROL. HOWEVER, FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS SYSTEM-- AND THEY ARE INVOLVED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN-- WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO HELP THEM FIND A SENSE OF PERMANENCY AND SUPPORT, SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WITH A TRUE FAMILY-LIKE SETTING. I WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, ALONG WITH SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COUNTYWIDE, GIVEN THE VULNERABILITY OF THESE POPULATIONS AND OUR NEED TO SERVE THEM BETTER. I NOW JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POSE TO THE C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, REGARDING A COUPLE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BOARD MOTIONS THAT WERE DEFERRED TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. AGAIN,

THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR YOUR WORK. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE IS REGARDING ITEM 47.4, WHICH IS A MOTION TO STREAMLINE THE COUNTY PERMITTING AND ENTITLEMENT PROCESS TO ADDRESS THE REGIONAL HOUSING CRISIS, WHICH WILL STREAMLINE AND EXPAND E.P.I.C.-L.A. ON OUR ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON HOW YOUR STAFF IS ACCELERATING THE EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH E.P.I.C.-L.A. DEPARTMENTS, TO UNDERSTAND STAFFING AND FUNDING NEEDS TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF E.P.I.C.-L.A. COUNTYWIDE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE DECLARED HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY DECLARATION?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS. LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE STAFFING AND THE BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS. WE ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL $50,000 TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE CONSULTANT, GARDNER, THAT HELPED PUT TOGETHER THE PLAN FOR E.P.I.C.-L.A. OUR STAFF, SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF YOUR MOTION RECENTLY, WE HAVE ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO MOVE FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GARDNER, REGARDING E.P.I.C.-L.A., AND SO C.E.O. STAFF IS PARTICIPATING IN THAT EFFORT. WITH REGARD TO THE STAFFING, WE HAVE RECEIVED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. IT TALKS ABOUT WHAT THEIR CURRENT STAFFING NUMBERS ARE, WHAT THEIR CURRENT STAFFING STRUCTURES ARE, AND WHAT THEIR WORKLOAD IS, BECAUSE

THE GARDNER STUDY CALLED OUT A WORKLOAD INCREASE. ON THE ISSUE OF WHEN DO WE ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO GET TO A STAFFING RECOMMENDATION, WE HOPE TO HAVE OUR ANALYSIS COMPLETED AROUND THE NOVEMBER TIMELINE, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, IN PREPARATION FOR RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. AND IS THE COUNTY'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS IMPACTING OUR ABILITY TO MARSHAL RESOURCES TO THIS EFFORT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: IT SHOULD. OUR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DOES BASICALLY THREE THINGS, AND THEY ALL RELATE TO EXPEDITING. IT EXPEDITES HIRING FOR THOSE THREE PILLARS; FOUR PILLARS, NOW, RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING. AND SO THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE DOING EFFORTS, IMPLEMENTING EFFORTS SUCH AS HOUSING, SHOULD BE ABLE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THOSE EXPEDITED PROCEDURES IN THOSE THREE AREAS.

SUP. BARGER: AND NEXT, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL DUMPING, WHICH IS IN ITEM 47.7. AS YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE, WITH A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT-- AND I LOOK OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE IT IS IMPACTING YOUR DISTRICT, AS WELL-- ON HISTORICALLY UNDERINVESTED AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. CAN YOU PROVIDE AN

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN OUR BUDGET TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL AND COMMERCIAL-SCALE DUMPING IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OVER THE LAST FEW FISCAL YEARS?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, WE RECEIVED A COUPLE OF BUDGET ITEMS FROM TWO DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTED FOUR ITEMS IN THEIR BUDGET RELATED TO THIS EFFORT. WE ARE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF TWO ITEMS, FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, THEY ARE IN THIS UNIT WHERE THESE ITEMS WILL BE ASSIGNED, WHICH IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE FOUR VACANCIES OUT OF 15 IN THAT UNIT. AND SO, TO THE EXTENT THAT RESOURCES ARE TIGHT, OUR RECOMMENDATION IS, "HERE ARE TWO ITEMS FOR YOU TO GET THE WORK STARTED, AND TO ALSO FOCUS ON FILLING THE OTHER VACANCIES." ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT REQUEST, THERE WAS A REQUEST FROM REGIONAL PLANNING. REGIONAL PLANNING IDENTIFIED THREE POSITIONS AS UNMET NEEDS, BUT DID NOT MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE POSITIONS, BUT THEY DID MAKE REQUESTS FOR NUMEROUS OTHER INITIATIVES RELATED TO PLANNING, HOUSING, PERMITTING, ET CETERA.

SUP. BARGER: SO, MONEY IS NOT THE ISSUE. IT IS FILLING THOSE VACANCIES, AT THIS POINT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, I THINK IT IS TWO. SO, WE ARE RECOMMENDING TWO POSITIONS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THEY ARE A LARGE DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE A LARGE BUDGET, AND THEY ALSO HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF VACANCIES, AS WELL. AND SO WE'RE RECOMMENDING TWO OF THE FOUR, BUT AT LEAST AS A DATE THAT WE PROCESS THESE BUDGET TRANSACTIONS, THEY HAD FOUR VACANCIES IN THAT UNIT.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I KNOW THAT THE D.A. HAS NOT FULLY RESTORED STAFFING IN THEIR UNIT, AS IT RELATES TO THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT. IS THAT MONEY BEING REDIRECTED, THEN, FOR USE, SO THAT WE CAN COMBAT ILLEGAL DUMPING?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, AS I STAND HERE TODAY, IT HAS NOT BEEN REDIRECTED, BUT IT CAN BE REDIRECTED. SO, WE KNOW THAT IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THEY HAVE THE POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT. WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE FIELD POSITIONS IN TWO OF THE UNITS, BUT NOT A THIRD UNIT, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. THEY ARE N.C.C.-FUNDED, AND THEY ARE VACANT. AND SO THE BOARD COULD DIRECT MY OFFICE TO TAKE THE FUNDING THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE VACANT POSITIONS, AND REDIRECT IT ELSEWHERE. AND THE ASSUMPTION HERE IS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE-- YEAH, SO THE BOARD COULD DIRECT ME TO DO THAT.

SUP. BARGER: I THINK THAT'S A DISCUSSION FOR US TO HAVE, JUST BECAUSE IF IT NEEDS TO BE REINVESTED IN AREAS THAT ARE GOING TO COMBAT THE ILLEGAL DUMPING, I THINK THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION COMES FROM PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. I'M CURIOUS. I KNOW THAT, A FEW MONTHS AGO, WE PASSED A MOTION TO IDENTIFY 500 COMMUNITY-BASED SECURE BEDS FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR JAIL. AND WHAT I HEARD TODAY IS THAT THERE WERE COURT ORDERS SIGNED, AND IT TOOK UP TO SIX MONTHS TO IDENTIFY BEDS. I WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE ON THOSE 500 BEDS, AND THEN I WANT TO UNDERSTAND FROM, I GUESS, COUNTY COUNSEL: WHEN A JUDGE ISSUES AN ORDER, IS THERE A TIME CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE TO FULFILL THAT ORDER, OR IS IT JUST LEFT OPEN TO WHEN WE FIND A BED?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, WHAT I WILL DO WHILE YOU ARE ADDRESSING THAT QUESTION, DR. WONG, OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, IS PRESENT, AND I THINK THAT THEY WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY WHERE WE ARE, SPECIFICALLY, ON BRINGING THOSE BEDS ONLINE.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, I'D LIKE TO HEAR, BECAUSE THAT'S CONCERNING TO ME, AND I THINK IT IS CONCERNING TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE HAS BEEN ORDERED INTO DIVERSION, AND WEREN'T ABLE TO SECURE A BED.

COUNTY COUNSEL: AND WHILE SHE'S WALKING UP, JUST ON THE LATTER PART OF THE QUESTION, JUST IN GENERAL, ON ANY TYPE OF COURT ORDER OR CONSENT DECREE, IT'S JUST DEPENDENT ON THE TERMS OF ANY PARTICULAR SETTLEMENT. SOMETIMES IT IS OPEN-ENDED; SOMETIMES THERE ARE ACTUAL, CONCRETE DEADLINES FOR A PARTICULAR SET OF [INAUDIBLE].

SUP. BARGER: WELL, I HOPE WE ARE MONITORING THAT, IN TERMS OF HOW MANY ARE BEING ORDERED BY THE COURT IN A DIVERSION THAT ARE NOT BEING DIVERTED, BECAUSE THERE'S A LACK OF BEDS. BECAUSE I THINK THAT, GIVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ALL, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE VERY COGNIZANT OF THAT ISSUE. HI, LISA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: DR. WONG, WELCOME.

DR. LISA WONG: HELLO. GOOD MORNING.

SUP. BARGER: SO, OF THE 500 COMMUNITY BEDS THAT THE MOTION BROUGHT IN, HOW MANY HAVE BEEN SECURED?

DR. LISA WONG: WE HAVE 185 THAT ARE ALREADY EITHER SECURED OR WILL BE, AS WE ENTER INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AND THEN THE REST OF THE 500 ARE OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

SUP. BARGER: SO, OF THE BEDS THAT YOU HAVE SECURED, HOW MANY ARE AVAILABLE TODAY, IF I CALLED, OR THE JAIL CALLED AND SAID THEY WANT TO DIVERT?

DR. LISA WONG: UHM, I'LL-- LET'S SEE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR, WHILE SHE IS LOOKING UP THAT INFORMATION, MY STAFF JUST INFORMED ME THAT, UNDER THAT P-3/P-4 MOTION, THE BEDS WERE A COMBO BETWEEN D.M.S. AND OD&R.

SUP. BARGER: RIGHT, BUT IT IS STILL-- FOR THE SITUATION THAT WAS DESCRIBED, THAT SOMEONE WAS ORDERED OUT OF JAIL INTO ONE OF THOSE BEDS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER--

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: RIGHT. I AM JUST SUGGESTING THAT OD&R MIGHT ALSO HAVE INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR QUESTION.

SUP. BARGER: I GUESS WHAT I WOULD LIKE IS TO GET A REPORT BACK ON THIS, AND FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE, BECAUSE NOW, WITH A SETTLEMENT OF $3,000, AND THEN, IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT WE'VE GOT THAT MOTION ON THE 500, I WOULD LIKE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR ROADMAP IS TO ACCOMPLISHING THAT. AND I KNOW, LISA, THAT PART OF IS-- OR DR. WONG-- PART OF IT IS THAT WE ARE WAITING TO FIGURE OUT-- WELL, NOT FIGURE OUT. HOPEFULLY, THE STATE BOND WILL ALLOW US TO REDIRECT TO ADDRESS

THAT ISSUE. BUT ALSO, MAYBE AN I.M.D. WAIVER, OR SOMETHING, WILL ALLOW US TO EXPAND, BECAUSE I KNOW OUR BEDS ARE FULL IN OUR HOSPITALS. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE GOING TO GET THERE, AND WHERE WE ARE TODAY, PLEASE.

DR. LISA WONG: OUR BEDS ARE FULL, BUT WE DO HAVE 55 THAT WE BROUGHT ONLINE, THAT ARE AVAILABLE NOW. HOWEVER, WE HAVE PEOPLE LINED UP TO TAKE THOSE BEDS. WE HAVE THE FUNDING IN PLACE, BUT WE HAVE TO GET THE PROVIDERS IN PLACE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK, IF I MAY, I THINK SOMEONE IN THE PUBLIC COUNTED 8,000. RIGHT? 3,000 OF THE NEW ONES; THERE WAS ANOTHER 1,000. THEY HAD US UP TO 8,000. I THINK WHAT YOU ARE ASKING, WHICH I WOULD AGREE WITH, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT IS THE SETTLEMENT OR NOT, I THINK THIS BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW WHEN THOSE BEDS ARE AVAILABLE, AND HOW WE CAN PREVENT SITUATIONS LIKE WE HEARD: SOMEBODY WHO WAS COURT-ORDERED TO DIVERSION, AND YET LANGUISHED IN THE JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS. SO I THINK WE JUST NEED A TIMELINE TO HELP US BETTER ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS THAT ARE COMING UP.

SUP. BARGER: I WOULD AGREE, BUT I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN HELP YOU. BECAUSE THAT IS A HERCULEAN EFFORT, 8,000 BEDS IN A SYSTEM THAT IS ALREADY UNDERSERVED. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TELL US, WHETHER IT BE GOING

TO D.C. OR TALKING TO THE LEGISLATURE. WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHAT OUR ROLE WILL BE TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE THAT.

DR. LISA WONG: I THINK THE BOARD HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE OF US, WITH THE I.M.D. WAIVER IN THE PAST, AND I THINK THAT REMAINS AN ISSUE. THE WAIVER THAT IS BEING PROPOSED IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE LONGER-TERM NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION. I THINK, ALSO, WE DO HAVE A REPORT ALREADY PREPARED WITH A TIMELINE, THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE SHARING AT OUR REPORT-OUT. SO, HOPEFULLY, THAT WILL BE HELPFUL. BUT I THINK, WITH THAT I.M.D. EXCLUSION, THAT IS A MAJOR HURDLE FOR US, FOR OUR HIGHER-ACUITY SETTING, OR HIGHEST-ACUITY SETTINGS.

SUP. BARGER: GREAT. WELL, THAT COMPLETES MY QUESTION. I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES ASK QUESTIONS. BUT AGAIN-- OH, GO AHEAD, FESIA.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YEAH. THE PRESENTATION THAT SHE JUST MENTIONED, THAT'S THE BED PIPELINE PRESENTATION THAT THE BOARD INITIATED, AND THAT WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD PERIODICALLY, WITH UPDATES AND MILESTONES.

SUP. BARGER: GREAT, AND SO THANK YOU, THANK YOUR TEAM, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BUDGET DEPUTIES-- MY DEPUTY, MICHELLE

VEGA-- BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT COLLABORATION AND WORKING TOGETHER. SO, THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND ALSO, I WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO FESIA DAVENPORT, AND TO THE C.E.O. TEAM-- JOE NICCHITTA, MATT MCGLOIN, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM-- AS WELL AS OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, OSCAR VALDEZ, CONNIE YI, AND THE A.C. TEAM. AND OF COURSE, ALL OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO ARE HERE TODAY, AND THEIR STAFF. I ALSO KNOW THAT THE BUDGET IS A STATEMENT OF OUR VALUES, SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW HARD OUR TEAMS HAVE BEEN WORKING TO TRY TO REALLY TAILOR MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE SEE IN THE BUDGET TO REALLY SEND A SIGNAL AND A MESSAGE THAT, INDEED, THIS BOARD IS LISTENING TO YOU. I COULDN'T DO THIS WORK WITHOUT MY STAFF, SO I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK MY SENIOR BUDGET DEPUTY, TAMI, AND ALL MY TEAM MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER BOARD OFFICES AND THEIR BUDGET DEPUTIES, AS WELL. TODAY'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTS THE FINAL BUDGET THAT WE JUST ADOPTED IN PART, THIS PAST JUNE, BY ADDING $3.4 BILLION AND WELL OVER 600 POSITIONS. AND OUR BUDGET IS NOW AT $46.7 BILLION AND OVER 115,000 POSITIONS. WHEN I STARTED, ALMOST NINE YEARS AGO, WE WERE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THIS AMOUNT. AND YOU WOULD THINK THAT, "GEE, THERE'S A GREAT NUMBER OF WONDERFUL

THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED," AND THERE ARE, IN PART. BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE STILL COMING OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, AND THAT STILL STIFLES A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITY EFFORTS AND CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE, SO I WANT PEOPLE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT. THE $3.4 BILLION, AS WE KNOW, SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT, FESIA, YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP EXPLAIN THAT THE FUNDING IS ALREADY DEDICATED FOR SPECIFIC USES. SO THAT KIND OF HANDCUFFS US, IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY TO MOVE ALL THAT MONEY AROUND, PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS FORMULA-FUNDED, STATE AND FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS THAT COME WITH THAT. TO ME, THE $3.4 BILLION IS REALLY A TRUE INDICATION OF THE GREAT NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. WE ARE RECEIVING MORE FUNDING BECAUSE MORE RESIDENTS NEED OUR SERVICES. AND WHETHER THAT IS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, OR HOUSING, ALL OF WHICH ARE UNDERPINNINGS TO ADDRESS THE PERVASIVE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS THAT WE HAVE HEARD TIME AND TIME AGAIN HERE IN THIS AUDIENCE. I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT OF WELL OVER $870 MILLION IN OUR COUNTY'S NEW HOMELESSNESS FRAMEWORK, AS WELL AS 167 NEW MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS. THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT, I BELIEVE, PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE. BUT CERTAINLY, IN COMING MONTHS AND YEARS, WE HAVE TO DO BETTER, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THIS IS AN AREA THAT ALL OF US HAVE TO TACKLE. BUT IT IS ONE CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE, BECAUSE IT IS HARD TO FIND STAFF THAT WANT TO GO INTO THESE POSITIONS. AND

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO CUT THROUGH THEIR PROCESS OF APPLICATIONS, WE STILL FIND THAT WE ARE COMPETING WITH MANY, MANY OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES AND PUBLIC- AND PRIVATE-SECTOR HEALTH AGENCIES THAT ARE ALSO WANTING TO STAFF UP IN THIS AREA. SO MY MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY IS, "LET'S GET MORE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OR LET'S GET OTHER PEOPLE RETRAINED TO GO INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH AREA, BECAUSE WE ARE IN A POSITION TO HIRE, AND WE NEED TO FULFILL THESE VACANCIES, AND HOPEFULLY HELP ADDRESS THE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WE SEE FIT." I AM ALSO HAPPY TO SEE IN THE BUDGET THAT WE HAVE $4.7 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH. THOSE ARE OUR T.A.Y., YOUNG PEOPLE, TO SUPPORT THEM; THOSE WHO ARE GENERAL RELIEF RECIPIENTS, AND OFTEN END UP HOMELESS. I THINK WE HEAR, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, HOW MANY OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN COME OUT OF OUR PROGRAMS, AND THEN ARE OUT TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES AND BECOME HOMELESS. SO WE MUST BREAK THAT CYCLE. I WOULD HOPE THAT IN THE COMING YEARS, WE CAN ALSO AUGMENT THAT FUND. $25 MILLION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO HELP FUND THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM AND THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS. AND WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR OUR LEADERSHIP IN THAT AREA. I ALSO HAVE SEEN, FIRSTHAND, MANY FAMILIES IN MY DISTRICT WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH FOOD INSECURITY, WHICH I BELIEVE IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE IN A COUNTRY SO WEALTHY AS OURS. BUT THIS BUDGET-- PEOPLE NEED TO

KNOW THIS-- $12.5 MILLION OF THE COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES PROGRAM HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, AND $1.5 MILLION FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION... COMBINED WITH THESE TWO PROGRAMS CAN HELP OUR RESIDENTS PUT FOOD ON THEIR TABLE, AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN, AND FOR OUR SENIORS. THE LARGE-SCALE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED TO ADDRESS IMMEDIATE FOOD INSECURITY, BY GIVING BOXES OF FOODS TO HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS, OF RESIDENTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THE COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES PROGRAM WILL HELP SUPPORT SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS WITH THEIR NUTRITION PROGRAMS, URBAN AGRICULTURE, AND FOOD ACCESS, TO ULTIMATELY CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEM, WHICH IS NECESSARY AS OUR CLIMATE CRISIS GROWS. THIS BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES $150,000 FOR THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS. TODAY, WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OUR MIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICIES, TO ENSURE WE ARE REACHING ALL RESIDENTS, SOMETHING THAT I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND HOPE THAT WE COULD SIGNIFICANTLY PLACE MORE FUNDS IN THAT AREA IN YEARS AHEAD. THIS INVESTMENT, AS YOU KNOW, IS SORELY NEEDED. WE'RE ALSO SETTING ASIDE $150,000 TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE ARRIVING FROM OTHER STATES, BECAUSE, QUITE SIMPLY, IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IN ADDITION TO $1.4 MILLION IN CARRYOVER ARPA FUNDS FOR THE STREET-VENDING COLLABORATIVE, AS WE CONTINUE TO FIGURE OUT HOW AND WHAT THE BEST PATH FORWARD IS TO HELP PROVIDE FOR OUR

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. I ALSO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THE NEED TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE ONLINE, AND IN THE BUDGET, THAT INCLUDES $3.4 MILLION FOR THE DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM, AND $700,000 FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM. NO LONGER, I BELIEVE, OUR CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE TO GO TO MCDONALD'S TO HOOK UP ON WI-FI, OR THINK THAT THEY CAN'T HAVE INTERNET ACCESS IN THEIR VERY OWN HOMES. $2.7 MILLION FOR THE L.A. VS. HATE PROGRAM, FOR VICTIMS TO REPORT HATE CRIMES, AND ACCESS SUPPORT AND SERVICES. $869,000 IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO ESTABLISH THE NEW L.G.B.T.Q. COMMISSION, BECAUSE EVERYONE, AS WE HEARD TODAY, DESERVES TO BE HEARD, AND ENGAGE, AND HELP US DEVELOP POLICIES HERE AT THE COUNTY. $1.1 MILLION IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO EXPAND GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS, TO SAVE LIVES BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM USING FIREARMS TO HARM THEMSELVES OR OTHER PEOPLE. THIS WAS A MOTION THAT I CO-AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT, BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO. $300,000 TO HELP CREATE A HEAT ACTION PLAN IN THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, TO HELP PROVIDE RELIEF AS CLIMATE CHANGE BRINGS HOTTER AND LONGER SUMMERS. AND LASTLY, UNTIL WE CAN CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ONCE AND FOR ALL, WE STILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HOUSE OUR PEOPLE IN THOSE FACILITIES IN AN ADEQUATE AND HUMANE MANNER. AND I AM HAPPY THAT THIS BUDGET, THROUGH ADVOCACY ON THE BOARD, AND MY VOICE, WE WERE

ABLE TO SECURE $20 MILLION TO PROVIDE FREE PHONE CALLS IN THE JAILS, TO RELIEVE FAMILIES OF THE BURDEN OF THE COST OF CALLS, AND HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN OUR JAILS STAY CONNECTED TO THEIR FAMILIES. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FOR OUR C.E.O. WITH RESPECT TO THAT, BUT I DID WANT TO HAVE QUESTIONS FOR D.C.B.A., RAFAEL CARBAJAL, THROUGH THE C.E.O., IF I MIGHT. AND I AM REFERENCING THIS TO NUMBER 49.6, AND I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR OUR DIRECTOR. THANK YOU, RAFAEL, FOR BEING AVAILABLE. RAFAEL, THE CITY OF L.A., AS YOU KNOW, HAS ALREADY LAUNCHED ITS TENANT PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND THE APPLICATION PERIOD JUST CLOSED YESTERDAY, WHILE THE COUNTY HAS YET TO LAUNCH OUR OWN PROGRAM. WOULD YOU PLEASE PROVIDE THE TIMELINE FOR WHEN OUR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS CAN APPLY FOR THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM, AND WHEN EXACTLY WILL TENANTS AND LANDLORDS BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THESE FUNDS?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH OUR [INAUDIBLE] PARTNERS IN OUR PROGRAM. WE WILL BE OPENING UP A PORTAL ON OCTOBER 2ND, WHERE INTERESTED LANDLORDS AND TENANTS COULD RECORD THEIR INTEREST, LEARN ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY ABOUT THE PROGRAM, AND CONNECT TO OTHER RESOURCES. BY THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER, WE WILL START ACCEPTING FULL APPLICATIONS AND REVIEWING THEM. IN THE INTERIM, WE WILL STAND UP A FREE-STANDING DEDICATED HOTLINE AND CALL CENTER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS ON THE PROGRAM, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY LAUNCHING AN OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT INDIVIDUALIZED FOR EACH ONE OF YOUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, TO MAKE SURE WE ARE CONNECTING WITH THE RIGHT FOLKS, AND GIVE THE RIGHT ASSISTANCE AT THE TIME, WITH AN EXPECTATION THAT MONEY WILL START HITTING THE STREETS IN LATE DECEMBER.

SUP. SOLIS: AND DOES YOUR OUTREACH PLAN INCLUDE ABILITY TO REACH MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: ABSOLUTELY, BOTH FOR THE LANDLORDS AND THE TENANTS.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. THOSE WERE MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL? OH, I AM SORRY. FESIA?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISORS, I WANTED TO PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KIND OF GO-- IT IS A THEME THAT IS RUNNING THROUGH THE DISCUSSION TODAY. I THINK IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO KNOW THAT, CURRENTLY-- I THINK IT WAS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH, MY TEAM PULLED THE DATA-- WE HAVE OVER

14,000 VACANCIES IN THE COUNTY. AND SO AS WE IMPLEMENT, THE BOARD APPROPRIATES FUNDING, WE ADD POSITIONS TO DEPARTMENTS, WE HAVE ABOUT 14,000 VACANCIES. MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE COMPETING IN THE MARKET, WITH OTHER FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING IN THE SAME SPACE, SO I THINK THAT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, HE JUST SAID DECEMBER, AND I WAS TOLD NOVEMBER. SO, I WOULD ASK FOR CLARIFICATION FROM D.C.B.A. ON THAT, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING, AND WE HAVE BEEN GETTING CALLS. AND TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S POINT, THE CITY HAS ALREADY LAUNCHED THEIRS. AND YOU SAY, YESTERDAY, THE PORTAL OPENED, BUT NOW YOU ARE SAYING DECEMBER.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL. I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. I WAS HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH A CONSTITUENT.

>>SUP. BARGER: I WAS TOLD IT WAS NOVEMBER.

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: YES.

SUP. BARGER: BUT YOU JUST SAID DECEMBER. OR DID I MISHEAR YOU?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: NO, WE ARE OPENING THE PORTAL OCTOBER 2ND. WE WILL START REVIEWING APPLICATIONS-- NOT OCTOBER 2ND, THE

SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER. WE WILL START REVIEWING APPLICATIONS THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER, BECAUSE WE WANT TO ALLOW TIME FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER THEIR DOCUMENTS, APPLY. AND THEN, BEGINNING NOVEMBER, WE WILL START REVIEWING APPLICATIONS, WITH THE HOPE TO GET THE FIRST ROUND NO LATER THAN DECEMBER, OUR FUNDING. THE ACTUAL FUNDING.

SUP. BARGER: WHEN DID THIS MOTION GET PASSED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I?

RAFAEL CARBAJAL: JANUARY.

SUP. BARGER: SO, ALMOST A YEAR LATER? I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT, BECAUSE THE WHOLE PURPOSE WAS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ENDING UP HOMELESS, AND IT WAS DONE AS A RESULT-- THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE LIFTING THE MORATORIUM. AND SO I JUST KIND OF WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK MS. DAVENPORT AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM FOR THE WORK THAT GOES INTO DEVELOPING A BUDGET OF THIS SIZE, MAGNITUDE, AND COMPLEXITY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MS. DAVENPORT FOR INVITING

THE 2023 CLASS OF CORO FELLOWS, WHO ARE HERE, TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE BUDGET PROCESS IN THE MAKING, AND REALLY ALL THE ADVOCATES: INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, ADVOCATES, ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE COME, WHO ARE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE HERE, AND YOU PARTICIPATE. I WANT TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO STAYED. SOME OF OUR PUBLIC PROVIDE THEIR TESTIMONY, AND THEN THEY LEAVE. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IS THAT YOU THEN DON'T HEAR THE PERSPECTIVE OF OTHERS. WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE, I THINK, OF NOT-- THE PRIVILEGE OR THE BURDEN OF NOT BEING ABLE TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON A SINGLE PLATFORM. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL OF THE ISSUES AS THEY IMPACT ALL NEARLY 11 MILLION RESIDENTS, AND CREATE A SENSE OF BALANCE. HOW AND WHAT DO WE PRIORITIZE, WITH FINITE RESOURCES, TO MEET NEEDS THAT GROW AND EXPAND EVERY DAY? LET ME SAY I AM VERY GLAD AND PROUD TO, FOR MY THIRD YEAR NOW, WILL BE HOSTING A BUDGET TOWN HALL, OCTOBER 16TH, 2023. WE DO IT VIRTUAL. AGAIN, MY THIRD YEAR. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW SECOND-DISTRICT RESIDENTS TO GET INTO A MORE GRANULAR DISCUSSION ABOUT BUDGET ISSUES, AND FOR ME AND MY TEAM TO HEAR ABOUT ISSUES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE US TO ADVOCATE IN ADVANCE FOR IN THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR. SO, AGAIN, IT IS SOMETHING I HAVE DONE EVERY YEAR SINCE I WAS ELECTED, WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, AND ENCOURAGE SECOND-DISTRICT RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE. BEFORE I BEGIN IN MY REMARKS, IF I COULD JUST ASK MS. DAVENPORT TWO

CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, ONE BASED ON THE COMMENT YOU JUST MADE, AND ONE REFLECTED IN YOUR EARLIER PRESENTATION. YOU MENTIONED 14,000 VACANCIES. EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. WE HEAR THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES TALK ABOUT HER VACANCIES. EVERY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT I SERVE ON, FROM A.Q.M.D., EVERYONE IS HURTING FOR PEOPLE. IT IS AN EMPLOYEE'S MARKET, I GUESS. I WAS DRIVING DOWN FIGUEROA THE OTHER DAY, AND STARBUCKS HAD A SIGN: 401(K), FREE COLLEGE, FREE CHILD CARE. I THOUGHT, "WHO CAN COMPETE WITH THOSE OFFERINGS?" RIGHT? SO, THE 14,000 VACANCIES, WHICH IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HERE ARE ASKING THAT WE DO, THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT-- GOVERNMENT DOESN'T MAKE WIDGETS. WE DELIVER SERVICES, AND IT TAKES PEOPLE TO DELIVER SERVICES. SO, WHEN I HEAR YOU SAY WE'RE 14,000 VACANCIES, THAT EXPLAINS WHY SOME OF OUR EFFORTS ARE SLOW IN ROLLING OUT. I GET IT. THE QUESTION IS, ARE THOSE VACANCIES ALREADY FUNDED POSITIONS OR NOT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES, THESE ARE BUDGETED VACANCIES.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOT IT. ON YOUR THIRD SLIDE, WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT THE $3.4 BILLION, CAN YOU YOU GIVE ME A GENERAL SENSE OF HOW MUCH OF THAT ARE ONE-TIME DOLLARS? AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW NOW, YOU COULD...

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YOU SAID, ON THE THIRD SLIDE?

SUP. MITCHELL: I THINK IT IS YOUR SLIDE THREE, THE $3.4 BILLION. THE PIE CHART.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. SO, THE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT'S BEING ADDED, THAT'S PRIMARILY ONGOING FUNDING, AND IT WILL FUND POSITIONS AND PROGRAMS. THE 1.6 IN THE BLUE PORTION OF THE CHART, THAT'S CARRYOVER, SO THAT'S ONE-TIME CARRYOVER DOLLARS. IT'S DOLLARS THAT WE DIDN'T SPEND BY JUNE 30TH, 2023. THE PROJECTS ARE STILL IN DIFFERENT STATES OF INCOMPLETENESS, AND WE WANT TO BRING THEM INTO FISCAL YEAR '23-'24, AS WELL AS THE POSITIONS. THERE ARE POSITIONS THAT ARE NOT FILLED, THAT REPRESENT OR COMPRISE A PART OF THAT AMOUNT.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. BECAUSE WHILE IT IS VERY EXCITING TO GET ONE-TIME DOLLARS FROM OUR OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, I ALWAYS AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ACCURATELY REFLECT AND UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE AREN'T DOLLARS THAT CAN BE USED FOR STAFF OR ONGOING NEEDS, OR ONGOING PROGRAMS, BECAUSE THEY ARE ONE TIME. SO THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. YOU KNOW, COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT THE THEME OF THE PAST TWO BUDGETS WERE REALLY C.O.V.I.D. AND PANDEMIC-DRIVEN, AND THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET MIGHT BEST BE DESCRIBED AS "UNCERTAINTY," AS WE LOOK AT MS.

DAVENPORT'S FISCAL OUTLOOK AND BUDGET PRESSURES CHART: THE CHART I ALWAYS PULL OUT WHEN YOU PRESENT IT, SO I KEEP IT FRONT OF MIND FOR ME, AS I AM THINKING ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD INVEST DOLLARS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND CLEARLY, THE ECONOMY, THE STATE BUDGET, AND THE GEOPOLITICAL AND LEGAL FACTORS THAT IMPACT US AND OUR BUDGET REMAIN DYNAMIC AND CHALLENGING. I CERTAINLY HOPE WE DON'T HAVE A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STOPPAGE. WE WERE GIVEN 45 DAYS, BUT NOVEMBER 15TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT, AND I CERTAINLY HOPE OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL GET IT TOGETHER. THROUGH IT ALL, I HOPE THAT WE REMAIN GROUNDED, REALLY, IN KIND OF THREE AREAS: ONE, REMEMBERING THAT WE HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT AND A PLEDGE TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST COUNTY; THAT WE MUST BE DISCIPLINED IN SETTING OUR POLICIES, OUR POLICY PRIORITIES; AND THAT WE ARE EFFICIENT AND COORDINATED IN HOW WE USE OUR DOLLARS. I THINK AS WE CONCLUDE THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS, AND OUR DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE GUIDANCE ON THE RESOURCES THEY WILL HAVE TO IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS, AND CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS, I REALLY HOPE ALL OF US KEEP THESE THREE DRIVING FORCES IN MIND. EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM ARE KEY COMPONENTS OF MANY OF THE COUNTY'S PROGRAMS, AND OUR VISION, INCLUDING CARE-FIRST. AND I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE REMAIN INTENTIONAL ABOUT SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION, WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR STAFF, AND THOSE IN THE COUNTY'S CARE SAFER. IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CARE-FIRST VISION,

WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE, HEALTH DISPARITIES, HOMELESSNESS. SO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WHO WE, AS WE SAID YESTERDAY AT THE SWEARING-IN OF OUR J.C.O.D. DIRECTOR, CAN'T DO THIS WORK SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT THEM. IT'S OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO WILL OPERATE THE BEDS WE FUND. IT IS OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO WILL PROVIDE SO MANY OF THE SUPPORT SERVICES, FROM C.A.R.E. COURT, TO WHENEVER WE CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TO HOW WE HOUSE OUR UNHOUSED. IT IS OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WHO ARE GOING TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. SO, MAKING SURE, WE PROVIDE THEM WITH THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES. ONE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNITY PARTNER, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IS MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: A HOSPITAL THAT IS AN AMAZING ASSET, THAT SERVES OVER 100,000 LATINO, BLACK, IMMIGRANT, LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THEY SERVE 100,000 PATIENTS A YEAR. THE COUNTY BUILT AN E.R. TO SERVE 25,000 A YEAR, AND EVEN WITH ALL OF THAT, THEY HAVE RECEIVED A FIVE-STAR RATING FOR THEIR QUALITY PATIENT CARE. SO THAT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNITY PARTNER, THAT IT BEHOOVES US, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SERVING OUR RESIDENTS THAT WE HAVE GOT TO MAKE SURE WE INVEST IN. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE INTEGRAL TO DISRUPTING HISTORICAL INEQUITIES THAT HAVEN'T RECEIVED SUPPORT IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. FOR EXAMPLE, FROM ITS INCEPTION TO TODAY, WE HAVE NOT PROVIDED

ENOUGH RESOURCES, IN MY OPINION, TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT THE VISION ZERO PRIORITIES. AND VISION ZERO IS GOING TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE OFTEN BEEN LEFT BEHIND, IN TERMS OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. AND AS WE TALK ABOUT STREET TAKEOVERS AND ALL THE THINGS WE HEAR, PARTICULARLY FROM OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY, FUNDING VISION ZERO APPROPRIATELY, I THINK, IS IMPORTANT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR RAISING THE ISSUE WITH REGARD TO TRASH PICKUP IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. THESE ISSUES IMPACT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND FRANKLY, I HAVE BEEN A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE LEVEL AND QUALITY OF THESE COUNTY SERVICES IN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I CERTAINLY KNOW MY CONSTITUENTS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES FEEL IT, AND SEE IT, AND EXPRESS IT TO US REGULARLY. SO I'LL BE ASKING A QUESTION ON THAT IN A MOMENT. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, IN FOCUSING ON BAKING AN EQUITY LENS INTO THE WORK THEY DO EVERY DAY, AS OPPOSED TO SPRINKLING IT ON TOP. SO, I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS, AND JUST CALL OUT FIRE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHO HAVE REALLY COMMITTED TO INCREASING EQUITY IN HIRING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY OPERATE. ON TO MY SECOND POINT, WHICH IS DISCIPLINE: DISCIPLINE IN OUR OWN POLICY PRIORITIES, IN OUR FUNDING PRIORITIES. AND THE ISSUES WE DEAL WITH, AND THEIR ASSOCIATED IMPACTS ON OUR CONSTITUENTS, ARE SIGNIFICANT; LIFE-

SUSTAINING, IN MANY INSTANCES. AND THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE WE NEED TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE PEOPLE WITH DISCIPLINE. AND I AM GLAD THAT WE NOW HAVE AN IDEA OF THE NUMBER OF UNFUNDED MOTIONS OUR BOARD HAS PASSED, AND THEIR PRICE TAG. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THAT FRONT OF MIND. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE C.E.O.'S REPORT BACK ON A PROCESS FOR US TO PRIORITIZE MOTIONS THAT COST MONEY. I AM ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT COMES OUT OF THE COUNTY GOVERNANCE STUDY THAT WE ARE NOW WORKING TOWARDS. I AM GLAD THERE'S FUNDING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO BEGIN THIS WORK TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE POLICIES, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL IMPROVE THE TRANSPARENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR COUNTY GOVERNANCE PROCESS. I THINK THAT THERE IS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY THAT I THINK THAT WE OVERLOOK; THAT IN JUST SIX MONTHS, FROM APRIL 1 TO TODAY'S BOARD MEETING, WE HAVE HAD $69.5 MILLION PAID OUT IN SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS. AND WE AS A COUNTY, AS A WHOLE, CAN CERTAINLY DO BETTER. $69.5 MILLION-- THAT'S A LOT OF BEDS, THAT'S A LOT OF SERVICES THAT WE COULD BE USING IN LIEU OF. AND SO IT IS MY HOPE THAT DEPARTMENTS FULLY IMPLEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS. IF WE HAVE PAID OUT THAT KIND OF MONEY IN A SETTLEMENT, LET'S NOT MAKE THOSE SAME MISTAKES OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AND SO I AM HOPING THAT DEPARTMENTS HAVE ACTIVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, SO WE CAN FOCUS ON REDUCING HARM CAUSED IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND REDIRECT SETTLEMENT DOLLARS TOWARDS NECESSARY INVESTMENTS.

WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN PROVIDING FUNDS TO CREATE MORE BEDS AND SLOTS FOR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS ACROSS MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS. AND AGAIN, WE JUST TALKED ABOUT THE FEDERAL COURT APPROVED OUR SETTLEMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE 3,000 ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH BEDS FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE THOUSANDS OF NEW BEDS CREATED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND THE ADDITIONAL BEDS THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE, WITH VARIOUS STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS. WITH THE RESOURCES IN PLACE, WE NEED TO IDENTIFY GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES NOW. SO, THIS ISSUE IS CURRENTLY SET FOR OUR DECEMBER 5TH BOARD MEETING, AND THAT'S WHEN WE WILL HEAR THE REPORT ON COUNTYWIDE BEDS. AND I THINK THIS CONVERSATION IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS, AND SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REPORT. AND I HOPE THAT THAT REPORT WILL REALLY GET INTO THE DETAILS, THAT WE WILL SEE A BREAKOUT OF ALL THE VARIOUS BEDS THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE CREATING, ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, BROKEN OUT BY BED TYPE, TARGETED PATIENT, ACUITY LEVEL, CONTRACTOR, IF WE KNOW THEM, SERVICE PLANNING AREA, AND WHEN THE BEDS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE ONLINE AND AVAILABLE, AS WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY MY COLLEAGUES. ONLY THEN WILL THE PUBLIC AND WE HAVE A REAL SENSE OF TIMING, ISSUES THAT WE HEARD TODAY, IN TERMS OF WHEN PEOPLE CAN EXPECT TO BE IN A BED, THE ACUITY LEVEL. EVERY BED IS NOT CREATED EQUAL. EVERY BED WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT NEED, MEET A DIFFERENT PATIENT NEED, AND I WANT US TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE CAN EXPECT WITH THAT.

AT FINAL CHANGES, I HAD CONCERNS WITH THE NEW NET COUNTY COST FUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVED, SPECIFICALLY FOR THREE NEW CAPTAINS TO ADDRESS DEPUTY GANGS IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND I EXPRESSED AT THAT POINT, THOSE APPOINTMENTS, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WERE PREMATURE, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE AN OFFICIAL POLICY TO ADDRESS DEPUTY GANGS. AND AT THAT TIME, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED HAVING A DRAFT PLAN AND POLICY TO ADDRESS THAT. AND SO I WILL BE ASKING A QUESTION, AND ASK FOR AN UPDATE ON THAT, SHORTLY. AND AS I SAID THEN, I REMAIN CONCERNED THAT WE SET ASIDE DOLLARS FOR PROGRAMS THAT AREN'T READY FOR FUNDING, WHILE OTHER, MORE PRESSING PRIORITIES REMAIN UNFUNDED. WE TASK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH RESPONDING TO AND REMEDYING THE EFFECTS OF POVERTY, NEGLECT, DEEP TRAUMA, AND HARMFUL BEHAVIOR. AND WE EXPECT THEM TO HANDLE THOSE ISSUES WITH A BADGE, A GUN, AND A CELL. THERE ARE VERY REAL AND VISIBLE RACIAL IMPACTS ON THE SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS COMPRISE 8% OF L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION, AND ALMOST 30% OF THE JAIL POPULATION. LATINOS MAKE UP MORE THAN 50% OF THE JAIL POPULATION, AND 43% OF THAT POPULATION HAS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, AND 45% OF PEOPLE IN JAIL ARE PRETRIAL AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED, YET, OF A CRIME. SO, AS A RESULT, I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE CREATING AN INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY WITHIN OUR NEW JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT. AGAIN, WE HAVE TO PROPERLY FUND IT. THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE

IN OUR JAILS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME, AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE PRETRIAL JAIL POPULATION AND MEETING PEOPLE'S NEEDS IS CRITICAL. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE WITH URGENCY THE WORK TO REALIZE, TRULY, THE VISION OF OUR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE PROVIDED THE REHABILITATIVE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED AND DESERVE. AND I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT D.Y.D. IS GROWING. ONE OF THE YOUTH COMMISSIONERS THAT I APPOINTED DESCRIBED HIS EXPERIENCE IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND SAID THAT HE WANTED TO WALK OUT OF HIS FRONT DOOR AND SEE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL VISIBLE AND ACTIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE HE LIVES. AND THAT IS CERTAINLY MY GOAL FOR THE DISTRICT, AND I HOPE OUR GOAL FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. AND TO BE CLEAR, BEFORE THAT VISION CAN BE REALIZED, AND WE REACH PARITY IN INVESTMENT IN D.Y.D., THAT THERE ARE STATE LAWS THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED, AND SO WE CAN REDIRECT YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF PROBATION, AND THEREFORE REDIRECT FUNDS FROM PROBATION INTO OUR SHARED VISION OF A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHERE WE TRULY INVEST IN THEM IN THE FRONT END. LASTLY, I WILL SAY, IN RESPONSE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CAME, WHO EXPRESSED THEIR CONSISTENT, DEEP CONSTERNATION WITH THE INCREASED INVESTMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN PROBATION, IS ACKNOWLEDGING THE SITUATION WE FIND OURSELVES IN WITH B.S.C.C. AND D.O.J., AND THE CONSTANT THREAT OF CLOSURE OF FACILITIES BECAUSE OF LACK

OF STAFFING, BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE STAFFING, LACK OF STAFFING, AND THE PHYSICAL PLANT. AND SO IN ORDER TO INCREASE SAFETY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE FOR THE TIME BEING, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE MINDFUL, THAT I AM LISTENING TO AND SUPPORTING THE VISION BROUGHT FORWARD BY OUR NEW CHIEF OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHERE WE DO HAVE TO HAVE THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT SEATS IN THAT DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET OUT OF REVIEW FROM THESE STATEWIDE AGENCIES WHO THREATEN TO CLOSE US, AND YET DON'T OFFER US ANY REMEDY OR REAL HELP IN TERMS OF HOW TO IMPROVE THOSE CONDITIONS. AND SO WE HAVE TO DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO, BECAUSE THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. AND WHILE THEY ARE THERE, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SAFE AND CARED FOR. AND SO WITH THAT, I HAVE GOT THREE QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR: ONE FOR PUBLIC WORKS, ONE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND ONE QUESTION FOR PROBATION. IF THOSE FOLKS COULD COME FORWARD?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HERE THEY COME.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HERE COMES MARK PESTRELLA. DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE THAT QUESTION FIRST, SINCE HE'S HERE?

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU FOR COMING. MY QUESTION IS, WITH REGARD TO VISION ZERO, WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR, AND WHAT DO YOU NEED TO SEE THE POLICY THROUGH? BECAUSE I REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO, WHICH INCLUDES EFFECTIVE TRASH AND CLEANUP SERVICES FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, AS SUPERVISOR BARGER RAISED, AS WELL.

MARK PESTRELLA: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS ISSUE AGAIN TO THE BOARD, AND FOR YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT. SO, YOU ASKED WHAT WE HAVE DONE. THE BOARD APPROVED THE VISION ZERO PLAN IN AUGUST OF 2020. AT THAT TIME, WE IDENTIFIED 200 COLLISION CORRIDORS. THIS IS 125 MILES OF HIGH-COLLISION ROADWAYS. WE ALSO, AT THAT TIME, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, ORGANIZED A COUNTY VISION ZERO TEAM THAT INCLUDES OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. INTERNALLY, WE HAVE ORGANIZED A GROUP-- ALBEIT SMALL GROUP-- OF ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS. THIS LAST YEAR, WE INSTALLED 51 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG VISION-ZERO COLLISION CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS, INCLUDING NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARNING AND REGULATORY SIGNS, PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL TIMING, AND STRIPING. IN '23-'24, WE ESTIMATE WE WILL DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON COLLISION CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS, AND WE'RE SHOOTING FOR A TRIPLING OF THAT IN '24-

'25. NOW, WE ALSO INSTALLED 364 "SLOW" STREET SIGNS ACROSS 22 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, AND THE SLOW STREETS PROGRAM HAS SERVED OVER 61,000 RESIDENTS SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2020. WE'RE DEVELOPING COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY PLANS ALONG WITH YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR. SPECIFICALLY, THE VIEW PARK, WINDSOR HILLS, AND LADERA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN IS A MODEL OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN THAT HAS BEEN FUNDED AS A PART OF THE VISION ZERO PROGRAM, AND WE WILL EXPECT THAT TO BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH. WE SECURED OVER $30 MILLION IN CALIFORNIA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS, WHICH WILL ADVANCE SEVERAL EFFORTS, INCLUDING A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. OF COURSE, THIS IS THE ONE-TIME MONEY YOU WERE COMMUNICATING EARLIER. WE SECURED OVER $21 MILLION IN BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FUNDING, WHICH WILL FUND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION, A SAFE ROUTES FOR SENIORS PROGRAM, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, AND ART-BASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON TRAFFIC SAFETY. SO YOU ASK WHAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO TO MOVE FORWARD, TO ACTUALLY FULLY IMPLEMENT THIS. LET ME GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF THE STARK REALITY. AT OUR CURRENT FUNDING CAPACITY, OR LEVELS, IT WILL TAKE 50 YEARS TO BUILD OUT ALL 200 CORRIDORS. NOW, WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING, WE CAN ACCELERATE THIS. FOR INSTANCE, AN ADDITIONAL $30 MILLION A YEAR, IN TOTAL COSTS, WILL ACCELERATE THE PROGRAM BY 20 YEARS, AND WOULD CREATE A COMPLETION DATE OF 2045. IT IS AN EXPENSIVE ENDEAVOR THAT WE ARE EMBARKING UPON, BUT IMPORTANT. FOR

INSTANCE, WE ESTIMATE IT COSTS ABOUT $5 MILLION PER MILE TO ENACT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN COLLISION CONCENTRATION CORRIDORS. AT 125 MILES, THAT AMOUNTS TO ABOUT $625 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS ALONE. WE ARE VERY HIGH, AS YOU KNOW, ON THE IDEA OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PLANS. THEY COST ABOUT $500,000 EACH. WITH 125 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, THAT WOULD BE ABOUT $62 MILLION. ALL THIS WORK IS WORTH IT. I'D LIKE TO HAVE FUNDED AND CREATED BY A GROUP WITHIN PUBLIC WORKS CALLED OUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GROUP, AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO DEVELOP THIS GROUP. AND IN FACT, THIS YEAR, WE HAVE SOME FUNDING IN THE BUDGET, THANKS TO OUR N.C.C. FUNDING, AND THANKS TO C.E.O., WE ARE RECEIVING FUNDING WHICH WILL GET US STARTED ON DEVELOPING THE EXPERTISE AND THE IN-HOUSE ABILITY TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT AT AN ACCELERATED RATE THESE PROVISIONS THAT I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TODAY.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT. THOSE DOLLAR FIGURES SOUND DAUNTING. A 50-YEAR PLAN SOUNDS DAUNTING, PARTICULARLY IF YOU LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHERE THE VEHICULAR-TO-PEDESTRIAN DEATH RATE IS THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTY, AND PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE COME HERE TO TESTIFY, WHO'S LOST A FAMILY MEMBER TO HIGH-SPEED RACING. I DON'T KNOW WHY I ALWAYS BLANK ON THIS TERM... STREET TAKEOVERS. AND STREET TAKEOVERS. WE HAVE HEARD FROM FAMILY MEMBERS, AND IT IS THE VISION ZERO PLAN THAT WILL HELP CREATE

SAFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STREETS. SO, THANK YOU FOR LAYING IT OUT. LIKE I SAID, IT IS DAUNTING TO HEAR THE TIME FRAME AT THE CURRENT INVESTMENT LEVEL, SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT. WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE THAT MY COLLEAGUE RAISED, ALSO, AROUND EFFECTIVE TRASH AND CLEANUP SERVICES FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, IT IS SOMETHING I HEAR ABOUT EVERY DAY, AND I MEAN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. REGARDLESS OF WHERE I AM IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, THE ABSOLUTELY PUBLIC OUTCRY FROM UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES ABOUT ILLEGAL DUMPING, AND JUST... TRASH, GENERALLY.

MARK PESTRELLA: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL: HELP ME.

MARK PESTRELLA: THERE ARE THREE MAJOR PROJECTS. WELL, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS PREVIOUSLY. POLLUTION IS ON EVERY BOARD OFFICE'S MIND: POLLUTION, AND POLLUTION IN THE FORM OF TRASH. SO I WOULD SAY, TRASH THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT TO THE LANDFILL IS POLLUTION. AND SO EACH OF YOUR OFFICES HAS EXPRESSED WITH GREAT CONCERN ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT POLLUTION IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR. IN FACT, THIS YEAR, THE SOURCES OF THAT POLLUTION CAN BE POOR SERVICE BY OUR TRASH HAULERS. IT CAN BE ILLEGAL DUMPING, WHICH WE HAVE FOUND A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING THAT'S GOING ON. IN

THE URBAN AREAS, WE'RE SEEING PEOPLE WHO ARE, FOR INSTANCE, LEAVING THEIR HOMES, AND LEAVING THEIR POSSESSIONS BEHIND ON THE STREET; UNFORTUNATELY, AS A PART OF HIGH RATE OF COST FOR LIVING. SO, APARTMENT DWELLERS WHO ARE LEAVING MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNITS ARE THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE UNINCORPORATED URBAN AREAS. AND IN OUR RURAL AREAS OF THE NORTH COUNTY, THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR ARE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS THAT IS BEING LEFT OUT IN THE DESERT AREAS, HIGH-DESERT AREAS, AND THE RURAL AREAS OF THE NORTH COUNTY. ON THOSE TWO FRONTS, PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE. AND THANK YOU FOR THE FUNDING THAT WE RECEIVED LAST YEAR, AND WE HAVE ASKED FOR CONTINUED AN INCREASED FUNDING TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. WITH RESPECT TO THE HAULERS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON IMPROVING OUR FEES AND OUR CONTRACTING, SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREA OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE, SETTING STANDARDS FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO MEET. SO, TIMELY RESPONSE TO BULKY ITEM PICK UP, TIMELY RESPONSE TO MISSED TRASH, AND, FRANKLY, DEVELOPING A VERY STRONG RELATIONSHIP AT MY LEVEL WITH THE TRASH HAULERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THEY ARE NOT AT THE LEVEL OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE THAT WE CURRENTLY WANT THEM TO BE, ALTHOUGH A FEW-- I CAN'T SAY ALL OF THEM ARE TERRIBLE, BUT YOU ALL KNOW THE ONES THAT STILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE POOR SERVICE TO OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT THROUGH AN IMPROVED R.F.P. PROCESS, BY SETTING STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE, AND

THEN ALSO ADOPTING A PHILOSOPHY THAT THIS IS L.A. COUNTY'S TRASH SYSTEM, AND NOT THE CONTRACTOR'S SYSTEM, TO PICKUP. SO WE ARE INCREASING-- YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CONTRACT MONITORS THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO HIRE. THOSE CONTRACT MONITORS WILL PROVIDE A HIGHER-LEVEL RESPONSE TIME, A QUICKER RESPONSE TIME, FOR US TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRASH HAULING. ON ILLEGAL DUMPING, THERE IS ALSO THE COMPONENT OF ILLEGAL DUMPING THAT HAS TO DO WITH HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS. AND SO THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK DONE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH H.I., WITH CHERI HERE, AND OTHERS IN THE COUNTY, TO TACKLE THIS. FOR INSTANCE, P.E.H. SANITATION PROJECTS. WE PROVIDED OUTREACH TO OVER 6,500 P.E.H., COUNTYWIDE. IT RESULTED IN 564 ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. AND IN FACT, SUPERVISORS, WE REMOVED 17,000 CUBIC YARDS OF TRASH, ABOUT 1700 DUMP TRUCKS FULL OF TRASH, THIS YEAR ALONE. IMPROVEMENTS TO GENERAL ENCAMPMENT CLEANUPS, AND CLEANUP OPERATIONS OR RESOLUTIONS, RESULTING IN A 183% INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. SO, A MORE EFFICIENT APPROACH TO THE RESOLUTIONS. IDENTIFYING THEM, WORKING WITH H.I., WORKING WITH L.A.H.S.A., AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO BASICALLY KEEP THEIR SPACE CLEAN, WHILE WE ARE-- AND THEN EVENTUALLY RESOLVING THE ENCAMPMENT. MANY OF THE ENCAMPMENTS WILL STAY IN PLACE FOR SOME TIME TO BE. WE ARE NOT GETTING TO ALL OF THEM AS QUICKLY AS WE WOULD LIKE TO, BECAUSE THERE'S A LACK OF HOUSING. SO, WHAT WE'RE HAVING TO DO IS DO PROJECTS LIKE OUR DUMPSTER PILOT PROGRAM, IN WHICH WE BRING DUMPSTERS

TO THE SITE, AND WE BRING HYGIENE TO THE SITE, AS WELL. BOTH IN THE [INAUDIBLE] SYSTEM AND ALONG THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED ROADWAY SYSTEM, WE ARE PLACING DUMPSTERS. IN FACT, THIS YEAR, 45 DUMPSTERS AT ILLEGAL DUMPING HOTSPOTS RESULTED IN OVER 800 TONS OF TRASH COLLECTED AND DIVERTED FROM COMMUNITIES. THAT'S A LOT OF TRASH. WE HAVE AN ONGOING PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN COORDINATION, AS YOU KNOW, ON INTERIM HOUSING AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT IS GOING ON, BECAUSE OF PART OF THIS ILLEGAL DUMPING, AS I DESCRIBED TO YOU PREVIOUSLY, IS THE LACK OF HOUSING. SO PEOPLE TAKE THEIR GOODS, AND THEY LEAVE THEM ON THE STREET. THEY MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO THE NEXT, AND THEY LEAVE BEHIND, ESPECIALLY, BULKY ITEMS. THERE'S JUST BEEN A BIG EFFORT IN THIS LAST YEAR TO IMPROVE THE POLLUTION IN OUR STREETS, SPECIFICALLY, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY AREAS, AND THAT'S ALL BEEN FUNDED BY THIS BOARD. SO THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE A LOT OF CREDIT FOR FOCUSING THE PROGRAMS, BUT ALSO FUNDING THOSE PROGRAMS. AND OF COURSE, WE ARE ASKING, AND WE CONTINUE TO ASK, FOR MORE FUNDING TO GET AFTER THIS FURTHER, AND ACCELERATE, SO THAT WE REALLY HAVE CLEAN STREETS, BECAUSE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE POLLUTION, THAT TRASH THAT DOES NOT GET INTO THE LANDFILL OR DISPOSED OF PROPERLY, OR FIRST OF ALL, IS NEVER CREATED. SO, THE TWO OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER IS SOURCE CONTROL. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS IN PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS. INVESTING IN SOURCE CONTROL. THAT MEANS LEGISLATION, RESTRICTIONS ON HOW THINGS ARE PACKAGED. BUT

ALSO, ON THE OTHER END OF IT IS INVESTING IN-- AND AS WE ARE INVESTING IN-- ATTACKING IT ONCE IT GETS FREE FROM THE SOURCE, AND THAT'S THE PROGRAMS I JUST DESCRIBED TO YOU, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: JUST A MOMENT. WOULD THE GENTLE LADY FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT YIELD JUST ONE QUESTION TO THE GENTLE LADY FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT, SPECIFICALLY TO ASK A QUESTION OF MARK?

SUP. MITCHELL: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY.

SUP. SOLIS: FORMALITY HERE, OKAY? SO, THANK YOU, MARK, FOR BEING HERE AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS. ACTUALLY, I HAVE, MAYBE, A TWO-PART QUESTION, IF I COULD. SO, ONE IS, WE KNOW THE ISSUE OF BULKY ITEMS AND TRYING TO RETRIEVE THOSE, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HIRE UP NEW PROVIDERS, FOLKS THAT ARE ACTUALLY PROVIDING SERVICES. BUT I AM WONDERING: SOME OF THEM AREN'T AS NUANCED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I WONDER HOW YOU AND YOUR STAFF ARE HELPING THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND DEALING WITH OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATION, FAMILIES, SENIORS IN PARTICULAR, IN EAST L.A., AND IN SOME OF

OUR OTHER-- THAT'S WHERE WE GET THE BULK OF OUR QUESTIONS FROM. AND THEN, TWO, HOW MANY VACANCIES DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT NOW? BECAUSE I AM WONDERING, IF WE ARE ABLE TO REPROGRAM SOME OF THOSE VACANCIES TO PRIORITIZE THESE AREAS, I WOULD THINK THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING YOU WOULD CONSIDER, OR WE COULD WORK WITH YOU ON.

MARK PESTRELLA: WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. FIRST QUESTION: IN TERMS OF CREATING CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN OUR HAULERS, IT IS A BIG MOVE, AND IT IS PART OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF A COUNTY HAULING, AND IT'S NOT A CONTRACTOR HAULING. SO, OUR CONTRACT MONITORING, OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE HAULERS THAT ARE ACTUALLY PROVIDING THE SERVICES. ALTHOUGH, I WILL TELL YOU, I HAVE FOUND THAT MANY OF THE PROVIDERS HIRE LOCAL PEOPLE TO DO THE TRASH COLLECTION. IN FACT, IN YOUR DISTRICT, I MET A GENTLEMAN WHO HAD BEEN WORKING THERE 25 YEARS, AND HE LIVES LOCALLY. AND HE IS VERY AWARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE. BUT NOT ENOUGH OF THAT IS GOING ON, BECAUSE WHAT YOU HAVE IS, YOU HAVE THE-- AND I'LL NAME THEM-- THE REPUBLICS OF THE WORLD AND LARGE ENTITIES, TRASH HAULERS, WASTE MANAGEMENT, WHO, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A CORPORATE HAULING BUSINESS, AND WE ARE PUSHING THEM TO HIRE LOCAL PEOPLE TO BE PART OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS. THEY'RE ACTUALLY COLLECTING TRASH. AND WE'RE IMPOSING AN R.F.P. PROCESS. AGAIN, THAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE-- GREAT-- THAT HAS TO DO, ALSO, WITH THEIR AWARENESS OF COMMUNITY, THEIR

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, IF YOU WILL, WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SERVE. THEY'RE DISPLAYING THAT. AND SO KEEPING RECORDS ON THAT IS IMPORTANT, AND WE ARE HOLDING THEM TO A STANDARD OF AWARENESS. THEY'VE ALSO BEEN STARTING TO PROVIDE, WHICH IS GOOD, A MUCH BETTER PROGRAM, A MUCH BETTER CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AT OUR DIRECTION, AT YOUR STAFFS' DIRECTION, IN TERMS OF SHOWING UP FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS, PROVIDING THESE BULKY ITEM PICKUP EVENTS. ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD THOSE IN YOUR DISTRICTS THIS YEAR. REQUIRING THAT THEY DO MORE OF THOSE ON A REGULAR BASIS. COMMUNICATING IN THE RIGHT LANGUAGE, ABOUT HOW EASY IT IS TO ACTUALLY JUST PUT THE BULKY ITEM OUT AND ALLOW US TO PICK UP, RATHER THAN DUMP IT OFF, FOR INSTANCE, IN THE RURAL AREA. YOU MAY HAVE ALSO HEARD SOME OF THE ADVERTISING WE DO ON K.F.I., AS WELL AS I HEART RADIO, THROUGH THE DODGER STATION AND WITH THE DODGER FOUNDATION. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT REACH OUT THROUGH THE DODGER FOUNDATION TO COMMUNICATE TO CHILDREN IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS ABOUT RECYCLING, AND ABOUT TRASH, AND AS WELL AS BULKY ITEM PICKUP. AND WE ADVERTISE THE 888.CLEANLA.COM SITE, WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO AND ACTUALLY FIND OUT HOW, IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGE, HOW TO RID THEMSELVES OF BULKY ITEMS OR TRASH THAT THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF HOW TO GET RID OF, INCLUDING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. SO, THIS BOARD HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT, REGIONALLY. NOT JUST WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED; REGIONALLY, WITH RESPECT TO WASTE DISPOSAL,

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT. AND THEN RIGHT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, WE ARE HYPER-FOCUSING ON AN IMPROVED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AT THE HAULER LEVEL, REALIZING THAT, AFTER LESSONS LEARNED AFTER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THAT WE NEED TO ENGAGE OURSELVES WITH THE HAULER, AND ACTUALLY CONSIDER IT AGAIN OUR WASTE-HAULING PROGRAM. YOUR SECOND QUESTION HAD TO DO WITH...

SUP. SOLIS: VACANCIES.

MARK PESTRELLA: OH, VACANCIES. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE PUBLIC WORKS SECTOR, FOR ME, BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I'M AWARE OF, THE AGENCIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ARE SUFFERING A TREMENDOUS VACANCY RATE IN ALL THE DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATIONS THAT PROVIDE PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES. IN FACT, THE AVERAGE IN INDUSTRY IS ABOUT 18% VACANCY RATE ACROSS INDUSTRY. THE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW IS BORDERING ON AN 8% VACANCY RATE, AND THIS IS WORKING WITH THE C.E.O., AND WORKING WITH OUR ANALYST TO FIGURE OUT HOW BEST WE CAN WORK WITH FESIA TO NEGOTIATE WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE VACANCY RATE FOR AN AGENCY THIS LARGE AND IN THIS INDUSTRY. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IT IS AN EMPLOYEE'S MARKET. IT IS AN EMPLOYEE'S MARKET. WE'RE HAVING, AT EVERY LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION, RECRUITING. WE'RE INVESTING IN RECRUITING IN A LARGE WAY, AND EXPANDING OUR RECRUITMENT, TO TRY TO BRING IN MORE PEOPLE FOR THESE JOBS.

THE WAR, SO TO SPEAK, WAR FOR TALENT IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO TO ENTICE PEOPLE TO COME TO WORK FOR US. BUT LET ME SAY THIS: ONCE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT OUR JOBS, THEY ARE WANTING OUR JOBS. IT'S ACTUALLY GETTING OUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE THAT THESE JOBS ARE AVAILABLE. SO...

SUP. SOLIS: MAYBE COORDINATING WITH THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND J.C.O.D., BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF FOLKS THAT NEED JOBS. AND IF WE'RE INSISTING ON LOCAL HIRE, I'M CERTAIN THERE'S WAYS OF BEING ABLE TO WRITE THAT INTO CONTRACTS AND THINGS, SO WE CAN START TO BUILD UP THAT FIELD TEAM THAT WE NEED. SO, THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WE'RE CLAIMING YOUR TIME.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND ON OUR STANDING ITEM, I THINK I'M GOING TO HONE IN A LITTLE MORE ON SOME OF THE ISSUES YOU JUST SPOKE ON, BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHERIFF LUNA, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I APPRECIATE YOU. COUPLE THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION THAT I FULLY SUPPORTED, ON THE FREE CALLS FOR INMATES, AND REALLY APPRECIATE THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION IN TODAY'S BUDGET TO USE THE BALANCE OF THE INMATE WELFARE FUND TO PAY FOR IT. THAT WAS WHAT I HAD HOPED THAT WE WOULD DO. I WOULD

JUST SAY, I KNOW THAT'S FOR ONE YEAR. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE, GIVEN WHERE THE FUNDS FROM THE INMATE WELFARE FUND COME FROM. THEY COME FROM THE INMATES-- USING THAT TERMINOLOGY-- AND THEIR FAMILY, BASED ON THE MONIES THEY PAY FOR PHONE CALLS, AND BASED ON PROFITS FROM THE COMMISSARY. I KNOW THAT WE WILL SPEND DOWN THAT FUND, SO IT IS CERTAINLY MY HOPE THAT, AS WE FIGURE OUT A FUNDING SOURCE ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS, CLEARLY, SINCE THE COUNTY'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT, IT WILL REQUIRE AN AUGMENTATION TO YOUR BUDGET. I AM CERTAINLY HOPEFUL THAT YOU AND THE C.E.O. WILL NEGOTIATE THE BEST CONTRACT POSSIBLE, AS IN THE LEAST EXPENSIVE CONTRACT POSSIBLE. YOU KNOW, SPENDING DOLLARS PER MINUTE FOR A PHONE CALL IN TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY IS NOT SMART OR STRATEGIC. SO I'M REALLY HOPING THAT IT'S A CONTRACTING PROCESS THAT'S PUBLIC AND TRANSPARENT; PERHAPS NOT A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT, SO WE CAN ALL MONITOR IT AND HAVE FULL FAITH IN THE FACT THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN THE BEST CONTRACT POSSIBLE. SO, NOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THOSE COSTS, WE'RE ABLE TO CONTROL THOSE COSTS A LITTLE BIT BETTER. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE C.E.O. FOR FUNDING IT THROUGH THE INMATE WELFARE FUND. MY QUESTION, SHERIFF LUNA, AGAIN, GOES BACK TO WHAT I INCLUDED IN MY STATEMENT, IF YOU CAN GIVE US A QUICK UPDATE ON WHERE YOU ARE ON FINALIZING YOUR POLICY FOR ELIMINATING DEPUTY GANGS. WHEN WILL THE POLICY BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED? THEN WE CAN HAVE A SENSE OF HOW WE MEASURE THE SUCCESS FOR YOUR THREE FUNDED CAPTAINS.

SHERIFF LUNA: WELL, GOOD AFTERNOON. AND RIGHT BEFORE I GET TO THAT QUESTION, YOU COMMENTED ABOUT THE WELFARE INMATE FUND. AND JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, LAST WEEK, I ATTENDED SOMETHING THAT I THOUGHT WAS JUST ABSOLUTELY AWESOME, AND THAT WAS AN INMATE HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATION.

SUP. MITCHELL: BEAUTIFUL.

SHERIFF LUNA: AND WE HAD 20 INMATES THAT GRADUATED, AND BEING THERE WITH THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES WAS AMAZING. BUT IN LOOKING AT HOW WE PAID FOR THAT PROGRAM, IT WAS FROM THAT FUNDING. SO, JUST AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT A LOT OF THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE'RE PAYING FOR GOES TO WHERE IT GOES, AND GRADUATIONS ARE JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THAT.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND I COMPLETELY AGREE, AND SOME OF THOSE KINDS OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AS WE'VE LOOKED AT HOW THE INMATE WELFARE FUND HAS BEEN USED OVER TIME, I JUST THINK OUR CORE PROGRAM, IT SHOULD BE A PART OF THE CORE BUDGET, FRANKLY. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE INMATES SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THEIR GRADUATION. THOSE SHOULD BE CORE ELEMENTS OF YOUR BUDGET. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT.

SHERIFF LUNA: THANK YOU. AND IN REGARDS TO THE GANG POLICY, I MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEFORE I WAS ELECTED, AND SINCE I'VE BEEN ELECTED, THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE'S BEEN A CHALLENGE IN THE DEPARTMENT. I STILL TALK ABOUT THE MAJORITY OF OUR EMPLOYEES BEING AMAZING, BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A STRUCTURE IN PLACE WHICH DOES INCLUDE POLICY, TRAINING, AND OVERSIGHT THAT DEALS WITH THIS GANG ISSUE. IN REGARDS, SPECIFICALLY, TO THE GANG POLICY, IT IS STILL IN DRAFT FORM, BUT I WANT OUR COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT, AS WE HAVE DRAFTED IT AND PUT IT THROUGH OUR-- INITIALLY, IT WAS A RECOMMENDATION FROM OUR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE, BECAUSE ONE OF THEIR MANY RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO PUT TWO CAPTAINS AT MULTIPLE STATIONS. SO, WE RAN THE POLICY BY THEM. WE RAN IT BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AS WELL, AND IT IS CURRENTLY IN THE MEET-AND-CONFER PROCESS WITH OUR MULTIPLE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. WE ANTICIPATE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THAT-- AND THEY'RE A PARTNER IN THIS, BECAUSE I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW THIS: THAT AS WE HAVE DEALT, SPOKEN, WITH THIS CHALLENGE OF DEPUTY GANG ISSUES, IT'S JUST BEEN GOING ON FOR DECADES.

SUP. MITCHELL: ABSOLUTELY.

SHERIFF LUNA: SO, IN OUR LAST 9.5 MONTHS HERE, NOT ONLY ARE WE ACKNOWLEDGING IT, BUT PROBABLY HAVE MOVED FORWARD IN A MANNER

THAT HASN'T BEEN SEEN BEFORE. SO, IN ORDER TO DO THIS, I WANT US TO FOCUS ON DOING IT RIGHT, AND NOT DOING IT QUICKLY. AND I'M AN IMPATIENT PERSON. I'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT BEFORE. I WANT IT DONE, LIKE, YESTERDAY. BUT OUR LABOR PARTNERS ARE WILLING PARTICIPANTS HERE. AND COLLECTIVELY, AS WE MOVE THIS FORWARD, I THINK IT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ALL BE VERY PROUD OF AND MOVE AHEAD WITH, AND EVENTUALLY DEAL WITH SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE. SO, THAT'S STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS. IN REGARDS TO THE THREE CAPTAINS, YES, PART OF THE REASON WE BROUGHT THAT FORWARD WAS TO DEAL WITH THE DEPUTY GANG ISSUE, BUT THAT'S NOT THE SOLE PURPOSE FOR A SECOND CAPTAIN AT THE STATIONS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED. THOSE ARE VERY BUSY STATIONS. AGAIN, GREAT PEOPLE THERE, BUT A HISTORY OF CHALLENGES. SO, HAVING THE TWO-CAPTAIN MODEL WILL ENSURE THAT WE'RE VERY MUCH FOCUSED ON POLICIES; NOT ONLY GANG POLICIES, USE-OF-FORCE POLICIES. THERE'S A WHOLE LIST OF POLICIES THAT THEY'LL BE FOCUSED ON, AND MAKING SURE THAT THE EMPLOYEES ARE PROPERLY TRAINED, MENTORED, COACHED, DISCIPLINED WHEN WE NEED TO, AND THE OVERSIGHT IS THERE. AND SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ALSO ADDING ON, BECAUSE I THINK IT DOES CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM THAT'S BEEN IGNORED FOR WAY TOO LONG, AND THAT'S THE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PORTION, TO MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EMPLOYEES ARE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY IN TOP PHYSICAL SHAPE, BUT TOP MENTAL SHAPE, AS WELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT, AND LET ME JUST CLARIFY. I APPRECIATE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. I DON'T WANT YOU TO INTERPRET ME RAISING THIS AS QUESTIONING YOUR COMMITMENT TO IT AT ALL. THAT'S NOT THE POINT. THE REASON I RAISE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF TODAY'S BUDGET CONVERSATION IS BECAUSE THE THREE CAPTAINS WERE PRESENTED AT THE TIME, AS I RECALL, AS FOCUSING ON YOUR GANG INTERVENTION STRATEGY. TODAY IS THE FIRST TIME I RECALL HEARING THAT YOU HAVE A BROADER AGENDA FOR THOSE THREE CAPTAINS, SO THAT'S HELPFUL TO KNOW. AGAIN, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, LOOKING AT THE PERCENTAGE OF OUR NEW N.C.C. DOLLARS THAT WENT TO YOUR DEPARTMENT, I HAD TO LOOK CRITICALLY AT WHAT THOSE INVESTMENTS WERE, COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF UNFUNDED BOARD PRIORITIES THAT-- SEE WHAT I'M SAYING? AND SO WHEN I'M LOOKING AT THREE CAPTAINS FOCUSED ON GANGS, WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A GANG POLICY, IT JUST FELT TO ME LIKE WE WERE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. WHAT I HEAR YOU TODAY SAYING IS THAT YOU NEEDED THOSE THREE ADDITIONAL CAPTAINS TO MEET A VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS, INCLUDING YOUR GANG PREVENTION STRATEGY, BUT BEYOND THAT.

SHERIFF LUNA: YES, MA'AM. THAT IS CORRECT. AND THEN, FOR THE TWO STATIONS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BOTH LANCASTER AND

PALMDALE, IT DEALS WITH THE CONSENT DECREES THAT WE HAVE UP THERE. SO, THEY WILL GREATLY ASSIST IN THOSE EFFORTS, AS WELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. CHIEF VIERA ROSA, GOOD AFTERNOON.

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SUP. MITCHELL: WE SAW IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET LOTS OF PUBLIC INQUIRY ABOUT THE FUNDING FOR THE 35 SECURITY POSITIONS AT JUVENILE HALL. I COMMENTED IN MY STATEMENT THAT, BETWEEN B.S.C.C., D.O.J., AND ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE US IN A VISE GRIP, IF YOU WILL, IN TERMS OF HOW WE MANAGE OUR FACILITIES, HOW WE KEEP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE. CAN YOU TALK TO US ABOUT THESE POSITIONS, AND HOW THESE POSITIONS WILL ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY, PRIMARILY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COLLECTIVE CARE?

CHIEF VIERA ROSA: CERTAINLY. AND AT THE ONSET, I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF STRATEGIES TO BE ABLE TO BRING SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CARE, AND FOR THE STAFF, AS WELL. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT BECAME OBVIOUS IN INITIAL ASSESSMENT ON HOW TO DO BETTER WAS THAT WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO USE PEACE OFFICER STAFF TO DO A SERIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, SUCH AS REINFORCE THE

EXTERNAL SAFETY. THAT'S NOT WHERE WE NEED THEM. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A SHORTAGE OF PEACE OFFICER STAFF ON ANY GIVEN SHIFT, AND THE CREATION OF THIS NEW CLASSIFICATION OF SAFETY AND SECURITY SPECIALIST, IN ESSENCE, WHAT IT DOES IS IT RELIEVES THEM AND OUR ABILITY TO PUT THEM WHERE THEY'RE MOST NEEDED, WHICH IS INTERACTING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CARE, AND REALLY FOMENTING THAT ENVIRONMENT OF GROWTH AND LEARNING AND INTERACTING WITH FOLKS DIFFERENTLY THAN, PERHAPS, THEY'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO. THAT CAN ONLY HAPPEN WITH OUR PROBATION FOLKS, AS WELL AS WITH OUR PARTNERS. THAT TAKES PLACE WITHIN THESE FACILITIES. IN ORDER FOR THAT TO TAKE PLACE, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO A SERIES OF THREATS. ONE OF THEM IS THE INTRODUCTION OF CONTRABAND INTO OUR FACILITIES, THAT HAS CREATED SUCH PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

SUP. MITCHELL: LOSS OF LIFE.

CHIEF VIERA ROSA: LOSS OF LIFE. THERE'S NOTHING WORSE. IN ORDER TO DO THAT, THEY WILL FILL A CRITICAL GAP THAT WE HAVE BETWEEN WHAT HAPPENS ON THE INTERIOR BY OUR TYPICAL PROBATION STAFF. THIS IS NOT AN OVERLAP, IN TERMS OF THE CLASSIFICATION. THESE ARE FOLKS THAT, AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE POSITION, WILL ALREADY HAVE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING, AND THEY PRIMARILY WILL BE UTILIZED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A GOOD SECURITY

PROTOCOL, AND THE FIDELITY THAT THOSE POLICIES ARE TAKING PLACE MOSTLY ON THE EXTERIOR OF THAT FACILITY. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY, MAKING SURE THAT OUR CONTRACT SECURITY IS ACTUALLY VETTING FOLKS BEFORE THEY COME IN, MAKING SURE THAT OUR ENTRY POINTS AND OUR EXIT POINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THAT. SO, THIS IS DIFFERENT. THEY'RE NOT INTENDED TO HAVE INTERACTION WITH THE YOUTH THAT WE HAVE. THEY'RE INTENDED TO HELP CREATE A SPACE, AN ENVIRONMENT, THAT IS SAFE, AND WHERE POSITIVE THINGS CAN TAKE PLACE. IT'S NOT A LOT OF POSITIONS, SO WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO REALLY BE DOING IS USING THE EXPERTISE THAT THEY'RE ALREADY GOING TO BRING TO THE POSITION TO COORDINATE THOSE OTHER POLICIES AND THOSE OTHER POSITIONS, SUCH AS THE CONTRACT SECURITY THAT WE WILL HAVE AT THE ENTRY POINTS AND THE PARKING LOTS, AND THROUGH THE WAREHOUSE, AND ALL THOSE PLACES THAT WE KNOW CONTRABAND CAN BE INTRODUCED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, THANKS TO THE STAFF WHO WORKED REALLY HARD TO PUT THESE BUDGET DOCUMENTS TOGETHER. I APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO THE C.E.O. AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK, AS WELL AS MY BUDGET DIRECTOR, JOHN LEONARD, AND OUR THIRD-DISTRICT STAFF, AND ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET FOR THIS LAST YEAR. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK. THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT WE'RE FACING SIGNIFICANT NEW COSTS IN THE FUTURE, SO I'M APPRECIATIVE THAT OUR C.E.O. AND HER STAFF ARE LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE WITH ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES IN MIND, WHILE STILL LOOKING TO FUND AS MANY OF OUR PRIORITIES AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. DESPITE THESE CHALLENGES, WE REMAIN FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, INCLUDING HAVING THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE CREDIT RATINGS, WHICH MANY COUNTIES AND CITIES CANNOT SAY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I'M DEDICATED TO MAKING SURE WE'RE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF EACH DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET, TO SEE WHERE WE CAN SAVE AND REALLOCATE FUNDS. I'M ALSO INTERESTED TO SEE THE REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE REGARDING THE PRIORITIZATION OF MOTIONS OF THE BOARD, WHICH WILL HELP IN A VARIETY OF ISSUES. ONE THAT WAS RAISED HERE TODAY IS THE PRIORITIZATION OF INVESTMENT IN THE NEEDS OF OUR IMMIGRANTS, AND I THINK ISSUES LIKE THAT NEED TO BE PRIORITIZED, AND CERTAINTY NEEDS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE PUBLIC. PEOPLE ARE CLEARLY SHOWING UP IN NUMBERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THESE PRIORITIES. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FUND SOME PROGRAMS FROM OUTSIDE FUNDING SOURCES, SUCH AS REVENUES FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS ONE-TIME CASH BALANCES. SOME INVESTMENTS WE'RE MAKING TO ADDRESS THE URGENT NEEDS WE SEE IN OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDE SPENDING A RECORD AMOUNT ON OUR HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE, AND RESERVING FUNDS TO CONTINUE AN ELEVATED RESPONSE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, SPENDING OVER $175 MILLION TO ADD 167 NEW MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS, TO HELP EXPAND HOME TEAMS, SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM, AND INCREASE ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; SPENDING NEARLY $20 MILLION TO EXPAND OUTREACH PROGRAMS ON L.A. METRO RAIL, BUSES, AND UNION STATION; PROVIDING FUNDING FOR STAY HOUSED L.A., INCLUDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THOSE FACING EVICTION; SPENDING CLOSE TO $80 MILLION AND ADDING 29 POSITIONS FOR THE FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL PROGRAM, WHICH DIVERTS INDIVIDUALS FACING FELONY CHARGES AND OUR FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL, AND TO APPROPRIATE TREATMENT SETTINGS; ADDING NEW ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS TO HELP CONTINUE TO STAND UP J.C.O.D. AND SUPPORT O.D.R.; ADDING 123 NEW POSITIONS THROUGH OUTSIDE FUNDING TO REDUCE ADOPTION CASELOADS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, WHILE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO CAREGIVERS, MEDICAL SERVICES FOR INTENSIVE-SERVICES FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, AND SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY-FINDING AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM; ADDING 90 NEW SUBACUTE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, 42 NEW ACUTE IN-PATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS, AND WE KNOW, AS WE'VE HEARD EARLIER TODAY, WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE; ADDING NEW SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR OLDER

ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 60-65; ESTABLISHING OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMISSION AND OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY; AS WELL AS RESERVING SIGNIFICANT ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR FUTURE BUDGET UNCERTAINTIES. WHILE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS, I STILL HAVE CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IN A FEW SPECIFIC AREAS. FIRST, THERE WAS MENTION OF THE IMPACT OF MEASURE J. I KNOW THERE WAS A RECENT RULING FROM THE COURT THAT FOUND THAT MEASURE J IS, IN FACT, CONSTITUTIONAL. AND I KNOW WE ALSO RECEIVED DIRECTION FROM OUR COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE THAT AN INQUIRY HAS BEEN PUT IN PLAY TO SORT OF DELAY, POTENTIALLY, WHETHER WE'RE REVERTING BACK TO MEASURE J. SO, CAN YOU TELL US WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT REVIEW OF MEASURE J, THE COURT'S DIRECTION, AND HOW IT WILL IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO SPEND FUNDS ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE J VOTE?

SPEAKER: YES, SUPERVISOR. MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE ARE STILL REVIEWING THAT. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE C.E.O., I BELIEVE, IS CONTINUING THE FUNDING AS THEY NORMALLY WOULD.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, HOW LONG WILL THAT REVIEW TAKE? BECAUSE WE CONSISTENTLY HEAR AT THESE MEETINGS AN INTEREST FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT ALLOCATING OUR FUNDING ACCORDING TO MEASURE J. AND SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT TIMELINE WE'RE WORKING ON IN THAT REVIEW.

SPEAKER: SO, IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING AN APPEAL HAS BEEN FILED TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND WE'RE WAITING TO SEE IF THE SUPREME COURT TAKES THAT CASE. SO IT SHOULD BE FAIRLY QUICKLY.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, SO WE'LL KNOW SOON.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: CAN I JUST CLARIFY ONE THING, SUPERVISORS? SO, WE HAVE A LEGAL ISSUE THAT IS PENDING IN COURT. THE BOARD HAS ALSO ADOPTED ITS OWN POLICY UNDER CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. THE ONGOING LACK OF ALIGNMENT-- DISAGREEMENT, I WILL SAY-- INVOLVES THE AMOUNT OF THE MEASURE J ALLOCATION: WHETHER IT'S ALLOCATED UNDER THE BALLOT MEASURE, OR WHETHER IT'S ALLOCATED UNDER OUR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT MOTION THAT THE BOARD DECIDED TO DO, DESPITE THE LEGAL ISSUE. AND SO, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE TO DO A CALCULATION EVERY YEAR: WHAT'S RESTRICTED AND WHAT'S UNRESTRICTED. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT CALCULATION CHANGING, REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS, THE LEGAL POSTURE OF THE CASE. SO, IN SUMMARY, THE C.E.O.'S POSITION IS, THE BOARD IS ALREADY, AND HAS ALREADY, BEEN IMPLEMENTING MEASURE J, THAT WE NOW CALL CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. SO, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE AMOUNT IN OUR CALCULATION WILL ONLY CHANGE IF OUR REVENUES IN OUR RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED REVENUES CHANGE.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, WHAT IS THE POINT OF A LEGAL CHALLENGE IF IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME? CLEARLY, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I DISAGREE. I THINK THAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY-- WELL, I WILL SAY THIS: I THINK MEASURE J IS VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY FOR FOLKS IN A COMMUNITY, TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY MOVES IN A CARE-FIRST MANNER. WE HAVE A CALCULATION THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO EVERY YEAR. AND SO FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE THIS ONGOING DISAGREEMENT ABOUT WHAT IS THE AMOUNT-- THE CORRECT AMOUNT? THAT IS THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE. AND WHETHER THE COURT UPHOLDS THE APPEAL OR NOT, OUR CALCULATION WILL NOT CHANGE. WE'VE DEVELOPED A CALCULATION AS TO WHAT IS RESTRICTED AND WHAT IS UNRESTRICTED, AND IT'S NOT ENCUMBERED BY A LEGAL ANALYSIS. IT'S AN ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETARY ANALYSIS.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. SO THE COURTS, POTENTIALLY, COULD DETERMINE A DIFFERENT CALCULATION THAN WHAT YOU'RE INDICATING, BUT WE WOULDN'T INTERPRET IT DIFFERENTLY UNDER THE COUNTY?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YEAH, I WOULD DEFER TO LEGAL COUNSEL. WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, THE CALCULATION IS NOT THE ISSUE BEFORE THE COURT. THE ISSUE BEFORE THE COURT IS THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE BOARD'S ACTION.

SUP. HORVATH: UNDERSTOOD. OKAY. STAYING IN THE JUSTICE AREA, I WOULD LIKE SOME CLARIFICATION, BASED ON SOME QUESTIONS THAT I ASKED IN JUNE: WHERE WE ARE, AS IT RELATES TO OUR FUNDING, TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONSENT DECREES AND ACTIONS FROM THE B.S.C.C. IF YOU COULD HIGHLIGHT FOR ME WHERE WE ARE FUNDED, WHERE WE ARE IMPLEMENTED, AND WHAT IS YET TO BE FUNDED, IN TERMS OF THOSE ACTIONS WITH THIS BUDGET.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. LET ME START OFF BY SAYING THAT ALL OF OUR B.S.C.C. REQUIREMENTS ARE SELF-FUNDED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND THEY COME OUT OF THE PROBATION'S BUDGET. SOME OF OUR B.S.C.C. REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN-- A LOT OF FOCUS HAS BEEN ON LOS PADRINOS AND ON BARRY J. NIDORF, AND WHAT WE HAVE WORKED ON ARE THINGS SUCH AS INSTALLATION OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISIONS, REPLACEMENT OF FIXTURES AND CONTROLS, REPAIRS AND INSTALLATIONS OF WINDOWS. THERE IS A SPECIAL TYPE OF WINDOW THAT WE NEED. RENOVATIONS OF RESTROOMS, INCLUDING PARTITIONS FOR PRIVACY; PAINTING; REPLACEMENT OF SECURITY FENCING, ET CETERA. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER TASKS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED, AND I WILL-- I DON'T HAVE THE DOLLAR FIGURE AT MY FINGERTIPS. I DON'T HAVE THE DOLLAR FIGURE AT MY FINGERTIPS, BUT I WILL FIND IT.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY, SO THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN FUNDED TO DATE, BUT WHAT IS LEFT UNFUNDED THAT WE NEED TO FUND, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, I THINK PART OF THAT ANSWER, SUPERVISOR, WILL BE DRIVEN BY WHAT THE B.S.C.C.'S RESPONSE IS TO THE CURRENT FINDING THAT'S PENDING REGARDING UNSUITABILITY OF BARRY J. NIDORF. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS, PROBABLY, ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS ON THE RADAR SCREEN THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE, BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT AT MY FINGERTIPS.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. PERHAPS, AS IT RELATES TO MEN'S CENTRAL, WE COULD HEAR FROM J.C.O.D. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEIR PROGRESS. I KNOW THAT THEY ARE LARGELY TASKED WITH COMPLIANCE AND STANDING UP SOME OF THE BEDS AND PROGRAMMING. SO, PERHAPS IF WE COULD HEAR FROM OUR NEWLY SWORN-IN J.C.O.D. DIRECTOR, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. AS IT RELATES TO THE PROBATION ALLOCATION THAT WAS REFERENCED EARLIER, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROBATION ALLOCATION FOR NEW POSITIONS IS BEING FUNDED ALREADY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT; THAT IT'S NOT NEW FUNDING. CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHEN YOU SEE POSITIONS THAT ARE ADDED TO

THE PROBATION'S DEPARTMENT, TO THEIR BUDGET, WE NORMALLY REQUIRE THEM TO SELF-FUND. AND SO WE ARE NOT ADDING AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF N.C.C. WE MIGHT PROVIDE THE POSITIONS, BUT THE POSITIONS HAVE TO BE FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. SO, WHAT WE'RE REALLY APPROVING IS THE CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS TO BE FUNDED WITH FUNDING THEY ALREADY HAVE, SO WE'RE NOT GIVING THEM NEW 4.4, AS MANY SPEAKERS ACCOUNTED FOR TODAY.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. HORVATH: SO, I WANT TO BE CLEAR WE'RE ACCOUNTABLE TO THAT: THAT IT'S COMING FROM THEIR EXISTING BUDGET.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. AND SO, THANK YOU. I SEE OUR DIRECTOR HAS BROUGHT TWO MORE. WELCOME, ALL. I JUST WANTED TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRESS, BECAUSE I THINK WHAT'S CLEAR IS WE ARE INVESTING IN SOME OF OUR GOALS. WHAT'S NOT CLEAR IS THE FRAMEWORK, THE CONTEXT, OF WHAT IS THE PLAN WITH THE TIMELINE FOR BENCHMARKS OF ACTION? AND SO, IF YOU COULD TALK ABOUT THE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED TO DATE? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE

TO DO? TALK ABOUT ANY OF THE ISSUES, POTENTIALLY, THAT YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED. ARE THEY BUDGETARY, OR IS IT SOMETHING ELSE? AND TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE WILL SEE THAT PLAN WITH BENCHMARK DATES, UNLESS YOU ALREADY HAVE IT, WHICH I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. SO, THAT IS A LAYERED QUESTION. EACH ONE OF THOSE REQUIRE LOTS AND LOTS OF LAYERS. SO, THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPONENTS TO REDUCING THE POPULATION, AND THEN ULTIMATELY CLOSING THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY, INCLUDING-- AND I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO ASK MAGGIE CARTER TO ALSO JOIN US FROM THE D.O.J. COMPLIANCE TEAM, AS WELL.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: SO... AND YOU'VE HEARD THE COMPLICATIONS WITH SOME OF THE BEDS. SO, I DO HAVE A TIMELINE FOR UP TO 5,198 BEDS. THAT'S STILL NOT GOING TO CLOSE YOUR JAIL. SO, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT O.D.R. BEDS, THE NUMBERS I HAVE-- AND, ACTUALLY, THE DOCTORS ARE HERE, AS WELL, TO HELP US ANSWER SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS, BUT O.D.R. BEDS CURRENTLY IS ABOUT 2134, M.I.S.T. BEDS 213, F.I.S.T. BEDS 794. AND THEN THERE ARE OTHER BEDS THE D.M.H. CONSERVED, AND CONSERVABLE BEDS, AND THEN D.M.H. NON-DIVERTIBLE, NON-CONSERVED BEDS. WHEN YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT

THIS POPULATION, YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED, THOSE THAT MAY NOT BE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, BUT HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF ACUTE NEEDS. AND THEY'RE NOT DIFFERENTIATED, NECESSARILY, ABOUT WHO GOES TO WHAT BEDS. AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT WE NEED CONTINUES TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW LONG A PERSON IS ON A BED. IT'S NOT A ONE-TO-ONE RATIO, AND I THINK PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED. SO, JUST HYPOTHETICALLY, IF THERE ARE A THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CUSTODY, WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE DIVERTED, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY, IN THAT MOMENT, DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN IF WE STAND UP 1,000 BEDS, THEN WE DON'T HAVE THAT SPACE EMPTY ANYMORE, RIGHT? SO WE MOVE THOSE THOUSAND, SOME MORE FOLKS COME IN, AND THEN HOW LONG EACH PERSON IS ON THE BED, AND THEN THE TYPE OF CARE THEY NEED AFTER THAT. AND I'M GLAD THE DOCTORS ARE HERE, BECAUSE THEY CAN EXPLAIN THAT IN A WAY THAT I CAN'T. BUT A PERSON MAY NEED A LOCKED BED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, AND THEY MAY NEED A LOCKED BED INDEFINITELY. NOW THAT LOCKED BED IS OFFLINE, RIGHT? AND SO WE CAN'T USE THAT TO HELP DIVERT ANYONE ELSE. OR THEY MAY BE ABLE TO STEP DOWN. RIGHT? AND THEN THEY STEP DOWN TO WHAT LEVEL OF CARE, AND THEN THEY MAY GO BACK UP TO A LOCKED BED. RIGHT? AND SO, TO HAVE A DEFINITIVE TIMELINE, THAT IF WE BUILD 10,000 BEDS, THEN WE WON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. WE CAN'T DO THAT, BECAUSE THE NUMBERS AREN'T-- AND IT'S CONSTANTLY TURNING. BUT LET ME JUST START WITH THE FIRST NUMBERS THAT I SAID. SO, WE'RE ALREADY TALKING

ABOUT 3,141 BEDS. NOW, BY JUNE OF NEXT YEAR, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL 600, BARRING ANY CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGES, NOT BEING ABLE TO HIRE STAFF, RIGHT, NOT BEING ABLE TO GET A PROVIDER WHO CAN PROVIDE THE SERVICES, YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER 641 BEDS ONLINE. THIS IS THE GOAL, RIGHT? SO, BY NEXT JUNE, 2,775 O.D.R. BEDS. YOU'LL STILL HAVE THE 213 M.I.S.T. BEDS. ANOTHER 101 F.I.S.T. BEDS BRINGS YOU UP TO 895 F.I.S.T. BEDS. THEN, AN ADDITIONAL 72 BEDS FOR THE D.M.H. CONSERVED/CONSERVABLE POPULATION, AND THAT BRINGS YOU UP TO 3,955 BEDS, AN ADDITIONAL 814 BEDS. YOU'RE STILL NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO CLOSE THE JAIL. AND THAT'S STILL BRINGING A LOT OF BEDS ONLINE. THEN, BY JUNE OF 2025, AN ADDITIONAL 570 BEDS IN THE O.D.R. SPACE, BARRING ANY OTHER CHALLENGES WITH CONSTRUCTION OR STAFFING OR ANYTHING ELSE, BRINGS YOU UP TO 3,345 BEDS. THIS IS THE GOAL. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. RIGHT? YOU STILL HAVE YOUR 213 BEDS IN M.I.S.T., AND THEN ANOTHER 215 F.I.S.T. BEDS BRINGS YOU UP TO 1,110. AN ADDITIONAL 66 CONSERVED BEDS-- NOT TALKING ABOUT C.A.R.E. COURT, OR THE HOMELESS BEDS, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT-- AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL 26 BEDS FOR THE D.M.H. NON-DIVERTIBLE, NON-CONSERVED BEDS BRINGS YOU UP TO 4,832 BEDS. THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL 877 BEDS. YOUR JAIL'S STILL NOT GOING TO CLOSE. RIGHT? AND YOU HAVE ALL THESE OTHER POPULATIONS WHO ARE COMING IN.

SUP. HORVATH: SO LET ME JUST INTERRUPT YOU, BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE MISSING THE MARK A LITTLE BIT. I'M VERY CLEAR THAT THERE ARE BEDS COMING INTO THE PIPELINE. I THINK WHAT WE NEED FOR-- THE REASON I'M BRINGING IT UP TODAY IS, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE PLAN IS, WITH BENCHMARKED TIMELINE, AND MAKING SURE THAT WHAT WE ARE APPROVING TODAY ACTUALLY FUNDS WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. SO, I AM CLEAR THAT YOU HAVE PLANS IN PLACE. I'D LIKE TO SORT OF SEE THAT IN THE BROADER CONTEXT WITH, "WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS MANY BEDS, OF THIS TYPE, BY THIS TIMELINE." THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. BUT WHAT I NEED TO KNOW TODAY IS WHETHER WHAT'S IN THIS BUDGET, HOW IT ALIGNS WITH EVERYTHING THAT YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT. DO YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED IN THIS BUDGET TO DO EVERYTHING THAT YOU JUST SAID, OR WHERE ARE WE GOING TO FALL SHORT? BECAUSE WHAT I DON'T WANT-- I'M HAPPY TO HAVE THE BEDS PRESENTATION NEXT MONTH, BUT WHAT I DON'T WANT IS, IN THAT CONVERSATION, TO SAY, "WELL, WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO DO THIS YET," WHEN WE JUST ARE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION TODAY. SO, THAT'S WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEAR FOR ME FROM THIS CONVERSATION.

SPEAKER: NO, I APPRECIATE THAT. I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO PAUSE AND DEFER TO THE DOCTORS.

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: THANKS, SUPERVISOR. I'LL TAKE A START ON THE O.D.R. SIDE, AND THEN DR. WONG CAN WEIGH IN ON THE D.M.H.

SIDE. SO, FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, WE OPERATE ABOUT, ROUGHLY, 3,000 BEDS RIGHT NOW. OF A MIXTURE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEDS, THE VAST MAJORITY ARE INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS. WE ONLY HAVE A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF SUBACUTE, HIGHER-ACUITY BEDS. AND THEN THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL ABOUT 1600 OR SO BEDS THAT THE BOARD, THROUGH A VARIETY OF FUNDING SOURCES, HAS ALREADY FUNDED, AND THOSE BEDS ARE IN TWO BROAD POPULATIONS. I WOULD CONSIDER IT FOR F.I.S.T., FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL PATIENTS, AND THEN NON-F.I.S.T. FOR THE F.I.S.T. BEDS, THOSE ARE FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS, AND THE BOARD APPROVED THE FUNDING TO MOVE OVER INTO OUR BUDGET, AND THEY'LL RAMP OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS. AND THEN FOR THE NON-F.I.S.T.S-- THAT'S ANOTHER 1100 BEDS, THAT'S PART OF THAT 16-ISH-HUNDRED BEDS-- THOSE ARE FUNDED THROUGH PRIOR ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD TOOK IN PREVIOUS BUDGET PHASES, AND THOSE BEDS ARE BEING RAMPED UP HALF THIS FISCAL YEAR, AND HALF NEXT FISCAL YEAR. SO, BY THE END OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WE WILL HAVE FULLY RAMPED UP ALL OF THE BEDS WITHIN O.D.R. THAT THE BOARD HAS ALLOCATED FOR FUNDING, WITH THE F.I.S.T. BEDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS ON A SLIGHTLY LONGER TIMELINE. THAT LEAVES A COUPLE OF GAPS, WHICH HOPEFULLY GETS AT THE QUESTION THAT YOU'RE ASKING, WHICH IS, "WHAT MORE IS NEEDED?" AND I THINK REALLY, IN BROAD CATEGORIES, THERE'S THREE THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED. ONE IS, FOR THE F.I.S.T. POPULATION, PEOPLE ARE F.I.S.T. ONLY FOR

A DEFINED PERIOD OF TIME. THEY'RE F.I.S.T.S ACCORDING TO THE LAW, AND TYPICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS COVERS FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE F.I.S.T. FOR TWO YEARS, BECAUSE THAT'S THE DURATION OF TIME THAT THEY'RE INVOLVED IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM BEING A F.I.S.T. AFTER THEIR TWO YEAR EXPIRES FOR A GIVEN CLIENT, WE'RE STILL HOUSING THEM. WE'RE STILL HOUSING THEM IN INTERIM OR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE WANT TO KEEP HOUSING THEM. WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THE STABILITY OF THEIR HOUSING, BUT THERE'S NO LONGER ANY FUNDING THAT'S COMING TO SUPPORT ANY GIVEN CLIENT AFTER THAT TWO-YEAR MARK. SO THAT, AS THIS F.I.S.T. EXPANSION ROLLS OUT OVER TIME, IS AN UNFUNDED HOUSING COST THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD. NOW, THAT CLOCK DOESN'T REALLY START TICKING THIS YEAR. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE SOLVED IN THIS PARTICULAR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE, BECAUSE THE F.I.S.T. RAMP-UP IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, AND IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR THAT TWO-YEAR CLOCK TO HIT THE POINT WHERE WE NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN ORDER TO KEEP PEOPLE STABLY HOUSED. BUT THAT'S THE FIRST PIECE THAT'S ON THE HORIZON. THE SECOND PIECE THAT'S ON THE HORIZON IS THE FACT THAT I'M SURE YOU'LL ALSO HEAR IN SEPARATE SETTINGS, REGARDING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN GENERAL, THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES ARE GOING UP. AND WE'RE HEARING FROM A VARIETY OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNERS THAT THE COST OF BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE BOTH THE HOUSING SERVICES, THE TENANCY

SUPPORT, SERVICES, HOUSING NAVIGATION SERVICES, ALL OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS-- INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES-- ALL OF THE THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED TO KEEP SOMEONE STABLY HOUSED-- WELL, HOUSE THEM, AND KEEP SOMEONE STABLY HOUSED, IS JUST NATURALLY MORE EXPENSIVE OVER TIME. SO THERE'S AN EMPHASIS OR A DESIRE BY A NUMBER OF OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE RATE OVER TIME. THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY BUILT INTO THE BUDGETS. WHEN THE BOARD HAS APPROVED BUDGETS, IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY COVER THE COST OF THOSE RATE INCREASES OVER TIME. SO, IF WE WERE TO ADJUST ACROSS THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO OVERALL-- THIS WOULD APPLY TO HOUSING FOR HEALTH, AS WELL AS TO O.D.R. AND OTHER PROGRAMS, AS WELL-- THEN WE WOULD EITHER NEED MORE FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE EXISTING PORTFOLIO, OR WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE THE PORTFOLIO. SO THERE'S THAT UNFUNDED PIECE TO BE ABLE TO JUST SUPPORT THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK. AND THEN THE THIRD PIECE IS YOUR AMAZING QUESTION, WHICH IS, "WHAT'S NEEDED TO CLOSE THE JAIL?" THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT THAT CAME OUT A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO TOOK ONE ATTEMPT AT TRYING TO EXPLAIN SOME OF WHAT IS A MUCH LONGER LIST OF FACTORS THAT IS NEEDED TO CLOSE THE JAIL. THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT FOCUSED JUST ON A SLIVER OF THOSE FACTORS, AND IT ESTIMATED THAT WE NEED 3600 BEDS-- INTERIM HOUSING OR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS-- IN ADDITION TO 400 FOR SPECIALTY MEDICAL ISSUES. SO IT'S 4,000 BEDS OR SO BEDS, IN GENERAL. WHAT IS CURRENTLY FUNDED, AND NOT

YET BUILT, IS ABOUT HALF OF THAT. SO, WE HAVE RIGHT NOW THE FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED FOR ROUGHLY HALF OF WHAT WAS LAID OUT TWO YEARS AGO, AS ONE ESTIMATE OF WHAT MIGHT BE NEEDED TO CLOSE M.C.J. BUT, SO I THINK THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE, THE ADDITIONAL 2,000 OR SO BEDS THAT I THINK WE ALL KNEW WERE NEEDED TO POTENTIALLY GET TO POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF M.C.J. THAT WOULD NEED TO BE FUNDED. AND THE COST OF THE FUNDING RUNS AT ABOUT $45,000 OR SO PER YEAR, PLUS OR MINUS. AND THEN, ALSO, THERE NEEDS TO BE A MODELING EXERCISE, WHICH J.C.O.D. IS LEADING, TO LOOK AT THE CONSTELLATION OF MUCH BROADER FACTORS. THAT IS TO REALLY GET AT ANSWERING THE QUESTION OF WHAT'S NEEDED TO CLOSE M.C.J., AND THAT HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NOT JUST THE MENTAL HEALTH BED PIECE, BUT THE CHANGES IN SENTENCING, AS HAS BEEN HAPPENING WITH THE COURT: THE DURATION OF TIME PEOPLE ARE TAKING TO MOVE TO PRISON, TO CDCR, AND OUT OF THE JAILS. WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW WITH THE ZERO BAIL POLICY? THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT PIECES OF THIS, AND WHAT'S NEEDED IS THAT COMPREHENSIVE MODELING WORK TO LAND AT A FINAL NUMBER. BUT EVEN BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, WE KNOW THAT WE NEED, STILL, ROUGHLY ABOUT 2,000 OR SO FOR THE O.D.R.-SIDE BEDS, JUST TO KNOW WHAT WE ALREADY PREVIOUSLY NEEDED. THE LAST POINT, AND THEN PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I HAVEN'T ANSWERED YOUR QUESTIONS. THE LAST POINT IS THAT, OF THOSE 2,000 OR SO PLUS OR MINUS BEDS, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION FROM SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ASKED FOR A REPORT BACK ON THE FUNDING NEEDED FOR A THOUSAND

OF THE BEDS. AND WHAT WE NEED OVER 5 YEARS, TO FUND A RAMP-UP OF A THOUSAND ADDITIONAL BEDS, IS ABOUT $175 MILLION. THAT'S A RAMP-UP. AT STEADY STATE, THE ANNUAL COST IS $45 MILLION PER YEAR OF THOSE BEDS, LEAVING ASIDE POTENTIAL INFLATION. AND SO THAT'S WHAT WOULD STILL BE NEEDED IF THE BOARD DECIDED TO DO AN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT ON A THOUSAND OF THE BEDS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME, I WANT TO KEEP MOVING, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE, DR. WONG, IF THERE IS ANY PIECE OF WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT HASN'T BEEN COVERED, THAT IS CRITICAL TO WHAT WE ARE DISCUSSING TODAY IN OUR BUDGET, AS IT RERATES TO THE PLAN YOU'LL PRESENT TO US NEXT MONTH.

DR. LISA WONG: WELL, I THINK WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS, IN THIS SUPPLEMENTAL CYCLE, WE SPECIFICALLY HAVE COSTS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED, BUT WHAT'S GREAT IS THE FUNDING IS IN PLACE, AND THE PROVIDERS ARE IN PLACE. AND I THINK, FOR US, THAT IS SUCH A KEY. SO, FOR FUNDING AND PROVIDERS THAT ARE IN PLACE, INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CYCLE, WE HAVE 525 BEDS. BUT AS MY COLLEAGUES MENTIONED, THERE IS A LOT THAT HAS TO ALONG WITH THAT. IT'S NOT JUST THE BEDS. IT'S THE SERVICES AND THE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. BUT I THINK WE'RE MAKING MOVEMENT.

SUP. HORVATH: SO IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED TO GET US THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR, MAYBE A LITTLE BIT MORE. BUT WE HAVE, ACCORDING TO DR. GHALY, ABOUT HALFWAY FROM WHAT WE DETERMINED TWO YEARS AGO. AND I'M SURE ALL OF THIS MAKES SENSE TO THE COLLECTIVE OF YOU WORKING ON THIS, BUT UNTIL, I THINK, THE 5 OF US SEE IT IN A CLEAR PLAN WITH, "HERE'S WHAT WE ARE GETTING, BY THIS TIME, WITH THIS PRICE TAG," IT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF NUMBERS SWIRLING AROUND THAT DON'T ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE THE ACTION WE NEED TO CREATE TO SHUT IT DOWN, TO DELIVER YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, TO ACTUALLY ACHIEVE THE GOALS THAT THIS BOARD HAS SET OUT. SO, I AM CLEAR THAT IT'S CLEAR TO YOU, AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO SORT OF DRILL DOWN SO IT'S CLEAR TO ALL OF US HOW WE ARE GETTING THERE WITH THOSE BENCHMARKS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE NEEDED FOR THIS STAGE. AND I THINK, GOING FORWARD, THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF PLAN WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO MARRY TO OUR BUDGET PROCESS, TO ENSURE WE'RE STAYING ON TOP OF OUR GOALS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SECOND TOPIC FOR ME WILL BE CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE. I KNOW THAT OUR C.E.O. HAS IDENTIFIED, DURING THE LAST FEW BUDGET CYCLES, CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN STAFFING RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE. WHERE ARE WE ON THE STAFFING NEEDS IN OUR OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, AND WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING FOR OUR COUNTY'S SUSTAINABILITY PLAN THROUGH FUTURE BUDGETS, TO KEEP US ON TRACK?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WE ARE PROPOSING, IT'S ABOUT $800,000. IT'S A MIXTURE OF ONE-TIME AND ONGOING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, THE JUST TRANSITION TAX FORCE, A CONSULTANT TO CREATE THE HEAT ACTION PLAN, AND THE CLEAN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP DUES. WITH REGARDS TO STAFFING, STAFFING IS ALWAYS AN ONGOING ISSUE AND CONCERN, AND, YOU KNOW, OUR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IS VERY LARGE AND VERY COMPREHENSIVE, AND SO THAT WILL BE AN ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH OUR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. AND THEN, IN TERMS OF FUNDING THE PLAN, I MET WITH OUR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, MAYBE THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER, AND TALKED ABOUT A STRATEGY AND AN APPROACH TO FUNDING SUSTAINABILITY. THERE ARE MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, AND I THINK WHAT WILL BE HELPFUL, MOVING FORWARD, IS TO HAVE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ALL WORKING ON, LET'S SAY, A PARTICULAR STRATEGY THAT THEY ALIGN THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS, SO THAT I NOW SEE THAT I HAVE 4 DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE WORKING ON SUSTAINABILITY, AND THAT THAT THEY ARE ALL REQUESTING FUNDING TO FUND THEIR PIECE OF THAT.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE MORE COORDINATION AND ANOTHER INTERDISCIPLINARY EFFORT, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT ALLOWING THAT TO BE THE REASON WE'RE NOT ACHIEVING THE COUNTY'S GOALS. THIS PLAN IS AWARD-WINNING, IT'S BENCHMARKING, AND IT'S THROUGH A BOTTOMS-UP APPROACH. AGAIN,

OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE COUNTING ON US TO ACTUALLY ACTIVATE THIS PLAN, SO WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE INVESTMENTS ARE THERE. THE FINAL AREA I WANTED TO TOUCH ON IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL FUNDING, AND THIS ALSO RELATES TO ITEM 49.5 IN THE RECEIVE-AND-FILE. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE NOT FUNDING THE COUNCIL. I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT IT GETS FUNDED, AND WHAT DO YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD, BECAUSE THIS WAS A PRIORITY MOTION THAT WE'VE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS A BOARD, AND WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TIMELINE IS FOR THAT, AS WELL.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INITIALLY PROVIDED MY OFFICE WHAT WAS CALLED A PRELIMINARY STAFFING PLAN. AND THEN WE WERE THEN NOTIFIED THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO GO BACK AND WORK WITH THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE TO REFINE THAT PLAN. SO, WE ARE STILL WAITING TO RECEIVE THE REFINED STAFFING PLAN IN THE FORM OF A FORMAL BUDGET REQUEST, AND TO SUBMIT THAT DURING A FUTURE BUDGET PHASE, WHICH COULD BE AS EARLY AS DECEMBER, AS WE'RE PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET CYCLE.

SUP. HORVATH: OKAY. WELL, I THINK THAT PLAN IS ESSENTIAL, AND SO MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING UP ON GETTING WHAT IT IS

YOU NEED FOR THE BUDGETING PROCESS, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE DELAY IS WHAT WE ANTICIPATED IN LAUNCHING THE COUNCIL. SO I'M CLEAR, AND I HOPE THAT OUR RELATED DEPARTMENTS AND W.G.I. ARE CLEAR, SO WE CAN GET THAT MOVING RIGHT AWAY. I ALSO WANTED TO TOUCH ON MY COLLEAGUES' CONCERNS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DELAY WITH D.C.B.A., AS IT RELATED TO REACHING OUR GOALS ON HOMELESSNESS. I SHARE YOUR CONCERNS AS IT RELATES TO THE CONTRACTING PROCESS. THAT'S WHY WE PASSED THE HOMELESSNESS STATE OF EMERGENCY: SO WE CAN EXPEDITE CONTRACTING. AND I ALSO, AS ONE OF FIVE, WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND OWNERSHIP FOR THE PART THAT WE HAVE, WHEN THERE ARE PIECES THAT GET NEGOTIATED BEHIND THE SCENES. I KNOW THERE WAS SOME ONGOING CONVERSATION AFTER THAT MOTION MOVED FORWARD ABOUT WHAT CONSTITUTED A SMALL LANDLORD, AND SOME OF THAT LACK OF CLARITY ALSO CREATES DELAY. SO, I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTAL PIECE, BECAUSE WE GAVE DIRECTION CLEARLY, AS A BOARD, THAT CONTRACTING HAS TO HAPPEN QUICKLY. AND IF WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM, THEN THAT ALSO NEEDS TO BE CLEAR. IF THE MOTIONS THAT ARE COMING FORWARD ARE NOT CLEAR TO THE DEPARTMENTS, THEN IT'S SLOWING DOWN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, BECAUSE FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE CUT THROUGH THE RED TAPE, THAT OUR STAFF NEEDS TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD. SO, WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF USING OUR RESTRICTED FUNDS IN THE MOST EFFICIENT WAYS POSSIBLE, PRIORITIZING OUR MOST CRITICAL NEEDS.

IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP SERVE OUR UNHOUSED, ADDRESS OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, BE ABLE TO BRING THE MUCH-NEEDED CHANGE TO OUR JAIL AND TO OUR JUVENILE HALLS, ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, AND PROVIDE NECESSARY HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW WE ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES, AND THIS INCLUDES EXAMINING OUR EXISTING SPENDING, OUR NEW SPENDING, AND WHERE OUR EMPLOYEES ARE BEST UTILIZED. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PLANS THAT WE'LL SEE NEXT MONTH, WITH BENCHMARKS, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE IN PLACE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. VERY GOOD. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR A VERY ROBUST DISCUSSION, AS WE GET OUR FINAL BITE OF THE BUDGET APPLE. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT THAT WENT INTO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR QUESTIONS, DIGGING DOWN DEEP, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE INS AND OUTS OF THIS BUDGET. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK FESIA AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE HARD WORK ON GETTING THIS TO US. AND IT'S NOT JUST TODAY, RIGHT? WE'VE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS. WE TALK TO YOU REGULARLY. WE HAVE QUESTIONS OF YOU REGULARLY. THIS IS A VERY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, CERTAINLY WITH THE SUPERVISORS, AS WELL AS I KNOW EACH OF US REACH OUT TO OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES TO GET THEIR INPUT ON HOW THIS BUDGET IMPACTS THEM

AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE. THANKS AGAIN FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO TOOK THE TIME TO TAKE A DAY AND COME DOWN HERE TO SPEAK YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT WE ARE FUNDING, AND MAYBE WHAT WE ARE NOT FUNDING ENOUGH. WE LISTEN TO YOU, WE HEAR YOU, AND WE ARE RESPECTFUL THAT WE DO WORK FOR YOU, AND WE TAKE YOUR CONCERNS VERY SERIOUSLY. THANK YOU TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO HAVE BEEN SITTING HERE ALL DAY, LISTENING. WE WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE SITTING HERE LISTENING TO OUR DELIBERATION, AND HEARING ALSO FROM THE PUBLIC. AND WE APPRECIATE EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS WHO ALSO HAVE BUDGET REQUESTS, AND WHO ALSO WANT TO SEE THEIR PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS FUNDED IN CERTAIN WAYS. THEY WANT MORE STAFF, MORE THAN LIKELY, IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS, BUT MAY I JUST SAY, MY APPRECIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO STILL CONTINUE TO DO THE HARD WORK OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE HARD WORK IN DELIVERING SERVICES TO THE OVER 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, NO MATTER WHAT THIS BUDGET DELIBERATION ULTIMATELY DECIDES FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS, WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL TAKE IT WITH A HUGE AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER THOSE SERVICES, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. OKAY, SO, $46.7 BILLION. IT CERTAINLY LOOKS OVERWHELMING AT FIRST GLANCE, BUT I APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU BROKE THIS DOWN, BOTH IN THE VIDEO, AND THEN JUST LISTENING TO MY COLLEAGUES REALLY BREAK THAT DOWN. I THINK IT HELPS THE COMMUNITIES TO REALLY

SEE WHERE THIS MONEY IS, AND WHERE THE INVESTMENT IN OUR PEOPLE IS, AND THE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT WE ALL BELIEVE WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT. EARLIER THIS YEAR, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I CO-AUTHORED A MOTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO EXPAND ITS STAFF AND COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO STRENGTHEN SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES, INCLUDING VITAL PEER SUPPORT FOR C.A.R.E. COURT CLIENTS. AND C.A.R.E. COURT WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M PLEASED TO SEE THAT IN THIS BUDGET, WE'VE SECURED $22 MILLION FROM THE STATE FOR THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF C.A.R.E. COURT. AND SOME OF THAT IS IN THIS BUDGET, AND THAT WILL FULLY FUND C.A.R.E. COURT POSITIONS, AND WE WILL BE READY TO ASSIST THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN THE COUNTY, AND HELP THEIR FAMILIES, BEGINNING DECEMBER 1ST. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALSO WILL SEE AN ADDITION OF 7 HOME TEAMS THAT WILL SERVE RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS-- AND HERE'S ANOTHER NUMBER-- ALONG WITH 132 NEW MENTAL HEALTH BEDS GOING ALONG WITH THE HOME TEAMS. I LIKE IT THAT THIS BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING FOR RECREATION STAFF, AND PROGRAMS FOR NOGALES PARK, WHICH IS THE FIRST PARK EVER IN WALNUT PARK. AND WHILE OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS WILL SAY THAT PARKS DIDN'T RECEIVE ALL THE FUNDING, PARTICULARLY FOR MAINTENANCE WORKERS, MY OFFICE WILL BE COVERING THE FUNDING

GAP, ENSURING THIS COMMUNITY SPACE REMAINS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THAT COMMUNITY, AGAIN, WHO HAS NEVER HAD A COUNTY PARK. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUT IT IN THE BUDGET, THAT I CAN COMMIT TO THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY IN WALNUT PARK THAT WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THAT PARK UP. BUT I WILL ENCOURAGE YOU, FESIA, TO WORK TOGETHER WITH PARKS, TO FULLY FUND ALL OF THE NEW PARKS THAT ARE COMING ONLINE IN THE COUNTY. WE'RE ALSO ALLOCATING $55.3 MILLION TO REPLACE THE E.B.T. BENEFITS FOR VICTIMS OF E.B.T. CARD THEFT, WHICH HAS REALLY BECOME PREVALENT. IT WAS SOMETHING, I THINK, HERE IS A TRULY VULNERABLE POPULATION, THAT OF ALL THINGS, THERE ARE SCAMMERS AND SKIMMERS OUT THERE THAT WERE LITERALLY LIFTING THE BENEFITS FROM THEIR CARDS. THEY HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN TO. THEY TURNED TO US, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE US FINDING THAT $55 MILLION TO REPLACE THOSE BENEFITS. AND HOPEFULLY, WE'RE WORKING CLOSER TO FIND SOME ANTI-THEFT SOLUTIONS FOR-- THE CHIPS, YEAH, GOING FORWARD, WHICH WILL MAKE THAT MORE DIFFICULT. PUBLIC SAFETY IS CERTAINLY A TOP PRIORITY FOR THIS BOARD, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE PROVIDING TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION: TO SUPPORT CRITICAL OUTREACH EFFORTS RELATED TO GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS. THIS IS AN INITIATIVE THAT THIS BOARD SUPPORTS, AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP ALERT MORE PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC THAT THAT IS A TOOL THAT THEY CAN USE TO PREVENT GUNS FROM FALLING IN THE

HANDS OF THOSE WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE THEM. KEEPING OUR COMMITMENT TO INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE'RE INVESTING IN BODY-WORN CAMERAS IN THE JAILS, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF 2,000 CAMERAS THAT MONITOR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE JAIL. AND I THINK WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO MOVING AWAY FROM INCARCERATION, ONE DAY CLOSING THAT JAIL DOWN. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE DO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CARE DEEPLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CUSTODY, AND WE MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROTECTING THEIR SAFETY, AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF OUR DEPUTIES WHO ARE IN OUR JAILS. AND I ALSO WANTED TO EMPHASIZE OUR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THIS BUDGET REALLY REFLECTS THAT. AND OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE WELCOMED, I THINK, 20 OR 21 BUSLOADS OF ASYLUM SEEKERS, AND WE WELCOME THEM WITH OPEN ARMS AND SUPPORT, AND THIS BUDGET INCLUDES ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS, ENSURING THAT WE CAN PROVIDE DIGNITY AND COMPASSION TO ASYLUM SEEKERS: LEGAL ASYLUM SEEKERS AND IMMIGRANTS RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT WE DO WITH OUR NONPROFITS, EACH AND EVERY TIME ONE OF THOSE BUSES ARRIVES, WE ARE OVERWHELMINGLY HELPING TO PLACE MANY OF THOSE WITH LOVED ONES, FAMILY MEMBERS. USUALLY, WHEN WE'RE DONE PROCESSING A BUSLOAD, THERE'S USUALLY ONLY, MAYBE OUT OF 45, MAYBE 2 OR 3 WHO WE'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND SERVICES. SO, I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO THAT. I KNOW ONE OF THE

ISSUES, AND MAYBE WE HAVE OUR-- I'D LIKE MY PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO COME HERE, BECAUSE I KEEP HEARING ABOUT THE HIGH CASELOADS, BOTH IN OUR A.P.D. AND OUR P.D., AND THIS BUDGET WILL GIVE YOU BOTH ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. THIS INCLUDES 13 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS TO STRENGTHEN MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION AND ACCESS TO SERVICES, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL PARALEGAL SUPPORT. AND AGAIN, YOU WOULD BE TWO OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT ALWAYS IS ASKING, CERTAINLY, BECAUSE THE WORK YOU DO IS SO IMPORTANT, ASKING FOR MORE. SO I WAS HAPPY TO SEE MULTIPLE NEW POSITIONS IN THIS BUDGET FOR BOTH OF YOU. CAN YOU JUST-- AND I KNOW THE UNIONS. I'VE MET WITH THE UNIONS MANY TIMES, WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH CASELOADS. SO, MAYBE YOU COULD ANSWER IF THESE NEW POSITIONS... NOT IF, BUT HOW THEY WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR HIGH CASELOADS.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS. AND I WOULD REITERATE: I THINK OUR LAWYERS TOIL UNDER VERY HIGH CASELOADS, AND WE HAVE THE BENEFIT, NOW, OF A NEW WORKLOAD STUDY THAT IS A NATIONAL MODEL. IT HELPS US UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT HOW TO APPROPRIATELY ASSESS FUNDING AND RESOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS CRITICAL TO OUR WORK. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IS THE ANCILLARY SERVICES, OR THE SUPPORT TEAMS, THAT OUR LAWYERS NEED TO DO THEIR WORK EFFECTIVELY. AND BY

THAT, WHAT I MEAN ARE SOCIAL WORKERS, PARALEGALS, AND INVESTIGATORS AND THE SECRETARIES: SOMETHING THAT I THINK, HISTORICALLY, WITHIN PUBLIC DEFENSE HAS NOT BEEN PAID SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO, AND SOMETHING THAT I KNOW, IN MY OFFICE, WE ARE FOCUSING ON TO ALLEVIATE FROM OUR LAWYERS SOME OF THE WORK THEY HAVE HAD TO DO, WHICH THEY AREN'T REALLY TRAINED TO DO. SO I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS, REALLY, IF I COULD, ON THE SOCIAL WORKERS, WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO SOME OF THE CONVERSATION THAT WE HAVE HAD HERE TODAY, AS WELL AS MOVING FORWARD. THE USE OF PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENTS ALLOWS US TO REALLY FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVES TO CARCERAL SENTENCING, BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE LAWYERS AND THE CLIENTS A RESOURCE TO ASSESS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS THAT THE LAWYERS WOULDN'T OTHERWISE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO, AND THEN FIND THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMMING AND RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF CARCERAL SETTINGS FOR THOSE CLIENTS, ALLOWING US TO REALLY QUICKLY DIVERT CLIENTS OUT OF THE SYSTEM AT THE START, AS OPPOSED TO WAITING FOR INCARCERATION. AND I CAN GIVE, PROBABLY, TWO REALLY GOOD EXAMPLES OF HOW THAT WORKS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, ON A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL. THE FIRST WOULD BE OUR EXISTING RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHICH IS THROUGH J.C.O.D. THE USE OF PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS ALLOWS OUR ATTORNEYS TO MAKE SURE THE CLIENTS, EARLY ON, ARE GETTING ASSESSED, AND THEN MOVED TO AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM. PROJECT 180 CAN FUNCTION THROUGH THE

RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM, BUT THAT'S A SET STRUCTURE. WHAT ALSO WE HAVE ARE COURT-ALLOWED DIVERSION, WHICH IS OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED HERE BEFORE, BUT STILL REQUIRE FOR THE JUDGES SOME SORT OF ASSESSMENT. AND BY HAVING THESE SOCIAL WORKERS, THE LAWYERS CAN GET THE ASSESSMENTS TO THE COURT, AND THEN THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS CAN INDEPENDENTLY, UNDER THE LAW, ALLOW FOR THE CLIENT TO GO INTO A DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT MAY NOT BE STRUCTURED BY AN EXISTING, SAY, O.D.R. OR RAPID DIVERSION, R.D.P.. SO I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE WAYS THAT REALLY HELPS IN REDUCING THAT PROCESS, BUT THE OTHER PART IS REALLY ASSESSING WHERE WE NEED TO MOVE OUR RESOURCING AROUND INTERNALLY, AS WELL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, I AGREE THAT HAVING MORE SUPPORT STAFF ADDED HELPS OVERALL WITH THE WORKLOAD, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS, ALONG WITH THE C.E.O., FOR REALLY HELPING US AND GIVING US EXTRA HELP WITH ATTORNEYS, WITH PARALEGALS, WITH MORE PROVIDERS, LIKE OUR PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE, WHO ARE ALL HELPING TO REALLY WORK WITH OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO FIND OUR CLIENTS THAT NEED MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE, AND THEN TAKE THEM OUT OF THE JAIL SYSTEM, AND PLACING THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY. SO, IT WILL HELP, SO THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING, AND THANK YOU FOR ADDING THAT AS

PART OF OUR BUDGET. AND WE WORKED WITH THE C.E.O. VERY CLOSELY SO, TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, YES, THANK YOU FOR ADDING THOSE POSITIONS, BECAUSE IT DOES HELP IF WE CAN MOVE SOME OF OUR CASES THAT REALLY DON'T BELONG IN THE SYSTEM OVER TO ALTERNATIVES. THEN WE CAN REDUCE THE CASELOADS OF OUR ATTORNEYS, AND CONCENTRATE ON THE ONES THAT NEED TO GO TO TRIAL. SO THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE THAT. I WAS TRYING TO MAKE A CONNECTION WITH "HOW IS THIS HELPING YOUR CASELOADS?"

SPEAKER: THAT'S HOW IT HELPS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, OKAY. THANK YOU. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH BOTH OF YOUR OFFICES, MOVING FORWARD. BUT I THINK IT IS INTERESTING FOR THE PUBLIC, AGAIN, TO HEAR, JUST IN OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER/ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S WORLD, THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PERSON. AND I THINK THAT'S A GREAT MODEL FOR HOW YOUR OFFICE IS ALSO ABOUT CARE FIRST.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO, THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND I WAS GOING TO ASK, IS CHIEF MARRONE HERE? YEAH. FRONT AND CENTER. I SHOULD HAVE HAD YOU QUEUE UP. HI, CHIEF.

CHIEF MARRONE: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS I NOTICED IN THIS BUDGET, IT IS GOING TO GIVE YOUR DEPARTMENT THE FUNDS AND THE POSITIONS TO CREATE A BRAND-NEW OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION. AND AS YOU KNOW, INCREASING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ONE OF THIS BOARD'S PRIORITIES, AND I KNOW YOUR PRIORITY, AS WELL. SO, JUST A LITTLE BIT ON HOW YOUR EFFORT IS GOING TOWARDS THAT, AND HOW THIS OFFICE WILL HELP WITH THAT EFFORT.

CHIEF MARRONE: YEAH, OF COURSE. SO, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOURSELF AND THE BOARD, AND THE C.E.O. FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THOSE SEVEN ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO TRANSITION OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH RECRUITMENT, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION SECTION INTO A DIVISION THAT'S FOCUSED ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING. SO, WE HAVE NAMED THAT THE OFFICE OF O.D.E.I. WE HAVE THE ADDITIONAL STAFF. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FROM FOUR PERSONS TO 11, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL AND MORE FOCUSED. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITH ONLY FOUR

PEOPLE. THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND THE RECRUITMENT IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST PART, TO GET PEOPLE ONBOARDED THAT ARE MORE DIVERSE THAN WHAT WE SEE TODAY. BUT O.D.E.I. WILL BE FOCUSED, REALLY, ON MAKING SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TOWARDS CULTIVATING AND FOSTERING A MORE INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE WORKFORCE WHERE EVERYBODY FEELS LIKE THEY BELONG. SO I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEVEN ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, AND OUR ADDITIONAL DISPATCH POSITIONS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT DOES SO MUCH. IT'S SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF FIRST RESPONSE TO SO MANY ISSUES IN OUR COUNTY-- DISASTERS. AGAIN, I JUST ALWAYS WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT FOR HOW YOU WERE SO QUICK TO RESPOND TO MY RESIDENTS, WHOSE HOMES WERE COLLAPSING BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES, AS WELL AS SOME NEW HOMES ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA THAT HAVE BEGUN TO CRACK AND SHOW SIGNS OF FAILING. SO, AGAIN, YOU DO SO MUCH, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE WILL JUST REALLY MAKE YOUR DEPARTMENT STRONGER AND REALLY BETTER, GOING FORWARD IN THE FUTURE, SO THANK YOU.

CHIEF MARRONE: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, IN CONCLUSION-- SO THAT MEANS I AM NOT ASKING UP ANY MORE DEPARTMENT HEADS-- I REALLY

ANTICIPATE CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR C.E.O., AS WE FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE WHO CALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOME. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS. AND SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, WE HAVE ITEMS 53, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 4, BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 53, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 4, ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, ONE MORE: ITEM 54. WE'LL HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, ON ITEM 54.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. AGENDA ITEM 54 IS THE FINAL ITEM OF THE FISCAL YEAR '23-'24 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THIS IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION, WHICH CONFIRMS THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '23-'24, FOR ALL ITEMS THAT WERE APPROVED TODAY. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE AND APPROVE THIS ITEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NO QUESTIONS, ITEM 54 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO ADOPT THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 54 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. WELL DONE, EVERYONE. NOW WE ARE GOING TO OUR SECOND ITEM OF THE DAY, SET MATTER 1, THE REPORT ON COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS; AND HELD TOGETHER, ITEM 22, UPDATING THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. IF THERE ARE NO

OBJECTIONS, SUPERVISORS, WE WILL HEAR THE REPORT, AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REMARKS BY SUPERVISORS, AND THEN PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. AND WE WILL HAVE CHERI TODOROFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON SET MATTER 1; AND MARK PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE... NO, WAIT. WE'LL HAVE THE PRESENTATION FIRST? YES. LET'S HAVE THE PRESENTATION FIRST. I SKIPPED RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR COMMENTS. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. WE ARE HERE TO TALK TODAY, AND TO PROVIDE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE RESPONSE TIME TO ANSWER AND RESOLVING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ENCAMPMENTS, AS REPORTED BY CONSTITUENTS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING BACK NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE MONTHS TO DO A FULL VERBAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOUR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MISSIONS, THE USE OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES AND EXPEDITED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE ONGOING UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. SO, JUST A QUICK BIT OF BACKGROUND. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2022, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH, REGIONAL

PLANNING, HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, THE SHERIFF, AS WELL AS L.A.H.S.A., TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A 36-MONTH PILOT R.V. PROGRAM. AND IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, WE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THAT REQUESTED 36-MONTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND THEN STARTED TO ACT ON IT, AND DID THE FIRST ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FOR R.V.S UNDER THAT PLAN IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. CONCURRENTLY, THE BOARD DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN JANUARY FOR HOMELESSNESS, AND UNDER THAT STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THOSE MISSIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION AND HOUSING AND SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND FOR CONSIDERATION TODAY, ADDING EVICTION PREVENTION, WE DEVELOPED THE PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM, WHICH IS A COUNTY-LED PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF L.A., AND ALSO THAT SUPPORTS OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF L.A., WITH THEIR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM INSIDE SAFE. WE HAVE MOVED THE R.V. ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PILOT UNDER THE PATHWAY HOME UMBRELLA, SO WE CAN LEVERAGE THE FULL, EXPEDITED ACTIONS AND DELEGATED AUTHORITIES OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, AS WELL AS TO BRING ALL OF THOSE RESOURCES TO BEAR TO THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM, FOR R.V.S, AS WELL AS NON-R.V.S. FOR YOUR AWARENESS, THE BOARD, THROUGH THIS BUDGET, HAS APPROVED ALMOST $71 MILLION TO SUPPORT PATHWAY HOME, OF WHICH JUST UNDER $16 MILLION OF THAT IS FOR THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. BUT THE LARGER DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $71

MILLION IS ALSO SUPPORTING PEOPLE WHO ARE IN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, AS WELL, AS THOSE DOLLARS ALSO INCLUDE THE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR CLIENTS WHO ARE SERVED UNDER THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROGRAM. SO, JUST A LITTLE BIT ON HOW CONSTITUENTS REPORT ENCAMPMENTS TO THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THAT IS THE QUESTION THAT WE'RE BEING ASKED TO SPEAK TO TODAY. THEY ARE REPORTING TO US IN SEVERAL WAYS. THAT INCLUDES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WORKS APPLICATION, WEBSITE, AND HOTLINE. ALSO, CONSTITUENTS REPORT ENCAMPMENTS TO US DIRECTLY AT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, THROUGH OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, IF THEY'RE CONTACTING US. THEY ALSO REPORT DIRECTLY TO BOARD OFFICES, AND THEY MAY REACH OTHER E-MAIL ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBERS WITHIN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THOSE TYPICALLY, WHEN THEY RELATE TO HOMELESSNESS AND ENCAMPMENTS, THEY GET REFERRED TO THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE OFFICE, AND THEN WE WORK THEN WORK THEM AND DISPOSITION THEM. WHEN CONSTITUENTS USE THE PUBLIC WORKS WORKS APPLICATION OR WEBSITE TO REQUEST OR SUBMIT A COMPLAINT THAT IS RELATED TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ENCAMPMENTS, THEY RECEIVE A RESPONSE WITHIN 48 HOURS. WHEN THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY REPORTING AN ISSUE RELATED TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THAT RESPONSE TYPICALLY THANKS THEM FOR BRINGING THEIR CONCERNS TO OUR ATTENTION, AND THEN LETS THEM KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE A TEAM INVESTIGATE THE LOCATION IN QUESTION, TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF NEXT STEPS. WE ALSO PROVIDE A REFERRAL TO L.A.H.S.A. AND TO L.A.-H.O.P.,

AS WELL, AND L.A.-H.O.P. IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT CONSTITUENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT, AND THEY WILL SEND OUT AN OUTREACH TEAM. SO, ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION IS THAT WHEN THE CONSTITUENT RECEIVES A RESPONSE, WHEN THEY DO THAT SORT OF AUTOMATED COMPLAINT THROUGH OUR ONLINE SYSTEMS, THEY MAY RECEIVE A RESPONSE THAT INDICATES THAT THE REQUEST OR COMPLAINT IS CLOSED. AND THAT CAN BE CONFUSING, BECAUSE WHAT THAT IS MEANT TO SAY IS THAT THE COMPLAINT OR REQUEST HAS BEEN DISPOSITIONED TO TAKE THE NEXT LEVEL OF ACTION. SO IT'S BEEN REFERRED EITHER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A FULL ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION; OR, IF IT RELATES TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION, WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE CONSTITUENT THAT THEIR COMPLAINT RELATES TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION; OR IT'S BEEN SENT TO A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT FOR DISPOSITION. AND SO WE HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT, SOMETIMES, THAT IS CONFUSING FOR CONSTITUENTS WHEN WE SAY, "YOUR REQUEST HAS BEEN CLOSED." THAT MEANS WE RESOLVED THE ENCAMPMENT. WHAT IT JUST MEANS IS THAT WE HAVE DISPOSITIONED THAT REQUEST TO TAKE IT TO THE NEXT STEP. SO, WE ARE TALKING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT PUBLIC WORKS TO SEE IF WE COULD LOOK AT HOW WE ARE COMMUNICATING, JUST TO CLEAN UP THAT MISUNDERSTANDING. WE HEARD A LITTLE BIT EARLIER ABOUT SOME OF THE STATISTICS THAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC WORKS. WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS CALLED THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AUTOMATED RESPONSE SUBMISSION

SYSTEM, WHICH GETS REFERS TO AS H.E.A.R.S., THAT WE PARTNER ON WITH PUBLIC WORKS. THIS IS A SYSTEM WHERE WE ARE ACTUALLY TRACKING THE ENCAMPMENTS THAT WE ARE-- THE NOTIFICATIONS THAT WE'VE RECEIVED, AND THE DISPOSITION OF THOSE NOTIFICATIONS FOR ENCAMPMENTS THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON. TYPICALLY, ENCAMPMENTS THAT GO INTO THE H.E.A.R.S. SYSTEM ARE THOSE, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THAT ARE TYPICALLY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, AS THAT HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF OUR WORK IN THIS AREA, UNTIL MORE RECENTLY. SO, THE ENTRIES THAT GO INTO THE H.E.A.R.S. SYSTEM INCLUDE ENTRIES THAT ARE PUT IN THAT MAY HAVE COME TO US THROUGH THOSE ONLINE PORTALS THAT I MENTIONED, AND THEN THEY MAKE IT INTO THE SYSTEM BECAUSE WE HAVE GONE OUT THERE. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS AN ENCAMPMENT, AND THAT WE DO WANT TO WORK ON THAT ENCAMPMENT. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER ENTITIES PUT IT INTO THIS SYSTEM, INCLUDING C.E.O.-H.I. STAFF, PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, L.A.S.D. OR SHERIFF'S STAFF, AND L.A.H.S.A. STAFF, AS WELL AS OUTREACH TEAMS ALSO ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM, AS THESE ARE ALL THE DIFFERENT TEAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE IN THE FIELD WHO ARE ENCOUNTERING THE ENCAMPMENTS. SO, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT ENHANCING THE H.E.A.R.S. SYSTEM, WORKING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES, WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS, TO GET A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF ENCAMPMENTS AND ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, SO IT WON'T JUST BE MAINLY FOCUSED ON THOSE ON THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES. BECAUSE WE NOW KNOW, AS WE ARE ROLLING OUT PATHWAY

HOME, THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH ALL OF OUR CITIES, AS WELL AS UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND WE ARE ALSO WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT COUNTY STAFFING, CONTRACTORS, RESOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE CITY'S INSIDE SAFE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK, AS WELL. AND SO FOR US TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF ALL OF THE WORK THAT WE DO, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE THE H.E.A.R.S. SYSTEM TO CAPTURE ALL OF THOSE DIFFERENT ENCAMPMENTS THAT WE ARE PARTICIPATING ON. I THINK WE HEARD THE STATISTICS A BIT EARLIER, SO I WILL NOT REPEAT THOSE, BUT I DO WANT TO ADD AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS A WAIT TIME FOR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. AND SO THERE ARE-- WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENTS THAT GET REPORTED TO US. WE ARE CONSISTENTLY SCHEDULING THOSE ENCAMPMENTS. WE ARE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. TYPICALLY, IT CAN BE-- DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE ENCAMPMENT, SOME MAY BE VERY URGENT, EMERGENT, AND BE A SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE; WE MOVE ON THOSE VERY QUICKLY. THERE'S AN ASSESSMENT DONE OF THE SAFETY OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE ENCAMPMENT AND THEIR LOCATION, TO HELP INFORM WHICH ENCAMPMENTS GET PRIORITIZED, BUT WE CAN SEE TIME PERIODS AS LONG AS SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS FOR AN ENCAMPMENT TO BE SCHEDULED FOR RESOLUTION. TALKING JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE COMMUNICATION BACK TO THE CONSTITUENTS, THERE'S ALSO COMMUNICATIONS WITH BOARD OFFICES. SO, WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF ENCAMPMENTS TRACKED IN

THE H.E.A.R.S. SYSTEM, TO SOME OF THE BOARD OFFICES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN RECEIVING THAT. IT'S DONE THROUGH AN EXCEL FILE. WE'RE PULLING INFORMATION OUT OF H.E.A.R.S., AND PROVIDING IT TO BOARD OFFICES. EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH, AND SO THAT EVERYBODY HAS THE SAME VISIBILITY, WE WILL BE PROVIDING THAT TO ALL BOARD OFFICES, SO YOU WILL ALL BE SEEING THAT INFORMATION THAT IS CAPTURED IN H.E.A.R.S. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE ARE TRYING TO TRANSITION FROM THE EXCEL-BASED MONTHLY REPORTING, TO DEVELOP A MORE LIVE, INTERACTIVE H.E.A.R.S. VIEWER FOR YOUR BOARD OFFICES, SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT IT YOURSELF AT ANY POINT THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF WANT TO. AND SO AT THIS POINT, PUBLIC WORKS' TEAM HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US TO DRAFT MOCKUPS OF WHAT THAT VIEWER WOULD LOOK LIKE. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH YOUR OFFICES TO PROVIDE AND SHARE WHAT THOSE MOCKUPS LOOK LIKE, TO TALK ABOUT YOUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, WITH THE GOAL OF ROLLING THAT OUT TO YOUR OFFICES TOWARD THE END OF THIS YEAR. LASTLY, BECAUSE WE KNOW OUR CONSTITUENTS, AS WELL, AND OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES ARE VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING. ONE OF THEM IS WE ARE LOOKING AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PUBLIC-FACING H.E.A.R.S. VIEWER, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW TO DO THAT, WHAT INFORMATION TO INCLUDE. WE WANT TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT THE LOCATION OF ENCAMPMENTS, AND THE DATES THAT WE WOULD BE WORKING ON RESOLVING ENCAMPMENTS, AS THAT

COULD DRAW ADDITIONAL PARTIES, PERHAPS, IF PEOPLE THINK THAT IF THEY GO TO A PARTICULAR LOCATION, THAT THEY WILL HAVE A QUICKER PATHWAY INTO HOUSING. AND WE WANT TO SERVE EVERYBODY TO GET THAT QUICK PATHWAY TO HOUSING, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT UNINTENTIONALLY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO MOVE FROM A COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE IN TO A DIFFERENT COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN ENCAMPMENT THAT GETS RESOLVED THERE, AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A DIFFERENT PATHWAY TO ASSISTANCE. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN MAKE THAT PUBLIC-FACING VIEWER ONE THAT SHARES AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF INFORMATION, THAT HAS TRANSPARENCY FOR THE PUBLIC, BUT ALSO DOESN'T IMPACT THE ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. AND WE ALSO HAVE A PUBLIC-FACING DASHBOARD FOR PATHWAY HOME, AS WELL. I JUST WANT TO TALK, JUST BRIEFLY, THAT THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS THAT WE HAVE HISTORICALLY BEING DOING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND SHERIFF AND L.A.H.S.A., AND THE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION. SO, MANY OF THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS THAT WE HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN DOING, ESPECIALLY OVER THE LAST PERIOD OF TIME DURING C.O.V.I.D., HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON NON-DISPLACEMENT CLEANUPS, WITH SOME ACTUAL FULL ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, WHERE WE'RE ALSO SEEKING TO RESTORE THAT SPACE TO THE COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE OFFERING RESOURCES AND REFERRALS TO INTERIM HOUSING TO THOSE CONSTITUENTS, BUT IT HASN'T HISTORICALLY COME WITH A CLEAR

PATHWAY TO PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, PATHWAY HOME IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE FOR EVERY PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION THAT WE ARE DOING, INCLUDING THE R.V. ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, EVERYBODY IS OFFERED A SPECIFIC BED IN AN INTERIM HOUSING SITE, AND THEY ARE OFFERED AN ACTUAL PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCE. SO WE ARE FUNDING THAT. THAT'S PART OF WHAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED, IS THAT ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION INCLUDES THAT PATHWAY TO PERMANENT HOUSING. SO, JUST BRIEFLY ON SOME OF THE CHALLENGES, WHICH I KNOW YOUR OFFICES HAVE BEEN VERY FAMILIAR WITH-- WE HEARD SOME ABOUT TODAY-- THERE ARE CERTAINLY CHALLENGES WITH WORKFORCE AND BEING ABLE TO HAVE ALL OF THE POSITIONS AND STAFF THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT, TO HAVE THOSE FULL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF THOSE POSITIONS. SO, THERE'S DEFINITELY BEEN CHALLENGES IN WORKFORCE, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION WITHIN THE HOMELESS SERVICES SECTOR. THAT IMPACTS THE PROVIDERS THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH. SO THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS IMPACTED HOW QUICKLY WE ARE ABLE TO SCALE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, ESPECIALLY UNDER PATHWAY HOME, WHERE WE ARE BRINGING IN NEW RESOURCES ON TOP OF WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE. WE ALSO, UNDER-- AS WE ARE SEEKING TO, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, MOVE OUR ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS TOWARD THOSE THAT ARE ABLE TO ALSO OFFER CONCRETE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, SO THERE'S A REAL LINK TO PERMANENT HOUSING. OUR ABILITY TO SCALE UP THAT HOUSING IS GOING TO BE VITALLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT IS GOING TO REALLY REQUIRE VERY CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES AND LOCAL

JURISDICTIONS, BECAUSE WE NEED TO IDENTIFY INTERIM HOUSING AND PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT HOUSING WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND SO WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ACTIVATE OUR RENTAL MARKET. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR HOTEL AND MOTEL OWNERS ON THE INTERIM HOUSING. IT IS REALLY, VITALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT LOCAL PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE THIS WORK. WITH R.V.S, WE HAVE THE CHALLENGES, THE ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES, THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IDENTIFYING R.V. STORAGE LOTS, R.V. SAFE PARKING. PRIOR TO ME REALLY DIGGING DEEP INTO THIS WORK, IT SOUNDED FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD TO BE ABLE TO FIND A VACANT LOT TO BE ABLE TO PARK R.V.S ON. WE HAVE ALL LEARNED THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. AND SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD ON THOSE R.V. PARKING SOLUTIONS, WHICH WILL HELP US SCALE UP OUR R.V. ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION EFFORTS. I THINK I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, OKAY, WE HAVE BEEN COORDINATING WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO PRIORITIZE ENCAMPMENTS IN YOUR DISTRICTS. WE DO HAVE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE UNDERWAY, HAVING DATES-- SOME ARE FIRM, AND SOME ARE BEING FIRMED UP-- WITH ONE OR MORE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS IN EACH OF YOUR DISTRICTS. SO THESE ARE THE FULL RESOLUTIONS THAT INCLUDE THOSE PATHWAYS TO HOUSING. BEFORE THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR, AT THIS POINT, 4 OF THOSE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON, IN FOUR DIFFERENT DISTRICTS, IT LOOKS LIKE, THOSE IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREAS INCLUDE R.V. ENCAMPMENTS. SO, THOSE WILL BE ON THE SCHEDULE THROUGH

DECEMBER. AND THEN, IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE ARE THE ONGOING PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND SHERIFF AND L.A.H.S.A., TO DO THOSE MORE ROUTINE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS AND THOSE NON-DISPLACEMENT CLEANUPS. SO, THAT IS A SUMMARY OF WHERE WE ARE AT RIGHT NOW, AND IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AT THIS POINT? OKAY, PERFECT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

SUP. HORVATH: SURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THIS WAS OUR ITEM, AND WE HELD IT IN LARGE PART BECAUSE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE R.V.S, SO I KNOW WE WILL GET INTO THAT. AND THIS IS SORT OF A PRECURSOR TO THE BROADER CONTEXT OF ITEM 22, OF WHAT WE WILL BE SEEING ON A MONTHLY BASIS GOING FORWARD, AND HAVING H.I. LEAD CONVERSATIONS WITH DIRECTORS OF THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN EFFECTUATING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS EMERGENCY RESPONSE, MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE HEARING FROM YOU IN AS CLOSE TO AS REAL TIME AS WE POSSIBLY CAN ON WHAT IS GOING ON ON THE GROUND, AND WHAT YOU NEED FROM US TO DELIVER. I WANT TO THANK MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THE BOARD FOR ALL OF OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS. IT'S BEEN ABOUT NINE MONTHS SINCE WE DECLARED THE EMERGENCY, AND I WISH

THAT WE COULD SAY THAT EVICTION PROTECTIONS WERE KEEPING FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS FROM GROWING WORSE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, FOR RENTERS LIKE MYSELF, THERE IS INCREASING VULNERABILITY. THAT'S WHY TODAY'S MOTION OFFERS UPDATES, BEGINNING WITH DESIGNATING EVICTION PROTECTION AS THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION'S FOURTH PILLAR, JOINING ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, HOUSING, AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES. REAL, VISIBLE, AND LASTING REDUCTIONS IN PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY MUST INCLUDE EVICTION PREVENTION, INCLUDING TENANT PROTECTIONS, LEGAL SUPPORT AND REPRESENTATION, AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN HOUSED, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, MORE INDIVIDUALS BECOME HOMELESS. PEOPLE MUST BE ABLE TO STAY IN THE HOUSING THEY CAN AFFORD, IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY ALREADY CALL HOME. ADDING EVICTION PROTECTION AS A MISSION FOR OUR EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION WILL MAXIMIZE ITS IMPACT, AS IT LEVERAGES THE TOOLS PROVIDED. OUR MOTION ALLOWS, NEXT, FOR STREAMLINED AND EXPEDITED LEASING OF PROPERTY IN SUPPORT OF OUR P.E.H. MISSIONS. BRINGING PEOPLE INSIDE DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF PROPERTY FOR BOTH INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING, AND THIS DIRECTIVE WILL EXPAND THE C.E.O.'S AUTHORITY TO LEASE, BUILDING ON THE ORIGINAL POWER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY, WHICH I HOPE TO SEE MORE OF. THE LAST FEW ITEMS IN THE MOTION ADDRESS ACCOUNTABILITY AND CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL PROBLEM-SOLVING:

AS WE MENTIONED, HAVING THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. ALSO, DIRECTIVES FOCUS ON EACH DEPARTMENT USING ALL OF THEIR DELEGATED AUTHORITIES PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, IN ADDITION TO CONVENING THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE AUTHORITIES THAT THIS BOARD IS INTENDING ARE WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING OUT IN THE WORLD AND ON THE GROUND. AND I KNOW THESE UPDATES WILL BE VALUABLE FOR EACH OF US HERE, AND TO THE COMMUNITIES COUNTING ON US FOR GREATER URGENCY. AND WITH RESPECT TO R.V.S, WHEN YOU DO GET TO THAT PART OF THE CONVERSATION, ONE PIECE I WANTED TO TOUCH ON AT OUR LAST L.A.H.S.A. MEETING, THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT AN R.F.P. THAT L.A.H.S.A. WAS GOING TO ISSUE WITH REGARD TO SAFE PARKING. AND THE FUNDING WAS SUPPOSED TO COME FROM THE COUNTY, AND THEN IT WAS SORT OF SAID THAT THE FUNDING THAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO PROVIDE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THAT R.F.P., WAS SUDDENLY CALLED BACK. CAN YOU SPEAK TO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND TO BE HAPPENING WITH THAT FUNDING? BECAUSE I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT THE COUNTY IS INVESTING IN SAFE PARKING, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THAT'S ONE COMPONENT OF ADDRESSING THE R.V. ISSUE. SO, IF YOU CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE ARE ACTUALLY DOING WITH THAT FUNDING?

SPEAKER: YEAH. SO, WE ARE SEEKING TO DEVELOP MORE SAFE PARKING, INCLUDING R.V. SAFE PARKING. AND WITH THAT PARTICULAR SOURCE OF FUNDS, THERE ARE SOME TIMING CONSTRAINTS ASSOCIATED

WITH IT, AS WELL AS SOME OF-- OUR DIFFERENT BOARD OFFICES HAD IDENTIFIED SOME PRIORITY USES FOR THOSE SAFE PARKING DOLLARS WITHIN THOSE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. SO, THE R.F.P. WAS NOT NECESSARILY NECESSARY FOR ALL OF THE DISTRICTS. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK AND GET THE FULL UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO SHARE TODAY, BUT I CAN GET BACK TO YOU ON THE REST OF IT.

SUP. HORVATH: AND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, YOU WILL BE GETTING A REQUEST FROM L.A.H.S.A. TO HAVE AN UPDATE AT THE NEXT MONTH'S MEETING, BECAUSE I THINK THE FACT THAT IT GOT CALLED BACK SUDDENLY, LED PEOPLE TO QUESTION, "WELL, WHAT IS GOING ON?" AND THE ANSWER WAS THAT THE FUNDING WAS BEING CALLED BACK. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE FLEXIBILITY OF FUNDING ALLOWED US TO DO A VARIETY OF THINGS IN OUR DISTRICTS, AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO KIND OF GET ENCUMBERED IN THAT PROCESS. WE JUST NEEDED RESULTS ON THE GROUND. I HOPE THAT THAT'S THE RIGHT ANSWER, BUT YOU WILL CONFIRM FOR US NEXT MONTH.

SPEAKER: YEAH.

SUP. HORVATH: AND I KNOW, ALSO, AS PART OF THIS REPORT, YOU WILL BE REPORTING BACK TO US ON THE ABILITY OF H.I. TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US IN THIS DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY. WE KNOW YOU'RE A GROWING INITIATIVE, AND MAKING SURE THAT YOU

HAVE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS ON THE GROUND IS ESSENTIAL. AND SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT IT IS YOU NEED, OR HEARING WHERE GAPS ARE, AND WHERE YOU ARE RUNNING INTO OBSTACLES, SO THAT WAY, WE CAN REMOVE THOSE AND GET THE SOLUTIONS THAT I KNOW EVERYBODY HAS IN MIND. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR BARGER, AS THE CO-AUTHOR FOR ITEM 22, TO MAKE REMARKS NEXT. AND THEN I SEE, ON THE QUEUE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS SET ITEM. CHERI, I HAVE A QUESTION. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT-- AND YOU MAY HAVE ANSWERED IT, AND I MISSED IT, BUT PARTNERING WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO PROVIDE HOUSING PLACEMENTS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY WITH ENCAMPMENT SITES WHERE R.V.S HAVE BEEN THE FOCUS-- HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO PARTNER? I MEAN, HAS THAT BEEN A PROBLEM, OR HAVE YOU BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PARTNERING WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS?

SPEAKER: SO, WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERING WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME DEEP INVESTMENT IN THAT AREA, AND

GROWING INVESTMENT. HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE AS IT RELATES TO CREATING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH A PROGRAM LIKE PATHWAY HOME, WHERE WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT ENCAMPMENTS THAT ARE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OR IN A CITY'S JURISDICTION, WHEN WE ARE WORKING WITH THAT CITY ON ENCAMPMENTS THAT ARE IN THEIR JURISDICTION, WE REALLY ALSO WANT TO BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH THEM ON HOUSING SOLUTIONS. NOW, THE SUCCESS OF PATHWAY HOME, AND TO HAVE SOMEBODY COME INSIDE AND ACCEPT OUR OFFER OF HOUSING, AND GIVING UP THEIR R.V., WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AN R.V. ENCAMPMENT, WHICH IS A VERY DIFFICULT THING FOR MANY PEOPLE TO DO, IS TO BE ABLE-- MOST PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WANT TO BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO INTERIM HOUSING IN THAT SAME COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THEY HAVE THEIR CONNECTIONS. THAT MAY BE WHERE THEY ARE GETTING THEIR SERVICES. AND THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO BE WANTING TO BE ABLE TO CREATE PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THEMSELVES IN THAT COMMUNITY, AS WELL. NOW, SOME PEOPLE WILL BE GOING TO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, BUT MANY PEOPLE, THEY HAVE HISTORY IN THAT COMMUNITY, AND THEY WANT TO STAY THERE. AND SO FOR US TO REALLY BE SUCCESSFUL BRINGING PEOPLE INSIDE, WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO PARTNER WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, WITH THAT LOCAL CITY, WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS, TO BE ABLE TO CREATE THOSE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. IT IS HARD. IT IS HARD TO FIND MOTELS TO RENT FOR SIX MONTHS. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE GOING

TO NEED TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE A LARGE ENCAMPMENT, AND TO THEN GET PEOPLE ON THAT PATH TO PERMANENT HOUSING.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I HAVE A QUESTION. I MEAN, MY CONCERN IS, IN MY DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY UP IN ALTADENA NOW, IT STARTS WITH ONE R.V., AND THEN LEADS TO TWO, THEN TO FIVE, THEN TO TEN. I AM VERY FOCUSED ON ADDRESSING THE ONE, SO THAT I DON'T HAVE FIVE, TEN, 15, LIKE WE HAVE ALONG FOREST LAWN, WHICH I THINK IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHERE IT'S BEEN LEFT TO ITS OWN DEVICE, AND NOW IT'S BECOME A VILLAGE. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING THE WAIT TIME IS, TO GO OUT AND DO OUTREACH ON THOSE? YOU SAY IT'S BY THE END OF THE YEAR. ARE THOSE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

SPEAKER: SO, THE ONES THAT I WAS REFERRING TO ARE LARGER ENCAMPMENTS.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, BUT INDIVIDUAL R.V.S. BECAUSE, I MEAN, I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE CONUNDRUMS THAT WE HAVE IS, WHERE DO YOU PLACE THE R.V.? AND THEN THE OTHER ONE IS, PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO RELEASE THEIR R.V. AND SO MY QUESTION TO MY STAFF WAS, "CAN'T WE OFFER A GIFT CARD IN EXCHANGE FOR"-- BECAUSE THEY ARE SAYING IT IS WORTH SOMETHING. AND I AM THINKING THAT WE NEED TO THINK OF CREATIVE SOLUTIONS, SO THAT WE CAN TOW THEM AND DESTROY THEM, WHICH IS, I THINK, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THE MOTION THAT WE DID WAS TO NOT PUT THEM IN A TOW YARD WHERE

SOMEONE BUYS THEM AND THEN RENTS THEM OUT AGAIN TO SOMEONE ELSE, WHICH IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING: A REVOLVING DOOR. SO...

SPEAKER: SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR MENTIONING THAT, BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING AT THOSE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, AND ONE OF THEM ACTUALLY IS THE GIFT CARD IDEA. SO WE ARE EXPLORING THAT RIGHT NOW: WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE, WHAT TYPE OF GIFT CARD, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO HELP INCREASE THE PACE OF RESOLVING THIS ISSUE.

SUP. BARGER: SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHEN THE NEXT PATHWAY HOME OPERATION WILL TAKE PLACE, AND IN WHAT DISTRICT? I MEAN, ARE YOU...

SPEAKER: SO, WE ARE WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU TO HAVE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS IN ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. SOME OF THOSE DATES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED; SOME OF THEM, WE'RE STILL WORKING TO SCHEDULE. UP IN YOUR DISTRICT IS ONE THAT WE ARE STILL TRYING TO LINE UP THE INTERIM HOUSING SITE, THE HOTEL, TO SUPPORT BRINGING PEOPLE INSIDE. BUT THAT'S ONE THAT WE ARE SEEKING-- EACH DISTRICT, BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

SUP. BARGER: NOW I'M GOING TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL COMFORTABLE, BUT I HAVE HEARD, ANECDOTALLY, THAT NOT ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE CREATED EQUAL. AND I KNOW THAT WHEN WE DECLARED THE EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS DECLARATION, THE GOAL WAS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT, TO BREAK THE RED TAPE. DO YOU FEEL THE DEPARTMENTS, AS A WHOLE, ARE LEVERAGING THAT; AND IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BARRIERS ARE?

SPEAKER: YEAH. SO, WE HAVE SEEN PRETTY HIGH DEPARTMENTAL UPTAKE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS, AND... YOU KNOW, ONE TWO-- I HAVE GOT OVER A DOZEN DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE USING THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES, AND THE MOST COMMONLY USED RELATE TO HIRING, SO TO HELP US REALLY EXPEDITE THAT HIRING AND FILL VACANT POSITIONS. WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING BACK TO YOU NEXT MONTH WITH A FULL REPORT ON THE USE OF ALL OF THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES: WHICH ONES ARE BEING USED, WHICH DEPARTMENTS ARE PARTICIPATING, AND THE TYPES OF RESULTS THAT HAVE COME FROM THAT, LIKE THE TYPES OF HIRES, THE TYPES OF CONTRACTS, THAT HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. I THINK THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS TO FULLY EDUCATE THEM ON THE FULL POTENTIAL OF USING THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE DONE THAT IN A NUMBER OF IN-PERSON MEETINGS WITH THEM. THAT'S BEEN VERY IO HAVE A REAL CONVERSATION ABOUT, "LET'S TALK ABOUT 'A,' 'B,' AND 'C,' ABOUT EXACTLY HOW YOU CAN USE THIS, AND

WHAT DIFFERENCE IT WILL MAKE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT." AFTER THOSE IN-PERSON MEETINGS, WE HAVE BEEN SEEING, DEFINITELY, AN INCREASE IN DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATING. WE HAVE ALSO ISSUED TO OUR-- JUST THIS WEEK, ACTUALLY, TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND TO WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, A NEXUS DETERMINATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL DIVISION OF D.P.H., HAVE A NEXUS TO THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MISSIONS. AND SO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING, THEY HAVE A BLANKET NEXUS DETERMINATION THAT SAYS THAT THEIR POSITIONS MEET THAT NEXUS DETERMINATION TO BE ABLE TO USE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES FOR HIRING. SO THAT WILL ALSO-- WE ARE HOPING THAT THAT WILL EASE FOR THEM THE ABILITY TO USE THOSE AUTHORITIES, AND THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE. BUT THEY ALREADY HAVE BEEN USING THEM.

SUP. BARGER: GREAT. SINCE YOU ARE THE POINT OF CONTACT, I WOULD ASK-- AND I THINK YOU WILL, BASED ON WHAT YOU JUST SAID-- IF THERE ARE IMPEDIMENTS OR UNINTENDED IMPEDIMENTS ON HOW WE DID IT, WE WANT TO ADDRESS IT IN REAL TIME, BECAUSE THE WHOLE PURPOSE IS URGENCY. AND WITH THAT, I'M JUST GOING TO ASK YOU, FESIA, ONE QUESTION. OVER A YEAR AGO, THE BOARD ADOPTED AND PASSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TO CREATE A NEW

DEPARTMENT ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING. AND BELIEVE ME, I DON'T THINK THE DEPARTMENT'S GOING TO BE THE SILVER BULLET, BUT I THINK, AGAIN, IT GIVES ONE POINT OF CONTACT, AND GIVES A LEVERAGE TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT WORKING IN SILOS. BUT SINCE DECLARING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUGMENTING THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE, HAS THE C.E.O. EXPLORED THIS CONSIDERATION, AND WHAT MIGHT THAT LOOK LIKE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE EXPLORED THE SEPARATE COUNTY ENTITY THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE B.R.C.H. REPORT, AND IT CAN TAKE A NUMBER OF FORMS. ONE IS A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT. ONE IS ANOTHER DEPARTMENT THAT LOOKS MORE LIKE AN AGENCY, WHERE YOU HAVE AN AGENCY HEAD AND DIRECTORS WITHIN THAT DEPARTMENT. AND THEN THE OTHER FORM IS TO BASICALLY STAY WITHIN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. FOR ALL THREE OF THOSE OPTIONS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WILL BE KEY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIT IS STAFFED UP. ONE OF THE THINGS, REGARDLESS OF WHICH OPTION IS LANDED ON, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LEARNED FROM SETTING UP OUR FOUR NEW DEPARTMENTS IS THAT IT IS BETTER TO LAUNCH WITH AS MUCH STAFF PRELOADED, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: THE H.R., THE CONTRACTS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. OTHERWISE, WHAT HAPPENS IS THE DEPARTMENT GETS THE WORKLOAD, BUT THEY CAN'T ACCOMMODATE IT, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDERSTAFFED.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I WOULD SAY THAT I THINK WE, AS A BOARD, SHOULD INCORPORATE MAP, A STANDARD MAP REQUIREMENT OF COOPERATION, WITH-- IF IT IS GOING TO BE UNDER YOU, THAT THERE BE MANDATORY COOPERATION. BECAUSE I AM HEARING-- I MEAN, MY FRUSTRATION IS, DEPARTMENT HEAD TO DEPARTMENT HEAD, THEY TALK, BUT SOMETIMES IT GETS LOST IN TRANSLATION AS IT RELATES TO A UNIT WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT, AND YOU CAN'T BE AT EVERY SINGLE MEETING. AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY. BECAUSE, LIKE, A YEAR TO GET SOMETHING DONE, NO MATTER--? AND I KNOW THAT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND I FEEL LIKE THE BUREAUCRACY IS CHOKING US, AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CUT THAT BUREAUCRACY WITHOUT CUTTING CORNERS AND THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: CAN I JUST RESPOND TO THAT JUST REALLY BRIEFLY? ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN, WHETHER IT IS THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, SOME OF THE OTHER... THESE INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO AUTHORITY. AND SO WHEN YOU MENTION THE TIME PERIOD, WHAT YOU WILL SEE A LOT OF TIMES IS YOU WILL HAVE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY DO ANYTHING. AND SO WHAT HAPPENS IS, IS THEY ARE MEETING OVER AND OVER. IT TURNS INTO A NEGOTIATION. AND I GET IT THAT COLLABORATION IS

HELPFUL AND IS NECESSARY, BUT SOMETIMES YOU NEED THE DECIDER TO MAKE THE DECISION. AND I THINK, OFTENTIMES, WHAT WE ARE CALLING "BUREAUCRACY" IS ACTUALLY, PROBABLY, A FLAW IN THE PROCESS DESIGN, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ELEVATING AND CALLING OUT AT THE FOREFRONT WHERE THE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY LIE. AND WE'LL SAY, "WELL, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE BOARD." IT'S LIKE, BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ON A DAY-TO-DAY, PRACTICAL LEVEL? THE BOARD OFFICES ARE DOING POLICY, AND THEN YOUR DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I MEAN, WITH THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, I WOULD HOPE THAT THINGS LIKE THAT WOULD BE CALLED OUT, BECAUSE THAT IS PROBLEMATIC, BECAUSE THERE'S AN EXPECTATION THAT THINGS ARE GETTING DONE, AND THE DECISION MAKERS ARE AT THE TABLE, AND ARE DOING IT IN REAL TIME. AND THAT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE, IF THAT--

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I DON'T WANT TO SUGGEST THAT THERE IS NO COLLABORATION GOING ON. I AM JUST SUGGESTING THAT SOMETIMES, WHEN THINGS TAKE TIME, AND THEN WE COME BACK AND SAY, "WELL, WHAT IS TAKING YOU SO LONG?", PART OF IT IS THE BACK-AND-FORTH. WE'RE TRYING TO COLLABORATE AND NEGOTIATE AND PERSUADE AND CAJOLE, AND ALL OF THAT, TO LAND THE PLANE, AND IT CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. WELL, THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT HOMELESSNESS REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES FOR THIS COUNTY, AND FOR THE STATE TO TACKLE, AS WE HAVE SEEN WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ROLLING OUT OF ISSUES SURROUNDING MENTAL HEALTH, AND THOSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I AM GRATEFUL TO WORK ALONGSIDE ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE THE SHARED COLLECTIVE GOAL TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS THAT CAN BE DELIVERED WITHIN A QUICK TURNAROUND, AND THAT ARE FOCUSED ON RESULTS, BUT ALSO HAVE COMPASSION, AS WELL. I AM ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AS I'VE SAID, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON THE ORIGINAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION, AND FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM BEFORE US TODAY. CHERI, YOU AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAVE BEEN DOING ALL YOU CAN TO NAVIGATE THE COUNTY THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT PUT FORTH IN ADDRESSING THIS CRISIS EVERY DAY. MY HOPE IS THAT THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOOD WORK YOU ALL ARE DOING, AND HELP GROW THE IMPACT OF YOUR TEAM'S MISSION. BY ADDING THE FOURTH P.E.H. MISSION TO THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION, "PREVENTION," I BELIEVE-- NO, I KNOW-- WE CAN FURTHER BOLSTER COUNTY EFFORTS TO KEEP THOSE ON THE CUSP OF HOMELESSNESS FROM FALLING INTO IT. DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHICH HANDLES ALL OF OUR LANDLORD AND TENANT RELATIONS, CAN BE MORE FULLY EQUIPPED TO TAP INTO THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES OF OUR

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. THIS WILL BE CRITICAL, AS I KNOW THAT THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I CREATED BACK IN FEBRUARY IS EXPECTED TO COME ONLINE VERY SOON. THIS WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT FOR THOSE TENANTS AND LANDLORDS WHO ARE STILL BEHIND. AND MY CONCERN IS, IS THAT THEY MAY SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS AND END UP ON THE STREET. AND I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE IT IS FAR MORE EXPENSIVE TO FIND NEW HOUSING, BUT IT IS ALSO VERY TRAUMATIZING, ESPECIALLY IF THERE ARE CHILDREN INVOLVED. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK I HAVE BEEN SO ANGRY AT THE FACT THAT THIS WAS NOT DONE WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. IF, I GUARANTEE YOU, ANY OF US WERE IN NEED OF THAT MONEY, THERE WOULD BE A SENSE OF URGENCY. WE SHOULD TREAT EVERYONE LIKE WE WOULD WANT OURSELVES TO BE TREATED, AND I JUST FEEL THAT A YEAR IS UNACCEPTABLE. ANOTHER CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THIS SOLUTION IS A COLLABORATION AND ALIGNMENT BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENTS, WHICH ALL TOUCH THE HOMELESS SERVICES SECTOR. OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS SHOULD BE TALKING, WORKING TOGETHER, AND STRATEGIZING. IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO COME FROM THIS BOARD, IN TERMS OF IDEAS. THEY ARE ON THE LINE. THEY'VE GOT PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ON THE FRONT LINE, THAT SEE EVERY DAY WHAT IS GOING ON. I GET SOME OF THE BEST INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COUNTY WHEN I AM LEAVING THIS BUILDING AT NIGHT, TALKING TO THE PEOPLE THAT WORK AND ARE WALKING TO THEIR CARS, AS WELL AS THOSE COMING IN TO CLEAN UP AFTER US. SO, I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE WE HAVE

THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST WORKING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY HELP US CREATE A DELIVERY OF SERVICE TO THOSE ON THE STREET. IT IS PART OF THE REASON I INTRODUCED A MOTION ON AUGUST 8, ALONGSIDE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS GOVERNANCE, PER THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS COMMITTEE WILL HELP CONSOLIDATE AND UNIFY A COUNTY RESPONSE BY CREATING A HOLISTIC PLAN, WITH OUR 88 CITIES AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICES AS PARTNERS. WITHIN THE COUNTY, WE NEED TO DO BETTER AT ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION AND UNIFYING OUR DEPARTMENT APPROACHES, SOMETHING THIS MOTION AND EMERGENCY DECLARATION WERE ACTUALLY DESIGNED TO DO. THAT'S WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THOSE PROPOSED MONTHLY MEETINGS BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO OCCUR. CROSS-COLLABORATION SHOULD BE OCCURRING DAILY. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME AND SUPERVISOR HORVATH IN ADOPTING THIS ITEM, BUT I THINK I CAN ASSUME THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED IN THE PAST, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NOW I WILL CALL ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU. IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPETING READ-IN MOTIONS LAST WEEK, I APPRECIATE YOU, TOO, FOR INCLUDING MY AMENDMENT TO CALL FOR

TODAY'S CONVERSATION. THE READ-IN IS A BROADER READ-IN WITH WRITTEN REPORTS, AND I HAD A NEED TO HAVE A VERBAL REPORT TODAY ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. BEFORE I GET INTO IT, I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP, MS. DAVENPORT, ON THE COMMENT YOU JUST MADE. AS I LISTENED TO YOU, I REALIZED THAT'S PROBABLY WHILE WE ALL DRAFT MOTIONS THAT DOES THE ALPHABET SOUP OF DEPARTMENTS: BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING TO AVOID WHAT YOU SUGGEST, THAT WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR MOTIONS STIPULATE ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WE THINK SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CONVERSATIONS, WHATEVER THE CONVERSATION MAY BE ABOUT. IS THAT NOT THE BEST STRATEGY, TO TRY TO CUT THROUGH SOME OF THE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S IN CHARGE OF TAKING ACTION?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SO, NO, I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT. I THINK, SOMETIMES, IT IS HELPFUL TO IDENTIFY THE DEPARTMENTS IN A MOTION. WHAT I AM POINTING OUT IS, I THINK, SORT OF THE DAY-TO-DAY REALITY. YOU HAVE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ALL REPORT TO THE BOARD, AND THEY ARE LEADERS OF THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS. AND SO WE CAN COLLABORATE AND CO-DESIGN, CO-CREATE, CO-IMPLEMENT. I THINK THE QUESTION ON THE TABLE IS, "WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE ISN'T AN ALIGNMENT?" BECAUSE WE HAVE TWO COMPETING, VERY GOOD IDEAS. AND HOW IS THAT RESOLVED? AND SOMETIMES IT IS RESOLVED AMONG THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, SOMETIMES IT IS RESOLVED BY TALKING TO THE MOTION AUTHOR. BUT REGARDLESS OF HOW IT IS

RESOLVED, IT ALWAYS, I THINK, IT RESULTS IN AND IT DRIVES MORE MEETINGS. AND IT'S LIKE, "WELL, I HAVE TO HAVE A MEETING, AND LET ME GO ASK SO-AND-SO." AND THEN, "OKAY, WELL, THAT MANAGER WASN'T ON THE CALL." AND THEN WE COME BACK TO YOU ALL, AND SIX MONTHS LATER, YOU'RE LIKE, "WHY ISN'T THIS DONE?" AND IT'S LIKE, "OH, WE JUST LANDED THE PLANE LAST WEEK." AND I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, BUT IT IS NOT A RARE OCCASION, AND I DON'T THINK IT IS THAT THE DEPARTMENTS DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH EACH OTHER. I THINK, SOMETIMES, YOU HAVE LEGITIMATE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, AND YOU NEED THE NORTH STAR POINTED OUT: "THIS IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. WE HAVE FIVE GOOD SOLUTIONS. LET'S PICK ONE AND MOVE FORWARD."

SUP. MITCHELL: AND SO, IN THE BROWN ACT CLIMATE IN WHICH WE WORK, I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO FIGURE OUT A WAY IN WHICH WE COULD HAVE A CONVERSATION TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE BOARD CAN BE, PERHAPS, MORE HELPFUL IN THE CRAFTING OF OUR MOTIONS. I DON'T KNOW IF OUR EXPECTATIONS NEED TO BE MANAGED, IN TERMS OF TIME FRAME. WE, GIVEN WHO WE ARE AND OUR ELECTED POSITIONS, ARE GOING TO LEAN IN AND SAY, "IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN YESTERDAY," BECAUSE OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE SAYING, "IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN YESTERDAY." SO I WOULD REALLY BE INTERESTED IN FIGURING OUT HOW WE HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO REALLY PROVIDE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO ALLEVIATE THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE FROM OUR

PERSPECTIVE, LIVES ARE ON THE LINE AND BEING IMPACTED. THAT'S WHY WE LEAN IN AND SAY, "WHY HAS IT TAKEN YOU A YEAR?" I WOULD LOVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAN BE HELPFUL-- AND THIS IS JUST ONE THING FOR US TO BUILD OUT OVER TIME-- IS WE SORT OF HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE CLUSTER MEETINGS, AND OUR BOARD LETTERS, AND WE TAKE REPORTS BEFORE THEY ARE ISSUED. SOMETIMES, WE WILL TAKE THEM TO A CLUSTER MEETING. AND I THINK THAT THAT WILL REQUIRE SOME RECIPROCAL WORK AND IMPACT, AND SO WE NEED DEPUTIES TO BE UP TO SPEED. AND I KNOW EVERYBODY IS NOT READING ALL THE REPORTS. THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF THAT GETS GENERATED. BUT WE NEED, SORT OF, THOSE KNOWLEDGEABLE DEPUTIES WHO ARE KIND OF EXPERTS IN THEIR WHEELHOUSE, OR KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THEIR WHEELHOUSE, AND THEN WE NEED THE DEPARTMENTS TO CALL THE QUESTION: "THIS IS WHERE WE ARE STUCK," OR, "THIS IS WHERE WE NEED SOME MORE GUIDANCE, OR CALIBRATED DIRECTION. WHAT DO BOARD OFFICES THINK?" AND I THINK, OFTENTIMES, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO TO A CLUSTER MEETING, YOU PROBABLY DON'T GET AS MUCH ROBUST FEEDBACK THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, WHICH THEN LEADS TO A SERIES OF ONE-OFF MEETINGS, WHICH THEN TAKES MORE TIME.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND NOT TO BELABOR THE POINT, BUT THAT'S WHY I THINK THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE, PERHAPS, A COMMITTEE

STRUCTURE, BECAUSE THE CLUSTER MEETINGS, WE'RE NOT IN. AND SO THAT'S, FOR ME, A STRUCTURAL CHALLENGE. IF THE CLUSTERS OF SPACE OR PLACE WHERE THOSE CONFLICTS ARE TO BE RESOLVED, THAT'S... I JUST THINK THAT'S A CHALLENGE, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE DEPARTMENT HEADS-- MAYBE THEY DO, MAYBE IT'S MY BAD-- ARE GOING TO FEEL THE SAME LEVEL OF HEAT FROM OUR DEPUTIES AS THEY DO SITTING HERE WHEN SUPERVISOR BARGER LEANS IN AND SAYS, "WHY DID IT TAKE A YEAR?"

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: AND IT MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AT THE CLUSTER MEETING. IT MIGHT BE THE MANAGER WHO'S OVER THAT PROGRAM. BUT I THINK WHEN DEPARTMENTS GO TO THE CLUSTER HEAD-- I'M SORRY, TO THE CLUSTER MEETINGS, THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE DEPUTIES AS YOUR REPRESENTATION OF THE BOARD. AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR, "OKAY, WHAT DOES THE SUPERVISOR-- WHAT WOULD THE SUPERVISOR LIKE TO DO ON THIS ISSUE?"

SUP. MITCHELL: GOT IT. I DIGRESS, BUT IT WAS BASED ON THE COMMENT THAT SHE MADE. SO, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE STAFF IN CREATING THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PATHWAY HOME, AND FOR INCORPORATING OUR R.V. PILOT PROJECT INTO IT. AND I AM CLEAR THAT, BY YOUR SIX-TO-EIGHT-MONTH COMMENT, THAT THE EXPECTATION IS THAT WE ARE ASKING THE RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR PATIENCE AS WE SCALE UP THE WORK, AND THAT

IT'S HARD, BECAUSE THEY HAVE LOST PATIENCE. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF ACTUALLY HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE THE PROGRAM TO REACH NEIGHBORHOODS. I THINK THAT'S A FAIR THING THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE TO THEM. AND WHILE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS REACH MORE NEIGHBORHOODS, WE HAVE THE EXISTING PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS. GOVERNMENT IS GOOD FOR ALPHABET SOUP, AND I AM SITTING HERE WITH MY STAFF. OKAY, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, REMIND ME, BETWEEN AN ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION AND A PROTOCOL RESOLUTION? SO, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS. YOU SPENT MOST OF YOUR TIME TALKING ABOUT ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS. ALL OF THE ENCAMPMENTS WON'T FALL INTO THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS, BECAUSE FOR AN ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IDENTIFIED AND IN PLACE. AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT FOR EVERY AREA. RIGHT? SO, A PROTOCOL RESOLUTION ARE THE ONES, ALSO, THAT MY CONSTITUENTS WAIT MONTHS TO SEE IMPLEMENTED, THAT ARE TYPICALLY NON-DISPLACEMENT RESOLUTIONS. EXAMPLE, CASE IN POINT: IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, RESIDENTS ARE SEEING AN INCREASE OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AN INCREASE IN ILLEGAL DUMPING AND TRASH, WHILE THEY WAIT MONTHS FOR THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTION TO TAKE PLACE. SO MY QUESTION IS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MOTION, HOW IS THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ALL OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN PROTOCOL

RESOLUTIONS LEVERAGING THE EMERGENCY HOMELESS PROCLAMATION TO GET TO THE REGULAR PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS FASTER? THE EXPECTATION IN PASSING THE EMERGENCY ORDER WAS THAT IT WOULD REMOVE RED TAPE, AND WE COULD FEEL AND SEE AND WITNESS EXPEDIENCY IN THE WORK. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES-- WOMANPOWER, MANPOWER-- WERE PUT INTO PLACE. WE'RE NOT FEELING IT IN THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS. SO, IF YOU COULD TELL ME HOW IT HAS HELPED YOU, OR IF NOT, SO WE COULD FIGURE OUT IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT NEED TO BE PUT ON THE TABLE TO ADDRESS PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS. PLEASE AND THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS ARE LARGELY COORDINATED BETWEEN C.E.O., H.I. OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS, SHERIFF H.O.S.T. TEAM, AND L.A.H.S.A. SO, THOSE ARE THE MAIN PARTNERS IN THOSE PROTOCOL EFFORTS. AND SO THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN-- FOR SHERIFF AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MY OFFICE, AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN USING THEM. AND L.A.H.S.A., WE HAVE-- WHILE NOT TECHNICALLY COVERED, AS A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, BY THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND THOSE AUTHORITIES, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM IN A WAY THAT ALSO IS PROVIDING THEM THOSE EXPEDITED ADMINISTRATIVE OPPORTUNITIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. SO, REALLY SUPER-STREAMLINED CONTRACTING, INCREASING FLEXIBILITY WITH THOSE AGREEMENTS, ET CETERA. SO, YES, THE DELEGATED AUTHORITIES ARE SUPPORTING THAT. I THINK, ON THE SCALING, IN GENERAL, OF THOSE PROTOCOLS, THAT THERE HAVE BEEN

SOME INCREASE IN RESOURCES FOR L.A.H.S.A. TEAMS. THERE'S BEEN SOME INCREASE IN RESOURCES FOR SHERIFF, ALTHOUGH THAT'S LARGELY BEEN DONE THROUGH OVERTIME, NOT NEW POSITIONS, BECAUSE THE TYPE OF FUNDING THAT IS USED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IS NOT MEASURE H FUNDING. AND THEN, ON THE PUBLIC WORKS SIDE, WE HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS IT RELATES TO THE PATHWAY HOME ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION WORK, AND THE REST OF IT HAS BEEN WITHIN THE WORK THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS TYPICALLY PARTNERED WITH US ON.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO, AGAIN, NOT PATHWAY HOME; PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS. WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED, OR IS IT AN ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, TO BE ABLE TO BOTH EXPEDITE AND GIVE US, SO WE CAN GIVE OUR CONSTITUENTS A TIME FRAME AROUND EXPECTATIONS FOR PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS?

CHERI TODOROFF: YEAH. AND SO, FOR PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, I WOULD-- WE KNOW-- I MEAN, WE WOULD NEED TO BRING SHERIFF INTO THE CONVERSATION, BECAUSE IT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN AN ISSUE FOR THEM, IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO SCALE: EITHER RESOURCES THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENT, OR RESOURCES THAT... IF THERE'S OTHER RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. MEASURE H, AS A BOARD POLICY DECISION, HAS NOT BEEN USED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND SO WITH L.A.H.S.A., AND THE SCALING ON THEIR SIDE, THAT WOULD BE MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DO DEEPER INVESTMENTS THERE, TO INCREASE THE

NUMBER OF PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE HAPPENING. AND THEN I WOULD NEED TO DEFER TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ON THEIR NEEDS.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR, IT'S SIMPLY FUNDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS. THE RESOURCES AREN'T THERE. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING REQUESTS, AS CHERI SAID. WE WERE FUNDED OUT OF MEASURE H. WE WENT DIRECTLY TO PATHWAY HOME. BUT ON THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, WE ARE SHORT. ESTIMATED $5 MILLION ASKED FOR THIS YEAR, AND WERE NOT FUNDED. IT WAS ASKED FOR IN SUPPLEMENTAL. WHAT I HAVE GOING ON-- BESIDES THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, I ALSO HAVE A HUGE PORTION OF MY ORGANIZATION WHOSE JOB HAS BEEN-- AT LEAST A PORTION OF THEIR DAY HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO DRIVING THE STREETS, IDENTIFYING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS ENCAMPMENTS; MAINTAINING HYGIENE, TRASH CLEANUP, AND THAT. SO, THE BUDGET FROM BOTH YOUR ROAD FUNDS, WHICH YOU HAVE ALL DECIDED TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF YOUR ROAD FUNDS TO, AS WELL AS FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FUNDS, HAVE BEEN-- AND THAT'S BEEN AT $10 MILLION FOR SOME TIME. AND THAT'S COMING FROM ROAD AND FLOOD FUND. AND THEN, WHAT WE DO NOT HAVE-- BASICALLY, WHAT YOU'RE PLAYING WITH THERE IS, BEYOND THAT INVESTMENT, YOU'RE STARTING TO DIG INTO THE SAFETY COMPONENTS OF THOSE TWO PIECES OF INFRASTRUCTURE-- THE O&M OF STREETS RELATED TO SAFETY, THE O&M OF THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM. THE SAME STAFF, FRANKLY, THAT DOES THE LABOR IN BOTH OF THOSE SYSTEMS, WE'VE ADDED TO THEM A

HIGHER NUMBER OF STAFF AND A HIGHER NUMBER OF DUTIES, TO PATROL AND TO FOCUS ON HOMELESS IMPACTS. WHAT WE WENT TO WAS PROTOCOL CLEANUPS THAT ARE THE MORE RESPECTFUL AND MORE MEANINGFUL CLEANUP, AND THEY DO INVOLVE OTHER AGENCIES. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE COLLABORATION AMONGST AGENCIES. I CAN TELL YOU, THAT IS HAPPENING AMONGST THE AGENCIES. I'LL SPEAK DIRECTLY FROM OUR AGENCY: IN COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH CHERI AND C.E.O., HER STAFF, HER BOSSES, WE HAVE BEEN STRETCHING THE RESOURCES TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR THE PROTOCOL CLEANUPS, AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN DO MORE, AND WE COULD EXPEDITE THAT BY HAVING AN INFUSION OF FUNDS INTO OUR PROGRAM. THIS INCLUDES THINGS THAT ARE NOT FUNDED CURRENTLY, LIKE SANITATION, [INAUDIBLE] CLEANUP, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SITE RECONNAISSANCE FOR PERMANENT HOUSING, AND ALSO RECONNAISSANCE FOR TEMPORARY. THERE'S DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC WORKS, EVERYTHING FROM OUR ENTRY-LEVEL LABOR, ALL THE WAY TO VERY VERSED ENGINEERS AND MANAGERS WHO ARE WORKING ON AND FOCUSED ON WITH-- BY THE WAY, THEIR MAP GOALS ARE RELATED, AND THEY DO HAVE ANNUAL MAP GOALS RELATED TO THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO RESOLVING THIS MAJOR ISSUE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I KNOW THAT I CAN SPEAK FOR OTHER DIRECTORS, THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE PLACED THAT IN OUR MAP GOALS. SO, IT IS A MATTER OF-- AND I WILL JUST-- I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. I'M SITTING HERE LISTENING TO YOU STRUGGLE ABOUT THAT DIRECTION. IT IS A MATTER OF, "IF I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT HE'S IDENTIFYING THE LEAD IN

ANY OF OUR TEAMBUILDING, WE WANT TO HAVE THAT LEAD IDENTIFIED, WHATEVER MOTION YOU'RE BRINGING FORWARD." AND WE DO HAVE CHERI LEADING US, AND DIRECTING, AND PUTTING FORTH THE IDEAS, AND YOUR IDEAS, AND CLARIFYING FOR US WHAT YOUR INTENT WAS, WITH RESPECT TO THIS. AND SO I CAN SPEAK FOR PUBLIC WORKS, BACK AGAIN, IS THAT WE HAVE A DEDICATED STAFF. WE'RE COLLABORATING. YOU HEARD ABOUT THE INNOVATION ON THE WORKS, AND OTHER APPS THAT WE PUT OUT. BUT ALSO, I DO NEED AN INFUSION OF FUNDS, IF YOU'RE GOING TO ACCELERATE THE PROGRAM, AND PARTICULARLY THE PROTOCOL CLEANUPS, BECAUSE THEY DO REQUIRE THIS INTENSE LABOR FORCE AND CONSTANT-- FOR INSTANCE, ON PROTOCOLS, WE'LL DO A CLEANUP-- AND I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS-- WE'LL DO A CLEANUP, AND THE NEXT DAY-- LITERALLY, THE NEXT DAY-- WE'RE BACK OUT. SO YOU COULD IMAGINE THE COST. THE INTENSITY OF THE COST ON THAT IS INCREDIBLE. I THINK I'VE TENFOLD INCREASED THE NUMBER OF MONEY I'VE SPENT ON FENCE REPAIRS, ON SANITATION. WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR COST, THE ESCALATION OF COST OF MAINTAINING PEOPLE IN A SPACE THAT WASN'T INTENDED TO BE AN R.V. PARKING OR A CAMPGROUND. WE ARE TRYING TO BASICALLY MAINTAIN CAMPGROUNDS ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY, AND THAT REQUIRES SEWER, WATER, TRASH, AND POWER, AND SANITATION. SO, WHAT YOU ARE ESSENTIALLY DOING IS BUILDING SAFE PLACES TO BUILD, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE COMMUNITY, AS YOU SAID, DID NOT INVITE THOSE GUESTS TO LIVE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THEY'RE ASKING

THAT THOSE GUESTS BE MOVED ON, AND WITHOUT A PLACE TO GO, WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS FIND SOME MEDIUM THERE, YOU KNOW?

SUP. MITCHELL: AND THEREIN LIES THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE. BECAUSE I AM CLEAR THAT MY COMMUNITY IS AT A VERY DANGEROUS TIPPING POINT. AND IF WE ARE GOING TO ASK PEOPLE TO BE PATIENT AND TO UNDERSTAND THAT, UNLIKE FOR THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, THAT IS SURROUNDED BY SOME MUNICIPALITIES WHO ARE DEALING WITH THE SITUATION VERY SIMPLY BY PUTTING "NO PARKING" SIGNS UP, WHICH PUSHES PEOPLE INTO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, THAT'S OUR REALITY. WE'RE TELLING THEM THAT WE CAN'T MOVE PEOPLE TILL WE HAVE A PLACE TO MOVE THEM TO, SO WE'RE TRYING TO DO MASTER LEASES AND DO ALL THESE THINGS YOU SAID, THAT PATHWAY HOME IS DOING SUCCESSFULLY. THIS TIPPING POINT IS THE TRASH AND THE LACK OF SANITATION IN THE MEANTIME. THEREIN IS THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, COLLEAGUES. AND SO IT IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL, BECAUSE COMMUNITIES ARE AT A DANGEROUS TIPPING POINT THAT WE FUND THAT WORK, TOO. SO, BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS CAN FEEL SOME SENSE OF RELIEF AROUND PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS, WHILE WE DO THIS WORK TO GET PEOPLE HOUSED IN AN APPROPRIATE, SAFE ENVIRONMENT. AND SO, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO AROUND THE PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, I'M GOING TO IMPLORE OUR C.E.O. AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR US TO COLLECTIVELY WORK TOGETHER TO FIGURE THAT PIECE OUT. THE SECOND DISTRICT IS HOME TO 2,000 OF THE COUNTY'S 7,000 R.V.S, AND SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTIAL

COMMUNITIES ARE AT A BREAKING POINT. SO, EXPEDITING PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS HAS GOT TO BE A PART OF OUR OVERALL MASTER PLAN AND EFFORT.

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

SUP. SOLIS: WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO GO OVER EVERYTHING THAT WAS ALREADY SAID, BUT I JUST WANT TO JUST SAY TO CHERI AND TO MARK, I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD, BECAUSE OUR OFFICE CALLS YOU ALL THE TIME. AND EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WE'RE HAVING WITH INCORPORATED CITIES IS TRUE. A LOT OF OUR SMALL CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ARE PUTTING UP ORDINANCES. ONE IS THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, WHERE I GREW UP, AND THEY ARE POTENTIALLY IMPACTING THE NUMBER OF R.V.S THAT ARE COMING INTO THE COUNTY, AND NOW BEING PUSHED INTO UNINCORPORATED. SO, NOW I HAD SEVERAL THAT ARE IN VALINDA, WEST PUENTE VALLEY, AND THEY ARE NOW GOING INTO BASSETT. AND IN EAST L.A., IT'S ALWAYS BEEN AN ISSUE. AND I AM VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW WE CAN MOVE THIS PROTOCOL RESOLUTION. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, SOME OF THE VERY CITIES THAT DON'T WANT R.V.S DO NOT HAVE INTERIM SHELTERS, WINTER SHELTERS, NOTHING, NADA. SO, WHERE DO WE GO FROM THERE? AND WE LOOK FOR OTHER CITIES THAT WANT TO MASTER-LEASE HOTELS AND MOTELS, AND I CAN THINK OF SOME, BUT I WON'T NAME THEM, BECAUSE THEY'RE DO-GOODERS, AND THEY NEED TO HAVE SUPPORT FROM

OTHER PLACES. I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE A STRATEGY, TOO, THAT BRINGS IN THE C.O.G., AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH THE C.O.G.S, BECAUSE THEY DO GET ADDITIONAL MONIES. THEY SHOULD BE USING THAT MONEY FOR THIS-- THE PROTOCOLS-- IMMEDIATELY, AND HELPING US IN SOME WAY, AND IDENTIFYING PLACES. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I THANK PUBLIC WORKS, BECAUSE WHEN WE DO CALL AND HARASS, IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING HARASSED. AND WE HEAR IT. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT SOME OF THE REMEDIES THAT HAVE WORKED IS PUTTING UP SIGNS TEMPORARILY THAT SAY, "YOU NEED TO MOVE IN 24 HOURS." WE'RE GOING TO PROHIBIT ANYONE FROM BEING ON THIS STREET." AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IT'S TYPICALLY AROUND EITHER A SCHOOL, OR A CENTER WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE AT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT, BUT I ALSO WANT TO KNOW THAT THAT'S HAPPENING QUICKLY AND AT A FASTER PACE, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE. OUR COMMUNITIES, TOO, WE SEE PEOPLE THROWING THEIR WASTE IN THE GUTTERS, RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF A SCHOOLYARD OR NEXT TO A PARK. AND IT IS A HEALTH HAZARD, AND I AM CONCERNED WHEN IT'S AROUND SCHOOLS, BECAUSE WE HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN THAT ARE GOING BACK AND FORTH, THAT HAVE TO USE CROSSWALKS THERE. SO, I WANT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. I'M HAPPY TO FIGHT FOR-- IF IT'S $5 MILLION, I THINK ALL OF US HERE COULD PUT IN A MILLION AND GET THIS GOING. I MEAN, IF THAT'S A PART OF IT, BUT THERE'S A LONGER BUDGET ASK HERE, SO I WOULD WANT TO SEE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. AND THEN I'M VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT YOU DID IN

THE SECOND DISTRICT WITH THE MORE PATHWAY HOMES ENCAMPMENTS, BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE IN THE QUEUE FOR ONE, WHICH IS GREAT. IT CAN'T HAPPEN SOON ENOUGH, THOUGH, CHERI. SO, WHATEVER YOU NEED FROM US, WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE. BUT I DO WANT TO ALSO MENTION THAT ONE ACTOR THAT HASN'T BEEN CALLED INTO PLAY DIRECTLY-- I KNOW THEY'RE WORKING INDIRECTLY, THOUGH-- IS CALTRANS. BECAUSE WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ISSUES, EVEN IN UNINCORPORATED, WHERE THE EASEMENTS OR THE ROADWAY, THE ON-RAMP OR THE OFF-RAMP, IS CALTRANS. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THEM, FIND OUT WHAT THEIR BUDGET IS AND WHERE WE CAN MAP, AND WHERE PRIORITIES ARE. BECAUSE I THINK, SOMETIMES, WE DO A BETTER JOB THAN-- I DON'T WANT TO SPITE THEM, BUT MAYBE THEY DO. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A LOT, BUT I AM REALLY SET ON THIS, BECAUSE I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH DISGUST WITH OUR RESIDENTS, AND IT'S JUST PHENOMENAL WHAT'S HAPPENING. BUT NOT JUST THAT. IT'S THE FACT THAT INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE ARE ALSO GAMING THE SYSTEM. BECAUSE ONCE THE SIGN GOES UP THAT THEY CAN'T PARK THERE ANYMORE, THE NEXT DAY, THE 4 OR 5 OF THEM ARE DOWN THE ROAD, TWO BLOCKS AWAY, AND IT HASN'T REMEDIED ANYTHING. SO I THINK WE DO HAVE TO HAVE A BROADER POLICY THAT CAN HELP US ADDRESS THIS, AND TO ALLOW FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS TO NOT JUST CALL OUR OFFICES, BUT WHO DO THEY CALL? WHO DO THEY CALL? AND THEY'RE CONFUSED JUST AS MUCH AS ANYONE ELSE ABOUT WHETHER IT'S CALTRANS PROPERTY, OR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, OR UNINCORPORATED. AND EVERYONE'S HAIR IS ON

FIRE, AT THAT POINT. SO, HOW CAN WE GET TO THAT POINT, IS WHAT I WANT. I WANT SOLUTIONS, BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. AND MONEY, IF THAT'S ONE PART OF IT, OKAY, AND COOPERATION. M.O.U.S, MAYBE, WITH SOME OF THESE CITIES, AND GETTING TO THE MEAT OF THAT. SO, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

SPEAKER: WELL, SUPERVISOR, CLEARLY, GETTING THE CITIES COORDINATED WITH US-- YOU TALK ABOUT COLLABORATION AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. THE CITY'S COORDINATION, JUST A BASIC THING OF SEWER, WATER, AND POWER, WITH AGENCIES, I KNOW IT'S A RELATIONSHIP-- IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS, FOR INSTANCE, IN THE CITY OF L.A., WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE THINGS, BUT IT'S A PHONE CALL HAPPENING BETWEEN WATER AND POWER AND MYSELF, AND ACTUALLY DELIVERING THE WATER, FOR INSTANCE, OR THE POWER. IT'S THE CITY'S MANAGERS LOOKING AT AND USING THEIR MEASURE H DOLLARS IN A WAY THAT IS COLLABORATIVE ACROSS THIS. CHERI TALKED ON IT. IT'S THE POLICY OF MEASURE H THAT SAYS WE CAN'T USE MEASURE H DOLLARS FOR PROTOCOL CLEANUPS. THAT POLICY EXISTS, AND I CANNOT GET-- I DO NOT GET MONEY FOR PROTOCOL CLEANUPS OUT OF MEASURE H, SUPERVISOR. AND $5 MILLION-- I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, SUPERVISOR, $5 MILLION IS TO MEET THE WORKLOAD THAT IS PROJECTED BY CHERI NOW. WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, AND CHERI IS SAYING, "THIS IS HOW MUCH YOU'RE GOING TO BE"-- IF YOU'RE SAYING THE RATE ISN'T FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU, THAT

DOLLAR AMOUNT'S GOING TO GO HIGHER, BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING AT THE IDENTIFIED CLEANUPS FOR THIS YEAR, AND SAYING, "IN ORDER TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD FOR THOSE CLEANUPS, WE WOULD NEED THIS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO MEET THAT RATE OF CLEANUP." AND YOU'VE ALREADY SAID THAT THAT RATE IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN. SO, I THINK THE DEPARTMENTS ARE UTILIZING-- MOST DEFINITELY, USING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. YOU BROUGHT UP THE INNOVATION ON SIGNAGE. WHAT YOU ALLOWED ME TO DO IS TO USE THE ROAD COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY TO PUT TEMPORARY SIGNAGE IN PLACE, WITH THE DECLARATION. THAT IS VERY HELPFUL, BUT AS SUPERVISOR SAID, OF COURSE, THEY MOVED DOWN THE STREET. BUT IT IS THOSE KIND OF TOOLS THAT WE ARE AMENDING AND WHAT WE'RE GETTING TO THE STREET, SHORT OF JUST MOVING PEOPLE OUT OF THE WAY. WE ARE NOT TAKING THAT OR USING THAT APPROACH AT THIS TIME. SO, MOVING PEOPLE AND COORDINATING IS THE APPROACH WE'RE TAKING UNDER YOUR DIRECTION, AND I THINK RESOURCES ARE SOMETHING THAT WOULD ACCELERATE IT. BUT I DON'T WANT TO CREATE A FALSE EXPECTATION THAT SIMPLY $5 MILLION IN MONEY IS GOING TO CREATE THIS SUPER-ACCELERATED PROGRAM, BECAUSE IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A MUCH LARGER AMOUNT OF MONEY, IF YOU WANT TO GO TO, LIKE, I MAKE A PHONE CALL, AND TOMORROW I'M NOT SEEING THAT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD ANY LONGER, OR THIS PROTOCOL HAS STARTED. IT JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE.

SUP. SOLIS: SO, JUST COME BACK WITH A PLAN, WITH A BUDGET, I GUESS IS WHAT I'M SAYING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WELL, THANK YOU. I KNOW SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE A COUPLE MORE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, AND I REALIZE THAT WE'RE ALL SORT OF SAYING THE SAME THING. EVERYONE'S PRETTY FRUSTRATED. AND WE ARE HEARING FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, AND I THINK, YEAH, A LOT OF THEM ARE AT THE TIPPING POINT. SO, THEY AGREED TO MEASURE H. THEY'RE PAYING THEIR SALES TAX. IT'S COMING. THEY BELIEVED THAT IT SHOULD GO TO THE COUNTY, THAT WE CAN SOLVE-- WELL, NOT SOLVE, BUT ADDRESS THIS CRISIS IN A HUMANITARIAN WAY. BUT THEY'RE STARTING TO LOSE A LITTLE BIT OF PATIENCE IN SEEING RESULTS, AND I THINK I DO AGREE WITH TODAY'S MOTION THAT ADDING "PREVENTION" AS THE FOURTH MISSION OF OUR DECLARATION OF HOMELESSNESS IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVEN'T BEEN DOING THAT, RIGHT? ONE OF OUR PILLARS OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS "PREVENTION." WE ALWAYS KNEW THAT WE HAD TO WORK UPSTREAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. I THINK THE R.V. SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY NUANCED, IN A WAY, BECAUSE I THINK, AND HAVE TALKED TO SOME OF THOSE RESIDING IN R.V.S. THEY THINK THEY'RE IN A HOME. THAT IS THEIR HOME. AGAIN, PARTICULARLY IF THERE'S CHILDREN INVOLVED, THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE PROVIDING A HOME. IT'S GOT A LITTLE KITCHEN. IT'S GOT BEDS. IT'S WARM. IT'S ENCLOSED. AND SO TRYING TO ENTICE

THEM OUT OF THAT, TO GO TO A SHELTER, IS A REALLY HEAVY LIFT. AND EVEN FOR ASKING THEM TO MOVE, RIGHT, SOME OF THOSE R.V.S AREN'T MOVABLE. THEY'VE PRETTY MUCH BEEN SITTING THERE FOR SO LONG THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO JUST DRIVE AWAY SOMEWHERE. SO I THINK IT'S DIFFICULT, AND I THINK WE HAVE THAT PROBLEM WITH THE ENCAMPMENTS, TOO. THAT IS ALSO PEOPLE'S HOMES. THEY HAVE THEIR COMMUNITY THERE. THEY HAVE THEIR BELONGINGS THERE. THEY HAVE AN ENTIRE EXISTENCE THERE. I THINK IT'S DIFFICULT. WE KNOW THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME TO US THAT NEED HELP, RIGHT, SOMEBODY WHO HAS JUST BEEN EVICTED, OR ALMOST EVICTED, WE CAN REALLY HELP THEM QUICKLY. IF THERE'S ANY WOMAN WITH THEIR CHILDREN, WHO ARE FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TONIGHT, WE CAN HELP THEM GET OFF THE STREETS. WE CAN PROVIDE FOR WOMEN SO THEY'RE NOT LIVING IN THEIR CARS, AND THEIR KIDS ARE TRYING TO GET DRESSED IN THE CARS BEFORE THEY GO TO SCHOOL. I THINK THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT WE PROBABLY HAVE THE MOST SUCCESS WITH. BUT THE ONES WHO ARE FINE WITH THEIR EXISTENCE, RIGHT? THEY'RE OKAY LIVING IN THEIR R.V. THEY'VE DECIDED TO SORT OF BE URBAN CAMPERS. THEY'RE OFF THE GRID. THEY'RE NOT PAYING RENT. THEY'RE NOT PAYING UTILITIES. THEY'RE NOT-- YEAH. AND THE PROBLEM IS, THOUGH, THAT FORM OF HOUSING IS CAUSING EXTREME HAVOC IN SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. AGAIN, THE HYGIENE ISSUES, THE DUMPING ISSUE. EVEN THE SAFETY ISSUE IS A CONCERN. BUT I DO THINK THE APPROACH HAS GOT TO BE REALLY STRATEGIC AND NUANCED TO CONVINCE SOMEONE THAT THERE IS

SOMEPLACE BETTER, SAFER, CLEANER, BETTER. RIGHT? AGAIN, IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY FEEL LIKE THEIR HOUSE. RIGHT? SO THEY DON'T CONSIDER THEMSELVES HOMELESS, PROBABLY, SO IT'S GOING TO BE MORE DIFFICULT. WE KNOW THAT. I MEAN, YOU KNOW THAT. IT'S A HEAVY LIFT, THOUGH. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT, AT SOME POINT, YOU JUST CAN'T LIVE IN YOUR R.V. AND CREATE THIS KIND OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO NEIGHBORHOODS AND CITIES. I HAD A SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT AN R.V. ENCAMPMENT THAT COVERS TORRANCE AND LOS ANGELES. A LITTLE BIT NUANCED, AND I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU WHAT OUR ROLE IS IN SOMETHING WHERE WE HAVE TWO JURISDICTIONS. I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT TODAY FOR THE SAKE OF TIME. WE'LL GET WITH YOU OFFLINE. BUT I DO KNOW THAT MY RESIDENTS OF TORRANCE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, AND THEY FELT FRUSTRATED IN THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFUSION THAT THAT CREATES. OKAY, I'M GOING TO CALL ON MY-- JUST TO LEVEL-SET FOR EVERYBODY, WE'RE AT ALMOST 3:00 P.M. THIS IS JUST OUR SECOND ITEM. WE STILL HAVE A LOT MORE ITEMS. AND AGAIN, JUST REMINDING YOU OF ALL THAT. SO, BUT I WILL CALL FOR THE SECOND TIME, MS. HORVATH AND MS. MITCHELL.

SUP. HORVATH: I JUST WANTED TO QUICKLY RESPOND TO SOMETHING THAT THE C.E.O. MENTIONED, BECAUSE I AM CLEAR THAT WE HAVE BUILT-IN MEETING STRUCTURE FOR COORDINATION, BUT WE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS. AND WHEN THERE WAS A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19, THERE WERE PRESS

CONFERENCES EVERY DAY. PEOPLE WERE WORKING IN A COLLABORATIVE FASHION. SO, I DON'T THINK WE CAN RELY ON OUR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE THAT COORDINATION WHEN WE'RE DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY. SO I JUST WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE I THINK YOU'VE HEARD THAT SENSE OF URGENCY FROM ALL OF US. I OWNED MY PART WHEN SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED HER FRUSTRATION WITH D.C.B.A., AND I'M CLEAR ABOUT THE ROLE THAT WE HAVE, BUT I CANNOT ACCEPT THAT WE ARE JUST GOING TO ALLOW THE EXISTING SYSTEMS TO BE THE WAY THAT WE COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY. THAT CANNOT HAPPEN.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: AND JUST SO I'M CLEAR, I WASN'T SUGGESTING THAT. I WAS TALKING ABOUT A LARGER, FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE ABOUT WHY IT TAKES, SOMETIMES, A LONGER TIME TO GET THINGS DONE, AND THAT WE OFTEN HAVE THESE COLLABORATIVE, COORDINATING BODIES. INEVITABLY, A DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE. SO, NOT SPECIFIC TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, BUT THAT IS SORT OF LIKE OUT-- SORT OF OUR, LET'S SAY, BASELINE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE. AND SO I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE JUST RELY ON CLUSTER AND KIND OF DO THINGS AS USUAL, BUT TO THIS LARGER QUESTION ABOUT, YOU KNOW, GETTING THINGS DONE, AND MOVING THE NEEDLE, AND WHY DO THINGS TAKE SO LONG? THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF MY--

SUP. HORVATH: BUT I THINK THAT'S WHY WE DEPUTIZED H.I. AS THE LEAD ON THIS EMERGENCY, AND IT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING THE QUESTION. IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT, AS D.P.H. PROVIDED DR. FERRER DURING C.O.V.I.D.-19, WHATEVER IT IS THEY NEED, BUT THAT HAS TO HAPPEN. THOSE KINDS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS IN ACTIVE COORDINATION, IN REAL TIME, HAS TO BE HAPPENING.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AGREED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. TO BRING US BACK TO PROTOCOL RESOLUTIONS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MEASURE H DOESN'T ALLOW FOR THE SHERIFF TO BE FUNDING, BUT IT IS A DECISION POINT THAT PUBLIC WORKS IS NOT FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H. SO, THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE US TO REVISIT: HOW WE PROVIDE DIRECTION. I'M LOOKING TO THE C.E.O. FOR CLARIFICATION: IF THE BOARD NEEDS TO PROVIDE DIRECTION, HOW WE DO THAT TO SEE IF MEASURE H DOLLARS CAN BE ALLOCATED. BECAUSE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS A PART OF THE CONTINUUM OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND ADDRESSING THE UNHOUSED.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I'LL START, AND THEN I'LL LET CHERI PLACE A FINER POINT ON IT, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS ANY RESTRICTION IN THE LANGUAGE-- THE BALLOT MEASURE LANGUAGE-- THAT BROUGHT MEASURE H INTO BEING. I THINK EARLY ON, AT THE

INCEPTION OF MEASURE H, SOME POLICY DECISIONS WERE MADE ABOUT FUNDING THE SHERIFF AND FUNDING SANITATION SERVICES.

SUP. MITCHELL: WELL, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT, BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SINCE THE ORIGINAL PASSING OF MEASURE H, AND WHAT WE ARE ALL NOW LIVING WITH, THAT WE MIGHT REVISIT THE SANITATION PIECE WITH, PERHAPS, A NEW POLICY DECISION THAT WOULD ALLOW THOSE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THAT.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YEAH. AND IS THAT SOMETHING WE CAN BRING BACK...

SUP. MITCHELL: I WILL GET RIGHT ON THAT, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GET RIGHT ON THAT. OKAY, THANK YOU. I MEAN, OVERALL, AGAIN, WE STILL HAVE TO GO TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT. BUT AGAIN, OVERALL, I THINK YOU ALL ARE HEARING US. I MEAN, A DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS WAS THE SENSE, I THINK, THAT WE ALL HAVE, THAT IF IT WERE ANY OTHER KIND OF AN EMERGENCY, THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES, THE CONSTANT COMMUNICATION, THE CUTTING OF RED TAPE, THE DISPATCHING OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS TO MEET THAT, PARTICULARLY-- WE JUST CAME OUT OF THE ALMOST-HURRICANE, RIGHT? AND I WAS IN THE MIDST OF IT. I WAS AT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. THE CITY AND THE COUNTY WERE-- IT WAS A WAR ROOM, BASICALLY. AND

EVERY HOUR, WE WERE GETTING NEW UPDATES. DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WERE WEIGHING IN. COMMUNICATION WAS MOVING FREELY. IT WAS A FEELING THAT WHEN THAT HURRICANE HIT-- AND IT HIT IN SOME PLACES WORSE THAN OTHERS-- WE WERE PREPARED. ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES WERE ON HIGH ALERT. I THINK IT'S THAT FEELING THAT WE KEEP TRYING TO BRING TO THIS ISSUE. THE CRISIS IS HUGE, BUT THE CITY DECLARED A STATE OF HOMELESSNESS. LINDSEY HORVATH, IN ONE OF HER FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS, IN ONE OF HER FIRST MEETINGS, SAID WE SHOULD DO THE SAME THING IN THE COUNTY, AND THE THINKING WAS IT SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER DISASTER. AND IF 70,000 PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED BECAUSE OF A FLOOD, A HURRICANE, AN EARTHQUAKE, A HURRI-QUAKE, IT WOULD BE ALL HANDS ON DECK UNTIL EVERY ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE HAD A PLACE... A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. SO, I THINK WE'RE JUST TRYING TO UP OUR GAME; LIGHT THE FIRE A LITTLE BIT, AGAIN. AND WE NEED OUR COMMUNITIES, BY THE WAY. NOTHING WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH, WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IF OUR COMMUNITIES ARE NOT WITH US. THEY WILL BLOCK AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEY WILL BLOCK MORE SHELTERS. THEY WILL PROTEST MOTEL CONVERSIONS, IF THEY DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE ALREADY TAKING THEIR TAX DOLLARS AND DOING A GOOD JOB. WE'RE VERY KEENLY AWARE, EACH OF US IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, THAT WE CAN'T ACCOMPLISH SOME OF THESE GOALS IF WE CAN'T BRING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR COMMUNITIES ALONG WITH US. BUT THEY NEED TO SEE RESULTS. THEY DESERVE TO SEE THAT, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO

ARE LANGUISHING ON OUR STREETS NEED TO SEE RESULTS. SO, I KNOW YOU ALL GET IT, BUT I THINK YOU'RE HEARING FROM ALL OF US THAT COLLECTIVE FRUSTRATION, CONCERN, BUT STILL HOPE THAT WE ARE ROWING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. WE ARE MAKING SOME STRIDES. WE JUST NEED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT ALL OF YOU IN ACHIEVING THIS. SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM SM-1 AND 22, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ARNOLD SACHS, ESPERANZA BAJENA, JENNY LU, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, AND ZEE JANG. PLEASE COME FORWARD. STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING. THE SET ITEM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AT 11:00. IT'S ALMOST 2 O'CLOCK NOW. I GUESS TIME DOESN'T MATTER. AND I AM REALLY CONCERNED. I MEAN, I THINK THE BUDGET SHOULD BE ONE SINGLE ITEM FOR A SINGLE DAY.

BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS. I ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHY THEY HAVE REMOVED THE GRANT FOR THE PARKING. L.A.H.S.A. REMOVED THE GRANT FOR THE SAFE PARKING. AND, AS I'VE ASKED MANY TIMES, L.A.H.S.A. NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED. THINGS ARE GOING NOT WELL, NOT IN FAVOR OF THE HOMELESS. AND I SEE A LOT OF MONEY BEING WASTED. PLEASE, DEAL WITH THAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JONATHAN FOSTER. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO, SUPERVISORS. NOT VERY HAPPY. BY THE WAY, I THOUGHT IT WAS CALLING A QUAKE-ICANE. BUT ANYWAYS, MOVING ON. THE BORDER IS WIDE OPEN. THIS IS NEVER, EVER GOING TO GO AWAY. DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE ARRESTED AND PUT IN JAIL, WITH THE BORDER WIDE OPEN. NOW, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THEIR R.V., WHAT IF THEY GET KICKED OUT OF THE PLACE THAT THEY'RE IN? THEY'RE GOING TO BE RIGHT BACK ON THE SIDEWALK. THAT'S NOT A GOOD RECIPE, I DON'T THINK. AND WHAT ABOUT A SHOWER, RIGHT? GET AN HOURLY WAGE, AND A JOB, AND STUFF. BUT THE HOURLY WAGES, THEY CAN'T GET OFF THE STREET WITH THE HOURLY WAGES YOU CAN MAKE IN L.A. HOW THE HELL ARE YOU GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS? AND IT'S AMAZING HOW I HEARD A DISCUSSION, BUT AT THE L.A.P.D. POLICE

COMMISSION MEETING, I DON'T GET TO DO THIS. I DON'T GET TO HEAR A DISCUSSION, AND THEN GET TO COMMENT. SO, YOU GUYS DID A BUNCH OF COMMENTING, AND NOW I CAN COMMENT ON THAT STUFF. THIS IS THE WRONG APPROACH. THESE PEOPLE DOING SOME OF THE SIDE BEHAVIORS THAT YOU DON'T LIKE IS REALLY WHAT YOU NEED TO ADDRESS.

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

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

SPEAKER: I'M CALLING REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 22 AND THE HOMELESS... WHAT IS IT? THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EMERGENCY OF THE HOMELESS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND DEALING WITH L.A.H.S.A., BEFORE ANY MORE FUNDS ARE SENT TO L.A.H.S.A., IF A PERSON WANTED TO CALL L.A.H.S.A. OUT OF THE BLUE, NO ONE ANSWERS THE TELEPHONE. NO ONE ANSWERS THE PHONE AT L.A.H.S.A. SO, IF SOMEONE NEEDED TO JUST REACH L.A.H.S.A., YOU CAN'T EVEN REACH L.A.H.S.A. IF YOU WERE SOMEONE, AND YOU JUST NEEDED TO START HAVING A PROBLEM RIGHT NOW, THEY DON'T ANSWER THE TELEPHONE. WITH MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEING SENT OVER TO L.A.H.S.A., A BASIC PHONE-ANSWERING SYSTEM HAS NOT BEEN SET UP. SO, BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING ELSE, WITH ANY

TYPE OF HOMELESS SITUATION, I THINK, FIRST, THE COMPANY OR AGENCY THAT'S RECEIVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS NEEDS TO SET UP A PHONE SYSTEM TO FIRST ANSWER THE TELEPHONE FIRST, BEFORE ANY OTHER DEBATE ABOUT FUNDS NEEDS TO BE SENT OVER TO L.A.H.S.A. THE DIRECTOR'S GETTING A BIG PAYCHECK, BUT A CITIZEN CAN'T EVEN CALL ANYONE AT L.A.H.S.A. DURING BUSINESS HOURS, OR EVEN AT NIGHT. NOT EVEN AT NIGHTTIME, WHICH IS DURING BUSINESS HOURS. AND MANY OF MRS. MITCHELL'S CONSTITUENTS--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DARIA BROOKS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS IS A RESIDENT OF THE UNINCORPORATED WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I HAVE BEEN APPALLED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LONG AGO ADOPTED ORDINANCES, TITLE 15 NONCONFORMING VEHICLE CODES, PRIMARILY IN WHITE- AND ASIAN-POPULATED UNINCORPORATED AREAS, [INAUDIBLE] THE STREET PARKING OF, IN THE BOARD'S WORDS, "ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED, OR INOPERATIVE/NONCONFORMING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES," IN WHICH THE BOARD'S OWN WORDS PROMOTE "BLYTH DETERIORATION, INVITE PLUNDERING, CREATE FIRE HAZARDS, AND CONSTITUTES A NUISANCE

CREATING A HAZARD TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MINORS, CREATE A HARBORAGE OF RODENTS AND INSECTS, AND ARE INJURIOUS TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE." AND YET, YOU HAVE VISITED OVER 500 OF THESE DERELICT R.V.S IN UNINCORPORATED WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, EAST GARDENA, AND ROSEWOOD, LARGELY BLACK AND LATINO HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES, WHILE PROTECTING NEARBY UNINCORPORATED EL CAMINO VILLAGE, ALONDRA PARK, AND LAKEWOOD.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSHUA MOORE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: HELLO? OKAY. MY DISAGREEMENT WITH HOW YOU'RE PROCEEDING WITH THIS ISSUE IS THAT YOU'RE NOT GETTING TO THE CAUSATIVE FACTORS OF WHAT IS CAUSING HOMELESSNESS. IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH, WE USE WHAT YOU CALL DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS, AND YOU TRY TO DIAGNOSIS WHAT IS CAUSING THIS PROBLEM. YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO GET TO THE SOLUTION UNTIL YOU

ADDRESS WHAT IS CAUSING HOMELESSNESS, AND WHY IS IT THAT BLACK AMERICANS ARE THE MAJORITY OF THE HOMELESS, WHEN WE'RE ONLY ABOUT 7% OF THE POPULATION. WHAT WE NEED IS MORE AFFORDABLE-HOUSING-INCOME JOBS, AND CAREERS AND PROFESSIONS THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING, BASICALLY BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO FOREIGNERS. HOW COME WHENEVER YOU SEE THESE SMASH-AND-GRAB ROBBERIES, IT'S MOSTLY BLACK AMERICANS THAT ARE COMMITTING THE ROBBERIES--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO INTO PERSON. WELCOME. WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TRACY GAMBLE. I'M A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND I'M A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITIES. I AM COMING BEFORE THE COURT RIGHT NOW. THE JUDICIAL OFFICER THREW ME AND MY CHILDREN OUT OF OUR HOME. IT WASN'T EVICTION. NO, THEY USED THEIR POSITIONS TO THROW US OUT THE HOME. THEY USED THE FAMILY LAW DEPARTMENT, USED A WRIT, AND THEN FILED IT IN THE FAMILY LAW FILING DEPARTMENT. THEY CARRIED IT OUT. THE ATTORNEY LOCKED US OUT THE HOUSE, AND THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON-- EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON. THIS IS THE DAY. WE'RE ETHIOPIAN JEWS-- SHAVUOT-- AND I'M CELEBRATING. YOU GUYS ARE JUSTICE. THEY VIOLATED OUR CIVIL RIGHTS, OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, THE 6TH AND THE 14TH AMEND. I NEED JUSTICE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THANK YOU. SO, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SPEAKING ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, BUT IT DOES LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE AN ISSUE. MAYBE WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE HELP YOU. DAWYN, DO YOU FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOMEONE, EITHER LEGAL HELP OR--

SPEAKER: NOBODY'S HELPED US.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SEE THOSE PEOPLE IN THE BACK ROOM THERE? RAISE YOUR HANDS BACK THERE. HIGHER. OKAY, CAN YOU HELP HER? MAYBE WE CAN SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION. THANK YOU. OKAY.

SPEAKER: PATRICIA MCALLISTER. NOW, I WAS LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY, SO, YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO TAKE THE PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR R.V.S AND DESTROY THEM, AND THEN YOU BOAST ABOUT GIVING MONEY TO THESE PEOPLE COMING ACROSS THE BORDER. YOU SAID TONS OF BUSES ARE HERE, AND YOU GOT MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR THEM, AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP THEM GET SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR 4, 5, 6 YEARS. AND THEN YOU'RE SAYING, THROWING THE PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR R.V.S? THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO THE STREETS, SO WHAT DO WE NEED? WE NEED SOMEONE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIFFERENT AREAS: HOMELESSNESS, CRIME, JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS, JAILS, DRUG ABUSE, AND ALL OF THAT. AND THAT'S WHY I'M SUPPORTING ALEX

VILLANUEVA TO REPLACE JANICE HAHN IN THIS NEXT ELECTION. WE NEED A MAN UP HERE WITH SOME EXPERIENCE ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS COUNTY. AND ALL THESE WOMEN IN HERE, ALL YOU'RE DOING EVERY WEEK IS RUNNING YOUR MOUTH.

COUNTY COUNSEL: MA'AM, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: I AM JENNY LU, AND I'M AGAINST THE MEASURE H FUNDS, AND HOW MEASURE H FUNDS AND OUR TAX MONEY HAVE BEEN USED TO FUND THE HOMELESS CRISIS. BUYING MOTELS AND PLACING HOMELESS HOUSING COMMUNITIES WITHOUT RESIDENTS' CONSENT, AND WITHOUT COMMUNITY INPUT, IS NOT HOW I WANT MY TAX DOLLARS TO BE USED. THE LOCATION OF THE HOMEKEY IN MY COMMUNITY IS NEAR FREEWAY RAMPS, WALKING DISTANCE FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND SENIOR LIVING CENTERS. CHILDREN AND SENIORS ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLACING HOMEKEY NEAR THEM COMPROMISES THEIR SAFETY. DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS ARE MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES, DETOX/REHAB CENTERS FOR DRUG ADDICTS AND THE MENTALLY ILL, ARE WHAT THEY NEED IN THE LONG RUN, AND HOMEKEY IS NOT EQUIPPED TO TAKE THE TASK, ESPECIALLY WITH TWO CASEWORKERS FOR A UNIT HOUSING 144 RESIDENTS. SO WE, AS THE TAXPAYERS, WE'RE PUTTING OUR TAX DOLLARS TO FUND THE HOMELESS

CRISIS, AND WE HOPE YOU CAN ADDRESS IT WITHOUT RISKING THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. THIS IS ZHI. I LIVE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. HOMELESS CAUSE MANY PROBLEMS TO OUR COMMUNITY, THESE DAYS. [INAUDIBLE] INTO HACIENDA HEIGHTS SENIOR VILLAS APARTMENTS, THREATENING THE ELDERS WITH A KNIFE, TAKING SHOWERS IN THE POOL, DUMPING TRASH IN THE PARKING LOT. ALSO, NOT LONG AGO, ONE HOMELESS ATTACKED ANOTHER HOMELESS WITH A KNIFE IN PUENTE HILLS MALLS. NOW, WE ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROJECT HOMEKEY IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THIS DECISION IS NOT RIGHT, SINCE IT'S TOO CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL, AND WE'RE CONCERNED: KIDS' SAFETY FIRST. COUNTY NEEDS TO FIND A BETTER PLACE OR SOLUTION TO FIT THE PROJECT.

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

SPEAKER: I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE A WAY TO REPORT THE PARKING R.V., BUT THERE ARE TWO THINGS WE MUST DO IN ORDER TO STOP ANY TYPE OF R.V. FROM PARKING ON A STREET. NUMBER ONE: NOT ALLOW SELLING, RENTING, LEASING OF ANY SALVAGED, NONWORKING R.V. THERE'S A LOT OF THEM IN MY AREA. TO DESTROY THOSE R.V.S COSTS

A LOT OF MONEY, BUT THEY CAUSE DAMAGES FAR EXCEED THAT AMOUNT. IT COULD BE SOMEONE'S LIFE, IT COULD BE A RESIDENT, OR IT COULD BE ANOTHER CAR PARKING NEARBY. NUMBER 2: R.V.S CAN ONLY PARK AT R.V. PARKS, STORAGE, AND PRIVATE PROPERTY OF A RESIDENTIAL, PRIVATE DRIVEWAY. LATELY, MANY R.V. OWNERS, MY NEIGHBORS, RECEIVE NOTICE OF VIOLATION STATING R.V. MUST BE REMOVED FROM THEIR OWN PRIVATE DRIVEWAY. WHEN RESIDENTS CALLED, THEY WERE TOLD TO PARK ON THE STREET, WHENEVER IT PERMITS. AGAIN, I MEAN, IF THEY PARK ON A STREET, PEOPLE MIGHT IDENTIFY THAT AS A HOMELESS R.V. SO, AGAIN, WE MUST STOP SELLING, RENTING, LEASING OF THOSE TYPES OF R.V., AND ALLOW HOMEOWNERS THAT ACTUALLY HAVE A HOME AND PARK THEIR R.V.--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIC. I AM A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. SO, I LIVE 3 MINUTES AWAY FROM PROJECT HOMEKEY, AND I'M HERE TODAY TO STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT. SO, I SPEAK FOR HACIENDA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, THAT WE DEMAND A DETAILED CONTINGENCY PLAN AND RESOURCE PLAN THAT ENSURES THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS, NOT THE PRIORITY OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE--

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. LET ME JUST ASK YOU THIS, THEN. SO, I KNOW FOR A FACT, ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE WOULD NOT WANT TO LIVE 3 MINUTES AWAY FROM HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND SHELTERS. THEREFORE, WHY IS HACIENDA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS SUBJECT TO THAT?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. THE TOPIC IS ABOUT R.V.S.

SPEAKER: I'M TALKING ABOUT HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS RIGHT NOW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I THINK HE'S OKAY.

SPEAKER: SO, ANYWAYS, MY CALL TO ACTION IS WE WANT TO STOP PROJECT HOMEKEY IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND WE NEED TRANSPARENT AND FURTHER COMMUNICATION ON THE RESOURCES THAT WILL STOP THIS AND PROVIDE SAFETY FOR THE RESIDENTS HERE.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER: CARLOS GUTIERREZ, AT YOUR SERVICE HERE. UPDATING THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION PROCLAMATION ON A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS, BUT YOU DID NOT COVER EVICTION PREVENTION. YES, THERE'S A LOT OF HOMELESS R.V.S PARKED AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, RIGHT IN FRONT OF THERE, AND THEIR DEFAMATION IS RIGHT THERE. I HAVE BEEN RENDERED HOMELESS BECAUSE THE SHERIFF DID AN UNLAWFUL EVICTION BY OTHER PEOPLE, AND I AM STAYING AT ONE OF YOUR SHELTERS THAT ACTED AS A PARTICIPANT, EXCEPT IT'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE COUNTY THAT HAD COUPLES. BUT WE'RE A PARTICIPANT, AND WE HAVE TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS. WE'RE A HUSBAND AND WIFE, IDENTIFY OUR RIGHTS OF PRIVACY HAVE BEEN VIOLATED BY A HOMELESS SHELTER STRATEGY THAT'S ACCUMULATING MEDICAL DEBIT, HINDERING UNDER THE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES' BRIDGE HOUSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DENIED PHYSICAL SAFETY FOR A COUPLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, ACTIVELY FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS VICTIMS, SURVIVORS. THE COUNTY CONTRACTED PROVIDER CAUSED FURTHER HARM, HARASSMENT, USING L.G.B.T. POLICIES AGAINST SPANISH-CATHOLIC MORAL VALUES AND PRACTICES OF CARLOS AND STEPHANIE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WITH WRONGFULLY DENIED STANDARD OF CARE BY THE NURSING STAFF KANGAROO COURT, C.O.V.I.D.--

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. NOW, YOU ARE ON SET ITEM NUMBER 1, BUT IT'S RELATED TO 22. YOU JUST SPENT 3 HOURS TALKING ABOUT ALL KINDS OF [EXPLETIVE]. SO I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT 22, ALSO. ACCORDING TO YOUR AGENDA BOOK, YOU HAD PROCLAIMED A HOMELESS CRISIS ON JANUARY 10, 2023. ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA ON NUMBER 1, REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY OF HOMELESSNESS. WHEN DID "HOMELESS" BECOME "HOMELESSNESS"? ANY SCAM IS A GOOD SCAM, AS LONG AS YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. AND IF YOU GET CAUGHT, JUST DENY IT. IT'S A PLOP IN THE BUCKET. THAT'S ALL IT IS. IT'S JUST A PLOP IN THE BUCKET. YOU NEED A RABBIT'S FOOT FOR LUCK HERE. YOU NEED MORE INTERNS, IS WHAT YOU REALLY NEED. THIS NEW NORMAL THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IS A LOAD OF [EXPLETIVE]. WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] IS GOING ON? YOU'VE HAD HOW MANY DIFFERENT PLANS?

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HOPE YOU CHOKE!

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE PHONES. WHO IS ON THE PHONES? NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS NOT NEW. THERE'S NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN, BOARD. AND WHEN YOU WERE SO JUBILANT WHEN KAREN BASS WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE, PROCLAIMING AS IF 4 WOMEN WERE GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR OVER 30 YEARS, I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS THE COMEDY OF ERRORS. WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW IS BASICALLY SAYING TO PEOPLE, "I WANT TO TAKE AWAY THAT SHELTER, WHICH IS AN R.V., AND GO WHERE?" THIS IS A COMEDY OF ERRORS. I WAS ON THE FIRST LANCASTER HOMELESS SHELTER 32 YEARS AGO. NOTHING HAS CHANGED, WHICH MEANS THAT YOU, AS THE COUNTY, HAVE NOT REALLY GOT YOUR INTELLECTUAL MINDS AROUND THE WHOLE HOMELESS SITUATION. AND AS THE OTHER CALLER TOLD YOU, THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND THE TANGENTIAL ISSUES, YOU CANNOT SERVE. YOU CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS. YOU CANNOT SERVE THIS HOMELESS POPULATION THAT YOU HAVE MADE INTO THIS MAJOR ALBATROSS, AND ALSO SERVE THE HOMEOWNERS, WHO HAVE PUT THEIR SWEAT INTO THEIR PROPERTY. YOU'RE WELCOME. YOU'RE WELCOME.

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

DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS: YOU'RE WELCOME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. SO, THE REPORT FOR SET MATTER IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 22 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, I WANT TO MAKE ONE QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WE WILL BE CONTINUING ITEM 34, WHICH IS THE PROBATION'S GLOBAL PLAN. WE WILL BE CONTINUING THAT TO OCTOBER 17TH. SO, JUST FOR ANYBODY WHO WAS GOING TO CALL IN ON THAT, OR IS ANYBODY HERE IN PERSON THAT WAS GOING TO SPEAK ON THAT, WE ARE CONTINUING ITEM 34, THE PRESENTATION OF PROBATION'S GLOBAL PLAN. WE'RE CONTINUING THAT TILL OCTOBER 17TH. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 3, REDUCING MEDICAL DEBT IN L.A. COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION AND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO RETIRE MEDICAL DEBT, WHICH I HELD. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. COLLEAGUES, THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY OFFERS SOME SOLUTIONS ON HOW WE CAN BEGIN TO ADDRESS THE BURDEN OF MEDICAL DEBT IN L.A. COUNTY. A JUNE 2023 REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ESTIMATES THAT THE RESIDENTS

OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE OVER $2.6 BILLION IN MEDICAL DEBT. MEDICAL DEBT IS PERVASIVE. IT IMPACTS YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD FAMILIES, PEOPLE WITHOUT INSURANCE, PEOPLE WITH INSURANCE, BUT WHO HAVE HIGH OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS. THE BURDEN OF MEDICAL DEBT IS HEAVIER ON LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, LATINO, BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND MIXED-RACE HOUSEHOLDS, AND PEOPLE WITHOUT COLLEGE DEGREES. MEDICAL DEBT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD INSECURITY AND HOUSING INSTABILITY. IN AREAS OF MY DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY 240,000 ADULTS HAVE BURDENSOME MEDICAL DEBT. 65% OF THOSE ARE LATINO HOUSEHOLDS. ONCE SOMEONE HAS MEDICAL DEBT, IT BECOMES A BARRIER TO ASSESSING THEIR HEALTHCARE, ACCORDING TO PUBLIC HEALTH. ADULTS WHO HAVE MEDICAL DEBT ARE ABOUT 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO SKIP OR DELAY NEEDED HEALTHCARE, AND ARE 3.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DELAY OR NOT PICK UP PRESCRIPTIONS. THIS MEANS THAT PEOPLE ARE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD GET CARE, BASED ON THE DEBT THAT THEY ARE CARRYING. COLLEAGUES, THE MOTION BEFORE YOU ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL DEBT AT A LOCAL LEVEL. IT WILL RESULT IN TRANSPARENT, PUBLIC-FACING INFORMATION ON WHAT HOSPITALS OPERATING IN L.A. COUNTY ARE DOING AROUND DEBT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. IT DIRECTS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO LOOK AT WHAT OTHER FACTORS NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. IT DIRECTS ADVOCACY BY THE COUNTY AT STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS. AND THIS MOTION WILL LOOK INTO HOW L.A. COUNTY CAN HELP RETIRE MEDICAL DEBT FOR OUR RESIDENTS. WHEN FAMILIES RACK UP MEDICAL DEBT, HOSPITALS SELL IT FOR

PENNIES ON THE DOLLAR ON A SECONDARY MARKET TO COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM COLLECTING ON THAT DEBT. SO, IF L.A. COUNTY STEPPED IN AND BOUGHT OUT OUR RESIDENTS' MEDICAL DEBT FOR THEM, WE COULD ELIMINATE THEIR DEBT FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, NOT BILLIONS. PLACES LIKE COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND WASHINGTON, D.C., HAVE ALREADY PARTNERED WITH A NONPROFIT CALLED R.I.P. MEDICAL DEBT-- REST IN PEACE MEDICAL DEBT-- TO WIPE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN MEDICAL DEBT, MAKING IMMEDIATE AND MEANINGFUL CHANGES TO RESIDENTS' HEALTH AND LIVES. WITH THIS MOTION, WE ARE TAKING A STEP TOWARD THE BROADER GOAL OF IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND ADDRESSING ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF POVERTY. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP, AND I WILL ASK YOU TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS.

SUP. MITCHELL: HAPPY TO MOVE THE MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ARE THERE OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT-- NOBODY ELSE IS ON THE QUEUE. OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ALICE MANNING, ARNOLD SACHS, CARLOS GUTIERREZ, ELIZABETH GONZALES, MADDIE RIBBLE, MANUEL GALINDO,

AND PATRICIA MCALLISTER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

SPEAKER: HI, MY NAME IS ERIC. I'M AN ATTORNEY AT THE HEALTH CONSUMER CENTER OF NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND PART OF MY CASELOAD INVOLVES LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THOSE SEEKING TO REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT. SO, AS AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THESE CLIENTS, I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL IMPACT THAT MEDICAL DEBT IMPOSES ON HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, IN GENERAL. AND I'VE ALSO SEEN THE SIGNIFICANT RELIEF THAT'S FELT WHEN PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO PUT MEDICAL DEBT BEHIND THEM AND MOVE ON WITH THEIR LIVES. I KNOW THAT HELPING CLIENTS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, HOWEVER, WILL NOT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSE OF THIS WIDESPREAD PROBLEM, AND IT'S ONLY THROUGH COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTION THAT'S CONTEMPLATED BY THIS MOTION, SUCH AS DATA COLLECTION, EDUCATION, AND INCREASED AWARENESS AND LEGISLATIVE POLICY CHANGE THAT WE CAN TRULY BEGIN TO ELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM AND CREATE A DEBT-FREE FUTURE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILY DORN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LILY DORN, AND I'M PROVIDING A PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 3. FIRST OF ALL, WE THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND MITCHELL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN AUTHORING THIS CRITICAL MOTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT NEED TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF MEDICAL DEBT IN L.A. COUNTY. WE REPRESENT 66 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. 64% OF THE 1.8 MILLION PATIENTS THAT HEALTH CENTERS SERVE IN L.A. ARE COVERED BY MEDI-CAL. WE REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE RELEASE OF THE BASELINE REPORT AND ACTION PLAN. AS THE CHAIR UNDERSCORED IN HER REMARKS, THE BURDEN OF MEDICAL DEBT CONTINUES TO HARM ANGELENOS, MANY OF WHOM ARE UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED, AND THOSE WITH LOW INCOMES, REALLY PREVENTING THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM OBTAINING TIMELY HEALTHCARE SERVICES. WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THIS FIRST CRITICAL STEP TO REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT AT A POPULATION HEALTH LEVEL, REALLY ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO COLLECT ENHANCED DATA, IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES, AND DEVELOP FURTHER POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS--

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS J. ABRAHAM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. THIS IS DR. JERRY ABRAHAM, PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND STREET MEDICINE PHYSICIAN AT KEDREN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, AN F.Q.H.C. IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IT'S AN ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. AND ALSO, WE PARTNER WITH CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN SOUTH L.A. SPEAKING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 3, APPLAUDING SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION TO ADDRESS THE MEDICAL CRISIS, THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THAT IS MEDICAL DEBT. IT SERVES AS A CONSEQUENTIAL DETERRENT AND SOCIAL DETERMINANT WHEN IT COMES TO PATIENTS CONTINUING TO SEEK APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY MEDICAL CARE AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR TAKING A LOOK AT HOW WE BETTER UTILIZE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DOLLARS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE TRULY INVESTED IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR PATIENTS AND THE PUBLIC, ADDRESSING THE MEDICAL DEBT EPIDEMIC DESTROYING LIVES AND FAMILIES. BUT PHYSICIANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ITS DIRECTOR, DR. BARBARA FERRER, AND MANY OTHERS TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO THE-- I'M JUST SHOCKED TO SEE THAT HOLLY MITCHELL'S NAME IS ATTACHED TO THIS, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY AFRICAN AMERICANS-- WELL, I MEAN, IT'S ALSO ELDERLY WOMEN-- WHO CONTACTED HER REGARDING HEALTH ISSUES AND BILLS, OR THINGS RELATED TO THIS BILL, AND SHE HAS NOT CALLED THEM BACK. ONE IN PARTICULAR, HER NAME IS CHERYL ATKINS. I WAS THERE WHEN SHE CALLED, SO I WAS JUST SHOCKED THAT--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: PLEASE STICK TO THE ITEM 3.

SPEAKER: I AM STICKING TO THE ITEM. IT'S REGARDING HEALTH AND THE BILLS, RIGHT. I SAID AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN CONTACTED MRS. MITCHELL REGARDING BILLS RELATED TO A HEALTH ISSUE, SO HOW IS THAT NOT STICKING TO THE TOPIC? YOU ALWAYS DO THIS, MS. HAHN. YOU ALWAYS TELL PEOPLE THEY'RE OFF TOPIC. I'M SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ASSISTANCE WITH WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING ABOUT AND PROPOSING. HOW AM I NOT ON TOPIC, MS. HAHN? I'M SPEAKING ABOUT MEDICAL BILLS AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. HOW AM I NOT ON TOPIC, MS. HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, KEEP TALKING.

SPEAKER: BUT I'LL GET OFF THE PHONE BECAUSE I'M OFF THE TOPIC, RIGHT? YOU DO THIS ALL THE TIME TO BLACK PEOPLE. YOU AND MS. MITCHELL. BYE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BYE.

SPEAKER: I'M OFF TOPIC, SO I WON'T--

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

MODERATOR: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 3, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO?

MODERATOR: DOCTOR, YOUR LINE'S OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. YOU MIGHT BE MUTED.

SPEAKER: -- HEAR ME? HELLO?

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

SPEAKER: [INAUDIBLE]. WHENEVER WE TALK ABOUT THE COUNTY, WITH ALL OF THE OTHER BURDENS ALREADY ON THE TAXPAYERS' SHOULDERS, THAT WE SHOULD SHOULDER THIS DEBT, THAT IS GOING ABOUT IT THE WRONG WAY. THE DEBT HAS ACCUMULATED BASED ON INSURANCE COSTS, DRUG COSTS, ALL OTHER KINDS OF COSTS THAT WE ARE NOT CONTROLLING. DO NOT PUT THAT ON MY SHOULDERS. I CAN'T PAY MY BILLS AND EVERYBODY ELSE'S BILLS, TOO. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. YEAH, I JUST WANT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. IT'S ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL TO FIND WAYS TO REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT. IT GETS MY SUPPORT, IMPROVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. WHEN I HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE INSURANCE, BUT EVEN RACKED UP A LOT OF MONEY THAT WAY, OR CHARGES THAT WAY. SO, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR THE UNINSURED, HOW EXPENSIVE THAT COULD BE. SO, JUST

CALLING TO VOICE MY SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER IS WHAT WHAT WAS [INAUDIBLE] IN HEALTHCARE, IN ORDER TO REDUCE PEOPLE CATCHING SOMETHING ELSE, AND THEN RACKING UP MORE MEDICAL DEBT. SO, THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SAGEL PATEL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS SAGEL PATEL. I'M VICE PRESIDENT OF INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT RISING COMMUNITIES, WHICH WAS FORMALLY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS. RISING COMMUNITIES HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF DEVISING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT FOR THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IN 2018, RISING COMMUNITIES PRESENTED ON THIS VERY ISSUE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO FEDERAL RESERVE, AND WORKED WITH A LOCAL SOUTH L.A. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION TO BUY UP MEDICAL DEBT IN THE SECONDARY MARKET FOR RESIDENTS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. IN THIS WAY, WE ACTED AS AN ALTRUISTIC BUYER, WHO WAS ABLE TO ERASE THE BURDEN OF DEBT FOR FAMILIES OF COLOR WHO WERE SIMPLY RECEIVING MEDICAL CARE FROM HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THEN CAME UNDER DEBT. HOWEVER, AND UNFORTUNATELY, OUR PURCHASE OF MEDICAL DEBT IN THIS WAY WAS ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET TO TRULY TAKING CARE OF OUR

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY BURDENED BY MEDICAL DEBT. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE SLOGAN--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS D. CARROLL. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES. EARLIER, WE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE BUDGET, AND I'VE NOTICED THAT YOU MADE A NEW CHIEF, AND I BELIEVE HE'S MAKING OVER $300,000. IT WOULD HAVE SEEMED LIKE THAT MONEY COULD AND SHOULD HAVE GONE ELSEWHERE, ESPECIALLY--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I BELIEVE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BUDGET. WE'RE NOW ON ITEM 3, REDUCING MEDICAL DEBT.

SPEAKER: OH, MY APOLOGIES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO PROBLEM. OKAY. WELL, LET'S GO TO IN-PERSON. WELCOME.

SPEAKER: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MADDIE RIBBLE. I AM WITH THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP, WHICH IS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO ADVANCE CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND RACIAL JUSTICE. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE MOTION TODAY,

SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE LEADERSHIP OF D.P.H. ON THIS ISSUE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU MENTIONED SOME OF THE STATISTICS IN THE REPORT, WHICH ARE EXTREMELY ALARMING TO US, AND I THINK THEY SHOW US THAT MEDICAL DEBT IS NOT A PERSONAL FAILING, BUT IT IS RATHER A PERSISTENT STRUCTURAL PROBLEM IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT DESERVES STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS. WE ARE HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TODAY, TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT TO YOU, ALONG WITH A GROWING NETWORK OF LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE; AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO URGE YOU TO LOOK FOR UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T PUT FURTHER ONUS ON FAMILIES THAT ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH GONZALEZ. I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL, A NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY DEDICATED TO ADVANCING CIVIL RIGHTS AND RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF PICO RIVERA, WHICH IS IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT. HAVING WORKED WITH DEBTORS WHO ARE LOW-INCOME AND PRIMARILY OF COLOR, FOR OVER 11 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS THAT MEDICAL DEBT HAS ON THESE COMMUNITIES. FRUSTRATINGLY, I HAVE SEEN, OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THAT MEDICAL DEBT EXISTS IN

LARGE PART BECAUSE THE HEALTH INSTITUTIONS FAIL TO DO EVEN THE BARE MINIMUM TO ENSURE WHETHER A PATIENT QUALIFIES FOR MEDI-CAL OR OTHER FORMS OF CHARITY CARE. THIS, COUPLED WITH THE YEARS IT TAKES FOR THESE MEDICAL DEBT COLLECTORS TO REACH OUT TO THESE PATIENTS, OFTEN MEANS THAT THE MEDICAL DEBT THAT COULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY MEDI-CAL OR OTHER FORMS OF CHARITY CARE NO LONGER EXISTS FOR THEM. THIS IS NOT THE ONLY CAUSE OF MEDICAL DEBT. WE URGE YOU TO WORK WITH COMMUNITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, AND NOT PUT THE BURDEN ON THE HOLDERS OF MEDICAL DEBT THEMSELVES.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS. CARLOS GUTIERREZ, AT YOUR SERVICE. YES, PUBLIC HEALTH [INAUDIBLE] AN ORDINANCE. AN ORDINANCE IS SOMETHING BIG. THIS DEBT COLLECTION IS PRETTY BAD. AND IT-- HOW CAN I SAY IT? IT IS A VERY TOUCHY SUBJECT, BECAUSE THIS PRIVACY AND OUR CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION SECTION ONE, ARTICLE ONE, RIGHT TO PRIVACY, AND EVERYTHING IS BEING BOUGHT OUT BY OTHER COMPANIES. AND NOW THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BUY THE SAME INFORMATION. WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF THE ORDINANCE? WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE HOSPITAL. ALL THESE LITTLE THINGS THAT ARE COMING IN. WHAT IS CLASSIFIED AS HEALTHCARE? WOW. N.P.I., NATIONAL PROVIDERS INDEX. THE HEALTHCARE.GOV, ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE NOW BILLING PEOPLE, AND

YOU WANT TO BUY THAT DATA AND THAT INFORMATION ON AN ORDINANCE? CAN WE PREVENT ALL THESE PEOPLE FROM HAVING OUR PRIVATE MEDICAL DATA? I AM INCLUDING OTHER THIRD PARTIES THAT ARE BUYING DATA, AND WHEN I PASS AWAY OR SOMETHING, THEY'RE GOING TO COLLECT IT FROM MY CHILDREN OR MY I.R.A., LIKE THEY DID TO MY MOM AND DAD. SO PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS GOING TO DO.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS IS SO SIMPLE, IT IS STUPID. YOU JUST SAID YOU ARE GETTING $3.7 BILLION IN FEDERAL AID. TAKE THE $3.7 BILLION, SUBTRACT THE $2.6 BILLION IN DEBT, NO MORE MEDICAL DEBT. THAT'S SIMPLE. YOU DON'T NEED THE [EXPLETIVE] MONEY. YOU ARE ALREADY SPENDING $44 BILLION IN YOUR BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR. YOU HAVE INCREASED IT. WHEN I STARTED COMING TO THESE MEETINGS IN 2008, IT WAS $18 BILLION. NOW IT IS $44 BILLION. YOU ARE GETTING ANOTHER $3.7 BILLION. THAT'S $48 BILLION. THAT'S $4 BILLION A MONTH. THAT'S $1 BILLION A WEEK. $1 BILLION A WEEK. TELL YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT, MS. HAHN, AND STOP BUGGING EVERYBODY THAT THEY ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE PEOPLE MORE THAN TWO OR THREE MINUTES ON THESE ITEMS? YOU JUST SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF [EXPLETIVE] YOUR [EXPLETIVE] OFF.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS? NO MORE SPEAKERS. OKAY. ITEM 3 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 4, LIBRARY SUMMER TUTORING PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH I HELD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY PRESS 1 THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE HAVE RELEARNED HOW IMPORTANT OUR LIBRARIES ARE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE RESOURCES THAT THEY OFFER CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, SUPPORT LITERACY AND EDUCATION, ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, AND SO MANY MORE THINGS. AND RECENTLY, OUR LIBRARY STAFF HOSTED VISIONING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS, WHICH REVEALED THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WITH ACADEMICS, ESPECIALLY READING AND MATH. PARENTS HAVE NOTICED THE IMPACTS THE PANDEMIC AND ONLINE LEARNING HAVE CAUSED ON THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION, AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO US TO HELP STUDENTS GET BACK ON TRACK. WITH THIS MOTION TODAY, WE'RE DIRECTING OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO ESTABLISH A 1-YEAR PILOT SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM, STARTING IN SUMMER OF 2024. THE PROGRAM WILL OPERATE FOR EIGHT WEEKS, WITH A FOCUS ON READING AND MATH FOR STUDENTS IN 1ST THROUGH 8TH GRADE. USING A.R.D.I.'S RACIAL EQUITY TOOL, OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED 36 OF THE HIGHEST-NEED COMMUNITIES SERVED BY COUNTY LIBRARY THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT. SO WE WILL BE APPLYING THE PILOT AT THOSE LIBRARY LOCATIONS. TO ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE THE

SERVICE TO THOSE THAT NEED IT MOST, THE STAFF WILL WORK WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, THE LIBRARY WILL LOOK TO HIRE LOCAL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO BE THE TUTORS. HIGH-SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN GAIN EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH YOUTH, TO HELP PREPARE THEM FOR A CAREER IN EDUCATION. AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER JOBS. I THINK SO MANY OF US HAVE BEEN WORKING OUR ENTIRE CAREERS TO MAINTAIN SUMMER JOBS, WHICH USED TO BE A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR MY GENERATION. AND YET, THEY HAVE BECOME SCARCER AND SCARCER, AND YET, THE STUDENTS NEED SUMMER JOBS. THEY NEED A PLACE TO GO. PLUS, THEIR FAMILIES COULD USE THE INCOME. AND I THINK THIS WILL HELP DO BOTH. I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR C.E.O. IS LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM, TO HELP US FUND A SUCCESSFUL PILOT. OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE ASKED THIS NEED FOR A TUTORING PROGRAM, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER IT. MS. DAVENPORT, DID YOU WANT TO EXPAND A LITTLE BIT ON WHAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES, D.E.O., IS DOING, AND THEIR YOUTH AT WORK?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY MANAGES AND ADMINISTERS OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT THE BOARD APPROVES FUNDING FOR EVERY YEAR. THE GOAL IS ALWAYS ABOUT 10,000 JOBS DURING THAT SHORT TIME PERIOD. AND WE KNOW THAT IN THE PAST,

WE HAVE HAD SOME CHALLENGES FINDING SLOTS FOR ALL OF THE POSITIONS. SO WE HAVE THE FUNDING, BUT WE'RE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO FILL THE SLOTS. AND SO WE THINK THIS MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE GOING TO WORK AND CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO MARRY THESE TWO INITIATIVES, TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP FILL UP THE SLOTS BY OFFERING THE POSITIONS AT THE LIBRARIES FOR FOLKS TO PROVIDE TUTORING SERVICES. AND SO WE WILL PROVIDE A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

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

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 4, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ARNOLD SACHS. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: THERE ARE NO REMOTE SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOBODY ON THE PHONE. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY IN PERSON? WE DO. OKAY.

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. WILL THEY BE HIRING INTERNS FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND WILL THEY BE PAYING THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE OF $7 PER HOUR, LIKE THEY PAY HERE IN THE COUNTY? YOU KNOW, THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE IS $7, WHICH AFFECTS A LOT OF PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO KEEP THEIR FOOD STAMPS AND ALL THE BENEFITS, BECAUSE THEY GET THESE HUGE CONTRACTS. AND ALSO, WILL THEY BE HAVING THE LIBRARY CARD, LIKE THEY USED TO DO, WHERE THEY USED TO HAVE THE KIDS WRITE-- MAKE UP THOSE LITTLE LIBRARY CARDS FOR THE BOOKS? BOOK HOLDERS, BOOKMARKS. THEY HAVEN'T HAD THAT PROGRAM IN A WHILE. I WONDER WHY. OH, I KNOW WHY. WHO IS THE CHAIR? THAT'S A SIMPLE ANSWER. THIS IS A VISION ZERO PROGRAM. THIS IS A ZERO PROGRAM. YOU NEED TO DO MORE OF YOUR PLOP-IN-THE-BUCKET STUFF, JANICE HAHN. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, BUT BY THE WAY, THE BOOKMARK COMPETITION PROGRAM IS ALIVE AND WELL. WE HAVE KIDS FROM ALL OVER OUR DISTRICT CONTRIBUTING DRAWINGS FOR BOOKMARKS, AND WE HAVE THEM. I AM NOT TAKING ANY BOOKMARKS AWAY. ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ITEM 4 IS NOW BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE IT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARKER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S GO ON TO ITEM 13, GALVANIZING COMMUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 13. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE ABOUT THIS MOTION. EVERYONE ON THIS DAIS KNOWS HOW CRITICAL AND CRUCIAL THE ARTS ARE TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THE CREATIVE ECONOMY IS CRITICAL, ADDING $507.4 BILLION IN VALUE TO OUR STATE, $194.1 BILLION IN TAX REVENUE, AND 1.8 MILLION JOBS. AND THE ARTS ARE INTEGRAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS, HELPING STUDENTS PERFORM BETTER IN SCHOOL, INCREASING OUR MENTAL HEALTH, AND ADVANCING OUR SENSE OF BELONGING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING THE PANDEMIC, THE PERFORMING-ARTS SECTOR WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO CLOSE, AND THE LAST TO REOPEN. SINCE THEN, THERE'S BEEN AN OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM OUR COUNTY, AS THE SECTOR GROWS TO RECOVER. IN THE LAST YEAR ALONE, OUR DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE HAS INVESTED MORE THAN $32 MILLION TO MORE THAN 750 ARTS NONPROFITS AND ARTISTS. YET, I CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM ART ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY THEATERS, THAT THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY AFLOAT. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO WROTE TO MY OFFICE, AND THOSE

WHO ARE TESTIFYING TODAY, FOR SHARING YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES. THESE VITAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TOLD MY OFFICE THAT THE RISING COSTS OF PRODUCTION, COUPLED WITH SEVERELY DECREASED TICKET SALES, HAS MEANT THAT THEY HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME EVEN MORE OBSTACLES TO PUT ON A SHOW OR A CONCERT. I KNOW OUR COMMUNITIES SUPPORT THE ARTS, BUT AFTER THE PANDEMIC, PATRONS HAVEN'T RESUMED ATTENDANCE OF PUBLIC EVENTS LIKE THEY USED TO. I HEARD A SHOCKING STATISTIC, RECENTLY: ABOUT 95% OF AMERICANS DIDN'T ATTEND ANY LIVE PERFORMANCES IN THE LAST YEAR. WHILE THAT NUMBER SEEMS DISCOURAGING, I SEE THAT AS AN OPPORTUNITY. THERE IS A CHANCE FOR THAT 95% OF PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED. THUS FAR, THE COUNTY HAS HELPED THE INDUSTRY TO SURVIVE. BUT IF WE WANT THE ARTS TO REALLY WORK, WE WANT THEM TO THRIVE. WE NEED THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT. MY MOTION URGES RESIDENTS TO DO THEIR PART BY VOICING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND ENCOURAGING THEIR NEIGHBORS TO DO THE SAME. TO MAKE IT EASY, WE ARE ALSO CREATING AN INTERACTIVE MAP THAT ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO FIND ARTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. WHILE COMING DOWNTOWN TO THE MUSIC CENTER IS PHENOMENAL, WE ALL HAVE ARTS PROGRAMS AND THEATERS IN OUR DISTRICT THAT ARE EQUALLY AS WONDERFUL, AND PROVIDING EQUALLY AS WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT. THERE ARE ARTS ALL AROUND US, AND FINDING AND ATTENDING PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS SHOULD BE AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE. I AM CALLING ON ALL OUR RESIDENTS TO SHOW UP IN FULL FORCE FOR OUR LOCAL ARTS

ORGANIZATIONS. THIS YEAR, AS THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS COMMISSION CELEBRATE THEIR MILESTONE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, AND AS THE ARTS EDUCATION COLLECTIVE CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY, I CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO HONOR THEIR EFFORTS THAN REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT AS A WHOLE TO ARTS. I HOPE THIS MOTION SERVES AS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF THE EVER-RESILIENT ARTS SECTOR, AND ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO SHARE THEIR INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS, TOO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SEEING NO OTHER SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 13.

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 13, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ARHOMOS ARBURY, DAVID GORDON, IRINA VOLOSHINA, LIANE WEINTRAUB, RICKY ABILEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS JARMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: HI. HOPEFULLY, I'M NOT TOLD BY MRS. HAHN THAT I'M NOT [INAUDIBLE] SPEAK ON AN ISSUE THAT AFFECTS AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE. SO, ONCE AGAIN, I'LL START THIS OVER AGAIN. HOPEFULLY, MS. HAHN WON'T TELL ME [INAUDIBLE]. I'M SPEAKING ABOUT THE MATTER THAT MS. BARGER BROUGHT, IN REGARDS TO THE ART PLATFORM, AND I THINK IT'S A VERY GOOD THING. AND I DO REMEMBER, IN THE PAST, MANY OF HOLLY MITCHELL'S CONSTITUENTS, [INAUDIBLE] WHEN THE CITY WOULD APPROVE FUNDS FOR PAINTERS TO GO OUT AND BUILD, TO WRITE ON THE STREET "ALL LIVES MATTER," WHEN MANY PROTESTS WERE GOING ON, MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE SAID SHE HAD NO INTEREST, AND THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO ABOUT IT, WHEN WE WANTED THE INCLUSION OF ALL RACES OF PEOPLE, AND ALL RACES OF ART DESIGNERS TO BE INCLUDED. SO, WITHIN THIS BILL, IF THEY CAN ALSO MAKE SURE THAT ALL TYPES OF ART PLATFORMS, TYPES OF CROWDS AND PEOPLE, ARE ALSO INCLUDED, AND NOT JUST ONE TYPE OF ART AND ONE TYPE OF AREA RECEIVING THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE ART GRANTS, I DO THINK IT SHOULD BE PROPOSED, AND NOT IGNORED. AND THANK YOU, MS. BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS AND HIGHLIGHTING THIS POINT, BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE WOULD HIGHLIGHT THIS IN MS. MITCHELL'S AREA, REGARDING ART, SHE WOULD IGNORE IT.

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

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO THE LINE OF MICHELLE FARIDGE. PLEASE GO AHEAD. SHE DISCONNECTED. WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF KIM YU. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OKAY. MY NAME IS KIM YU, AND I AM WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY, WHICH IS A COMMISSIONER. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

COUNTY COUNSEL: MA'AM, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. WE ARE ON ITEM 13, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WHAT ITEM IS SHE CALLING--

SPEAKER: NO, NO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, YOU ARE CALLING ON 16, THE COMMISSIONERS. SO, CALL BACK FOR ITEM 16. WE ARE ON 13 RIGHT NOW. SO, BUT YOU CAN CALL BACK ON 16. AND THANKS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AGAIN. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER ON ITEM 13.

MODERATOR: NEXT SPEAKER IS BEATRICE CASAGRANDE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR MAKING THIS MOTION. I AM A PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF OPHELIA'S JUMP, IN CLAREMONT. WE EMPLOY, CURRENTLY, 12 INDIVIDUALS, AND AFFECT THE EMPLOYMENT OF 18 DOWNSTREAM OTHER PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT BECAUSE OF OUR OPERATION. WE NEED HELP. WE HELP OUR COMMUNITY. WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND MENTAL WELL-BEING, AND WE WORK VERY CLOSELY TO EMPLOY ARTISTS WHO ARE UNDER-REPRESENTED. THIS MOTION WOULD DO A GREAT AMOUNT OF HELP, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT KATHRYN BARGER IS BRINGING IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. BARGER: AND I LOVE YOUR THEATER.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, THE WARNER GRAND.

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS JOCELYN TRESE. PLEASE GO AHEAD. JOCELYN TRESE, PLEASE GO AHEAD. POSSIBLY, YOU HAVE YOUR MUTE BUTTON ON. WE ARE NOT HEARING YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO? SHOULD WE GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, AND MAYBE COME BACK TO THIS ONE? OKAY, LET'S GO IN PERSON. HELLO.

SPEAKER: HI. I COMMEND THE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING ARTS IN ALL FORMS. I'M CONTINUING THE WORK OF MY FATHER, LARRY ARBY, WHO WAS AN ARTIST, AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT. I WAS THE TRAVELING SUPERVISOR FOR Y.S. CARE, IN 71 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT L.A.U.S.D. SO, ANY MOTION TO CONTINUE ARTS FOR CHILDREN IS VERY GOOD, ESPECIALLY IN THE MENTAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, INSTRUMENTAL, AND FUNDAMENTAL. WE SPEAK ON THOSE THREE DISCIPLINES, SO LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND WE HAVE PROGRAMS COMING FORTH THAT I WILL LET YOU KNOW. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IT'S NICE YOU'RE CARRYING ON LARRY'S WORK. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS RICKY ABILEZ. I'M HERE WITH ARTS FOR L.A., AND I WANT TO START BY THANKING SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THIS MOTION, AND THANKING THE FULL BOARD FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE ARTS, INCLUDING THE PASSAGE OF MULTIPLE MOTIONS SUPPORTING THE DOUBLING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, WHO ADMINISTERS THAT VITAL PROGRAM FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. AS AN ACTOR, NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATOR, AND ARTS EDUCATOR, I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE ENORMOUS IMPACT THE ARTS HAVE ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING. THE ARTS ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN ENJOYABLE FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT. THEY ARE AN OUTLET FOR SELF-

EXPRESSION, AND A BEACON OF HOPE. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO INCREASE PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS, AND TO UPLIFT ARTISTS, SO THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THAT WE CARE ABOUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY. THIS MOTION AND ITS MESSAGING ARE AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TO FOSTERING A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE THAT BOLSTERS OUR REPUTATION AS THE CREATIVE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

DAVID GORDON: MY NAME IS DAVID GORDON, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE. AND I WOULD FIRST OF ALL LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY, ALL OF YOU, FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT OF THE ARTS, FOR SETTING UP A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TAKING AN INTEREST IN WHAT WE DO, AND COMING TO SEE OUR SHOWS. SO, A BIG THANK-YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR IMPORTANT WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING. I WOULD LIKE EVERYBODY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE ALL HAVE IS MARKETING, AND GETTING THE WORD OUT TO ALL AND SUNDRY IS AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE THING TO DO. SO, CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS INITIATIVE, AND GOOD LUCK IN PRODUCING THIS MAP. I AM GOING TO USE MY REMAINING SECONDS TO SAY THAT I WOULD URGE YOU TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM FOR THE ARTS TO INCLUDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE. WE NEED HELP, NOT ONLY FOR OUR PROGRAMS, BUT FOR OUR

BUILDINGS. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO COME AND SEE THE SHOW; YOU MUST ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU.

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

IRINA VOLOSHINA: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM IRINA VOLOSHINA, PROFESSIONAL VIOLINIST FROM UKRAINE. MOVED TO L.A. THREE YEARS AGO, AND HAVE BEEN PERFORMING WITH PASADENA SYMPHONY L.A. OPERA IN HOLLYWOOD BOWL; AND ALSO, I PLAYED ON 600 FILM SCORES. DURING THE PANDEMIC, I LAUNCHED MELODIA MARIPOSA, A SERIES IN ALTADENA PROVIDING 65 FREE DRIVEWAY CONCERTS, RECOGNIZING THE HEALING POWER OF ART. ALL PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS WHO PLAY ON THOSE CONCERTS GENEROUSLY DONATED THEIR TIME. INDOOR POST-PANDEMIC CONCERTS BROUGHT INCREASED EXPENSES FOR MELODIA MARIPOSA. BECOMING A NONPROFIT ALSO SHIFTED. I RELY ON SOME CONSCIOUS SUPPORT AND DONATION CRUCIALLY NEEDED TO COVER OUR MUSICIAN FEES. I AM HAPPY TO SHARE THAT MELODIA MARIPOSA IS A PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE CREATIVE [INAUDIBLE] AWARD. THIS SUPPORT, COMBINED WITH OTHER FUNDRAISERS, MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR US. WE'RE LAUNCHING NEW OUTREACH PROGRAMS, BRINGING MUSIC TO HOSPITALS AND SENIOR COMMUNITIES, AND WE CAN [INAUDIBLE]. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT. I TRULY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

LIANE WEINTRAUB: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M LIANE WEINTRAUB. I AM PROUD TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION, APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING TODAY'S MOTION, WHICH I WANT TO ADD MY VOICE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF. WE'VE HEARD SOME OF THE HEARTBREAKING STATISTICS RELATED TO HOW THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND LIKE OTHERS HAVE SAID, THE ARTS REALLY PROVIDE MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT, MERE ENTERTAINMENT, FOR AUDIENCES. THEY ARE VITAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND CREATIVE JOB ECONOMY THAT OFFER JOBS, EDUCATION, OUTLETS FOR ARTISTS, TOOLS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR AT-RISK POPULATIONS, INCLUDING YOUTH, JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, AND THOSE SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SO, FOR SO MANY PEOPLE, ARTS AND CULTURE PROVIDES MEANING IN THEIR LIVES: HEALING, TRAUMA, A DRIVING ECONOMY, AND BUILDING BRIDGES OF EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING. THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE DOES AN INCREDIBLE JOB GETTING GRANTS TO OUR NONPROFITS, BUT WE NEED HELP. AND I SEE I AM RUNNING OUT OF TIME, SO I JUST STRONGLY URGE SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, WHICH REALLY WILL DO SO MUCH FOR SO MANY. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I THINK WE ARE GOING BACK TO THE PHONE. NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE.

MODERATOR: WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF JOCELYN TRESE. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: HI. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES OPERA COMPANY. L.A. OPERA IS PROUD TO BE A RESIDENT COMPANY ON THE MUSIC CENTER CAMPUS, AND IS GRATEFUL FOR L.A. COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTING THE ARTS SECTOR THROUGHOUT THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. WE COMMEND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE THE ART SECTOR, AS IT WORKS TO RECOVER FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC AND RESPOND TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURES. WE URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION, WHICH WILL HELP TO STRENGTHEN OUR ENTIRE LOCAL ARTS ECOSYSTEM, AND ENSURE LOS ANGELES REMAINS A VIBRANT REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL, GLOBAL ARTS CENTER. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND JUST A SHOUT-OUT TO L.A. OPERA, AND THEY ARE WORKING TO IMPLEMENT THEIR SIMULCAST OF THEIR OPERAS. I KNOW WE HAD THE SIMULCAST OF "DON GIOVANNI" IN, I BELIEVE, IT WAS LA MIRADA PARK, RECENTLY. AND I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE HAD THAT. IT IS QUITE THRILLING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE THE OPERA COME TO THEM. MANY OF THEM WILL NEVER MAKE

IT DOWNTOWN L.A., BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IS IMPORTANT OF THIS SUPPORT OF THE ARTS, IS THEY BRING THE ARTS TO THE COMMUNITY. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS: KATHRYN BARGER AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU [INAUDIBLE]. THIS IS A LIFE-SAVER. THE ARTS SAVE LIVES OF KIDS. ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO-- IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY-- I WAS ABLE TO VISIT THE SCHOOL OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS THE MODEL FOR THE "SISTER ACT" MOVIES WITH WHOOPI GOLDBERG. AND SHE WAS SHOWING ME THE CHILDREN IN THAT PROGRAM, THE ACTUAL PROGRAM, AND HOW THEY HAD COME FROM NOTHING, IN TERMS OF NO HOPE, NO FAITH, NO ANYTHING, AND HOW SHE WAS ABLE TO MELD THEM INTO AN ACTUAL AUDIENCE. SO, GOD BLESS YOU ON THIS ONE. THIS IS A GOOD ONE. GO FOR IT.

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

MODERATOR: NEXT IS THERESA DREYFUSS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS THERESA DREYFUSS. I AM A COMMISSIONER WITH THE L.A. COUNTY QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. I AM HERE TO--

COUNTY COUNSEL: MA'AM, WE ARE STILL ON ITEM 13. YOU NEED TO HANG UP AND CALL BACK ON ITEM 16. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS GOING TO GET IT SAID THREE TIMES, THAT THEY THANK YOU. WE SEE WHAT YOU ARE UP TO. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE FOR ITEM 13. THAT'S IT?

MODERATOR: WE HAVE NO FURTHER IN THE QUEUE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND SEEING NONE IN THE ROOM, EITHER, AND NO SUPERVISORS ON THE QUEUE, ITEM 13 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, NOW WE ARE ON ITEM 16. SO, EVERYONE LISTENING, WE ARE ON ITEM 16 NOW, PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW FOR COMMENTING ON ITEM 16. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING ME. IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE ARE WELL OVER 2,000 COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROXIMATELY 200 LEGISLATIVE BODIES. EACH SUPERVISOR MAKES APPOINTMENTS TO THOSE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS. THESE COMMISSIONS HELP TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, INFORM COUNTY POLICY, AND IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE CHANGE IS NEEDED. IN ORDER FOR THESE COMMISSIONS TO IMPACT POLICY EFFECTIVELY, THEY MUST REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FROM VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS AND RACIAL IDENTITIES, AND ALL OF THOSE VOICES MUST HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE TO HELP THIS BOARD MAKE BETTER DECISIONS THAT WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT THE RESIDENTS WE SERVE. AS A BOARD, WE HAVE ALL EXPRESSED A STRONG COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING EQUITY AND DIVERSITY. HOWEVER, EQUITY CAN'T BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT DATA. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW WHO HAS A VOICE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, A.R.D.I., TO PUBLISH ANNUALLY A REPORT WITH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS REPORT WILL SERVE AS A TOOL TO INFORM OUR DECISIONS AROUND INCREASING DIVERSITY AMONG COUNTY APPOINTEES. IT WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S GOVERNMENT APPOINTEES MIRROR THE DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTY, SO THAT DIFFERENT VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN THE BOARD MAKES POLICY DECISIONS. THIS MOTION, BY THE WAY, IS SIMILAR TO A STATE BILL THAT IS CURRENTLY ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK, SENATE BILL 702, WHICH WAS AUTHORED BY SENATOR LIMON. IF SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE BILL WOULD REQUIRE A PUBLIC REPORT OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA OF THE ANNUAL GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS. THE

BILL WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO MAINTAIN AN UPDATED WEBSITE WITH INFORMATION ON ALL STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING VACANCIES, CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LISTS, AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SHOW THIS TYPE OF COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND DIVERSITY, AND I KNOW THIS MOTION WILL HELP US GET CLOSER TO OUR GOAL OF ENSURING THAT ALL RESIDENTS CAN HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON HOW WE GOVERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. COLLEAGUES, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I AM REALLY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT L.A. COUNTY IS SO DIVERSE, AND WE REMAIN A BEACON OF OPENNESS. AND AT A TIME WHEN OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE LOOKING TO TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF COMMUNITIES, WE ARE FORGING AHEAD TO PROTECT AND EVEN EXPAND THOSE RIGHTS. SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE COMMUNITIES ALSO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, SO THAT THEY CAN HELP US SHAPE THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE. L.A. COUNTY HAS A BIG JOB. WE ARE MEETING THE NEEDS OF 10 MILLION INDIVIDUALS, FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. FROM THE TIME YOU ARE BORN TO THE TIME YOU DIE, IT IS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE SERVICES THAT YOU WILL NEED, AND FOR SHAPING THE PLACE THAT YOU CALL HOME. SO WE RELY ON OUR COMMISSIONERS TO GIVE US THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE INTO THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS, SOME THAT WE DON'T EXPERIENCE

OURSELVES. THERE ARE EYES AND EARS ON THE ISSUES THAT WE MAY NOT EXPERIENCE IN OUR OWN LIVES, OR EVEN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDRESSING THOSE NEEDS. I AM THINKING TODAY ABOUT ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS WHO HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT, CARLOS BENAVIDES, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF OUR COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. CARLOS IS LATINO, HE IS IN A WHEELCHAIR, AND I CAN'T SAY THAT I UNDERSTAND HIS EXPERIENCE. BUT AS MY JOB AS HIS SUPERVISOR, I NEED TO LISTEN TO HIS PERSPECTIVE AND HIS IDEAS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT HE REPRESENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THAT INVALUABLE PERSPECTIVE THAT ALL MY COMMISSIONERS BRING. I KNOW THAT MAKING SURE OUR COMMISSIONS REFLECT THE GREAT DIVERSITY IN L.A. COUNTY IS A PRIORITY THAT MY COLLEAGUES SHARE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO EXPAND EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACROSS OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THIS MOTION WILL GENERATE. OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER COLLEAGUES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, DO WE HAVE SOME ON THE TELEPHONE? OKAY, PLEASE CALL THEM.

SPEAKER: MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS MICHELLE FARIDGE. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS BY PUBLISHING THE DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, ANNUALLY. THAT WILL HELP US, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS, LIKE THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER, WHERE I WORK, IT WILL HELP US TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND IN MOVING OUR VOICES FORWARD AND SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE TRACKING THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ABOUT AGE, AND RACE, AND ABILITY, AND GENDER, AND EXPRESSION-- GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION-- WILL HELP US ENSURE EQUITY AND LIVED EXPERIENCE THAT WILL HELP INFORM THE COUNTY ABOUT HOW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WILL AFFECT EVERYONE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 16.

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

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF DIEGO RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, A NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN FURTHER PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. AS AN AFRO-LATINO ADOPTED ANGELENO, I'M PROUD OF EMBODYING AND [INAUDIBLE] FOR A GREATER DIVERSITY IN COUNTY [INAUDIBLE]. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OVERSEES THOUSANDS OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES WHICH PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN SHAPING COUNTY POLICIES. TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE BODIES MIRROR OUR COUNTY'S RICH TAPESTRY OF ETHNIC AND RACIAL, GENDER IDENTITIES, AND ABILITIES. REPRESENTATION AND TRANSPARENCY MATTER. BY PUBLISHING DEMOGRAPHIC DATA, WE CAN TRANSPARENTLY SHOW WHO IS BEING GIVEN A VOICE IN OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP TOWARDS FOSTERING EQUITY ACROSS THE COUNTY. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JARMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I AM CALLING TO SPEAK TO MRS. SOLIS, REGARDING NUMBER 16 THAT YOU PROPOSED, AND I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, THOUGH YOU PROPOSED IT, AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MIND FRAME TO BE INCLUSIVE, THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT IGNORE A COUNTY BOARD-MEMBER APPOINTMENT BY THE NAME OF MRS. ZAVALA. I PRESENTED IT TO MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE. I WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY MS. ZAVALA'S EMPLOYEE. MS. MITCHELL'S STAFF WENT TO COUNTY COUNSEL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU SPEAKING ON ITEM 16, DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS? IF NOT...

SPEAKER: YES, I AM SPEAKING ABOUT AN APPOINTMENT OF-- YES, I AM SPEAKING ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER THAT THE BOARD APPOINTED. I AM SPEAKING ABOUT THAT. THIS IS ABOUT PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENTS. I AM SPEAKING ABOUT AN APPOINTMENT THAT WAS NOT THIS WAY. IT WAS NOT DIVERSE. SO, YOU HAVE NOW INTERRUPTED ME FROM SPEAKING ABOUT THAT, SO CAN YOU KNOW WHAT MY TIME IS AT RIGHT NOW? BECAUSE YOU JUST INTERRUPTED ME. I AM SPEAKING ABOUT DIVERSITY, AND I'M SPEAKING ABOUT HOW MEMBERS OF YOUR BOARD IGNORED MATTERS OF DIVERSITY UNDER AN APPOINTMENT. SO I WAS LETTING MS. SOLIS KNOW THAT SHE IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN DOING THIS, BUT THERE'S MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO-- AND ONE IS YOU, AND ONE IS MS. MITCHELL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. I GAVE YOU A LITTLE EXTRA TIME. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ROBERT MENESES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

ROBERT MENESES: GOOD AFTERNOON. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. THANK YOU.

ROBERT MENESES: YEAH, OKAY. HI. MY NAME IS ROBERT MENESES, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISPANIC MANAGERS ASSOCIATION. WE ARE AN ASSOCIATION COMPRISED OF OVER 700 MEMBERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT ALL LEVELS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND WORK IN ALMOST ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS BY PUBLISHING DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, ANNUALLY. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKES THOUSANDS OF APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS. THESE COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS ARE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THEY ADVISE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING AND IMPACTING THE COUNTY. IN ORDER FOR THESE COMMISSIONS TO IMPACT BOARD

POLICY IN AN EFFECTIVE MATTER, THEY MUST REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FROM VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS, GENDERS, AND EXPRESSIONS. IN FACT, LATINOS COMPRISE ALMOST 50% OF THE COUNTY'S RESIDENTS.

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

ROBERT MENESES: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LORENA CHOCTAW. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LORENA CHOCTAW. I AM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF [INAUDIBLE] IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE. WE HAVE WITNESSED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN OUR POPULATION, FROM AFRICAN AMERICANS, TO HISPANIC, AND NOW ASIAN. 95% OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN, SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH. I THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, BY PUBLISHING DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS AND COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, ANNUALLY. IN ORDER FOR THIS COMMISSION TO IMPACT POLICY EFFECTIVELY, THEY MUST REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FROM VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS AND

GENDER IDENTITIES, AND EXPRESSIONS ARE RICH IN CULTURE. THESE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. DATA WOULD SHOW THE PUBLIC WHO HAS A VOICE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. IT IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR PROMOTING EQUITY ACROSS THE COUNTY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: I WANT TO ONCE AGAIN THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FREDERICK SYKES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS FREDERICK SYKES, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I LIVE IN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY ON AGENDA ITEM 16. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND INCREASED TRANSPARENCY ON ALL L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. BY PUBLISHING DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS IN AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL L.A. COUNTY BOARDS OF GOVERNMENT, THIS WILL MORE CLEARLY REVEAL HOW EVERY RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY MAY OR MAY NOT BE REPRESENTED AT THE L.A. COUNTY HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. I ASK

EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON 16, WHICH WILL BE A POSITIVE FOR EVERY RESIDENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BRIAN TABATABAI. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

BRIAN TABATABAI: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BRIAN TABATABAI, MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. AS AN ETHNIC STUDIES TEACHER, I AM ACUTELY AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF POLICIES THAT WERE CREATED WITH ONLY ONE LENS, AND THAT DID NOT INCLUDE THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF ALL RESIDENTS. SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE INCLUDE ALL RESIDENTS-- RACE, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS-- ON OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONS, TO GUARANTEE THAT WE ARE PROMOTING POLICIES THAT REALLY ADHERE TO THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. WE URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 16. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KHALIF RASSHAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

KHALIF RASSHAN: HELLO. MY NAME IS KHALIF RASSHAN, AND I AM CO-FOUNDER OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF BEGINNINGS, IN POMONA. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, BY PUBLISHING THE DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, ANNUALLY. THAT'S IMPORTANT. THERE'S A SAYING: JUSTICE MUST BE SEEN TO BE DONE. THINGS ARE NOT THAT MUCH BETTER THAN IT WAS 10, 20 YEARS AGO, BUT THERE'S A CHANGE HAPPENING NOW. AND I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE SUPERVISOR SOLIS DOING WHAT SHE IS DOING, PUSHING THE ENVELOPE, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THESE CHANGES. SO, ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO SAY, WE MUST... IN ORDER TO HAVE JUSTICE, IT MUST BE SEEN TO BE DONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NATHAN SALAZAR. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS NATHAN SALAZAR, A FILIPINO AMERICAN. I AM ALSO A COMMISSIONER FOR THE [INAUDIBLE] COMMISSION AT MARINA DEL RAY, REPRESENTING THE

FIRST DISTRICT. I AM ALSO INVOLVED IN THE L.A. COUNTY DIVING BOARD PROGRAM, WHOSE BASIC ADVOCACY IS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORTS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY AMONG THE COUNTY COMMISSIONS, BY PUBLISHING DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, ANNUALLY. THERE ARE PROBABLY HUNDREDS OF COMMISSIONERS BEING APPOINTED EACH YEAR, AND IN THE [INAUDIBLE] OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DIVERSITY IN THE COMMISSIONS WILL HAVE A GREAT IMPACT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES OF RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS. L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FROM VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS AND GENDER IDENTITIES. THEREFORE, DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES WILL TRULY BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO THE BOARD FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SUELLEN CHANG. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUELLEN CHANG, A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER. I AM SPEAKING TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO PROMOTE EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. AS CHAIRPERSON HAHN JUST MENTIONED, THAT ALL COMMISSIONERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY

COMMITTEES NOT ONLY PROVIDE THEIR EXPERTISE AND ADVISE TO THE BOARD OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SHARE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INPUT THAT COULD POSITIVELY IMPACT POLICIES OF L.A. COUNTY. AND THESE APPOINTEES SHOULD REPRESENT RESIDENTS WHO COME FROM VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS AND GENDER IDENTITIES AND EXPRESSIONS. I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THESE MOTIONS TO THE TABLE, AND URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 16. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS AUGUSTO DULCE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS AUGUSTO DULCE, AND I WORK FOR [INAUDIBLE] IN THE CITY OF POMONA, AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOOD INSECURITY AND GANG INTERVENTION AND REENTRY. OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS FEED OVER 10,000 LOS ANGELES FAMILIES EVERY MONTH, AND I AM HONORED TO SAY THAT IT IS RAN AND LED BY OVER 100 INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, WHO ARE ALL WORKING TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AT THE SAME TIME THEY REBUILD THE COMMUNITIES THEY ONCE HURT. BECAUSE OF THIS WORK, WE SEE THE NEED FOR REPRESENTATION EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO TODAY I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, BY PUBLISHING THE DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS OF THE

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS ON A YEARLY BASIS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FROM VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS, LIVED EXPERIENCES, GENDER IDENTITIES AND EXPRESSIONS. I BELIEVE THESE DIFFERENCES OF PERSPECTIVE SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ON THIS IMPORTANT MOTION, AND WE FROM [INAUDIBLE] WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 16. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DANIEL ROJAS. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. DANIEL ROJAS, AND I AM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISPANIC MANAGERS ASSOCIATION. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF MOTION NUMBER 16, TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL SUPERVISORS FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I AM PASSIONATE AND A CHAMPION ABOUT EQUITY, AND BELIEVE EVERYONE SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES. RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC INEQUALITIES IN OUR SOCIETY IS CRITICAL TO CREATING A MORE JUST AND FAIR WORKPLACE. I STRIVE TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT PROMOTE EQUITY AND INCLUSION. I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS

MOTION, AND WANT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO STRIVE TO MOVE IN A WAY THAT FOSTERS FAIR REPRESENTATION AND PROPORTIONALITY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICHARD ZALDIVAR. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS RICHARD ZALDIVAR, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE [INAUDIBLE] IN LOS ANGELES. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, BY PUBLISHING DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON COUNTY APPOINTMENTS. YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WAS REALLY CLEAR ABOUT HOW SHE TAPS INTO INDIVIDUALS AT HER DISTRICT, TALKING ABOUT THIS YOUNG LATINO GENTLEMAN WHO ADVISES HER, PROVIDES ADVICE, AS TO HOW TO WORK IN GOVERNMENT, HOW TO WORK IN COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED TO DO WHAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS DOING, AND THAT IS TO HAVE A PUBLICATION AND A REPORT BACK TO THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES ABOUT WHO IS BEING APPOINTED TO THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE REFLECTIVE OF ALL OF THE-- BEING VERY DIVERSE OF OUR COUNTY. I THINK THIS SHOULD ALSO BE A TOOLKIT FOR HOW THE MEMBERS OF THESE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COULD TAP INTO THE EXPERTISE OF PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RACES AND ETHNICITIES AND SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS AND IDENTITIES, TO BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS IRMA COOPER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

IRMA COOPER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

MODERATOR: WE CAN HEAR YOU.

IRMA COOPER: OKAY. MY NAME IS IRMA COOPER. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY N.A.A.C.P., ONE OF THE OLDEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN WEST COVINA. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. DATA ON THESE APPOINTMENTS WILL SHOW THAT THE PUBLIC HAS A VOICE IN THE COUNTY. IT IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR PROMOTING EQUITY ACROSS THE COUNTY. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 16.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HECTOR OCHOA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

HECTOR OCHOA: HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HECTOR OCHOA, DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESOURCE SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, AND ALSO PROUDLY SERVING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. I AM CALLING THIS AFTERNOON TO ASK THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER VOTING YES ON ITEM 16. I THINK THIS MOTION IS CRITICAL FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND I WOULD ONLY ADD THAT "ACCESSIBILITY" BE INTENTIONALLY INCLUDED WHEN SPEAKING OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, SUCH AS GENDER AND RACES. AND I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSE RUIZ. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS JOSE MIGUEL RUIZ. I SERVE AS A PROUD COMMISSIONER FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS,

BECAUSE I THINK WHEN SHE TAPPED ON MY SHOULDER, IT WAS ALSO REPRESENTING A LOT OF THE NEEDS IN OUR WESTLAKE-PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOODS, WHICH DURING C.O.V.I.D. WAS ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, WHEN IT CAME TO FOOD INSECURITY. AND LET'S BE PROUD AND SAY THAT, BY BEING IN THIS COMMISSION, WE HAVE NOW PROCURED OVER $12 MILLION FOR FOOD INSECURITY AND URBAN AGRICULTURE, AS PART OF THE J.C.O.D. DEPARTMENT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING IN ADDITIONAL CAPACITIES. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN. AND AGAIN, THIS IS ABOUT EQUITY, REPRESENTATION TO BETTER SERVE THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT WE OUGHT TO SERVE BETTER. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DIANA AMAYA. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: HI. I'M DIANA AMAYA. I AM A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 2, AND I JUST WANTED TO CALL IN TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 16, AND TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT A REPORT LIKE THIS IS NOT ONLY A TOOL FOR EQUITY, BUT A TOOL OF TRANSPARENCY, AND I THINK AT A TIME WHERE THE PUBLIC IS GROWING LESS AND LESS CONFIDENT, IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. AND SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR

YOUR SUPPORT, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS D. CARROLL. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT IS RIGHT ON TIME. I HOPE THAT IT ALSO WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR CONSIDERING AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BE PLACED IN THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER POSITION. AND ALSO, AS FAR AS L.G.B.T.Q., THERE'S NOT MUCH REPRESENTATION ON THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND I'D ASK THAT THIS, HOPEFULLY, WOULD OPEN UP THEIR DOOR TO ALLOW FOR L.G.B.T.Q. CULTURAL REPRESENTATION. BECAUSE AS IT IS, THERE IS A COMMISSIONER ON THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT HASN'T BEEN TO MEETINGS IN MONTHS, BY THE NAME OF SAM LEWIS, AND MAYBE-- I KNOW THAT'S ONE OF YOUR APPOINTEES, SO HOPEFULLY THIS IS NOT JUST A MOTION, BUT IT WILL ALSO HAVE EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENTS TO FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THAT YOUR COMMISSIONERS ARE ACTUALLY COMMISSIONING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROCIO PALMERO. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AGAIN CONSIDERING NOT ONLY DISTRICT ONE, BUT THINKING OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, TO PUBLISH SOME DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON OUR COMMISSIONERS. I AM A VETERAN. I AM A COMMISSIONER ON THE VETERAN ADVISORY COMMISSION, SERVING SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 1 UNDER SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M THE VICE COMMANDER OVER WOMEN'S AFFAIRS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. AS I PREVIOUSLY STATED, I AM A VETERAN, A WOMAN, AND A LATINA. I AM A MINORITY OF A MINORITY WITHIN A MINORITY, AND AS A LITTLE GIRL, I DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING ANYONE ON T.V. WHO LOOKED LIKE ME, SPOKE LIKE ME, OR SOUNDED LIKE ME. WHEN I BEGAN TO SEE THESE EXAMPLES, IT GAVE ME HOPE AND A DESIRE TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY. REPRESENTATION IS IMPORTANT. SYNERGY IS IMPORTANT. DISABILITY IS IMPORTANT, AND TRANSPARENCY IS ALSO IMPORTANT. HAVING THESE STATISTICS PUBLISHED ALLOW US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL BEING REPRESENTED. OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUTH, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES NEED TO SEE OUR EXAMPLE AS LEADERS WHO DESIRE THE BEST TO REPRESENT OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: AND I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT ALL OF OUR WOMEN VOTE YES ON ITEM 16.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HELEN TORRES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HELEN TORRES, AND I AM WITH H.O.P.E.: HISPANAS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY. OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARITY FOR LATINAS. WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PLACING CLOSE TO A THOUSAND LATINAS ACROSS THE STATE ON VARIOUS COMMISSIONS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER MOTION TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS BY PUBLISHING THE DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS ON THE COUNTY APPOINTMENTS, ANNUALLY. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THOUSANDS OF APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS. THESE COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS CAN BE BETTER SERVED IF WE KNOW AND ENSURE THAT DIVERSE VOICES AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES ARE REFLECTED ON THEM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FROM VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS AND GENDER IDENTITIES AND EXPRESSIONS. THIS MOTION WILL ENSURE THAT WE HEAR ALL THE VOICES ARE CONSIDERED WHEN KEY RESOURCES ARE BEING ALLOCATED ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS AN IMPORTANT

WAY FOR US TO PROMOTE EQUITY ACROSS THE COUNTY. THANK YOU AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. I THINK, INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT EQUITY, IT SHOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO TALK ABOUT EQUALITY. THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH EQUALITY, AND NOT EQUITY. YOU SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED, JANICE HAHN. YOU SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED BY THE D.A., FOR ALLOWING THE K.K.K. TO APPEAR IN CITY COUNCIL.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

ARNOLD SACHS: I AM TALKING ABOUT RACIAL EQUITY, MA'AM.

COUNTY COUNSEL: THEY'RE COUNTY COMMISSIONS.

ARNOLD SACHS: THIS IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY. WHAT IS MORE RACIST THAT THE K.K.K.? CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT? CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU LIED TO AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TO GET DRESSED UP AS A K.K.K. GUY?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I MEAN, I WOULD GIVE HIM A WARNING. HE'S OFF TOPIC. YOU ARE OFF TOPIC.

ARNOLD SACHS: YOU PARADE AROUND IN THE CITY COUNCIL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THAT'S YOUR SECOND WARNING.

ARNOLD SACHS: YEAH, I KNOW I'M OFF THE TOPIC, BUT YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING THE QUESTION, MA'AM. YOU WERE IN CITY COUNCIL WHEN THAT HAPPENED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, THAT'S THE THIRD WARNING. YOUR TIME IS UP. OKAY, YOUR TIME IS UP.

SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, IS THIS OUR LAST SPEAKER? OKAY, THAT'S OUR LAST SPEAKER, IF WE CAN CONSIDER THAT A SPEAKER. ITEM 16 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY-- I WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 16 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 19, STREAMLINING ACCESS TO SAFE AND REGULATED VENDING AND MICRO-ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE WITH US KELLY LOBIANCO, THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; LIZA

FRIAS, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; AND DR. NICHOLE QUICK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR HEALTH PROTECTION BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THEY ARE ALL HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. OKAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. MITCHELL: I WOULD, THANK YOU. AND I WON'T BE ASKING QUESTIONS, LOOKING AT THE HOUR. IF MY OTHER COLLEAGUES HAVE QUESTIONS, THEY'LL BE AVAILABLE FOR THAT. SO, TODAY I AM ASKING THAT WE TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TO PERMITTING MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS ARE A TYPE OF FOOD FACILITY THAT OPERATES OUT OF A PRIVATE HOME, AND ENABLES SMALL-SCALE CHEFS TO PREPARE, COOK, AND SERVE FOOD TO CONSUMERS FROM THEIR HOMES. IT ALLOWS THE HOME COOKING INDUSTRY TO COME OUT OF THE SHADOWS AND INTO THE FORMAL ECONOMY, WITH CLEAR REGULATIONS ON MAINTAINING CLEAN AND SAFE OPERATIONS. MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS CAN ALSO BE USED AS PERMITTED KITCHEN COMMISSARIES, AND PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR SIDEWALK VENDORS TO STORE THEIR CARTS AND PREPARE FOOD. THE RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE COMMISSARY SPACES HAS BEEN A KEY BARRIER THAT HAS LIMITED SIDEWALK VENDORS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET PERMITTED. AUTHORIZING THE MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS MODEL IS A WIN-WIN FOR THE COUNTY. WHY? IT WILL HELP THE COUNTY BETTER REGULATE OUR SIDEWALK VENDORS AND MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS, SO THEY

CAN OPERATE SAFELY AND MINIMIZE DISRUPTION TO BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES AND OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND WEALTH-BUILDING PATHWAY FOR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM THE FORMAL ECONOMY, SUCH AS IMMIGRANTS, WOMEN, AND OLDER ENTREPRENEURS. I BELIEVE THAT ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES, SMALL AND LARGE, NEED FAIR ACCESS TO OUR ECONOMY, AND REQUIRE CLEAR RULES AND GUIDELINES ABOUT HOW TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY. SINCE 2019, THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD CODE HAS ALLOWED FOR HOME COOKS TO APPLY FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT TO OPERATE AS A MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN. 11 COUNTIES HAVE ALREADY AUTHORIZED MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS IN THEIR JURISDICTION. COUNTIES SUCH AS RIVERSIDE AND SAN DIEGO HAVE REPORTED EXCITING SUCCESSES FROM THE PROGRAM. IN THIS YEAR'S STATE BUDGET, $8 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURS IN SETTING UP MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS, AND TO INVEST IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT TO IMPLEMENT MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN PROGRAMS. SO, IF WE IMPLEMENT OUR PROGRAM HERE, WE'LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THAT GRANT FUNDING. I READ IN THIS MOTION AT THE SEPTEMBER 12TH BOARD MEETING, SO THAT PUBLIC HEALTH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, COULD CONDUCT ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR CITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, TO EDUCATE THEM ABOUT THE POTENTIAL ORDINANCE, AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS BEFORE WE HEARD THE MOTION TODAY. IF THE MOTION PASSES, THE DEPARTMENTS

WOULD THEN HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 120 DAYS TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS, AND GET THEIR INPUT TO INFORM THE DRAFT ORDINANCE. WHILE THE COUNTY WOULD MANAGE AND REGULATE THE PROGRAM, CITIES WOULD STILL HAVE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS ANY POTENTIAL CHALLENGES WITH MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS, THROUGH THEIR MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES SUCH AS NOISE, TRAFFIC, AND NUISANCE REGULATIONS. THE MOTION WOULD ALSO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORT-BACKS TO ALLOW US TO TRACK PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND CHALLENGES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S MODEL. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

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

SUP. BARGER: I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT. I'VE HAD CITIES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. SO, ONE OF MY ASKS WOULD BE-- AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD ASK--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OF COURSE IT IS.

SUP. BARGER: IF THEY WOULD INSTITUTE A SYSTEM BY WHICH THEY NOTIFY THE CITIES WHEN PERMITS ARE APPROVED IN THEIR CITY, SO THAT CITIES HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE THEY ARE OPERATING, THAT WOULD BE MY ASK, JUST BECAUSE I THINK, OUT OF COURTESY, I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE FOR THEM TO KNOW AND TRACK WHAT'S

TAKING PLACE WITHIN THEIR CITY LIMITS. MY SECOND IS JUST TO KIND OF PUT IT ON YOUR RADAR. PUBLIC HEALTH IS GOING TO DO THE INSPECTIONS. THEY'RE PAYING A PUBLIC HEALTH FEE. PUBLIC HEALTH IS UNDERSTAFFED. THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SIDE IS UNDERSTAFFED. THEY CAN BARELY GET TO THE RESTAURANTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY GETTING PERMITTED. SO I WOULD ALSO ASK IN THE REPORT BACK, HOW WE ARE GOING TO ENSURE THAT THEY GET THAT ONE INSPECTION, AND THAT IT'S DONE-- YOU KNOW, IS IT A SEPARATE UNIT? I DON'T KNOW, BUT I JUST DO KNOW THAT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES, BECAUSE I'VE MET WITH THEIR WORKERS, WHO ARE INUNDATED ALREADY. AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE WORKLOAD AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT. I MEAN, THE FEES COVER THE COSTS, SO-- BUT I JUST WANT US TO BE AWARE OF THAT. THAT WOULD BE MY ONLY TWO ASKS. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WAS JUST GOING TO--

SUP. MITCHELL: MS. HAHN, WOULD YOU ALLOW THE PANEL TO RESPOND TO THOSE? YES.

LIZA FRIAS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LIZA FRIAS, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. AND YES, WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO NOTIFY THE CITIES, ONCE WE ISSUE A PERMIT. THAT'S AN EASY ASK. AND OF COURSE, DEFINITELY LOOKING AT

STAFFING TO SEE HOW WE CAN IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM, IF AUTHORIZED.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DR. QUICK, I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK, LOOKING AT THE LIMITS ON THE GROSS ANNUAL SALES OF 100,000, OR 90 MEALS PER WEEK, JUST CURIOUS WHERE THOSE NUMBERS CAME FROM, AND DO YOU SEE THOSE CHANGING, EITHER UP OR DOWNWARDS?

DR. NICHOLE QUICK: SO, SURE, I'LL ANSWER INITIALLY, AND THEN WE'LL LET LIZA JUMP IN, TOO, IF I SAY ANYTHING THAT'S INCORRECT, BECAUSE SHE IS DEFINITELY OUR SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERT. BUT THOSE ARE WHAT IS ALREADY SORT OF DEFINED FOR THE STATE, BUT THE BOARD HAS SOME LEEWAY IN LOOKING AT THAT, IF THAT IS THE DESIRE OF THE BOARD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, FOR ME, I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW WE CAME UP WITH THOSE PARTICULAR NUMBERS.

SPEAKER: YEAH. SO, ACTUALLY, THAT WAS JUST LEGISLATED IN TO INCREASE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THIS YEAR THROUGH A.B. 1325. AND SO THEY INCREASED IT TO $100,000, AND INCREASED THE NUMBER OF MEALS TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO

BRING IN ADDITIONAL INCOME. SEPARATE FROM THAT STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, THERE IS ALSO LANGUAGE THAT'S IN THE LAW THAT ALLOWS THE GOVERNING BOARD TO INCREASE THE GROSS ANNUAL SALES TO SUPPORT COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATIONS. THAT WOULD BE BASED, OF COURSE, ON US GOING IN AND IDENTIFYING WHETHER OR NOT, FIRST, THEY CAN SUPPORT THE PROPOSED MENU; AND THEN, ONCE WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT, THEN LOOKING AT WHAT THOSE SALES WOULD LOOK LIKE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I HAD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVE 2. I'M SURE IT'S IMPLIED, BUT I WAS HOPING TO ADD "UNINCORPORATED AREAS" TO THE LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE PART OF THIS OUTREACH EFFORT.

SUP. MITCHELL: IT ABSOLUTELY WAS IMPLIED, BUT HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT CLARITY, YES. ACCEPTED.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE QUEUE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL-- I'M SORRY. OH, MY GOD, IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. MS. MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE THAT IF THE MOTION PASSES TODAY, THE [INAUDIBLE] WOULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 120 DAYS TO WORK WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS-- CITIES, UNINCORPORATED--

TO GET THEIR INPUT TO HELP INFORM THE DRAFT ORDINANCE. I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE FIRST STEP, AND THERE IS STILL TIME FOR THEM TO INFORM THE ORDINANCE, AND THAT THIS MOTION SAYS THAT WE'RE GOING TO REQUIRE A QUARTERLY REPORT BACK, SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT WE'VE LEARNED, ONCE IT GOES INTO EFFECT, AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AND CHANGES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, NOW LET'S CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE.

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 19, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ALEJANDRA GONZALES, ANA CRUZ, ANA ESTRADA, CARLOS GUTIERREZ, CAROLINA MONTEZ, CESAR BENITEZ, DELIA CUEVAS, DOUG SMITH, ELENA GONZALES, ADELIA CANTITAN, KALE LEWIS, LUCAS TEX, MARGARITA MOJICA, MARTA GARCIA, MARTA GONZALES, MELODY BANESSA, AND MIRIAM ZAMORA, PILAR CASTILLON, RIE SIMS, ROSA MIRANDA, ROYA BAGHERI, TIFFANY DEL RIO, AND BALANTINA SANCHEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE JENNIFER MCDONALD. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JENNIFER MCDONALD, AND I WORK FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE. WE ARE A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS ONE OF THE LEADING ADVOCATES FOR HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE, ALONG WITH THE COOK ALLIANCE, WHO YOU'LL HEAR FROM THIS AFTERNOON AS WELL, WERE THE CHIEF SPONSORS OF A.B. 1325, WHICH IS THAT BILL FROM THIS PAST SESSION THAT INCREASED THE SALES TAX TO $100,000 PER YEAR, AND 90 MEALS PER WEEK. AND I CAN TELL YOU THOSE NUMBERS WERE JUST-- WE WANTED TO INCREASE IT TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITY AS MUCH AS WE COULD, AND THAT'S KIND OF JUST WHERE THE LEGISLATIVE COMPROMISE CAME FROM. BUT WE WOULD, OF COURSE, LOVE TO [INAUDIBLE], BUT THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM [INAUDIBLE] CONTINUE TO INCREASE. I JUST WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, FROM A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, HOW MUCH CALIFORNIA IS A TRAILBLAZER FOR HAVING A PROGRAM LIKE THIS. YOU'VE GOT WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE ABLE TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS WITH VERY LITTLE OVERHEAD, SUPPORT THEIR FAMILY, SHARE THEIR CULTURAL TRADITIONS, AND IT'S JUST REALLY BEEN SUCH A HUGE BOON TO SO MANY FAMILIES IN SOME OF THESE COMMUNITIES. AND UNFORTUNATELY, L.A. IS BEHIND--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHI SU. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHI WAY. I'M WITH INCLUSIVE ACTION, AND WE ARE PART OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES STREET VENDOR CAMPAIGN, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON MY SUPPORT FOR MOTION NUMBER 19 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 19, FOR LOS ANGELES TO OPT INTO THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. NEW CHANGES IN THE LAW NOW ALLOW STREET FOOD VENDORS, LIKE MANY PEOPLE WE WORK WITH, TO USE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAMS TO SAFELY COOK FOOD FROM THEIR HOMES, AND GENERATE INCOME TO BUILD FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. SMALL-SCALE MICROENTERPRISES, LIKE FOOD VENDING, ARE AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO ENTER THE COMMERCIAL FOOD INDUSTRY. BECAUSE WE CREATE LOCAL PATHWAYS FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIPS, OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP MANY PEOPLE WE WORK WITH CONTINUE TO BUILD UP THEIR BUSINESSES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I CALL ON YOU TO VOTE YES TO OPT INTO THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS A.J. JACKSON. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI THERE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD. HELLO?

SPEAKER: HI THERE. MY NAME IS A.J. JACKSON. CAN I GO?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI THERE. MY NAME'S A.J. JACKSON, AND I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE L.A. STREET VENDOR CAMPAIGN, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IF POSSIBLE. I STAND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 19 BEING PASSED BY THIS BOARD. THIS MOTION IS A POWERFUL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO, ONE, ACTUALIZE THE STATE AND PEOPLE'S BILL, ENSHRINED IN S.B. 946 AND S.B. 972, WHICH LEGALIZE AND DECRIMINALIZE STREET VENDING THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA; AND TWO, TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR STREET VENDORS, MOST OF WHOM ARE WOMEN, IMMIGRANTS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, BY INCORPORATING THEIR HOME COOKING ENTERPRISES THAT GENERATE INCOME AND BUILD FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THE BENEFITS OF A M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM FAR OUTWEIGH ANY FEARS, CONCERNS, OR MISINFORMATION.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAM FEINSTEIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO? HELLO? PAM, ARE YOU THERE?

MODERATOR: POSSIBLY, YOU HAVE YOUR MUTE BUTTON ON?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, MAYBE LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ONE, AND COME BACK TO HER. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: WE HAVE NO MORE REMOTE SPEAKERS IN QUEUE, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WELL, SEE IF YOU COULD FIND HER AGAIN. LET'S GO IN PERSON. HI.

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MELODY. I AM A STREET VENDOR IN EAST L.A., AND I'M COMMENTING ON ITEM 19 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. ME AND MY MOM ARE BOTH STREET VENDORS. AT THE MOMENT, IT'S OUR ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR LOS ANGELES OPTING INTO THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. THE NEW CHANGES IN THE LAW NOW ALLOW

STREET FOOD VENDORS, LIKE ME, TO USE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM TO SAFELY COOK FROM OUR HOMES, AND GENERATE INCOME TO BUILD FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. M.E.H.K.O. CAN FILL A CRITICAL GAP IN THE COMMISSARY AND COMMERCIAL KITCHEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH COMMISSARY SPACES TO MEET OUR NEEDS, AND EXISTING COMMISSARY RENT IS OUT OF FINANCIAL REACH FOR MANY VENDORS. A PERIOD OF PUBLIC INPUT WITH IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS LIKE ME WOULD BE CRITICAL FOR UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BECOME PERMITTED FOR M.E.H.K.O., AS WELL AS OBTAINING TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION IN FOOD HANDLING AND SAFETY, WHICH WILL ENSURE SAFE FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I CALL ON YOU TO VOTE YES TO OPT INTO THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM IN ALL L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MY NAME IS MARGARITA MOJICA. AND I'M A STREET VENDOR OF SPECIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1, FROM EAST LOS ANGELES. AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM NUMBER 19, SO THAT LOS ANGELES WOULD ADOPT THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. I AM A VENDOR WHO IS A SENIOR, AND I AM NOT A PUBLIC CHARGE FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THE APPROVAL OF M.E.H.K.O. WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, SINCE MY MICROBUSINESS DOES

NOT BRING IN ENOUGH INCOME TO BE ABLE TO PAY THE HIGH COST THAT A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN WOULD REPRESENT ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE TO COVER MY COSTS-- FOR EXAMPLE, RENT, FOOD, AND MEDICAL SERVICES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I ASK FOR YOU TO VOTE YES AND ADOPT THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM IN ALL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANA ESTRADA. I AM A STREET VENDOR ON 73RD STREET. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT ITEM 19 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. STREET VENDING IS MY ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS CITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR MY FAMILY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT SO THAT LOS ANGELES WOULD OPT FOR THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. NEW CHANGES IN THE LAW NOW ALLOW FOR VENDORS, SUCH AS MYSELF, TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM, TO BE ABLE TO COOK FOOD IN A SAFE WAY FROM OUR HOMES, AND IN SO DOING TO GENERATE INCOME AND TO HAVE FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. MICROENTERPRISES SUCH AS STREET VENDING ARE AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ANOTHER WAY OF HAVING ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO THE

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY. SO THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM WOULD CREATE LEGAL PATHWAYS, SO THAT ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR BUSINESSES, AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE: TO ASK YOU TODAY TO VOTE YES FOR THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CESAR BENITEZ, AND I AM A STREET VENDOR IN THE EAST OF LOS ANGELES, ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ITEM 19 FROM TODAY. THE APPROVAL OF THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM WOULD BRING ABOUT HAVING LOWER COSTS, BECAUSE A COMMISSARY OR AN AUTHORIZED KITCHEN IS OUT OF MY MEANS. MOREOVER, THERE ARE NOT SO MANY COMMISSARIES OR KITCHENS THAT EXIST TO BE ABLE TO HELP ALL OF US. AS YOU AUTHORIZE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM, YOU SHOULD HAVE A FOOD HANDLING LICENSE. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR FOOD TO BE HANDLED IN A SAFE AND CLEAN WAY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. EDUCATION IS KEY TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE FOOD WITH SAFETY AND WITH RESPONSIBILITY. AND IN THIS WAY, IT WOULD HELP US TO GROW AS A MICROENTERPRISE. THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU TO VOTE YES FOR THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CAROLINA MONTEZ. I'M A STREET VENDOR IN EAST L.A. I AM HERE TO COMMENT ON ITEM 19 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. I'M A SINGLE MOTHER. I LOST MY JOB FOR THIS REASON. IT WAS NECESSARY TO BECOME A STREET VENDOR TO PAY BILLS, AND FOOD FOR MY CHILDREN. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. THE NEW CHANGES IN THE LAW ALLOW THE STREET VENDORS, LIKE ME, TO USE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM TO SAFELY COOK IN OUR HOUSE, AND GENERATE INCOME TO BUILD FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. UNDER THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM, HOME [INAUDIBLE] REQUIRES CERTIFICATION IN FOOD HANDLING AND SAFETY, WHICH WILL ISSUE SAFE FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I CALL ON YOU TO VOTE YES AND OPT INTO THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM IN ALL L.A. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH]. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MY NAME IS DELIA CUEVAS. I'M A MIGRANT, AND I AM A STUDENT AT WEST L.A. COLLEGE. I AM A STREET VENDOR IN EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, DISTRICT 2. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT M.E.H.K.O. BECAUSE, AS STREET VENDORS, IT WOULD ALLOW US IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, WITH THE HIGH RENT,

INSUFFICIENT INCOMES, AND HISTORIC INFLATION, TO BE ABLE TO GENERATE AN INDEPENDENT INCOME, AND A LIVELIHOOD FOR ENTIRE FAMILIES. WE WANT TO WORK, AND WORK UNDER THE LAW. THIS PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW US TO GROW, AND IN THE FUTURE, TO BE ABLE TO GENERATE NEW JOBS. SO WE ASK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IF YOU WOULD APPROVE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM IN ALL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE IN APPROVING IT, YOU WOULD BE SAYING YES TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR FAMILIES.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH]. MY NAME IS ROSA MIRANDA, AND I'M AN ORGANIZER FOR COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU GUYS A CALL, SO THAT YOU WOULD BE THE SUPPORTERS OF THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. THERE ARE 11 CITIES WHO ALREADY HAVE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. YOU WOULD BE NUMBER 12. BUT YOU HAVE A BIGGER MORAL COMMITMENT. YOU'LL BE REPRESENTING THE MORE THAN 67% OF WOMEN WHO ARE STREET VENDORS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. A LOT OF THESE WOMEN DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL KITCHEN, WHICH ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM WOULD GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO COOK IN THEIR HOMES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. AS WOMEN, I THINK YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BACKERS OF SMALL BUSINESSES. WE NEED

OPPORTUNITIES, BUT EVEN MORE, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THERE ARE VERY STRICT WAYS OF WORKING WITH THEM.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS LUCAS TEX. I FEEL PROUD OF BEING AN ORGANIZER OF STREET VENDORS WITH THE ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. MY COMMENT IS ON ITEM 19 FROM TODAY'S AGENDA. I SUPPORT ITEM 19, SO THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WOULD OPT FOR THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. AS AN ORGANIZER OF VENDORS, IN EVERY SINGLE MEETING THAT I'VE HAD WITH GROUPS, I'VE SEEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, THE INITIATIVE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ONE OBTAINING THEIR BUSINESS PERMIT, AND ALSO THEIR FOOD HANDLING LICENSE. SO BECAUSE OF THIS, I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE FOR EACH ONE OF YOU, BECAUSE THIS WOULD HELP MANY VENDORS WHO, RIGHT NOW, ARE VULNERABLE. WE BELIEVE IN SAFETY AND IN HEALTH. WE'RE WORKING ON THIS AS ORGANIZERS EDUCATING EACH VENDOR. BUT WE NEED ALL OF YOU. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE DISCRIMINATION IN THE STREETS. PERHAPS YOU SEE THE PROBLEM, BUT YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR THE SOLUTION, AND THAT WORRIES US.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS, OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I FEEL HAPPY, ONCE AGAIN, TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE. I BELONG TO THE SPECIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1. I'M HERE SO EACH ONE OF YOU SUPERVISORS WOULD SUPPORT US AS STREET VENDORS, REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 19, SO THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WOULD ADOPT THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. SINCE THIS PROGRAM WOULD HELP ALL OF US AS MICROENTERPRISES, AND PERSONALLY, IT WOULD HELP ME TO BE ABLE TO COOK FOOD ACCORDING TO THE HEALTH GUIDELINES, AND ALSO TO TRY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A PLATE OF FOOD ACCORDING TO THE CLIMATE, OR ACCORDING TO THE SEASON DURING THE YEAR, THIS WOULD HELP ME A WHOLE LOT TO BE ABLE TO IMPROVE MY INCOME AND TO HELP GET OUT OF POVERTY. THAT'S WHY I APPEAL TO YOU WITH ALL MY HEART. VOTE YES ON M.E.H.K.O. THANK YOU.

SUP. HORVATH: WE ARE HEARING YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS. THIS IS A GREAT PROPOSAL FOR M.E.H.K.O. I WOULD ONLY REQUEST THAT SOME OF THE CURRENT STREET VENDORS THAT HAVE SOME HISTORY VENDING BE A PART OF THE

IMPLEMENTATION THAT'S GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, SO THEY COULD BRING IN, MAYBE, A POSSIBLE BOARD OF CURRENT STREET VENDORS THAT HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A WHILE. SOME SPEAK SPANISH, SOME DON'T UNDERSTAND BUREAUCRACY AND ALL THAT, SO WHAT THEY'RE ALREADY DOING, PLUS IMPLEMENT THEM AND BE PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROGRAM ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THIS, AND HOW TO BEST SERVE BOTH COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE YOU UNDERSTAND, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SAYS, "LIE DOWN BECAUSE YOU'RE DEPRESSED," YOU BETTER LIE DOWN. SO WE WANT THIS SERVICE, BUT WE'VE ALSO BEEN RUNNING SOME OF THIS SERVICE. I'D LIKE TO IMPLEMENT SOME COOKIES AT HOME, AND VENDING THEM ON SOME OF THESE SUBWAYS, AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO, HAVING SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE ALREADY DONE IT, AND COLLABORATING WITH SOME OF YOUR PROFESSIONALS HERE, THE PHILANTHROPIC PEOPLE, TO IMPLEMENT IT HOW IT WOULD BEST SUIT THEM, AND BOTH WORK IT BEFORE IT GETS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN WRITING. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, WE'RE ON THE PHONE. NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAM FEINSTEIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: OH, HI. YES, I WAS JUST CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL. THIS WOULD BE JUST SUCH A BOON TO OLDER PEOPLE WHO

REALLY LOVE TO COOK, WHO ARE VERY EXPERIENCED, AND HAVE A LOT TO OFFER, AND OF COURSE NOT BUILDING A KITCHEN TO OPEN THEIR OWN RESTAURANT. AND AS WE SPEAK ABOUT DIVERSITY IN EVERY FACET OF OUR LIVES, THIS WOULD REALLY BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL DIVERSITY, FOR PEOPLE TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER IN A VERY, VERY POSITIVE WAY. SO I'M REALLY HOPING THAT THIS WOULD BE PASSED, OR REALLY PROMOTED, BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS.

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

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 19, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JUAN ESPINOZA. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

JUAN ESPINOZA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JUAN ESPINOZA. I'M AN ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNSEL, CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 19. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONSIDER THIS REALLY IMPORTANT MEASURE. THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM, ASIDE FROM WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS SHARED, THE WAY OF RESOLVING AN INTERSECTION OF MANY ISSUES THAT OUR PRESENT SOCIETY FACES,

MANY VENDORS HAVE EXPERIENCED WAGE THEFT. THIS IS A WOMEN'S RIGHTS ISSUE. THERE'S A CHILD CARE SHORTAGE. SO THIS ALLOWS FOR AUTONOMY IN CHILD CARE. IT CREATES VIABLE PATHWAYS TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP. IT RESOLVES IMMIGRATION ISSUES [INAUDIBLE] THAT ARE FACED WITH EMPLOYERS. IT ALLOWS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND IT'S A SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND MICRO-ENTREPRENEURSHIP, IN GENERAL. SO THIS IS A WIN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 10 OTHER COUNTIES THAT HAVE ADOPTED, AND L.A. IS LATE TO ADOPT THIS, SO I HOPE THAT L.A. CAN DO THE RIGHT THING AND ADOPT M.E.H.K.O. FOR THE REASONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SHARED TODAY, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY THAT L.A. SHOULD MOST BE SUPPORTING, WHICH IS WOMEN, IMMIGRANTS, AND WORKING-CLASS PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS D. CARROLL. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: NO, I'M ACTUALLY WAITING FOR GENERAL COMMENTS. NO, I'M ACTUALLY WAITING.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KIMBERLY CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS KIMBERLY CARTER. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR STAYING AS LATE AS THEY ARE. I THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO. BUT MY COMMENT IS ON MEASURE 18, ON HOLLY MITCHELL'S--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: EXCUSE ME, WE'RE ON ITEM 19. SO, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO COME BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

SPEAKER: DID I?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH. WE'RE ON 19.

SPEAKER: ON 18? OKAY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOU CAN CALL BACK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT LATER, FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER IN THE ROOM. HELLO.

SPEAKER: BUENAS TARDES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BUENAS TARDES.

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRA GONZALES. I AM A STREET VENDOR OF FOOD. I'M HERE SUPPORTING THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT SO THAT LOS ANGELES WOULD OPT FOR THIS PROGRAM. IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP FOR US, BECAUSE IT'S A SOURCE OF INCOME FOR OUR FAMILIES. AND IN THAT WAY, WE WOULD HAVE GREATER SAFETY IN THE WAY THAT WE PREPARE OUR FOODS. M.E.H.K.O. OFFERS US THIS OPPORTUNITY. IT GIVES US THE ABILITY TO HAVE HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES, AND LITTLE BY LITTLE, WE LEARN TO DO THINGS BETTER. DESPITE THE STRICT HEALTH LAWS, THEY'VE BEEN HELPING US AND EDUCATING US SO THAT WE CAN BE ABLE TO GET OUR FOOD HANDLING LICENSES. THANK YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU, AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE VOTE FOR M.E.H.K.O.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MY NAME IS MIRIAM ZAMORA. AND I'M A STREET VENDOR IN EAST LOS ANGELES, IN DISTRICT ONE. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, A GENERAL COMMENT, ON ITEM 19 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. THIS JOB IS MY ONLY LIVELIHOOD AND SOURCE OF INCOME, SINCE I HAVE A CHILD WITH AUTISM, AND I HAVE A SON WITH AUTISM AND A DAUGHTER WHO'S IN UNIVERSITY. THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM WOULD HELP ME A LOT TO BE ABLE TO USE MY OWN KITCHEN TO COOK MY RECIPES AND EXPAND MY BUSINESS, AND TO

DO SO IN A SAFE WAY. MICROENTERPRISES LIKE STREET VENDING ARE AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ANOTHER MEANS OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY, JUST LIKE ME. SO IT'S FOR THIS REASON I ASK THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM, AND THEN VOTE YES. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MY NAME IS MARTA GONZALES, AND I'M A STREET VENDOR IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 19 FOR TODAY. BEING A VENDOR IS MY ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT SO THAT LOS ANGELES WOULD OPT FOR THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM. THE NEW CHANGES IN THE LAW, THEY ALLOW STREET VENDORS TO USE THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM, TO BE ABLE TO COOK FOOD IN A SAFE WAY FROM OUR HOMES, AND TO BE ABLE TO GENERATE INCOME FOR OUR FAMILIES. WITH THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM, THE KITCHENS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CERTIFICATION WITH REGARD TO HANDLING FOOD, AND ALSO WITH REGARDS TO SAFETY. SO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I ASK YOU TO VOTE YES, AND OPT FOR THE M.E.H.K.O. PROGRAM IN ALL THE COUNTY.

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

RIE SIMS: HELLO. I AM CHEF RIE SIMS. I'M THE OWNER AND CHEF OF WARUNG RIERIE, SAN DIEGO, FIRST FULLY LEGAL AND LICENSED HOME-BASED RESTAURANT, OR M.E.H.K.O. I'M COMING UP FROM SAN DIEGO BECAUSE I WANT TO BE THE VOICE FOR ALL MY FELLOW INDONESIAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN QUIETLY SELLING THEIR FOOD IN THE SHADOWS HERE IN L.A. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE SO AFRAID TO SPEAK AND JEOPARDIZE THEIR HOME OR BUSINESS. AT FIRST, I WAS OPERATING UNDER THE TABLE, TOO, AND WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT, FINALLY, SAN DIEGO APPROVED IT, AS WE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE LEGAL AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME OUT FROM THE SHADOWS WITHOUT FEAR. THIS HAS ALLOWED US TO EXPAND OUR BUSINESS, FIT OUR COMMUNITY, AND STILL BEING HOME WITH THE FAMILY. SINCE THE DAY I HAVE WARUNG RIERIE, IT HAS LITERALLY CHANGED MY WHOLE LIFE. IT'S ALLOWING ME TO HONOR THE TRUE SPIRIT OF A WARUNG. IN INDONESIA, WARUNG IS A FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS, AND IT'S ALWAYS RUN BY THE WIFE, BECAUSE THE WIFE WANTS TO HELP HER FAMILY ECONOMY, AND STILL BE HOME TAKING CARE OF HER KIDS. SO, I PLEASE DO PUT M.E.H.K.O. YES IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROYA BAGHERI, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COOK ALLIANCE, A NONPROFIT WORKING TO LEGITIMIZE AND SUPPORT INFORMAL HOME COOKING BUSINESSES. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE, SO THANK YOU. WE JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, ALL.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST SPEAKER. SO, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 19 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY-- WHO WANTS TO SECOND IT?-- HORVATH. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 19 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. OKAY, WE'RE MOVING ON TO ITEM 20, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2023 AS PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH; AND OCTOBER 15, 2023, AS PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. MITCHELL: VERY BRIEFLY, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS EARLIER, WE ACKNOWLEDGED THE SIGNIFICANCE AND THE ROLE OF L.A. COUNTY CREATING A DOULA HUB. THAT'S KIND OF ONE END OF THE SPECTRUM OF SAFER HEALTHY BIRTH OUTCOMES. BUT ON THE OTHER END, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS, AS WELL. AND SO TODAY'S

MOTION ON PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS IS, OF COURSE, DEEPLY PERSONAL FOR THOSE WHO'VE EXPERIENCED THE PAIN OF MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME, ECTOPIC PREGNANCIES, TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY FOR MEDICAL REASONS, OR THE DEATH OF A NEWBORN. WE ALL KNOW THAT PREGNANCY IS A TIME OF ANTICIPATION, OF ANXIOUS WAITING, AND HOPE, AND WHEN THAT WAITING DOES NOT LEAD TO A HEALTHY, THRIVING BIRTH OUTCOME, THE LOSS IS FELT ACUTELY AND CAN BE BEWILDERING. WE AS A COUNTY, AND AS INDIVIDUALS, REALLY MUST DO BETTER TO HOLD SPACE FOR GRIEF, RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE NEED OF SUPPORT, AND BREAK THE SILENCE. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT CELEBRATING LIFE, NO MATTER HOW EARLY THE LOSS OCCURRED. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE GRIEF AND PAIN CAUSED BY PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS CAN LAST A LIFETIME, AND THIS MONTH IS A REMINDER TO OFFER COMPASSION AND SUPPORT. SO I ASK THAT EVERYONE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL WAVE OF LIGHT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, BY LIGHTING A CANDLE AT 7:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, AND ALLOWING IT TO REMAIN LIT FOR ONE HOUR, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF BABIES GONE TOO SOON. LIGHTING OF CANDLES BEGINS AT THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE, MOVING THROUGH EACH TIME ZONE AROUND THE GLOBE, RESULTING IN A CHAIN OF LIGHT, SPANNING THE WORLD FOR 24 HOURS. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN REMEMBERING PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS THIS OCTOBER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THAT IS GOING TO BE VERY POWERFUL WHEN THAT HAPPENS. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM 20?

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 20, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: CARLOS GUTIERREZ, PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE? MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: THERE'S CURRENTLY NO ONE QUEUED UP AT THIS TIME.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, HOW ABOUT IN PERSON? HELLO. GO AHEAD. ITEM 20. OH, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. NO. OH, THERE IT IS. THERE YOU ARE.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, MM-HMM.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YES, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23, 2023, AS PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH, OCTOBER 15TH AS

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. IT'S SAD THAT WE LOSE ANY CHILD. IT'S SAD THAT OUR NATION HAS NO-FAULT DIVORCE, SPELLED BACKWARDS IS C.O.V.I.D., AND THIS IS A LOSS OF FATHERHOOD AND PARENTING FOR BOTH PARENTS TO RAISE A CHILD, AND THOSE LOSSES. OUR SOCIETY HAS NOT RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHERHOOD. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME HOW TO FISH. HE WANTED ME TO LEARN WHAT'S SLIMY AND FISHY BEFORE I LEARNED HOW TO SHOOT A GUN AND HUNT BIG GAME. WE HAVE A BIG CRISIS IN AMERICA, WHERE SINGLE PARENTS ARE RAISING CHILDREN, AND WHAT CAUSES SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME? WE DON'T KNOW, BUT MY NEPHEW HAD A TUMOR--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OKAY, THAT'S OUR LAST SPEAKER. ITEM 20 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 21, CELEBRATING NATIONAL BLACK BREWERS DAY AS AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WEALTH-BUILDING PATHWAY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 21. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, PLEASE MAKE SOME REMARKS.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, AND IT'S IRONIC THAT I'M BRINGING THIS FORWARD AS A NON-BEER DRINKER, BUT I APPRECIATE NEW BUSINESSES. JUST SAYIN'. SO, APPARENTLY, NATIONALLY, COLLEAGUES, OCTOBER 10TH IS NATIONAL BLACK BREWERS DAY, SO WE

SHOULD CELEBRATE IT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AS WELL. THE BREWING INDUSTRY HAS LONG STRUGGLED WITH INCLUSION AND RACIAL EQUITY, WITH ONLY 1% OF CRAFT BREWERIES-- THE NEW HIT BUSINESS-- ACROSS THE COUNTRY BEING BLACK-OWNED. ONLY 1%. THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CRAFT BREWERIES IN THE COUNTY HAS GROWN 45% SINCE 2015. THESE BUSINESSES PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO BUILD WEALTH AND COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, PEOPLE OF COLOR CONTINUE TO BE LEFT OUT OF THE TRADITIONAL FORMS OF ACCESS TO CAPITAL. ONE SUCH EXAMPLE IS CROWNS & HOPS, A BLACK, WOMAN-OWNED BREWERY IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD THAT SERVES AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER AND INCUBATION SPACE FOR ENTREPRENEURS. THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY HAS A SERIES OF LOAN FUNDS MEANT TO BE USED FOR PREDEVELOPMENT, YET THESE FUNDS ARE OFTEN HARD TO ACCESS, AND INFLEXIBLE. AND THAT'S HOW CROWNS & HOPS CAME TO OUR ATTENTION: BECAUSE THEY'VE STRUGGLED AS A NEW BUSINESS WITH HIGH AND EVER-EXPANDING PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS. SO, AS WE CELEBRATE THE INDELIBLE LEGACY OF BLACK BREWERS, I'M GLAD THAT THIS MOTION EXPLORES THE POSSIBILITY OF HOW THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBLE FORMS OF CAPITAL FOR OUR ENTREPRENEURS WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF TRADITIONAL BANKING RELATIONSHIPS, AND I ASK THAT OUR CITIES ALSO PARTNER WITH US TO HELP SMALL AND MICROBUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE OWNED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR AND WOMEN, HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CITY SUPPORT, AS WELL, TO HELP THEM GROW AND

EXPAND THESE WEALTH-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

SPEAKER: YES, MADAM CHAIR. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 21, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD: ARNOLD SACHS, BENY ASHBURN, CARLOS GUTIERREZ, KEVIN ASATO, AND TEO HUNTER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YES, I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. OKAY, LET'S CALL THE FIRST SPEAKER.

BENY ASHBURN: HI.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HI.

BENY ASHBURN: HI. MY NAME IS BENY ASHBURN. I AM CO-FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF CROWNS & HOPS BREWING COMPANY, ONE OF THE ONLY BLACK FEMALE C.E.O.S IN BEER. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 10, AND WORK IN

DISTRICT 1. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 21, THE MOTION FOR BLACK BREWERS DAY AND RESOURCES FOR MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS. I BECAME PART OF THE MICROBREWING COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF THE VOID OF REPRESENTATION IN THE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE, SPECIFICALLY BLACK WOMEN, WHICH ARE FAR AND FEW, GLOBALLY. OUR BRAND MISSION IS TO PRESERVE CULTURE, EXPAND PALATES, AND BUILD COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND RESOURCES CONTINUE TO BE AN ISSUE FOR BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES. OUR FLAGSHIP CROWNS RESTAURANT AND BREW PUB LOCATION WILL CREATE JOBS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. UNLOCKING COUNTY FUNDS FOR MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS LIKE CROWNS IS VITAL. IT STRENGTHENS THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY AND BUILDS A SENSE OF COLLECTIVE PROSPERITY; PROMOTES INCLUSIVITY AND EMPOWERS ENTREPRENEURS TO OVERCOME BARRIERS AND SUCCEED IN BUSINESS; AND LASTLY, DEMONSTRATES THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT. SAY YES TO NUMBER 21, AND SAY YES TO BUILDING A FLOURISHING ECONOMY THAT EMPOWERS LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS. THANK YOU.

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

TEO HUNTER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TEO HUNTER, U.S. VETERAN, CO-FOUNDER OF CROWNS & HOPS BREWING COMPANY. ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND RESOURCES CONTINUES TO BE AN

ISSUE FOR BLACK ENTREPRENEURS, AND AS WE BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF SYSTEMIC RACISM IN OUR COUNTRY, WE BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THESE ISSUES, AND WHY THEY EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE. OUT OF 10,000 BREWERIES IN OUR COUNTRY, LESS THAN 1% ARE BLACK-OWNED, AND LESS THAN 1% OF THAT EVEN OWN A BRICK-AND-MORTAR. THE BUILDING WE'VE IDENTIFIED TO RENOVATE WAS ONCE A BOWLING ALLEY, A BILLIARDS HALL, AND A DINER IN THE 40'S. OUR GOAL IS TO REFURBISH AND RE-ESTABLISH THIS AS A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION, AND GIVE THE PEOPLE AND LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY A PLACE TO GATHER AND CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CONTRIBUTORS IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR RESTAURANT WILL ULTIMATELY BE A PRODUCTION BREWERY THAT STANDS TO BE AN INCUBATOR, CATAPULTING THOSE INTO THEIR NEXT CAREER IN THEIR LIVES. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 10TH AS BLACK BREWERS DAY, AND TO SAY A YES-VOTE ON THIS ITEM 21. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. CARLOS GUTIERREZ, AT YOUR SERVICE. I WAS BORN IN CUBA, RAISED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I DON'T BELONG TO ANY PARTY AFFILIATION. I'M NOT REPUBLICAN, NOT DEMOCRAT. I'VE NEVER SEEN A BRITISH AMERICAN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS NO-LABEL PARTY IS, BUT WHEN I CALL TO MAKE A POLICE REPORT, THEY ASK ME WHAT RACE THIS PERSON IS. "BLACK" IS NOT A

RACE TO ME. I'M A [INAUDIBLE]. I DON'T KNOW WHY WE HAVE TO LABEL THINGS, CERTAIN ETHNIC RACES. IT'S BAD, BECAUSE BENNY MOORE, A MUSICIAN, AND A LOT OF MUSICIANS TODAY, WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE EVERYBODY, AND NOT JUST STIGMATIZE THAT NOBODY DOES ANYTHING. BECAUSE I'M CONSIDERED "OTHER." [SPEAKS SPANISH]. THESE ARE SONGS, WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, AND YES, THE BRITISH AMERICANS ARE STILL OPPRESSING US. SO BE CAREFUL. THEY'RE SPEAKING ENGLISH. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE HOUSE OR ON THE PHONE? SEEING NONE, ITEM 21 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I'LL SECOND IT TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: IF THEY HAVE SAMPLES, I'LL TAKE THEM. AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: I AGREE. AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. TIME FOR A BEER. ALL RIGHT, ITEM 44-A, SANCTIONS AGAINST AZERBAIJAN FOR CONTINUED ATTACKS IN THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH, WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME HERE TODAY TO TAKE TIME OFF TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS BOARD. I KNOW THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIME FOR ALL ARMENIANS, EVERYWHERE, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE MY SUPPORT. ALSO, THANK YOU TO MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ENGAGING WITH ME ON THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT HUMANITARIAN ISSUE. THIS BOARD HAS AUTHORED SEVERAL MOTIONS RELATED TO THE ONGOING HUMANITARIAN VIOLATIONS AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED

BY THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE OF ARTSAKH. FOR 9 LONG MONTHS, THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT BLOCKED THE LACHIN CORRIDOR, THE ONLY ROAD THAT CONNECTS ARTSAKH TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE BLOCKADE CUT OFF 120,000 ARMENIANS FROM FOOD, MEDICINE, AND OTHER CRITICAL SUPPLIES. MOST RECENTLY, ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023, AZERBAIJAN LAUNCHED A VICIOUS, LARGE-SCALE ASSAULT ON ARTSAKH, KILLING HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS. THIS ATTACK RESULTED IN A CEASEFIRE AND SURRENDER BY THE ARTSAKH GOVERNMENT, WHO HAS ONLY BEEN ASKING FOR PEACE FOR THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE. NOW, OVER 100,000 ARMENIANS HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY DISPLACED FROM THEIR ANCIENT HOMELAND, AND ARE IN FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY. OVER THE WEEKEND, I WAS ALSO MADE AWARE THAT THE FORMER ARTSAKH FOREIGN MINISTER, DAVID BABAYAN, IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT IN A BAKU PRISON, ALONG WITH OTHER PROMINENT ARMENIAN POLITICAL LEADERS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING HIM WHEN HE CAME OUT HERE TO VISIT, BUT I DID, AND HE TRULY IS COMMITTED AND A BEAUTIFUL MAN, AND I AM ABSOLUTELY DISHEARTENED WITH THIS NEWS. THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE DIRECTIVE, TO ADD: "DEMAND THAT THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT RELEASE FORMER ARTSAKH FOREIGN MINISTER DAVID BABAYAN, ALONG WITH OTHER ARMENIAN POLITICAL FIGURES WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND REMAIN IN CUSTODY IN AN AZERBAIJANI PRISON." WE MUST CONTINUE TO CONDEMN THESE ATTACKS, AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE

ARMENIAN PEOPLE. THE TIME TO HOLD AZERBAIJAN ACCOUNTABLE AND STOP THESE VICIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE IS NOW. WE CANNOT STAND BY AND LET ANOTHER GENOCIDE TAKE PLACE AGAINST THE ARMENIANS. AND I HAVE TO SAY, I'M HONORED TO BE ON A BOARD WHERE ALL OF US HAVE BEEN UNITED, SUPPORTING THIS. WE'VE CO-AUTHORED MOTIONS. ALL OF US HAVE WORKED TOGETHER. AND I PROMISE YOU, YOU KNOW, WHILE WE WRITE LETTERS, WE ALSO FOLLOW UP, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE HEARD. WE REPRESENT 10 MILLION PEOPLE. WE REPRESENT THE LARGEST DIASPORA OUTSIDE OF ARMENIA, OF ARMENIANS. AND SO I PROMISE YOU THAT WE WILL KEEP THIS FRONT AND CENTER. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I AM HONORED TO BE THE CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. EVERY APRIL 24TH, ARMENIANS AROUND THE WORLD COME TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST ARMENIANS BY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE OVER A CENTURY AGO, WHERE CHANTS HAVE BEEN HEARD OF, "1915, NEVER AGAIN!" BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING FORCIBLY EXILED FROM LANDS THEY HAVE LIVED ON FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. IT IS A SAD DAY, BECAUSE TODAY WE ARE WITNESSING ANOTHER ATROCITY, AN ETHNIC CLEANSING, AND I AM WONDERING HOW WE DID NOT STOP THIS. AZERBAIJANI FORCES TOOK CONTROL OF THE HISTORIC ARMENIAN LANDS OF ARTSAKH IN A LIGHTNING OPERATION LAST MONTH, WHICH TRIGGERED AN EXODUS OF MORE THAN 100,000 ARMENIANS FLEEING FOR

THEIR LIVES IN LESS THAN A WEEK. AND FOR 10 MONTHS BEFORE THAT LATEST ATTACK, THEY ENDURED A COMPLETE BLOCKADE BY AZERBAIJAN THAT LEFT UNTOLD SUFFERING, STARVATION, AND DEATH. THESE NEW ARMENIAN REFUGEES ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HELP, BOTH IN THE URGENT NEED FOR IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AND FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION THAT PROVIDES THE SAFE RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT OUR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAKE FIRM ACTION TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY EFFORTS, AND CONDEMN AZERBAIJAN'S ACTIONS BEFORE ANY OTHER FURTHER ATTACKS ON ARMENIA. THIS MOTION WILL SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. I'M HONORED TO HAVE MY NAME ON THERE, SENDING THIS TO PRESIDENT BIDEN, URGING U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE CORRUPT INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FACILITATORS IN AZERBAIJAN. IT FURTHER URGES THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING FORCIBLY EXILED FROM THEIR ANCIENT HOMELAND OF NAGORNO-KARABAKH, AND INTRODUCES A UNITED STATES SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A U.N. PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH, AND TO END ALL UNITED STATES MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AZERBAIJAN. THIS IS A VERY STRONG LETTER FROM THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THIS COUNTRY, SENDING A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BIDEN AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. AND I, TOO, HAVE SPOKEN TO MANY OF MY FRIENDS. I'M THINKING ABOUT L.A. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESIDENT PAUL KREKORIAN; OUR COLLEAGUE ON METRO, ARA NAJARIAN, WHO BOTH SPOKE OF INDIVIDUAL FRIENDS THEY

KNOW, WHO HAVE HAD TO TURN THEMSELVES IN RECENTLY, AND THEY FEAR THAT THEY WILL BE EXECUTED. THIS IS AN UNBELIEVABLE THING HAPPENING AGAIN. IT'S SHOCKING, BUT THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. WE, ON THIS POWERFUL L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NEED TO SEND A VERY STRONG MESSAGE TO OUR GOVERNMENT, TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY. AND NOW I WILL CALL ON SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. WE ARE UNITED AS A BOARD, AND WE REMAIN UNITED AS A BOARD IN THIS ACTION TODAY. MY HEART IS ACHING ALONGSIDE OUR ARMENIAN NEIGHBORS, AS WE'VE WATCHED THESE TRAGIC PAST TWO WEEKS IN ARTSAKH. ARMENIANS HAVE LIVED THERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, AS EVIDENCED BY PRICELESS CULTURAL MONUMENTS, INCLUDING ANCIENT CHURCHES. THEIR RICH CULTURE, FAITH, AND IDENTITY SUBJECTED ARMENIANS TO THE FIRST GENOCIDE OF THE 20TH CENTURY: A STAIN ON THE GLOBAL CONSCIENCE THAT LIVES WITH ALL OF US TODAY. AFTER YEARS OF AGGRESSION, AN ILLEGAL BLOCKADE, AND WAR AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ARTSAKH, AZERBAIJAN'S MILITARY HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THIS ARMENIAN ENCLAVE, THREATENING THE DREAMS OF THE TERRITORY FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, DIGNITY, AND SAFETY. FEARING ETHNIC CLEANSING, WE ARE WITNESSING A MASS EXODUS OF VULNERABLE ARMENIANS, WHO NEED OUR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. PRESIDENT BIDEN AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST URGENTLY DO

MORE TO PROTECT ARMENIANS EVERYWHERE. THEY MUST WORK TO PROTECT REFUGEES ON THEIR DANGEROUS JOURNEY. THEY MUST ARRANGE FOR SAFE PASSAGE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FLEE, INCLUDING NEWLY CAPTIVE POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD BY AZERBAIJAN. THEY MUST SUPPORT NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES WITH SUPPORT UPON ARRIVAL IN ARMENIA, OR WHEREVER THEY CHOOSE TO SETTLE. AND THEY MUST STOP THE RACIST ERASURE OF ARMENIAN CULTURE AND HISTORY FROM THE REGION. THIS IS NOT JUST A RHETORICAL QUESTION, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OF US IN LOS ANGELES WHO WELCOME AND CELEBRATE THE RICH ARMENIAN-AMERICAN CULTURE THAT IS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE MUST STAND UNITED TOGETHER WITH OUR ARMENIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OUR ARMENIAN NEIGHBORS, IN THIS EFFORT. I AM PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND AROUND THE WORLD, AND I EXPECT THE SAME OF OUR LEADERS IN WASHINGTON. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ALSO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER AND YOU FOR INTRODUCING THIS REALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MOTION. THE ARMENIAN DIASPORA IN LOS ANGELES, AS WE KNOW, IS VERY, VERY LARGE. MANY ARMENIANS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY, WE KNOW, FLEEING POLITICAL CRISIS AT HOME, AND COMING HERE FOR A SAFE HAVEN. THE FIRST DISTRICT IS

HOME TO THE COMMUNITIES OF LITTLE ARMENIA AND EAST HOLLYWOOD, AND DURING THE COLD WAR, LITTLE ARMENIA BECAME A SORT OF PORT OF ENTRY FOR ARMENIANS FLEEING THE SOVIET UNION. AND THEY ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES, HOMES, SCHOOLS, ADDING TO THE RICH TAPESTRY OF CULTURES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MONTEBELLO IS IN MY DISTRICT, AS WELL, AND HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEING HOME TO MANY ARMENIANS. IN FACT, MONTEBELLO IS HOME TO THE ARMENIAN HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL, WHICH IS OVER 100 YEARS OLD. I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT THIS VERY VIBRANT, RESILIENT COMMUNITY, AND THIS MOTION SHOWS ARMENIAN ANGELENOS THAT WE STAND HAND-IN-HAND WITH THEM AGAINST OPPRESSION AND WAR IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY. WE MUST CONDEMN THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT'S ATTACK ON ARMENIA, AND INSIST THAT OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENSURE STABILITY IN THE REGION, AND TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE OVER 120,000 ARMENIANS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS VIOLENCE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MOTION BROUGHT FORWARD BY MY COLLEAGUES TODAY, AND JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE REPEATED INCIDENTS OF ETHNIC CLEANSING AND ERASURE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN HOMELAND IS JUST MIND-BOGGLING IN 2023. AND TO THINK THAT ANTIQUATED, INHUMANE ACTS OF WAR, LIKE BLOCKADES THAT PREVENT FOOD AND MEDICINE

FROM GETTING TO THE MOST VULNERABLE-- CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY-- IS DEEPLY OFFENSIVE. THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. I AM PROUD THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER, AND I HOPE THAT IT NOT ONLY LANDS ON THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT, BUT OF OUR OWN VERY DISTRACTED CONGRESS AT THIS POINT, ALSO; THAT IT COULD BE AN ISSUE THAT THEY TAKE UP IN A TIMELY, APPROPRIATE MANNER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND MAYBE WE ALSO SEND A COPY TO OUR L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION. LET'S C.C. THEM ON THIS VERY STRONGLY WORDED LETTER. GOOD SUGGESTION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 44-A, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: EDWARD BARSUMIAN, AND RUBEN KARAPETIAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HELLO, GO AHEAD.

MODERATOR: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO REMOTE SPEAKERS IN QUEUE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO WE'RE GOING RIGHT TO IN-PERSON. WELCOME.

EDWARD BARSUMIAN: THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDWARD BARSUMIAN, AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, AMERICA WESTERN REGION. I THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THIS TIMELY AND CRITICAL RESOLUTION. THIS RESOLUTION REVERBERATES THE CALLS OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ARMENIANS WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME, BY URGING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S STATE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT HOLD AZERBAIJAN ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS EXTENSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE COURSE OF ITS ONGOING GENOCIDAL CAMPAIGN IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH AND IT'S NEXT TARGET, ARMENIA. THIS RESOLUTION HONORS THE ARMENIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S CALLS FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST AZERBAIJAN, EXTENDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE ARMENIANS FORCIBLY DISPLACED BY AZERBAIJAN'S AGGRESSION, AND ADVOCATING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTORATE IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH, ENSURING THE RETURN OF ARMENIANS, AS WELL AS ENDING ALL FORMS OF U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AZERBAIJAN. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE U.S., DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACIES IN THE FACE OF AUTOCRATIC OPPRESSION, RESPONDS TO ALIYEV'S COUNTLESS CRIMES WILL COME TO DEFINE THE PRESIDENT FOR ALL CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SPEAKING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

RUBEN KARAPETIAN: THANK YOU, CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU TO THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RUBEN KARAPETIAN. I AM WITH THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, AMERICA WESTERN REGION. I'M HERE TO VOICE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION. ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, FOLLOWING NINE MONTHS OF A BRUTAL BLOCKADE IMPOSED ON ARTSAKH, ALSO KNOWN AS NAGORNO-KARABAKH BY AZERBAIJAN, ILHAM ALIYEV AND HIS DICTATORIAL REGIME LAUNCHED AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT ON 120,000 ARMENIANS OF ARTSAKH. ARTSAKH'S DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC CLEANSING AND CULTURAL GENOCIDE HAS RESULTED IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES, AND THE DISPLACEMENT OF 100,000 ARMENIANS. ARTSAKH, WITH ITS RICH, ANCIENT ARMENIAN HERITAGE, IS NOW DEVOID OF ARMENIANS, WHO HAVE CONTINUOUSLY INHABITED THE AREA FOR OVER A MILLENNIUM. WE MUST HOLD AZERBAIJAN AND THE ALIYEV REGIME ACCOUNTABLE. THE MOTION URGES ACTION ON MULTIPLE FRONTS: SANCTIONS, ENDING U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AZERBAIJAN, THE RELEASE OF ALL ARMENIAN PRISONERS OF WAR, AND POLITICAL PRISONERS. BUT PARAMOUNT TO THAT IS THE ALLOCATION OF MUCH-NEEDED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING TO THE ARMENIANS NOW SEEKING REFUGE IN ARMENIA.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPEAKING ON THIS. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS? ON THE PHONE. OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE. HELLO? THEY HUNG UP. OKAY, IS THERE ANOTHER PERSON ON THE-- NO? NO OTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY. SEEING NO MORE SPEAKERS, ITEM 44-A, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WILL SECOND. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 44-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: A STRONG AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO 44-C, FUNDING TO ADDRESS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S HEALTH PERMIT FEES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AND I KNOW WE HAD SOME BACK-AND-FORTH. ARE THERE ANY-- THERE ARE NO DEPARTMENT HEADS HERE TO SPEAK. OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: MAKE SOME REMARKS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR JOINING ME ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. IT IS VERY TIMELY, ACCORDING TO OUR AGENDA TODAY. ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 10,000 SIDEWALK VENDORS WHO SELL FOOD, LIKE FRESH FRUIT, BACON-WRAPPED HOT DOGS, TAMALES, AND ICE CREAM. THESE VENDORS OVERWHELMINGLY COME FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY LATINO COMMUNITIES, AND THEIR SERVICES AND THE GOODS THEY SELL

ARE INTERWOVEN INTO THE CULTURAL FABRIC OF L.A. COUNTY. BEYOND THAT, THEY ARE ALSO DEEPLY INTERCONNECTED WITH INTERDEPENDENTNESS IN THE COUNTY'S FORMAL ECONOMY. THEY PURCHASE SUPPLIES FROM OTHER BUSINESSES AND SPEND THEIR INCOME, PROVIDING REVENUES TO LOCAL AND STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. STREET VENDING AND ITS RELATED SMALL PURCHASES SUSTAIN ABOUT 5,234 JOBS IN LOS ANGELES, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE REPORT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A SIDEWALK VENDING PERMIT FROM ANY CITY IN THE COUNTY, EXCLUDING THE JURISDICTIONS OF PASADENA AND LONG BEACH, A FOOD VENDOR MUST FIRST SECURE A COUNTY HEALTH PERMIT FROM THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS REQUIRES THE VENDOR TO PAY COSTS FOR PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS. THE LARGEST EXPENSE FOR VENDORS ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING A FOOD CART THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD CODE, KNOWN AS C.R.F.C. PER THE C.R.F.C., FOOD EQUIPMENT MUST BE DURABLE, COMMERCIAL GRADE, AND MEET SANITATION AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY STANDARDS, WHICH IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY FOR OUR PUBLIC. BUILDING A CART THAT MEETS THESE STRINGENT STATE REQUIREMENTS CAN, AS YOU KNOW, ADD UP TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. THE COMBINED COST OF PERMITS, INSPECTION FEES, COMMISSARY LEASES, AND CODE-COMPLIANT EQUIPMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR VENDORS. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD TO

IMPLEMENT A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT FEE SCHEDULED TO CODIFY S.B. 972, FOR CONSIDERATION IN DECEMBER OF 2023, WHICH IN MANY CASES LOWERS FEES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED. ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY SERVES STREET VENDORS AS MICROBUSINESS CUSTOMERS OF THEIR DEPARTMENT. IN DECEMBER, D.E.O. WILL BRING AN ORDINANCE TO THIS BOARD TO CODIFY SIDEWALK VENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, LATER THIS YEAR. D.E.O. IS ALSO ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN OUTREACH TO MAJOR VENDING CORRIDORS TO SUPPORT COMPLIANCE WITH D.P.H. PERMITS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND IN PREPARATION OF THE OFFICIAL L.A. COUNTY SIDEWALK VENDING REGISTRATION PROCESS, AS WELL AS DESIGNING A PUBLIC HEALTH CODE-COMPLIANT CART WITH LOCAL MANUFACTURERS. D.E.O. WILL RELEASE UP TO 200 CARTS AT NO COST, AND SUPPORT BROADER COMMERCIALIZATION OF AFFORDABLE CARTS. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT D.E.O. RECEIVED OVER $156 MILLION OF AMERICAN RECOVERY PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT JOB SEEKERS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND MICROBUSINESSES. A TOTAL OF $5 MILLION OF THAT AMOUNT WAS ALLOCATED FOR THE STREET VENDING, TO SUPPORT VENDORS. D.E.O. WILL BE LEVERAGING STREET-VENDING DOLLARS TO AMPLIFY OUTREACH, OFFER NO-COST CARTS, AND OFFSET NEW FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE D.E.O. ORDINANCE AND REGISTRATION. ANOTHER $25 MILLION WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVE, TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES AND MICROBUSINESSES WITH EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND ACCESS TO

CAPITAL. NEWLY LAUNCHED PROGRAMS UNDER THIS INITIATIVE INCLUDE A WORKER OWNERSHIP SERVICE AND COMMERCIAL ACQUISITION FUND, READY FOR PUBLIC LAUNCH THIS OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. TO BETTER SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH WHILE ALSO UPLIFTING ECONOMIC PATHWAYS FOR SIDEWALK VENDORS TO FLOURISH IN, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR BUSINESS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMAL ECONOMY. HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATED COSTS AND FEES, AS YOU KNOW, CAN DISCOURAGE MANY OF THE SMALLER VENDORS FROM DOING SO. SOME OF THEM WERE HERE TODAY. THE COUNTY IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO UPLIFT STREET VENDORS BY IDENTIFYING FUNDING THAT CAN INCENTIVIZE VENDORS TO OBTAIN THE PERMITS AND EQUIPMENT, WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IMPLEMENT THEIR ORDINANCES. THIS MOTION DOES THE FOLLOWING: IT DIRECTS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN 60 DAYS, BEFORE THE BOARD APPROVES A NEW ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT S.B. 972, AND TO CODIFY SIDEWALK VENDING IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, WITH OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION TO SUBSIDIZE, EITHER PARTIALLY OR FULLY, THE PERMIT OR OTHER COSTS THAT STREET VENDORS HAVE TO PAY, AND A PROCESS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE SUBSIDIES. AND IT DIRECTS THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND D.E.O. TO PURSUE ANY GRANT FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT, AND THROUGH PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, TO SEEK FUNDS TO ENHANCE THE WORK OF STREET VENDORS. I HOPE THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT, MEMBERS AND COLLEAGUES, ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION THAT MANY OF US HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE ARE FINALLY GOING TO GET ACROSS THE FINISH LINE IN SUPPORTING OUR VENDORS. AND FOR ME, AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, THIS IS AN EQUITY AND SAFETY ISSUE. WE CANNOT EXPECT SIDEWALK VENDORS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY STANDARDS AND STATE LAW WITHOUT GIVING THEM A FAIR OPPORTUNITY, AND THE SUPPORTS THEY NEED TO BE PERMITTED AND REGULATED. SO, FOR THOSE REASONS AGAIN, I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

SPEAKER: AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 44-C, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ANA ESTRADA, AND ROSA MIRANDA. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, IS THERE ANYBODY IN PERSON? TWO. ALL RIGHT. STEP RIGHT UP.

SPEAKER: BUENAS TARDES. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: BUENAS TARDES.

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ROSA MIRANDA, AND I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY POWER COLLECTIVE. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS MAKING. I AM SUPER HAPPY THAT YOU ARE PUTTING THIS TOPIC ON THE TABLE. WHEN S.B. 972 WAS PASSED INTO LAW, WE KNEW THAT WE WANTED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOOD CODE, BUT THE SANITATION COSTS ARE STILL A CHALLENGE, AND ALSO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF HAVING A CART. I REALLY LIKE THESE FUNDS, BECAUSE WHAT WE DO NOT WANT IS A MONOPOLY. AND THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THAT IS THE RIGHT THING. I AM ONCE AGAIN HERE IN SUPPORT OF A

SUPERVISOR'S AMENDMENT, AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

TRANSLATOR: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THE SUPPORT THAT YOU ARE GIVING TO EACH ONE OF US. IT IS REALLY A CHALLENGE, A LOT OF OUR FELLOW VENDORS ARE GOING THROUGH. IN MY AREA, THE MAJORITY OF VENDORS ARE SENIORS, AND SOMETIMES THEY ONLY SELL $50 A DAY. AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE, BECAUSE THE COSTS ARE VERY HIGH. THE COST OF THE PERMITS ARE QUITE HIGH FOR US. AND EVEN MORE SO FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SENIORS. THAT'S WHAT THEIR LIVELIHOOD IS. THAT'S WHAT THEY NEED FOR THEIR BILLS AND PAYING THEIR RENT. AND EACH ONE OF US, AS WELL. SO, WHEN S.B. 972 WAS APPROVED, THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP, BUT RIGHT NOW WE NEED EACH ONE OF YOUR SUPPORT, SO THAT WE COULD HAVE PERMITS AVAILABLE AT A REDUCED COST, OR EVEN BETTER, FREE. IF IT'S NOT FREE FOR US, BUT AT LEAST THAT IT SHOULD BE FREE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SENIORS. WE NEED EACH ONE OF YOUR SUPPORT. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT. MAY GOOD BLESS YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NO MORE SPEAKERS. OKAY, SO THIS ITEM IS NOW BEFORE US. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL. OH, WAIT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, NOW CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 44-C IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, RIGHT BEFORE WE GO TO 44-F, I THINK OUR C.E.O. HAD SOMETHING SHE NEEDED TO READ IN: A CORRECTION.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST A QUICK CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION. WHEN DISCUSSING SLIDE EIGHT OF MY PRESENTATION, THAT WAS THE SLIDE THAT HAD THE VERTICAL BLUE BARS AND THE RED ARROW.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: CAN WE BRING THAT BACK UP, PLEASE? OH, JUST KIDDING.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I SAID THAT THE TOTALS DID NOT INCLUDE THE $288.3 MILLION ALLOCATED TO C.F.C.I. BY YOUR BOARD EARLIER THIS SUMMER. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THOSE TOTALS DO INCLUDE THAT C.F.C.I. INVESTMENT, AND THE PRESENTATION IS CORRECT AS PRESENTED. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT FOR THE RECORD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FROM MY SUPERVISORS? NO. OKAY, THEN LET'S GO ON TO ITEM 44-F, RECOGNIZING BOBBY ARIAS FOR LATINO HERITAGE MONTH, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, YOU MAY PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR HORVATH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

SUP. HORVATH: YES, I WOULD, MADAM CHAIR, AND I AM SO THRILLED THAT BOBBY IS HERE IN OUR PRESENCE TODAY, AND GRATEFUL FOR HIS EXAMPLE. THIS LATINO HERITAGE MONTH, WE ARE HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IMPACT OF OUR RICH AND VIBRANT LATINO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND AS PART OF THESE CELEBRATIONS, I PROUDLY HONOR BOBBY ARIAS, WHOSE GANG INTERVENTION WORK HAS CHANGED THE COURSE OF SO MANY LIVES, AND STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, IN PARTICULAR. BOBBY IS THE PRESIDENT OF CHAMPIONS IN SERVICE, AND LEADS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COALITION ON GANGS. CHAMPIONS IN SERVICE WAS BORN OUT OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE SON OF BOBBY'S GOOD FRIEND, BLINKY RODRIGUEZ. TOGETHER, THEY TURNED THEIR PAIN INTO PURPOSE, FORMING CHAMPIONS IN SERVICE, TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL AND AWAY FROM GANGS AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. EVERYONE WHO KNOWS BOBBY, KNOWS THAT HE HAS A GIANT HEART. HE BELIEVES IN THE VALUE OF EVERY LIFE, AND THAT EVERY PERSON DESERVE A SECOND,

THIRD, OR FOURTH CHANCE; THAT WHEN YOU KEEP SHOWING UP FOR PEOPLE, YOU CAN CHANGE NOT JUST ONE, NOT JUST ONE LIFE, BUT MULTIPLE GENERATIONS. BOBBY IS GOODNESS EMBODIED. HE IS PERSISTENCE. HE IS A CONVENER OF PEOPLE AND OF HOPE. WHEN HE ISN'T LEADING GANG INTERVENTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS, BOBBY IS AN ACTIVE ATHLETIC COACH, A BELOVED MASTER OF CEREMONIES, BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC, OFTEN IN OUR COUNTY PARKS. IN FACT, I LOVED HAVING BOBBY DEEJAY OUR 100 DAYS EVENT AT EL CARISO PARK IN MARCH. HE PLAYED MY FAVORITE SONG, AND BROUGHT JOY TO ALL OF US THAT DAY. AND WE ARE LUCKY HE WILL BE BACK, BRINGING THE ENERGY AND FUN THIS SATURDAY FOR OUR THIRD-DISTRICT LATINO HERITAGE MONTH COMMUNITY EVENT, BACK AT EL CARISO PARK AT 5:00 P.M. BOBBY, THANK YOU FOR DEDICATING YOUR LIFE TO ENDING GANG VIOLENCE, AND FOR BEING A ROLE MODEL AND A CHAMPION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO FAR TOO OFTEN GET DISMISSED AND OVERLOOKED. LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHICH I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT, ARE INDEBTED TO YOU FOR YOUR DECADES OF SERVICE. PERSONALLY, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE WAYS THAT YOU HAVE WELCOMED ME AND PARTNERED WITH OUR TEAM TO BE THE BEST PUBLIC SERVANTS TO THE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, TO OUR LATINO COMMUNITIES, AND TO ALL IN OUR DISTRICT, THAT WE ALL CAN BE ON THIS TEAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXAMPLE, FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, AND FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO. WE HONOR YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AND I KNOW HE'LL PROBABLY WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, BUT LET ME ALSO SAY, BOBBY, I HAVE KNOWN OF YOUR WORK FOR A VERY LONG TIME. WHAT YOU HAVE DONE HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED, AND I KNOW WHEN I WORKED WITH THE WATTS GANG TASK FORCE, WE WERE CERTAINLY VERY AWARE OF YOUR WORK, AND THE DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND REALLY, I THINK, SHOCKED ALL OF US. SO, YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE OF NOT JUST WORKING IN A PARTICULAR AREA IN THE COUNTY, BUT YOUR WORK HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I HAVE KNOWN OF YOUR GOOD WORK FOR A LONG TIME. SO, THANK YOU. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ALL OF US TO HONOR YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR THINKING OF HONORING BOBBY DURING THIS MONTH.

BOBBY ARIAS: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, THANK YOU. REALLY APPRECIATE IT. AS A FIFTH-GENERATION ANGELENO, MY DAD WENT TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL. MY MOM GRADUATED FROM JEFFERSON. I'M GOING TO TRY NOT TO CRY, BECAUSE I'M A WUSS.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, DON'T CRY, BECAUSE THEN WE'RE GOING TO CRY.

BOBBY ARIAS: I'M SORRY. I AM REALLY PLEASED TO BE IN YOUR COMPANY, WOMEN. WOMEN. IT'S THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTY THAT WOMEN ARE REPRESENTING US. AND THE HUMANITY

THAT YOU SHOW IS PHENOMENAL. AND I WANTED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WOMEN THAT ARE HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT ME. MY HIGH-SCHOOL SWEETHEART, WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 53 YEARS. CINDY. WHERE IS SHE? MY DAUGHTER, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US SINCE SHE WAS 15, FOR OVER 30 YEARS. SHE IS HERE, AS WELL. MIA. IS MIA HERE SOMEWHERE? WE HAVE WORKED WITH HER SINCE SHE WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE IS NOW A PROUD MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN. VIAMARA FLORES HOLGUIN, WHO IS MY SOCIAL WORK PARTNER, AND WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF THINGS. I AM JUST GOING TO SING ONE SONG: "I BELIEVE THE CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE. TEACH THEM WELL AND LET THEM LEAD THE WAY. SHOW THEM ALL THE BEAUTY THEY POSSESS INSIDE. GIVE THEM A SENSE OF PRIDE TO MAKE IT EASIER. LET THE CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER REMIND US HOW WE USED TO BE." BLESS YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. OKAY, ITEM 44-F IS BEFORE US, RECOGNIZING BOBBY ARIAS FOR LATINO HERITAGE MONTH. WHO IS GOING TO VOTE AGAINST THIS NOW? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WILL SECOND IT. TO APPROVE THE ITEM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: ITEM 44-F IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: ENTHUSIASTIC AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, GREAT. CONGRATULATIONS, BOBBY. THANKS FOR BEING HERE WITH US, AND THANKS FOR THE SONG. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR BARGER BOTH HAVE A READ-IN. SO, IF WE ARE GOING BY THE ORDER, SUPERVISOR BARGER FIRST, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HORVATH.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. COLLEAGUES, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TWO MOTIONS FOR SOME CONSIDERATION IN OUR UPCOMING BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 17TH. THE FIRST MOTION PERTAINS TO ROADWAY SAFETY ON SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON ROAD. REGRETTABLY, AN INCIDENT OCCURRED THIS PAST SUNDAY ON SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON ROAD, LEADING TO THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE OF A MOTORIST. THE DIRECTIVES FOR THIS MOTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC STUDY, IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, ON SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON ROAD BETWEEN ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA BOUNDARY, AND REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 60 DAYS, OUTLINING INITIAL STRATEGIES TO INCREASE TRAFFIC SAFETY ALONG THIS STRETCH OF THE ROADWAY, AND TO COLLABORATE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUCH AS THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TO FORMULATE A ROBUST COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN WHICH SHALL INCLUDE COORDINATING A SERIES OF COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETINGS. THESE MEETINGS SHOULD AIM TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION, EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY, AND SOLICIT COMMUNITY INPUT, AND SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON WITH OPTIONS FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE, NO LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER APPROVAL OF THIS MOTION, AND A REPORT BACK IN WRITING WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE FINAL COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TO ADDRESS AND IMPROVE ROADWAY

SAFETY ALONG SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON ROAD BETWEEN ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA BOUNDARY." MY SECOND MOTION IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. WE TALKED ABOUT IT DURING BUDGET, IS THE IRONY. THIS ONE HAS TO DO WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT. AND AS DISCUSSED IN TODAY'S BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, WASTE-HAULING SERVICE REMAINS A PRESSING ISSUE THAT MANY IN OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE VOICED CONCERN ABOUT. APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO, THE BOARD APPROVED A MOTION TO ADDRESS THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA AND KINNELOA MESA. HOWEVER, AS POINTED OUT BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THERE'S BEEN MOUNTING CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY OF MARINA DEL RAY, AS WELL. IN LIGHT OF A GROWING NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND THE EVIDENT COMMUNITY DISSATISFACTION, I WISH TO INTRODUCE A MOTION CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND THE DIRECTIVES OF THE MOTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: ONE, REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS IN WRITING WITH A ONE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CURRENT WASTE-HAULING CONTRACT FOR THE ALTADENA AND KINNELOA MESA RESIDENTIAL FRANCHISE, AND THE WEST SIDE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE, SERVING MARINA DEL REY; TWO, HOST MULTIPLE IN-PERSON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS, IN WRITING, WITH A SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS; THREE, REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 90 DAYS WITH AN EVALUATION OF

THE COUNTY'S REQUIREMENTS, AND A SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FRANCHISES AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY, DATA TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY; AND LAST, REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, FUNDING STREAMS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES, INCLUDING WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGIES, ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AND BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS." THOSE WILL BE FOR THE 17TH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL BE READING IN A MOTION THAT WE ALSO WILL HAVE ON OUR UPCOMING AGENDA, WHICH IS CO-AUTHORED BY OUR CHAIR, IN SUPPORT FOR KAISER PERMANENTE HEALTHCARE WORKERS. AN UNPRECEDENTED HEALTHCARE WORKER SHORTAGE HAS CREATED A CRISIS IN PATIENT CARE AT KAISER PERMANENTE, DUE TO THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS HAVE LEFT THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR, AND AN INFLUX OF PATIENTS SEEKING ROUTINE CARE THAT THEY DELAYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS RESULTED IN SEVERE UNDERSTAFFING. THIS, IN TURN, HAS EXACERBATED WAIT TIMES AND DELAYS IN CARE FOR KAISER PATIENTS. THE 85,000-MEMBER COALITION OF KAISER PERMANENTE UNIONS, THROUGH THE LARGEST SINGLE EMPLOYER LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS CALLED ON KAISER EXECUTIVES TO RAISE WAGES TO KEEP UP WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING, TO RETAIN ITS EXISTING EMPLOYEES, AND TO ATTRACT NEW WORKERS TO SOLVE ITS STAFFING CRISIS. IN TURN, KAISER PERMANENTE HAS INCREASED ITS WAGES OFFER, BUT THE COALITION REMAINS CONCERNED THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THE STAFFING SHORTAGE AND SALARIES. THE COALITION OF KAISER PERMANENTE UNIONS, INCLUDING S.E.I.U. U.H.W., WHICH REPRESENTS ROUGHLY A THIRD OF KAISER'S UNIONIZED WORKFORCE IN CALIFORNIA, HAVE AUTHORIZED A STRIKE FOR OCTOBER 4TH, 2023, IF AN AGREEMENT CAN'T BE REACHED. WITH OVER 75,000 WORKERS ON THE VERGE OF WALKING OFF THE JOB, THIS COULD BE THE LARGEST STRIKE IN U.S. HISTORY. KAISER PERMANENTE IS A CRITICAL PART OF OUR STATE'S HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE. THOUSANDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES RELY ON KAISER FOR THEIR HEALTHCARE. THE EFFECTS OF A PROLONGED STRIKE WILL REVERBERATE THROUGHOUT THE REGION. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRONGLY URGE KAISER TO NEGOTIATE TO REACH A FAIR AGREEMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, AND DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE TO AVOID A STRIKE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. AND BOTH THOSE READ-IN MOTIONS, BY SUPERVISOR-- THERE'S THREE?

SPEAKER: YES.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OH, SHE HAD TWO. SHE SLIPPED IN TWO. OKAY. THREE OF THOSE READ-IN MOTIONS-- TWO BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, ONE BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH-- WILL BE PLACED ON OUR OCTOBER 17, 2023, AGENDA. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO NOW TO COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. YOU MUST INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS THAT YOU WISH TO ADDRESS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IN ORDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE REMAINING ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE ARE IN THE HOME STRETCH.

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

SPEAKER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU: ELIZABETH VERA, MCGREGOR KEITH, RICHARD HERNANDEZ, AND JOAQUIN BELTRAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE?

MODERATOR: AND WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS: HI. I TRIED TO COMMENT ON, I BELIEVE IT WAS 40-A, IN TERMS OF THE LETTER CONCERNING THE ARMENIAN SITUATION, AND I GOT CUT OFF TWICE, SO I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT IF I MAY, AND ALSO A PUBLIC COMMENT. IN TERMS OF THE LETTER, I WOULD SAY TO YOU, "SELAH," WHICH IS SOMETHING MY MOM USED TO SAY TO ME ABOUT, "SLOW DOWN." YOU ARE GIVING US THE IMPRESSION OUT HERE IN THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE PRACTICING SELECTIVE HUMANITY. WHAT LETTER DID YOU WRITE TO ALL OF THE OTHER MISHAPS THAT ARE GOING ON AROUND THE WORLD? MY GOD, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SOLVE THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION, AND STOP THOSE PEOPLE FROM BEING BUTCHERED EVERY DAY? THE ONLY QUESTION I WOULD SAY TO YOU AS A CONSTITUENT IS, HOW FAR DO YOU WANT JOE BIDEN TO GO? THERE ARE ONLY 24 HOURS IN A DAY. HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT? THE OTHER COMMENT I WANTED TO MAKE WAS TO YOU, KATHRYN, BECAUSE I NEED TO TRUST YOU, AND I WAS PLACING MY

BELIEF IN YOU. I TURNED TO YOU OVER A YEAR AGO ABOUT A SITUATION WITH KAISER. MY HUSBAND WAS, I BELIEVE, MURDERED. BUT THE REALITY OF IT WAS THAT I DIDN'T COME TO YOU TO AVENGE MY HUSBAND'S DEATH. I CAME TO YOU BECAUSE I BELIEVED THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, AND THAT I HAD EXTENSIVELY TALKED TO KAISER PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND STAFF OVER THERE IN LANCASTER. I HAD A REPORT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. I CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD. YOU CUT ME OFF IN PUBLIC COMMENT, SAID YOUR STAFF MEMBER WOULD CALL ME. AND HE CALLED ME AS IF HE WAS MY CAREGIVER OR LOOKING FOR A RESIDENCE FOR ME. I CAME TO YOU TO SAVE LIVES. AND WHAT HAS COME DOWN, YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT, KATHRYN, BUT YOU DID NOT GIVE ME THE RESPECT AS THE CONSTITUENT AND AS SOMEBODY WHO HAS INVESTED A LOT IN THIS ANTELOPE VALLEY. YOU DID NOT GIVE ME THE RESPECT OF AT LEAST LOOKING AT WHAT I HAD.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL HENNESSEY. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS PAUL HENNESSEY, CALLING IN FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, CALLING IN TO URGE THE BOARD TO REINSTATE MASKS IN HEALTHCARE. IT IS RIDICULOUS THAT IT'S BEEN THIS LONG

IN THE MIDST OF A C.O.V.I.D. SURGE, AND MASKS WERE REMOVED IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. THEY PROTECT PATIENTS FROM ALL AIRBORNE ILLNESSES, NOT JUST C.O.V.I.D. AND AS WE KNOW, HOSPITALS ARE PETRI DISHES FOR ALL KINDS OF ILLNESS. SO, NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GET SICK, JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO GET CARE. EARLIER TODAY, YOU MENTIONED MEDICAL DEBT, AS WELL. ONE WAY TO AVOID THAT IS TO AVOID PEOPLE GETTING INFECTED WHEN THEY GO TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE. SO I URGE THE BOARD TO REINSTATE MASKS IN HEALTHCARE IMMEDIATELY. IT WILL SAVE LIVES, IT WILL PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GETTING SICK, AND IT WILL PREVENT DISRUPTION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: AND THAT WILL BE YVETTE ARMAS. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS YVETTE ARMAS. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF NORWALK. MY COMMENT IS ON ITEM NUMBER 18. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO REQUEST L.A.H.S.A. TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF A PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION THAT I AM WORKING WITH, FOR ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICES, FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE, AND LACK OF FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCESS AND O.R. AND H.R. DEPARTMENTS TO HANDLE PERSONNEL ISSUES. I AM A MOTHER OF THREE MINORS. I AM A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR. I FLED MY HOME IN JULY 2022, WENT

INTO AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, THEN TRANSITIONED INTO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. A YEAR LATER, THIS JULY, I WAS ABLE TO FINALLY SECURE PERMANENT HOUSING FOR MY FAMILY. I WAS REFERRED TO BRINGING FAMILIES HOME PROGRAM, WHO REFERRED ME TO HARBOR INTERFAITH IN SAN PEDRO FOR A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I ENROLLED IN A 24-MONTH RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I ONLY RECEIVED ONE MONTH AND A SECURITY DEPOSIT. I REACHED OUT BY E-MAIL, PHONE, AND IN PERSON, HAVE TRIED TO ESCALATE MY CASE. I HAVE BEEN REFUSED TO BE SEEN. I'VE BEEN DELIBERATELY IGNORED BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO UPDATE. MY LANDLORD AND MY D.C.F.S. WORKER HAVE ALSO CALLED AND BEEN IGNORED. IT'S NOW BEEN THREE MONTHS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HEATHER DETWEILER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEM A-10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS HEALTH DETWEILER. I AM FROM SHERMAN OAKS. ANOTHER WEEK HAS GONE BY WITHOUT A MASK REQUIREMENT IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. ANOTHER WEEK WITH MORE PEOPLE DEAD OR LIVING WITH A DISEASE THAT IS DAMAGING THEIR ORGANS. THE MASK REQUIREMENT IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IS SET TO COME BACK NOVEMBER 1ST, BUT THAT'S TOO LATE. IT IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WHO

ARE UNVACCINATED, AND THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. S.A.R.S.-COV-2 IS AN AIRBORNE BIOSAFETY LEVEL-THREE PATHOGEN, AND AT LEAST 40% OF CASES ARE ASYMPTOMATIC. IT CAUSES AN INCREASED RISK FOR ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA, PARKINSON'S, DIABETES, HEPATITIS, LIVER FAILURE, KIDNEY FAILURE, HEART ATTACK, STROKES, ANEURYSMS, HEARING LOSS, VISION LOSS, HAIR LOSS, BRAIN DAMAGE, AND CANCER. DEATHS FROM C.O.V.I.D. HAVE INCREASED BY FIVE TIMES IN THE SPAN OF THE LAST MONTH IN L.A. COUNTY, JUMPING FROM APPROXIMATELY 30 DEATHS PER MONTH TO 150 PER MONTH. 150 DEATHS, WITH THAT NUMBER BEING LOW DUE TO LAGS IN REPORTING. FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE-- AND THERE ARE VERY FEW OF THEM-- CAN STILL GET C.O.V.I.D. AND CAN STILL SPREAD IT. MODERNA AND PFIZER VACCINES ONLY PROTECT FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS, AND ONLY PROTECT FROM SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH DURING THE ACUTE PHASE OF C.O.V.I.D. THE VACCINES DO NOTHING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF S.A.R.S.-COV-2. MASKING IN HEALTHCARE IS ONLY LOGICAL. PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE GETTING A BIOHAZARD LEVEL-3 VIRUS FROM THEIR DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTHCARE STAFF, BUT THAT'S WHAT IS HAPPENING. IT IS NOT SAFE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR FOR ANYONE, BUT ESPECIALLY ANYONE WITH CANCER OR AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES. PLEASE HOLD A VOTE TO CHANGE THE UPCOMING MANDATE TO INCLUDE EVERYONE WHO WORKS IN HEALTHCARE, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, BEFORE NOVEMBER 1ST, AND PROTECT THE RESIDENTS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS YOUR JOB. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU NEXT-- BLESS YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OOH, SNEEZE ON THE TRUTH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRIS UDALL. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: CHRIS UDALL. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 31. THE APPLICANT, R.T.G. INVESTMENT, IS A WYOMING-BASED L.L.C. WHOSE C.E.O. IS RUBEN GRIGORYAN. R.T.G. INVESTMENT'S PARENT COMPANY IS A COMPANY CALLED VINETTE TRADING COMPANY, BASED IN NICOSIA, CYPRESS. VINETTE TRADING COMPANY HAS ALSO LISTED AN ADDRESS IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA, WHICH IS ALSO THE ADDRESS OF RUTSOG INVEST, A RUSSIAN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. LIKE R.T.G. INVESTMENTS IN THE U.S., RUTSOG IN MOSCOW IS MANAGED BY MR. GRIGORYAN. RECENT ONLINE JOB POSTINGS FOR THE AGUA DULCE PROJECT ALSO CONFIRM THAT R.T.G. INVESTMENT IS A SUBSIDIARY OF MOSCOW-BASED RUTSOG. IN LIGHT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN MARCH LAST YEAR, SEEKING TO PROHIBIT COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH RUSSIA, IT SENDS A CONFLICTING MESSAGE WHEN A SUPERVISOR BREAKS DISCIPLINE AND VOTES IN FAVOR OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND R.T.G. INVESTMENT, A COMPANY CLEARLY UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD NOT APPROVE THIS MAP RECORDING. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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

MODERATOR: ALL RIGHT, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHANNON DEGAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SHANNON DEGAN, AND THIS IS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE WORK WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO REINSTATE MASKING IN HEALTHCARE. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE 575,000 NEW C.O.V.I.D. INFECTIONS PER DAY IN THE U.S., PER WASTEWATER DATA. THIS SHOULD BE ALARMING TO EVERYONE. THE L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER REQUIRING MASKS IN HEALTHCARE WAS RESCINDED DURING A C.O.V.I.D. SURGE. WHO BENEFITS FROM THAT? WHO IS HARMED BY RESCINDING THE ORDER? WHO WILL BE NEWLY DISABLED OR FURTHER DISABLED? WHO WILL BECOME HOMELESS DUE TO THAT DISABILITY? RESPECTFULLY, MASKING RECOMMENDATIONS DO NOTHING TO PROTECT US. WHEN I CALL PROVIDERS TO ASK ABOUT MASKING, I AM MET WITH THE RESPONSE, "WE DON'T HAVE TO MASK." MASKS MUST BE REINSTATED TO PROTECT EVERYONE, AND ALLOW ALL PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS, INCLUDING OUR MOST VULNERABLE, TO SEEK NECESSARY HEALTHCARE. HEALTHCARE SHOULD NOT MAKE YOU SICK. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS D. CARROLL. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: YES, GOOD EVENING. IF PRODUCTIVITY AND PROGRESS IS OUR TRUE GOAL, THEN I WOULD SUGGEST THAT BEFORE APPOINTING ANY CHIEFS OR DIRECTORS OR COMMISSIONERS, TO TAKE A LOOK IN THE HEAD AND CHECK THE RELATIONSHIPS. A LEADER WITHOUT ANY FOLLOWERS IS NOT A LEADER AT ALL. AND I WOULD JUST SUGGEST TO ENSURE THAT ANYONE YOU ARE APPOINTING IS NOT SOMEONE WHO IS BULLYING THEIR CONSTITUENTS OR REFUSING TO MEET WITH THEM, BECAUSE THEY FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T HAVE TO. OTHER THAN THAT, GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR STICKING OUT THIS LONG MEETING ALL DAY, AND I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THAT'S NICE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GLENN WINTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: OKAY, HI. I AM DRIVING, BUT MY WIFE IS GOING TO READ MY STATEMENT. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THIS SOUNDS DANGEROUS.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS. HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: YEAH, GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GLENN WINTER, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF AGUA DULCE. BY THE WAY, WE ARE SPEAKING ON ITEM 31. THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD NOT APPROVE THE MAP RECORDING, AS THERE ARE MATERIAL OMISSIONS FROM THE PROPOSAL THAT OTHERWISE IMPACT THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. IN MARCH 2022, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSED A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S INVASION OF THE UKRAINE. SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION, AND INSTRUCTED THE COUNTY C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROHIBITING COUNTY CONTRACTS TO COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN RUSSIA. THE APPLICANT, R.T.G. INVESTMENT, IS A WYOMING-BASED L.L.C. THE C.E.O. IS RUBEN T. GRIGORYAN--INITIALS R.T.G.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARCY WINTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HELLO. HELLO. [ECHOING] SORRY. I AM ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 54385-02 IN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE. THE MAP IT ISSUED TODAY WAS NEWLY CREATED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING THE NEXT-PHASE MAP THAT INCLUDES THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT REQUIRED FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT. THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE GRANTED YET ANOTHER FOUR YEARS, AND KEEP IT FROM EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 11TH OF THIS YEAR. ALL POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS FOR THE MAP IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. OH, MY GOSH. BY APPROVING THE PUBLIC-- THIS REQUEST BY PUBLIC WORKS-- AT THIS POINT, THE INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JARMEL CARTER. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. I AM CALLING TO SPEAK AGAIN BECAUSE MRS. HAHN TOLD ME I WAS NOT SPEAKING ON THE RIGHT TOPIC, AND I WAS. WHENEVER I SPEAK ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN ISSUES, SHE TELLS PEOPLE THEY ARE NOT ON THE RIGHT TOPIC. SO I AM CALLING BACK TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AND ALSO THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND ITEM NUMBER 16, WHERE IT SPOKE ABOUT HIRING PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SORTS OF BACKGROUNDS WITHIN THE COUNTY ORGANIZATION,

I WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY A MEMBER OF MS. ZAVALA'S OFFICE. MRS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE VERIFIED THAT INFORMATION, AND BOTH THE COUNTY COUNSELS. AND AFTER I PROVED WHAT I STATED TO MS. MITCHELL, SHE JUST DROPPED THE BALL. WHENEVER YOU PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN ISSUES AND DISCRIMINATION WITHIN ITS OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES, MRS. ZAVALA'S ASSISTANT HINDERED ME FROM FILING A COMPLAINT FOR A SIX-MONTH COUNTY COMPLAINT FORM. MRS. ZAVALA'S ASSISTANT STOPPED ME FROM FILING THE FORM. I PRESENTED INFORMATION TO MS. MITCHELL'S OFFICE ABOUT THE MATTERS OF DISCRIMINATION.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. I SEE WE HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM. GO AHEAD. WELCOME... SORT OF.

SPEAKER: OKAY. SO, I AM HERE, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM A-10 AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF A MASK MANDATE IN L.A. COUNTY IN ALL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, BECAUSE WE NEED A STANDARD OF CARE, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE STILL DYING, HAVING SERIOUS ILLNESS, AND NOW THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH LONG C.O.V.I.D. IS IN THE MILLIONS. SO, MASKING IS CRITICAL. AND THE DIVERSITY OF LONG-C.O.V.I.D. PATIENTS, IN PARTICULAR, MAKES MASKING IN HEALTHCARE AN EXPANSIVE INTERSECTIONAL ISSUE. ACCORDINGLY, PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE STATISTICALLY MORE LIKELY TO TAKE C.O.V.I.D. PRECAUTIONS AND WEAR A MASK THAN WHITE PEOPLE

ARE, AND DUE TO THE INEQUITY OF HEALTHCARE AND THE INEQUITY OF C.O.V.I.D. RISK, MANY PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE ADDRESSING THE MATERIAL REALITY OF THE VIRUS, WHILE WHITE PEOPLE OFTEN HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WRONGLY BELIEVING WE ARE IMPERVIOUS TO HARM, AND WE CAN BREATHE VIRUS WITH IMPUNITY. WHEN DOCTORS, WHO ARE SO OFTEN WHITE, DO NOT WEAR A MASK, THEY'RE REFUSING TO GIVE EQUITABLE CARE. FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE, WHEN PEOPLE GIVE BIRTH, THEY ENTER HEALTHCARE WITH THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS IN A VULNERABLE STATE. WITH THE HIGH RISKS OF C.O.V.I.D., THEY NEED EVERYONE WEARING MASKS, KEEPING THE AIR CLEAN OF PATHOGENS. THEIR NEWBORN CHILDREN ENTER THE WORLD WITH NO DEFENSE. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE A PATH FOR A HEALTHY LIFE, AND START THE CARE FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT. AND STILL MORE. WHEN ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SEEK MEDICAL CARE, THE VARIOUS HEALTHCARE CENTERS THEY RELY ON ARE OFTEN THE ONLY DESTINATIONS THEY VISIT OUTSIDE THE HOME, AND THESE CENTERS ARE PLACES OF COMMUNITY, JUST AS MUCH AS THEY ARE PLACES OF MEDICAL CARE. WE ARE MAKING THESE PLACES THE ARENA OF DANGER, CONTAGION, AND HARM, ACTING AS THOUGH THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE A BURDEN TOO GREAT FOR CARE, AND FEELING NO RESPONSIBILITY WHEN WE LET THEM FALL BY THE WAYSIDE. CLEARLY, WE NEED A BETTER STANDARD. WE NEED A STANDARD OF CARE THAT DOES NO HARM. WE NEED A VOTE ON A MASK MANDATE, AND THE BOARD CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN. STOP THE HARM. WE NEED A MASK MANDATE NOW. THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ, AND I AM HERE TO DISCUSS ITEM 48 AND 50, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM HERE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUANCE OF THE "FOR SALE" OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR $850 MILLION. THE PROBLEM IS, THE COST FOR THAT TURNS OUT TO BE $951 MILLION IN INTEREST. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? I WILL TELL YOU HOW IT IS DONE. IT IS DONE THROUGH THE PROCESS WHEN LENDING THAT IS APPLIED TO ALL BONDS THAT YOU APPROVE OF, AND IT GOES FORWARD. THE PAYMENT ON THE BONDS IS THE KEY TO THIS. THE PAYMENT ON THE BOND... 82 PERCENT OF THAT FIRST PAYMENT, OF EVERY PAYMENT FOR 12 YEARS, IS 82%. YOU ONLY GET CREDIT FOR 18% TO THE PRINCIPAL. THAT'S HOW THEY RAISED THE COST TO YOU FROM $850 MILLION TO $951 MILLION OF INTEREST. THAT'S COST THAT GOES TO THEM. THIS IS NOT A GOOD WAY TO SAVE MONEY AND TO RECOUP THAT. MY COMPANY, ESTAMOS CONTIGO SAFE HARBOR, WILL SAVE YOU 50% OF THAT INTEREST. IT IS DONE IN A DIFFERENT METHOD, AND I WOULD LOVE TO SHOW IT TO YOU, BECAUSE IT DOES RETURN A HUGE COST TO THE COUNTY. THERE IS ANOTHER ACCOUNT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, THAT THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE ABLE TO CONTROL AND MANAGE THEIR COST OF INTEREST WILL CUT THEIR BUDGET COST AND RETIRE DEBTS BY MORE THAN 120 PAYMENTS. 120 PAYMENTS. THAT'S BECAUSE THE 35-YEAR LOAN IS 420 PAYMENTS. BUT

TO REDUCE 120 PAYMENTS FROM THAT, THE PERCENTAGES TURN OUT TO BE THE SAME. THE COST TO THE COUNTY IS OVER 100%.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 18. I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD, AS A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. I AM ALSO THE FORMER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR S.P.A. 6, THROUGH H.O.P.I.C.S., AND I CAN PERSONALLY VET AND SPEAK TO THE NEED OF THIS ITEM. SO MANY SURVIVORS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, SUBSTANCE USE, WHO ARE BEING EXPLOITED, WHO ARE BEING TRAFFICKED, WHO ARE BEING EXPOSED TO ALL THE AILMENTS THAT WE HAVE HEARD TODAY, ARE NOT ONLY BEING EXPOSED, BUT ALSO THEIR CHILDREN. WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF FLEEING SURVIVORS, ANYWHERE FROM 40% TO 80%, DEPENDING ON WHO YOU QUOTE. BUT WHAT WE ALSO KNOW IS THAT HOMELESSNESS IS ALSO A LEADING CAUSE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA FOR SURVIVORS, AND SO THAT VERY MUCH TAKING FROM SOME OF THE STATEMENTS I'VE HEARD IS THAT NOT EVERY BED IS THE SAME BED,

AND SURVIVORS DESERVE TO HAVE A SAFE BED FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN, WHETHER THEY ARE L.G.B.T.Q.+, WHETHER THEY ARE DISABLED, OR WHETHER--

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THAT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, ON A-10, AND 51. SO THAT'S THREE MINUTES, PLEASE. MY NAME IS JOAQUIN BELTRAN. I WAS BORN IN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A., IN THE COUNTY HOSPITALS HERE, TO IMMIGRANT PARENTS. I AM A LONGTIME L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, A LIFETIME L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. I HAVE BEEN COMING HERE FOR A FEW MONTHS NOW, URGING THE BOARD TO BRING BACK MASK REQUIREMENTS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE. IT IS REALLY THE MOST REASONABLE ASK IN THE WORLD DURING AN AIRBORNE PANDEMIC. I HAVE SENT E-MAILS TO YOUR OFFICES. I'VE REQUESTED, MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, TO HAVE A VOTE ON THIS, AND I HAVE HEARD NOTHING. I HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM YOU. FROM ANY OF YOU, OKAY? DURING A TIME WHEN WE ARE IN AN AIRBORNE PANDEMIC, AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO THE HOSPITALS, WHERE THEY SHOULD BE GETTING BETTER, THEY SHOULD NOT BE EXPOSED TO A PREVENTABLE VIRUS THAT EITHER LEAVES THEM DISABLED OR CAUSES THEM TO DIE FROM THAT VERY INFECTION. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN WE HAVE TO PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH HERE, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY. "EQUITY" HAS BEEN

SAID A LOT TODAY. WHERE IS THE EQUITY FOR THE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, WHO DO NOT HAVE PROTECTIONS? PAXLOVID JUST SUPPRESSES REPLICATION, BUT IT DOESN'T GET RID OF THE VIRUS. IF SOMEONE IS IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE MONOCLONAL BODIES AVAILABLE ANYMORE. WHERE'S THE EQUITY FOR OUR PARENTS AND OUR GRANDPARENTS WHEN THEY GO INTO THE HOSPITAL, OR TO A DOCTOR'S OFFICE, AND THEY ARE NOT WEARING MASKS? AND AGAIN, EVERYONE IS VULNERABLE TO THIS. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE BUDGET TODAY. THERE SHOULD BE FREE N95S DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE COUNTY. WHEN WE ARE DOING PROTESTS IN FRONT OF HOSPITALS, OLDER INDIVIDUALS COME TO ME ASKING FOR A MASK, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A MASK FOR THE BUS. THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DOING THAT. WHERE'S THE FREE P.C.R. TESTING ACROSS THE COUNTY? WHERE'S THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR RESOURCES? YOU TALKED ABOUT HEALTHCARE STRAINS. THE ONGOING PANDEMIC INCREASES THE HEALTHCARE STRAINS. HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE HAD LONG C.O.V.I.D. HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE HAD TRAUMA. HEALTHCARE WORKERS HAVE DIED. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER HERE. I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE OUT HERE SAYING THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB. WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. CAN I GET A COMMITMENT FROM SOMEBODY, ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS? SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE MY REPRESENTATIVE. I LIVE IN YOUR DISTRICT. LET'S WORK TOGETHER. LET'S ACTUALLY WORK TO BRING BACK AIRBORNE PROTECTIONS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. THANK YOU.

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

ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. I HAVE TWO MINUTES LEFT. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 6. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 18. I AM SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM SPEAKING ON ABOUT THREE OTHER ITEMS. SO, ANYWAY, LET'S TALK ABOUT NUMBER 18, WHICH REFERS TO THIS FREE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY. THAT'S IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS IN THE END OF YOUR GUIDEBOOK THAT YOU HAND OUT TO PEOPLE THAT ASK FOR IT. SO, THAT'S BEEN TOGETHER SINCE 1983. SO, I AM WONDERING: IF THEY HAVE BEEN CO-OPPING TOGETHER SINCE 1983, WHY DOES LOS ANGELES NEED A HOUSING DEPARTMENT BY ITSELF? YOU ARE JUST WASTING PUBLIC FUNDS. AND I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THIS FREE PROGRAM FROM METRO. IT SAYS L.I.F.E. "LOW-INCOME FARE IS EASY." DID YOU KNOW THAT F.A.M.E. ASSISTANCE IS NOW A CORPORATION? FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH, 1968, WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD, IN LOS ANGELES. F.A.M.E. ASSISTANCE CORPORATION. ISN'T THAT THE FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH THAT HANDED OUT THE VOUCHERS? IT IS A CORPORATION ACCORDING TO METRO. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT MEANS THEY LOSE THEIR NONPROFIT STATUS.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU'RE NOT ON ANY TOPIC.

ARNOLD SACHS: I AM TALKING ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM HERE: "LOW-INCOME FARE IS EASY." IT SAYS RIGHT HERE, L.I.F.E. THIS IS THE FLYER THAT YOU GET FROM METRO. THEY HANDED IT OUT.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, THAT'S THE METRO BOARD. THAT'S NOT THIS BOARD.

ARNOLD SACHS: EXCUSE ME, THIS IS WHAT IT SAYS IN YOUR AGENDA: L.I.F.E. METRO PROGRAM. FAITH APPRECIATION DAY IS COMING UP. HAS THE CONSTITUTION BEEN CHANGED? NO. HAS THE BILL OF RIGHTS BEEN CHANGED? NO. HAS THE FIRST AMENDMENT BEEN CHANGED? NO.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: HEY, YOUR TIME IS UP. I BELIEVE WE HAVE--

ARNOLD SACHS: YEAH, WELL, SHE TOOK ALL MY TIME UP.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: I BELIEVE WE HAVE A SPEAKER ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE GET THE NEXT SPEAKER ON THE PHONE.

SUP. BARGER: ARNOLD, ARNOLD.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: STOP YELLING.

MODERATOR: YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE CHRIS UDALL. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SIR, YOU ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THIS IS A GENERAL COMMENT I HAVE, AND IT RELATES TO THE CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS DELIVERED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY PUBLIC WORKS FOR ITEM 18. IN THAT RECOMMENDATION, PUBLIC WORKS DIDN'T NAME THE DEVELOPER THAT OWNS THIS PROJECT ANYWHERE IN THAT DOCUMENT. AND I REALLY DO THINK THAT IT IS REFLECTIVE OF THE DISCUSSION THAT HAS BEEN HAD WITH PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT THIS, WHERE THEY SIMPLY CLAIM THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE TIME, THE ABILITY, THE RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPER AND NON-UNITED STATES ENTITIES. SO, EFFECTIVELY, THOUGH PUBLIC WORKS UNDERSTANDS WHAT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED IN TODAY'S MEETING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEIR ATTITUDE IS VERY MUCH, IF THEY CAN'T SEE IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES, IT DOESN'T EXIST, AND I THINK THAT'S INEXCUSABLE. IT TAKES AWAY CRITICAL INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT PREVENTS YOU MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION. AND I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THAT UP WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND MAKE SURE THIS SORT OF STUFF DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC? OKAY, COLLEAGUES, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND I WILL

BEGIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WAS READY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. OKAY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, FOR GETTING US BACK ON TRACK.

SPEAKER: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU TO APPROVE: ITEM 2, 5 THROUGH 12, 14 AND 15, 17 AND 18, 23 THROUGH 30, 31 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER RECUSING HERSELF FROM THE VOTE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308, BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN $250 WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FROM MARK RAJIV SIKAN, WHO IS A PARTY, PARTICIPANT, OR AGENT OF A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCEEDING. ITEMS 32 AND 33. ON ITEM 34, THIS ITEM IS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 17TH, 2023. ITEMS 35 THROUGH 43, ITEM 44-B, ITEM 44-D AND 44-E, ITEMS 44-G AND 44-H, 47 AND 48, 1-D AND 2-D. ON ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2, THESE ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 10TH, 2023.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. THOSE ITEMS ARE NOW BEFORE US, AND MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HORVATH, SINCE YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BECAUSE I THINK YOU WERE, TOO. TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. HORVATH: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: AYE.

SPEAKER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: OKAY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN, AND I'M PRETTY SURE MAYBE SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS ONE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE

MEMORY OF DIANNE FEINSTEIN, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 90. SHE WAS BORN IN 1933, IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE EXPERIENCED MANY CHALLENGES DURING HER CHILDHOOD, BUT DESPITE THESE CHALLENGES, DIANNE WAS ACCEPTED TO STANFORD, AND DURING HER SENIOR YEAR SERVED AS CLASS VICE PRESIDENT. AFTER GRADUATING, SHE GOT INVOLVED IN POLITICS AND ACTIVISM, DEMONSTRATING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND CAMPAIGNING FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT, AND LATER BEING APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR BROWN TO A STATE WOMEN'S PRISON BOARD. IN 1969, SHE RAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, RUNNING SIMPLY AS "DIANNE." AND WITH 5 OPEN SEATS, AND 18 CANDIDATES RUNNING, INCLUDING 5 INCUMBENTS, SHE FINISHED FIRST. AFTER 9 YEARS OF SERVING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SHE WAS THRUST INTO THE SPOTLIGHT IN 1978, WHEN HER COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR HARVEY MILK AND MAYOR GEORGE MOSCONE WERE MURDERED BY ANOTHER SUPERVISOR, DAN WHITE. AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, SHE SHOWED STEADY LEADERSHIP AMID CHAOS, AND WAS CHOSEN BY HER COLLEAGUES TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF MOSCONE'S TERM AS THE CITY'S FIRST FEMALE MAYOR. IN 1992, SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE ALONGSIDE BARBARA BOXER, IN WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE "YEAR OF THE WOMAN." AS A SENATOR, SHE AUTHORED THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN, PRESERVED MILLIONS OF ACRES OF CALIFORNIA DESERT, EXTENDED THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT, AND USED HER POSITION TO EXPOSE THE C.I.A.'S USE OF TORTURE, CALLING THE PRACTICE "A STAIN ON OUR VALUES AND ON OUR HISTORY." THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SENATOR

FEINSTEIN WAS A FRIEND TO US HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND A CHAMPION FOR OUR WORK AND OUR RESIDENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I'M SURE THAT EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD CAN REMEMBER A TIME WHEN THEY WERE HELPED BY SENATOR FEINSTEIN, WHEN THEY WERE INSPIRED BY HER SERVICE OR COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTRY, AND THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA. AS WOMEN, MANY OF US CAN REMEMBER A TIME WHEN WE DID NOT HAVE THAT MANY ROLE MODELS IN GOVERNMENT, AND IT WAS SENATOR FEINSTEIN WHO PAVED THE WAY FOR SO MANY OF US IN POLITICS. WE OWE DIANNE FEINSTEIN A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR STATE, TO OUR NATION, AND THE IMPACT HER SERVICE MADE ON WOMEN, NATIONWIDE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE; SHE DESERVES IT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YES, I WOULD. SHE WAS A DEAR FRIEND, AN INCREDIBLE COLLEAGUE, AND A WONDERFUL PUBLIC SERVANT. I, TOO, REMEMBER THE YEAR 1992, WHEN SHE RAN TO SHATTER THAT GLASS CEILING, HER AND BARBARA BOXER, INCLUDING MYSELF. AND I REMEMBER CAMPAIGNING WITH THEM. IT WAS A STRONG WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, AT THE TIME, TO ELECT WOMEN AND CREATE THAT "YEAR OF THE WOMAN," I THINK, LEGACY THAT MANY OF US FOLLOWED. I WAS VERY PROUD THE DAY THAT I WAS NOMINATED AND ACTUALLY PRESENTED BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE TO BE CONFIRMED AS THE FIRST LATINA TO SERVE IN A PRESIDENTIAL CABINET. BOTH SHE AND BARBARA BOXER INTRODUCED ME TO THE COMMITTEE BEFORE SENATOR

KENNEDY, AND I'LL NEVER FORGOT HER STATURE, HER WORDS, AND HOW SHE CONDUCTED HERSELF, AND WELL RESPECTED BY ALL OF HER COLLEAGUES. SHE DID SO MUCH, EVEN AS OF LATE, HELPING US WITH EARMARKS WHEN THEY CAME BACK. SHE HELPED OUR L.A. COUNTY PROJECTS, AND I REALLY AM INDEBTED TO HER AND TO HER STAFF, AND I THINK I REALLY WANT TO SAY THAT SHE HAD MANY CLOSE FRIENDS. A LOT OF THE WOMEN THAT SUPPORTED HER, SUPPORTED US-- MANY OF US HERE IN THE ROOM-- AND I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR HER. SO I, TOO, JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS SADDENED THE DAY I HEARD THAT THIS HAPPENED. IT TOOK ME BY SURPRISE. AND I KNOW THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WILL FEEL A GREAT LOSS, TREMENDOUS LOSS, THAT SHE'S NOT HERE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU.

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

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNMENT, AS WELL. SENATOR FEINSTEIN MADE A PERSONAL IMPACT ON ME, PERSONALLY, AND IN MY POLITICAL CAREER, SUPPORTING ME IN EVERY ELECTION I RAN ON CITY COUNCIL. AND SHE DIDN'T GET INVOLVED IN CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS, BUT SHE REACHED OUT AND CHOSE TO PERSONALLY INVEST IN A NEW GENERATION. AND THERE'S SO MUCH ABOUT HER LEGACY THAT I THINK HAS BEEN IGNORED IN RECENT YEARS, BECAUSE OF SEXISM, BECAUSE OF AGEISM, BECAUSE OF THE POLITICS OF OUR TIME. AND TO THINK ABOUT ALL THAT SHE

ACCOMPLISHED, ALL THAT SHE FOUGHT FOR, AND ALL THAT SHE BROKE THROUGH FOR SO MANY OF US TO COME, SHE PROVIDED THE BROADEST SHOULDERS FOR SO MANY GENERATIONS OF WOMEN. I VERY VIVIDLY REMEMBER THE IMAGE OF HER SPEAKING TRUTH TO SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI AT A CRITICAL VOTE. WE ALL KNOW THAT IMAGE WHERE SHE'S UP AGAINST THE WALL AND HOLDING HER ACCOUNTABLE. BUT I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BEAUTIFUL CULTURE THAT SHE CREATED WITH THE STAFF THAT SHE EMPLOYED. GENERATIONS OF HER STAFF, WHO SERVED WITH HER, STILL GET TOGETHER TO THIS DAY, AND TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT SERVING WITH HER HAS MADE. THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE MAYOR, FOR EXAMPLE, COMES FROM A FEINSTEIN STAFF. I HAVE SOMEONE-- MARCO ENRIQUEZ-- ON MY STAFF, WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED WITH THE SENATOR. AND I THINK IT TELLS A LOT ABOUT SOMEONE'S LEADERSHIP, TO EMPOWER THAT NEXT GENERATION AND GIVE SO MANY DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND OPPORTUNITY TO WORK, TO LEARN, TO GROW, AND TO BUILD WITHIN HER OFFICE. AND SO I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT, AND EXTEND MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO KATHERINE, HER DAUGHTER, AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER EILEEN. WE KNOW THAT YOUR FAMILY IS HURTING, AND WHILE WE KNOW SHE'S HAD A ROUGH COUPLE OF YEARS, THESE PAST COUPLE, I KNOW THAT SHE WAS STRENGTHENED, ESPECIALLY BY HER DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER, IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME. MAY SHE NOT ONLY REST IN PEACE, BUT IN POWER. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. BARGER: WOW, LINDSEY. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY QUITE MOVING, BUT I THINK THAT EXPRESSES EXACTLY WHO SHE WAS. IT'S HARD TO SAY "WAS," BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO SAY, "WHO SHE IS." BUT I KNOW, JUST FROM A STAFF POINT OF VIEW, SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN US GETTING THE 1115 WAIVER, WHICH, AT THE TIME, WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE STATE. IT WAS COUNTY TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS UNHEARD OF. AND SHE WAS HANDS-ON, AND SHE WAS NOT SOMEONE WHO GAVE IT AWAY. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT EVERY TIME WE'D MEET WITH HER, THAT WAS MY FAVORITE MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BECAUSE SHE WAS ENGAGED, UNDERSTOOD THE ISSUE, LISTENED TO HER STAFF, LISTENED TO US, AND THEN WOULD CORRECT US BOTH. AND SHE WAS USUALLY RIGHT. AND IT WAS, FOR ME, AN HONOR WHEN I FIRST RAN, THAT SHE SUPPORTED ME. AND I REMEMBER I WAS IN AWE, BECAUSE THIS IS SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T GIVE AWAY AN ENDORSEMENT. YOU HAVE TO EARN IT. AND I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL SHE DID, NOT ONLY FOR THIS COUNTY, BUT FOR ME, PERSONALLY; NOT TO THE DEGREE THAT SHE DID FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH, BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT WHEN I HEAR STORIES LIKE YOURS, IT JUST REINFORCES, FOR ME, THE INCREDIBLE WOMAN THAT SHE WAS, AND MOTHER. I MEAN, ACROSS THE BOARD. AND I'LL JUST LEAVE WITH THIS: FOR ME, THE IRONY WHEN I READ SOME OF THE ARTICLES, SHE WAS SMART.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SHE WAS SMART.

SUP. BARGER: FINANCIALLY, SHE WAS FINANCIALLY SMART, AS WELL. BUT YET, CREDIT'S ALWAYS GIVEN TO HER HUSBAND. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT HOW SHE CAME TO BE, IT WAS 50-50. AND I ALWAYS CHUCKLE WHEN I SEE THAT, BECAUSE IT'S ALWAYS, "SOMEONE ELSE DID IT FOR HER." NO, SHE DID IT ALL ON HER OWN. SO, MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US ALL THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN ON TO THE ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY. I JUST THINK IT'S HOW POWERFUL IT IS, A BOARD OF ALL WOMEN TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. MY FIRST MEMORY AND IMAGE OF HER IS STANDING IN THAT PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE, AS A RESULT OF A UNIMAGINABLE TRAGEDY, THAT SHE HAD TO STEP INTO LEADERSHIP, AND CREATE A SENSE OF CALM AND CONTROL FOR AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY THAT WAS REELING OVER SUCH HORRIFIC PUBLIC VIOLENCE. AND THAT WILL FOREVER BE THE IMAGE I HAVE OF HER. THE SECOND IMAGE IS MORE RECENTLY, WHEN MS. DAVENPORT AND SEVERAL OF US HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HER ON OUR D.C. TRIP, THE YEAR I WAS CHAIR. AND AS YOU SAID, "TO CORRECT US," AS WE ALL THOUGHT WE HAD ALL THE DATA IN FRONT OF US, AND SHE OF COURSE ASKED US THE QUESTION THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE THE DATA IN FRONT OF US TO SUBSTANTIATE. AND I'M LOOKING TO MY RIGHT, AND LOOKING TO MS.

DAVENPORT, LIKE, "PLEASE, SOMEBODY HAVE THIS PIECE OF PAPER, SO I CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION THAT SHE'S POSED TO US." AND AGAIN, THE EPITOME OF CLASS AND GRACIOUSNESS. I HAVE TO JUST SAY, OLD-SCHOOL, WHEN YOU GO IN THE OFFICE AND SHE'S GOT WONDERFUL GIFTS FOR YOU. IT WAS REMINISCENT OF, PERHAPS, A BYGONE ERA. I'M NOT SURE. BUT THE MEETING LASTED LONGER THAN I EVER ANTICIPATED, BECAUSE SHE WAS SCHOOLING US ON AREAS THAT WE, PERHAPS, COULD HAVE COME A LITTLE STRONGER, BUT WAS VERY COMMITTED TO THE ISSUES WE BROUGHT FORWARD. AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT, AND DEEPLY APPRECIATE HER STATESWOMANSHIP, AND THINK THAT'S A STATUS AND A STATURE THAT WE CAN ALL ASPIRE TO. AND SO I AGREE: MAY SHE REST IN POWER. BUT WHAT SHE DOES DESERVE IS REST.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THOSE WERE WONDERFUL TRIBUTES TO OUR FRIEND, DIANNE FEINSTEIN. WE WILL MISS HER. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL MISS HER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF STEPHEN DEVER, A RESIDENT OF LOMITA, WHO WAS 82 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. STEVE GREW UP IN SAN PEDRO, ATTENDED HARBOR COLLEGE AND LOYOLA UNIVERSITY. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES CORPS OF ENGINEERS THROUGH MUCH OF THE VIETNAM WAR AND DURING HIS MILITARY CAREER. SERVED IN MANY OTHER PLACES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AFTER HIS TIME IN THE ARMY, STEVE THEN BEGAN PROFESSIONALLY WORKING WITH FOREIGN CARS, AND SPENT HIS CAREER WORKING FOR

JAGUAR, RANGE ROVER, AND OTHER BRITISH CAR DEALERS. HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN LONGTIME AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF MANY LOMITA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE RAILROAD MUSEUM. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. STEVE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSIE, A HUGE PART OF THE CITY OF LOMITA FOR A VERY LONG TIME. SHE'S ALSO MY APPOINTEE TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, AND ALSO THE FORMER MAYOR OF LOMITA. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WAYNE RATKOVICH, A REAL-ESTATE INDUSTRY TITAN. HE WAS 82 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, THE YOUNGEST OF 6 CHILDREN, BORN TO IMMIGRANTS FROM SERBIA. BY THE TIME HE WAS 10, HIS FATHER HAD SAVED ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY 5 ACRES OF LAND IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, MOVING THE FAMILY TO A FARM WHERE THEY GREW LEMONS AND AVOCADOS, AND RAISED CHICKENS. HIS FATHER LATER BOUGHT A FOUR-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX, AND MOVED THE FAMILY INTO IT. SEEING THE PROPERTIES GROW IN VALUE, AFTER HIS FATHER'S WORK AND SACRIFICE, MADE INVESTING IN LAND THE THROUGH-LINE OF HIS CAREER. WAYNE IS BEST KNOWN AS THE FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF THE RATKOVICH COMPANY, WHOSE MISSION, IN ITS MORE THAN 40 YEARS AS A LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENT FIRM, HAS BEEN "TO PROFITABLY PRODUCE DEVELOPMENTS THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE." THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, WAYNE HAD AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES THAT OTHERS OVERLOOKED. HE OFTEN SAW THE FUTURE IN A PIECE OF THE PAST, EVEN IF OTHERS IGNORED IT. HE IS CREDITED WITH REIMAGINING NUMEROUS LANDMARK

PROJECTS, INCLUDING 18 HISTORIC BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES AREA, STARTING WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE JAMES OVIATT BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. HE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS OVER HIS LONG AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, INCLUDING THE DISTINGUISHED BUSINESSPERSON AWARD FROM THE U.S.C. ARCHITECTURAL GUILD, AND THE DESIGN ADVOCATE DEVELOP AWARD FROM THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. IN ADDITION, HE WAS PRESENTED LAST YEAR WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD, RECOGNIZING AN ANGELENO WHO EMBODIES ROTARY'S MOTTO OF "SERVICE ABOVE SELF." WAYNE, ALONG WITH HIS BUSINESS PARTNERS ALAN AND ERIC JOHNSON, OF JERICO DEVELOPMENT INC., HAD MOST RECENTLY BEEN POURING HIS TALENTS INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PORTS O'CALL AREA IN SAN PEDRO. WE HAVE TRIED TO REDEVELOP THAT AREA FOR OVER 20 YEARS. STARTED WHEN I WAS A CITY COUNCILWOMAN, A LONG TIME AGO. BUT FINALLY, WE GOT THE RATKOVICH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO REDEVELOP IT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIS VISION CONTINUE AT PORTS O'CALL, EVEN THOUGH HE WILL NO LONGER BE WITH US. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOANN, HIS SON MILAN, HIS DAUGHTERS ANNA AND LINDSAY, AND 5 GRANDCHILDREN. AND I THINK ONE MORE. MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY-- OH, TWO MORE. BOB CROW, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FOUNDERS OF LONG BEACH PRIDE, WHICH JUST MARKED ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. BOB FOUNDED LONG BEACH PRIDE IN 1983, ALONG WITH MARYLIN BARLOW AND JUDITH DOYLE. HE LEFT MOBILE,

ALABAMA, IN THE 70'S TO FIND A NEW HOME, AND A MORE ACCEPTING COMMUNITY THAT WOULD WELCOME HIM FOR WHO HE WAS. IN 1983, WHILE SITTING ON A STOOL AT A LOCAL GAY BAR IN LONG BEACH, WITH MARYLIN AND JUDITH, THEY BEGAN DEVISING A PLAN TO CELEBRATE THE LOCAL GAY COMMUNITY. THE FIRST LONG BEACH PRIDE FESTIVAL AND PARADE TOOK PLACE THE NEXT YEAR. TODAY, LONG BEACH PRIDE IS THE SECOND LARGEST EVENT IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, DRAWING MORE THAN 80,000 PEOPLE OVER PRIDE WEEKEND. DESPITE RECENT HEALTH CHALLENGES, BOB WAS ABLE TO ATTEND HIS LAST PRIDE THIS AUGUST. HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO FOSTERING A SENSE OF PRIDE, COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF EQUALITY AND LOVE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARTNER OF 29 YEARS, TONY ALMEIDA. MAY BOB REST IN PEACE. AND MY LAST ONE IS THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GEORGE STAVROS, OF SAN PEDRO. GEORGE WAS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL IN UTAH WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED TO FIGHT WORLD WAR II. HIS TOUR OF DUTY WOULD TAKE HIM TO THE BATTLEFIELDS IN FRANCE AND GERMANY. DURING THE WAR, HIS FAMILY RELOCATED TO SAN PEDRO, AND AFTER THE WAR, GEORGE JOINED THEM IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE HE WENT TO WORK AT DI CARLOS BAKERY FOR 16 YEARS. IN 1962, HE OPENED THE SILVER SKATES RESTAURANT IN HARBOR CITY, AND LATER OWNED THE WAYFARER AND THE HOT N TOT RESTAURANTS IN LOMITA. HE'S SURVIVED BY 4 SONS, 6 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOUR TURN.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF MARGARITA MOTA, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81, ON SEPTEMBER 30TH. MARGARITA WAS MARRIED TO MANNY MOTA, MAJOR LEAGUE OUTFIELDER OF THE DODGERS FOR 60 YEARS. TOGETHER, THEY CREATED THE MANNY MOTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS RAISED MONEY TO BUILD MEDICAL CLINICS, BASEBALL FIELDS, AND A SCHOOL IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. MARGARITA WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR COOKING MEALS FOR DODGER PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE DOMINICAN WINTER LEAGUE. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY MANY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND HER KINDNESS WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL. MARGARITA IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MANNY; HER 8 CHILDREN, JOSE, CECILIA, MARIA, RAFAEL, ANDY, DOMINGO, GARY, AND TONY; HER 20 GRANDCHILDREN; AND HER 4 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLY COMMUNITY MEMBER DON RYAN, WHO PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 15TH. HE HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SINCE 1985. HE WAS A COMMUNITY LEADER, ADVISOR, MENTOR, AND VOLUNTEER, DONATING COUNTLESS HOURS TO THUNDER ON THE LOT, TRUCKING FOR KIDS, THE APOLLO PARK FISHING DERBY, TOYS FOR TOTS, AND SADDLE UP, JUST TO NAME A FEW. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE OPTIMIST CLUB, ROTARY CLUB, PALMDALE SHERIFF'S BOOSTERS, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. DON WAS ACTIVE IN THE PALMDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SERVING AS PRESIDENT A FEW TIMES, AND IN THE LANCASTER CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MERGING THE TWO CHAMBERS INTO WHAT IS NOW THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE WAS INVOLVED IN MANY OTHER LOCAL CHAMBERS, AS WELL. DON WAS A FORMER QUARTZ HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER, ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN 2002. DON WAS A SON, A BROTHER, A FATHER, A HUSBAND, A GRANDFATHER, A GREAT-GRANDFATHER, AND A TRUE HUMANITARIAN. DON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE VICKIE RYAN, HIS CHILDREN KRISTI AND JUSTIN RYAN, HIS SIBLINGS ED AND REGINA RYAN, HIS 5 GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WAYNE SPEARS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF AUGA DULCE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023. WAYNE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN, WHO TOUCHED MANY LIVES, AND ACCOMPLISHED GREAT THINGS. HIS GREATEST PASSION AND PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IS SPEARS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, WHICH HE FOUNDED IN 1969, AND HAS SINCE BECOME THE LARGEST SINGLE-SOURCE PIPE AND PIPE-FITTING BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES. WAYNE HAD MANY HOBBIES, INCLUDING FISHING, FLYING, BOATING, N.A.S.C.A.R. RACING, QUIET TIME AT HOME WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE CONNIE AND THEIR DOG JENNY, AND SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AT THE AGUA DULCE AIRPORT. HE ALSO LOVED SPENDING TIME IN FLORIDA, AND SPENDING SUMMERS IN ALASKA. WAYNE WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM, AND I HAVE TO SAY, A HEART THE SIZE OF ALASKA. FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT AGUA DULCE AIRPORT, WHICH HE OWNED, PUT TOGETHER WATER TANKS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAD THE ABILITY TO HAVE A PLACE TO LAND AND GET WATER

DURING FIRES UP THERE. AND HE DID IT NOT FOR ANYTHING, OTHER THAN IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. WAYNE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CONSTANCE "CONNIE" SPEARS, HIS CHILDREN RICHARD, ROBERT, JAMES, TAMI, AND SUSAN, 9 GRANDCHILDREN, 4 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, ALONG WITH HIS SISTER CAROLYN, AND BROTHER WILLIAM. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ABEL VAZQUEZ. ABEL VAZQUEZ WAS BORN ON OCTOBER THE 1ST, 2010, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, AND PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, AT THE AGE OF 12. HE WAS A 7TH-GRADER AT SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOCATED IN POMONA. ABEL WAS A FUN-LOVING BOY THAT LOVED BEING AROUND HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE ENJOYED THE OUTDOORS, PLAYING SPORTS, AND LOVED DANCING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE WAS ON A BASEBALL TEAM WHERE HE PLAYED PITCHER, AND SOMETIMES OUTFIELD POSITIONS. HIS FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS WERE THE DODGERS, DALLAS COWBOYS, AND THE LAKERS. HE LOVED TO VOLUNTEER WITH HIS FAMILY AT THE POMONA CHRISTMAS PARADE, AND AT THE KENNEDY AUSTIN FOUNDATION EVENTS. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER MARTHA BARRON, FATHER, OLDER BROTHER TONY VAZQUEZ, LITTLE BROTHER NOAH VAZQUEZ, GRANDMOTHER AMELIA SANCHEZ, AND GODFATHER CESAR SANCHEZ, EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MY HEART GOES OUT TO ABEL AND ALL HIS LOVED ONES. HE'S THE YOUNG MAN THAT WAS KILLED RECENTLY, THIS PAST WEEKEND, IN POMONA, IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT. SECONDLY, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DOLORES GLORIA SANCHEZ, A LONGTIME COMMUNITY LEADER AND TRAILBLAZING NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER. DOLORES FOUNDED THE EASTERN GROUP PUBLICATION, BACK IN 1979. THE NEWSPAPER CHAIN INCLUDED THE EASTSIDE SUN, MEXICAN AMERICAN SUN, WYVERNWOOD CHRONICLE, THE EAST L.A.-BROOKLYN BELVEDERE, NORTHEAST SUN, BELL GARDENS SUN, CITY TERRACE COMET, COMMERCE COMET, MONTEBELLO COMET, AND VERNON SUN. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE BUSINESS, THE BILINGUAL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER CONSISTED OF 11 WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS, TO MORE THAN 76,000 HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES. FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, DOLORES PROVIDED A CRITICAL VOICE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE PREDOMINANTLY LATINO COMMUNITIES OF THE EAST SIDE AND NEIGHBORING CITIES. HER NEWSPAPERS COVERED SOCIAL INJUSTICES: PROBLEMS IMPACTING RESIDENTS, LIKE EXIDE AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES IN THE COMMUNITIES. SHE WAS A TOWERING FIGURE WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS EXTENDED BEYOND JOURNALISM, INTO POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVISM. SHE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, A GROUP THAT SOUGHT TO EMPOWER LATINO CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE; AND THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER, A NONPROFIT THAT PROVIDED JOB TRAINING AND RESOURCES TO LATINAS. HER DEDICATED SERVICE LED TO HER APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION ON

THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN 1975, AND AN APPOINTMENT ON THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, BY THEN-- BY NOW; I'M SORRY. HE'S A STILL ALIVE, PRESIDENT CARTER, IN 1978. DOLORES IS SURVIVED BY HER 5 CHILDREN, 20 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 12 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF LARRY AUBREY COULD JUST STAND, SO WE CAN ALL KNOW THAT YOU'RE HERE? THANK YOU. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN HERE MANY, MANY HOURS TODAY, BUT WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING. I GOT A CALL, COLLEAGUES, FROM VALERIE SHAW, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, A YEAR AGO. AND THIS IS THE WAY VALERIE TALKS: "HOLLY! YOU KNOW, LARRY AUBREY PASSED." I SAID, "YEAH, VALERIE. HE PASSED A COUPLE YEARS AGO." SHE SAID, "YEAH, BUT IT WAS IN 2020, DURING C.O.V.I.D., AND WE DIDN'T GET TO HONOR LARRY LIKE WE SHOULD HAVE." I SAID, "OKAY. WELL, IT WAS 2020, VALERIE. WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?" "I DON'T KNOW." I SAID, "WELL, WHEN WAS LARRY'S BIRTHDAY?" WE CHECKED WITH AARON; OCTOBER 5TH. SO I SAID, "WHY DON'T WE DO AN ADJOURN-IN-MEMORY AROUND LARRY'S BIRTHDAY?" SO THAT IS WHAT'S BROUGHT US ALL HERE TODAY, COLLEAGUES. SO, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LAWRENCE "LARRY" ROY AUBREY. LARRY AUBREY WAS

BORN ON OCTOBER 5TH, 1933, IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND PASSED AWAY MAY 16TH, 2020, AT THE AGE OF 86. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1942, AND SETTLED WITH HIS FAMILY IN WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE EAST SIDE, A PRIMARILY BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, WHICH MADE LARRY AN EAST SIDE BOY. LARRY ATTENDED JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS A JEFFERSON DEMOCRAT. THAT'S WHERE HE AND MY MOM MET FOR A SEMESTER. AND THEN, AT THE INSISTENCE OF HIS MOTHER, HE WENT TO FREMONT, AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST BLACK STUDENTS THERE. AND HE TALKED ABOUT THAT A LOT, AND WROTE ABOUT THAT EXPERIENCE A LOT. THE HARROWING EXPERIENCE OF INTEGRATING FREMONT SHAPED THE COURSE OF HIS PROLIFIC CAREER IN RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. AFTER GRADUATING FROM FREMONT IN 1950, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DURING THE KOREAN WAR, ATTENDED L.A. CITY COLLEGE, XAVIER UNIVERSITY, AND LATER U.C.L.A., WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 1959 WITH A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. IN 1956, LARRY MARRIED GLORIA OLIVER OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND TO THEIR UNION 5 CHILDREN WERE BORN. LARRY WORKED AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER, CROSSING PATHS WITH MY MOTHER ONCE AGAIN, BEFORE JOINING THE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IN 1967. FROM THE BEGINNING, HIS FOCUS AND PASSION WAS ON IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS FOR BLACK PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH HE SAW AS KEY TO IMPROVING INTERRACIAL RELATIONS, OVERALL. HE FOUNDED AND/OR WORKED WITH MANY GROUPS, INCLUDING THE BLACK-LATINO ROUNDTABLE, THE BLACK-KOREAN ALLIANCE, AND THE MULTICULTURAL

COLLABORATIVE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL EQUALITY. HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT AND EDUCATION CHAIR FOR THE L.A. BRANCH OF THE N.A.A.C.P., AND SERVED TWO TERMS ON THE INGLEWOOD SCHOOL BOARD. HE ALSO WORKED WITH MANY OF THE TRADITIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE. A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF WORKER RIGHTS, HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE, AND WAS ON THE FOUNDING COMMITTEE OF THE BLACK WORKER CENTER, RESEARCHING AND PROMOTING LABOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN LOS ANGELES. LARRY WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH GRASSROOTS GROUPS HIS WHOLE LIFE. HE HELPED FOUND COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY, WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF BLACK COMMUNITY CLERGY AND LABOR ALLIANCE, AND ADVOCATES FOR BLACK STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES. HE ALSO WROTE A WEEKLY COLUMN, "URBAN PERSPECTIVE," THAT RAN IN THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL FOR 33 YEARS. IT WAS KNOWN FOR ITS HARD-HITTING, YET THOUGHTFUL, ANALYSES OF ISSUES AND EVENTS AFFECTING BLACK COMMUNITIES. IN THE LAST COLUMN HE WROTE, HE SAID, AND I QUOTE: "IF THERE'S ONE LESSON SUMMING UP WHAT I'VE LEARNED AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, IT IS THIS: WE MUST UNAPOLOGETICALLY TAKE CONTROL OF OUR OWN DESTINY, DEVELOP AND PURSUE OUR OWN AGENDA, BUILD APPROPRIATE ALLIANCES, AND CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHOUT COMPROMISE." THAT'S THE LARRY AUBREY I KNEW GROWING UP. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS AND 7

SIBLINGS. IN ADDITION TO IS WIFE OF 64 YEARS AND FIVE CHILDREN, HE IS SURVIVED BY 6 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE MANY MENTEES WHO WERE INFLUENCED BY HIS DECADES OF WORK, AND HIS SINGULAR DETERMINATION TO REALIZE JUSTICE, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION. I APOLOGIZE TO HIS FAMILY THAT WE SELECTED TODAY, BUDGET DAY, TO RECOGNIZE HIM, BUT I TOLD HIM, "WE WERE DOING EXACTLY WHAT LARRY WOULD EXPECT US TO DO, FOR YOU ALL TO BE ENGAGED CIVICALLY, AND FOR ME TO BE HERE, ASKING HARD-HITTING QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF MY DISTRICT." AGAIN, MAY LARRY AUBREY REST IN POWER. THANK YOU, AUBREY FAMILY, FOR COMING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HORVATH: THANK YOU. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARK ABRAMSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, AT THE AGE OF 56. HE WAS A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE WORLD OF LOS ANGELES WATER. ABRAMSON WAS BORN IN SANTA MONICA, AND GREW UP IN AGOURA HILLS. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, AND RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FROM CAL POLY POMONA. THE BEACHES, STREAMS, PRESERVES, AND WETLANDS WE KNOW AND ENJOY WERE METICULOUSLY CARED FOR BY ABRAMSON, PARTICULARLY THE CLEANUP AND PRESERVATION OF THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED, A PROJECT ABRAMSON CHAMPIONED WITH TENACITY. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER

AS AN INTERN AT HEAL THE BAY IN THE MID-1990'S, WHERE HIS LOVE FOR ALL THINGS WATER BEGAN. HE LED A STORMWATER PERMITTING PROJECT AT HEAL THE BAY, THAT INTRODUCED HIM TO ALL THE WAYS STORMWATER IMPACTS OUR PRECIOUS WATER SYSTEMS. HE LATER FOUNDED URBAN ECOSCAPES, AN ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPE COMPANY THAT IS INVOLVED IN THE WILDLIFE CROSSING OVER THE 101 FREEWAY IN AGOURA HILLS; AND IN 2014, HE RECEIVED THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE'S NATIONAL WETLANDS AWARD FOR THIS WORK IN THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S NATURAL HABITATS. ABRAMSON IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS LIVELY CHARACTER, HIS GENEROSITY, AND HIS PASSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. HIS WORK WILL CONTINUE TO POSITIVELY IMPACT LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR DECADES TO COME. WE WILL MAKE SURE OF IT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARGOT, HIS BROTHER JEFF, AND HIS THREE NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR BOARD WILL BE A SPECIAL CLOSED-SESSION MEETING, TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10TH, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M. OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M. WE ARE ADJOURNED. [STRIKES GAVEL]

THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: (Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer, and designated staff.)

Unrepresented employees: (All Department Heads). (23-3278)

In Open Session, this item was continued to October 10, 2023.

CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFOMRANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

All Department Heads. (23-3640)

In Open Session, this item was continued to October 10, 2023.

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

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors October 3, 2023, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of October 2023, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

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